

KING CITY, OAK RIDGES LAKE WILCOX

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Trustees Endorse Brief

Want Shortwave For County Trucks

York County Council will soon be asked by representatives of the county's 21 fire brigades to equip all fire apparatus with short-wave radio.

Fire Commissioner Jim Sim endorsed the move at the Aug. 27 meeting of King City Village Trustees, when Chief David Glass sought trustees' approval.

Other brigades are asking municipalities to support the brief to be presented by Chiefs James Davidson of Vaughan, Harry Jones of Aurora, John Gibson of Newmarket, David Glass of King City, and a Pefferlaw representative.

The request which Chief Glass was taking on to King Township Council read: "We the members of the King City Fire Brigade request the members of the municipal council of the Corporation of the Township of King to support the brief to be presented to the York County Council, by the York County Mutual Fire Aid Association, to procure and equip all fire apparatus within the County of York with short wave radio equipment on a county mutual fire radio network."

Chief Glass commented: "This radio equipment would have been a great advantage at Maple". He considered the police and fire departments were the only ones organized to deal with disaster.

Trustee Sim read an August 21 letter from Vaughan Reeve Albert H. Rutherford to Chief Glass. "May I, on behalf of the council of the Corporation of the Township of Vaughan, Fire and Police Chief James Davidson, and the residents of Maple, express our grateful thanks to you and all personnel concerned for your co-operation in assisting our fire and police departments during the recent fire and explosion here in Maple."

"Your immediate response to what may well have been a major disaster without the help and assistance of your department, is deeply appreciated," wrote Reeve Rutherford.

Chief Glass said: "I was very proud of our brigade at Maple. Not one refused to do a job."

Mr. Sim asked Secretary-Manager G. T. Thompson to prepare a list for the fire hall of village hydrants.

"When they are required we need them in a hurry," said Chief Glass. Arrangements were made to ensure the hydrants are all in working order.

Mr. Thompson was requested to supply the fire department with a list of expenditures and financial balance. Mr. Glass was interested in having the fire hall heating changed for winter.

Await Water Report
Reporting on waterworks, Chairman Robert O'Reilly was hopeful that current test-drilling in the valley near the present two wells might indicate a suitable place for developing the third well.

He showed a bottle of water taken as a sample nearly two weeks earlier, which appeared clear and free of sediment.

"We are now awaiting an analytical report from the Chicago office of International Water Supply," he reported.

"The water table is getting lower daily and has not recovered from heavy use early in summer. I assume residents are not suffering much from present restrictions, unless possibly car-washing," Mr. O'Reilly commented.

He noted daily consumption is averaging a moderate 75,000 gallons and the well has 18 feet of water in it at present.

Mr. Sim requested a letter be sent to Aurora and District High School Board, stating the

water situation is critical and asking that its use be controlled as much as possible at King City Composite School.

Mr. Thompson said the school averaged 100,000 gallons a month.

Trustee Robert Berwick reported No. 1 pumphouse needed a new roof, the door fixed and the meter box repaired, while No. 2 pumphouse needed the stucco and discharge pipe repaired. Trustees agreed the work should not be delayed.

Mr. Berwick felt residents should have notice of the new water bylaw concerning restrictions. Trustees Sim and O'Reilly considered the expense unnecessary when previous bylaws were neither advertised nor mailed to individuals.

Constable John Hughes reported the one resident charged under the bylaw received a suspended sentence and was charged \$5.30 costs.

He pointed out the policeman's role is to investigate and present facts to court, then his job is done and he is not concerned with the verdict and whether there is a conviction.

Roads Commissioner Berwick announced that Cadden Brothers, tendering for \$3,900.81, had been instructed to proceed with the two King Street sidewalks since trustees had received King Township Council's notification that 50 per cent subsidy was approved by the Department of Highways.

The sidewalks will extend from Patton Street east to the high school and on the north side of King Street, from Leslie Motors east to William Street.

"I've been told sidewalks take three years to materialize. These have been approved in seven months. Township has been most co-operative," Mr. Berwick said.

Trustee O'Reilly announced that under the street lighting program 12 lights would be installed by the hydro along north and south Keele Street, on King Street and Springhill Road.

The budgeting of \$3,318 includes new installations, retubing and cleaning of 36 lights

and the power bill.

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