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Reject Report, Want Planning For All Of County

York County Council Thursday afternoon passed a resolution asking the province to set up a planning area to include all 14 of the county's municipalities, after the most heated debate of council's November session.

In so doing, they rejected a recommendation from the planning committee that a planning area be set up to include the eight municipalities which are now part of the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Area.

The resolution was passed by a vote of 17 to 9 and brought a split between Reeve Wilfred Dean and Deputy-reeve Lawson Mumberson of Markham Township.

Mr. Dean, a member of the planning committee, favored the motion, while Mr. Mumberson voted against it.

Vaughan Township Reeve Albert Rutherford and Deputy-reeve Jesse Bryson, chairman of the planning committee, opposed the motion, while Reeve Floyd Perkins and Deputy-reeve Tom Broadhurst of Richmond Hill, who introduced the motion, favored it.

According to a report from the planning committee, Lorne Cummings deputy-minister of municipal affairs had said there could be no transferring of the southern six municipalities from Metro into a York County Planning Area.

The six southern municipalities are Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham Townships and the villages of Markham, Stouffville and Woodbridge.

Mr. Cummings said that if those six municipalities support a York County area financially, they will not be asked to help pay for Metro.

"I say to Mr. Cummings, thanks for nothing," Deputy-reeve Broadhurst said.

"We aren't paying anything for Metro now."

"Why should we pay for the privilege of having everything we do curbed by Metro?" he asked. "They're only using our

municipalities now as a buffer zone between Metro and the rest of York County to give Metro more room for expansion."

Vaughan Township Deputy-reeve Jesse Bryson explained that York County wouldn't be permitted to take the southern six municipalities out of Metro.

"We are not in the Metro area for our own good," replied Mr. Broadhurst. "We were dragged in so Metro could control us. How could anybody ask us to pay for this?"

Deputy-reeve E. G. Norris of Georgina Township, charged there was nothing factual in the committee's report to indicate that council should accept its recommendation. "There is no reason to accept this plan without facts," he said.

Mr. Bryson explained that the county would leave the actual mechanics of setting up the area to the Department of Municipal Affairs.

"Why should we take everything the people down in Toronto tell us for granted?" asked Reeve Joe Dales of North Gwillimbury. "Separation of those six municipalities is just another attempt at annexation."

Mr. Dales suggested there was no reason council should accept this definition of York County, for this or any other purpose.

"Metro should give up those six municipalities or annex them," he said.

"We would rather remain part of York County," answered Reeve Floyd Perkins of Richmond Hill.

Reeve Wilfred Dean expressed shock at Cummings' recommendation that the six municipalities be separated from the county for planning. "They must be considering further plans for our municipalities," he stated.

"We'd sooner stay in York County," he said. "Our community life is much more with the county."

Reeve Albert Rutherford of Vaughan Township, revealed he would support the planning committee's recommendation that the southern six municipalities be left out of the planning area.

"If a planning area is successfully established in the north it will give us an alternative to get out of Metro," he explained.

"If Metro gets no opposition to its plan for the south from the county, it will continue to do as it wants, and eventually gobble up our municipality," Deputy-reeve Broadhurst suggested.

At this point Mr. Broadhurst introduced his motion, calling for the county to notify Mr. Cummings it is willing to form a planning area, providing it includes the whole county. Reeve Dales seconded the motion.

Mrs. Caroline Ion, deputy-reeve of Newmarket contended the county should ask for a planning area for the north only at first. "We should have an effective functioning planning area set up here to provide an alternative to Metro for the southern municipalities," she said.

"We're receiving no benefit from Metro planning area now," Mr. Broadhurst repeated. "If we were paying towards a county system, we would be getting nothing for our money."

"United we stand, divided we fall," said Reeve Perkins of Richmond Hill. "We must stick together on this thing."

"If we don't stick together now, we haven't a chance in Hades of ever getting out of Metro," he warned.

Mr. Dales called the planning committee's recommendation for division of the county "billgewater."

"You're willing to take the

Four Seek Posts

(Continued From Page 1) manager for a Toronto Architectural firm.

He is a past secretary of Our Lady Queen of the World Holy Name Society.

Interested in school board work for a long time the candidate lives in the area where a proposed Catholic school will be built. He feels he has a background in construction and planning that will be of value to the board.

He said the rapid growth of this area has left in its wake a multitude of problems that must be attended to during the next two years.

Trustees are elected for a two-year term.

Other members of the board are Mrs. M. Gleason, John LeClaire and Chairman Gordon R. Trussler. They come up for re-election next year.

Nominations for trustees will be held next Monday night between 7.30 and 8.30 in the Richmond Hill High School auditorium. Elections will be held December 8.

Trustees are not elected by the ward system for the separate school board.

Oral French Plebiscite

(Continued From Page 1) as it would set a precedent," added Mr. Stevenson.

"Can we fall to live up to the school board's request?" asked Councillor Wilfred Keffer.

"It is up to council to decide whether or not we will give it a reading in one night," Deputy-reeve Jesse Bryson stated.

"A majority of the school board members have asked council to hold this plebiscite. We have to work with the school board, and so I feel we have to honor the board's request," added Mr. Bryson, who moved first and second reading.

"Council can and should turn the request for this vote down," Mr. Stevenson insisted.

Mr. Stevenson warned he would attempt to get a court injunction to restrain passing of the bylaw until its legality has been proven. He questioned the wording of the bylaw, charging that it was too vague.

Deputy-reeve Bryson criticized the board's action in turning the problem over to the electorate. "I've always maintained that an elected body is responsible for making its own decisions and then taking a stand on them. This question should not be sent to the electorate."

"I'm going to object to this bylaw because the board's waited to the last minute," explained Mr. Windatt.

"We approached the board

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