

Twenty-Page Report Urges Change

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make the parking more accessible."

It was the question of constructing access lanes for off-street parking that provided a major theme for the parking report.

Mr. Deeks said the lanes constituted the backbone of the report as regards mainly the development of parking in Richmond Hill for the next 20 years. The lanes would provide access to vacant areas behind businesses along Yonge Street for parking as well as off-street loading vehicles.

Acting Chairman Howard Whillans, substituting for absentee Cecil Williams, was anxious to know the cost of the lanes, as were other members of the board.

Mr. Deeks commented it was beyond the resources of the planning department to go out and "assess the value of the cost it would be to acquire the necessary lands for the lanes." It would be up to other more qualified persons, he said, but added the planning department would be assisting to a great extent.

The report points to the lanes as a long-term proposition the need for which would become more evident as Richmond Hill and its parking problems grew.

On a short term basis the lanes would make off-street parking areas more accessible and more attractive. Additional signs could be erected informing the motorists just where public parking is available.

Planning Director Deeks asked the board to pass in principle at least the section pertaining to lanes "without which the whole thing falls apart." The board decided instead to hold off until it could discuss the report at further meetings.

In an earlier presentation to board members, Mr. Deeks got down to specifics regarding suggested amendments to the regulation By-law 1,000 on parking.

"The Three Coins Restau-

ant," he pointed out, "under zoning By-law 1,000 requires 30 parking spaces. Under the proposition set forth in this report only space for six cars are required."

"With regards to Pop's Tavern and Restaurant the same would apply as to parking with four spaces required under the new proposal instead of 21 spaces.

"Pop's Tavern is not a property similar to what it would be if it was located in the central commercial business district. However, this is a matter for the board or council to review."

One segment of the traffic report suggests temporary relief from parking requirements at least until commercial properties are served by lanes.

Similar reductions in parking spaces would also apply for other structures such as discount plazas, retail stores, and suite apartment buildings.

The remainder of the report contains a welter of as yet unearched problems pertaining to Richmond Hill parking present and future.

This includes cost of off-street parking facilities, motorist attitudes on parking, signs, and markings, commuter parking, and parking meters.

Under the heading of "business district parking problems" the report forecasts a population increase in Richmond Hill from its present 18,217 to 40,000 by 1983.

At present in the central business district there are 574 off-street (30 metered) and 122 public free spaces and 87 on-street (80 metered) parking spaces for a total of 661 spaces between Benson Avenue and Markham Road.

The report concludes all future parking needs of the central business district must be met entirely through the provision of off-street parking spaces.

Pointing to the eventual elimination of on-street parking over a 20-year period, the report notes the 87 on-the-street

spaces will require replacement and likely 191 off-street parking spaces be absorbed within the new parking lots.

Costs and types of parking vary with surface lots seeing most of the cost in purchasing or leasing land with minimum cost for developing. Leased land may range in cost from \$25 per space per year to more than \$200 depending on the location. Average cost runs from \$60 to \$75 per space.

The section on parking meter suggests the Dufferin Street to Crosby Avenue meters are not accomplishing their purpose and can safely be eliminated until such time as they are warranted.

The report notes that enforcement of on-street metered parking is probably other than uniform. Planning Director Deeks commended local police on their efforts but said more officers would be required to handle future meter enforcement properly.

The report suggests meters be eliminated from present off-street parking lots and between Dufferin, Wright, Crosby and Benson Avenues.

It also recommends certain meter charge raises to ensure adequate spaces for motorists parking for a short time and discourage all-day parkers down-town. Such a move would tend to encourage more off-street parking.

Finally, the report urges that a definite authority be organized for the parking program.

Planning board members will meet next week to dig further into the report for approval or disapproval of its many suggestions.

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Tory Candidate Major Mackenzie Is Busy Throughout The Riding

The Progressive Conservative candidate Major Lex Mackenzie has been covering several parts of the York North riding sometimes from one corner to the other during the same day.

His campaign is building to two big events next week the "Lex Mackenzie night", a dinner to be held at the Masonic Hall, Newmarket, on September 18, and a reception and dance to be held in Aurora Legion Hall on September 20.

In between, Major Mackenzie has been visiting every corner of the riding of 65,000 voters. The campaign began in earnest one week ago when Premier John Robarts made a trip through the riding with Mr. Mackenzie.

Last Friday Major Mackenzie was at the opening of the new arena at Markham. On Saturday he attended a ball game in Aurora, a Rotary garden party in Woodbridge and an evening gathering in Markham Township.

Party headquarters are in Aurora, with William Hodgson, former reeve of King, as campaign manager. Harry Beaumont handles the headquarters office. There are also committee rooms at Richmond Hill, Markham Village and Newmarket.


Coffee parties are now being organized throughout the riding for the next two weeks of campaigning.

Mr. Mackenzie who has been Progressive Conservative member since 1945, is campaigning on his record at Queen's Park "My interest is in the individual person," he says, "I do what I can for him. I believe that every person should have easy access to the government of his country through his local member."

A bachelor, he is a former reeve of Woodbridge, and holder of the Military Cross from World War I.

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