

Abolition Of Planning Boards Opposed By Town, Vaughan

Town planning is a lot like philosophy and just as unpopular in the eyes of many people.

That's the philosophical view of Richmond Hill Planning Director Harold Deeks who feels it's the best reason why municipal planning boards should work independently of local councils.

He was referring to a Community Planning Association of Canada recommendation to eliminate planning boards as presently constituted. Their duties would be taken over by local municipal or county councils or a committee of either of these bodies.

A questionnaire bearing the association's recommendation is currently making the rounds of municipalities in Ontario gathering the feelings of various civic groups.

Abolishing of planning boards is generally meeting a lukewarm reception for some of the reasons indicated by Director Deeks.

"Town planners," Mr. Deeks points out, "must encourage man to think in terms of other than today and to keep on the move. Humanity reacts against change and it's because planners are obliged to look ahead they cannot always make popular recommendations to their fellow men."

This would tend to rule out councils because their members "retain their office basically through popularity and they sometimes by nature react against honest but politically unpalatable planning advice."

In such circumstances, he feels, pressures are sometimes brought to bear with the intent of forcing a

change to less honest but more politically popular planning advice.

"Recommendations," he continued, "which are less than honest usually have the effect of undermining healthy community development. It is important that such a potentially dangerous reaction of council be contained."

This can best be done through the existence of a continuing membership body such as the planning board with its own staff immediately beyond the direct control of council, Mr. Deeks said.

"In this light," he concludes, "it would be impractical for a community to do without a planning board."

Members of Richmond Hill Planning Board, not surprisingly so, are in general agreement with Mr. Deeks' philosophy and at a recent

board meeting turned thumbs down on the suggestion.

Member Ross Springer questioned how the local committees of councils expect to carry on all the work involved. He stated such a plan was not realistic and that planning directors would need more paid assistants on their staff to handle planning problems.

Reeve Floyd Perkins commented mayors and Reeves of a number of municipalities are in favour of eliminating planning boards.

He added two-year terms for council members would have to be implemented with the plan.

At the present time, planning board members are appointed for three-year terms but may be re-appointed for further service. Their recommendations go to council which has the final say in

the majority of occasions.

Chairman Cecil Williams points out that Richmond Hill has had 10 years of continuing participation and continuity with one planning board "because people serving on it are dedicated to planning as opposed to politics."

Reeve Perkins commented the problem the new recommendation overcame was the futility of trying to work all planning boards in together.

Board member Stan Ransom felt council planning would not be any better and even worse as it would wind up with the same set-up as a county council.

The community association based its recommendation in part that planning boards do not have the close contact with the municipal inhabitants local councils possess.

"Except for joint planning

areas there is little merit in creating a planning board as a distinct legal entity apart from the municipal corporation."

Vaughan Negative

Vaughan Council voiced its negative reaction that planning boards be dissolved and replaced by councils.

"It is our opinion political pressures would adversely affect objective planning and there would be a lack of continuity of application," a council report said.

Council claimed a distinct advantage in having planning matters discussed by two separate groups. "This lessens the likelihood that its consideration would be subjected to pressures of a political nature."

The report also said council's duties being what they are and the demands on councillors by day-to-day

problems, insufficient time could be devoted to planning.

Council felt that planning boards as they are now, represent council appointments of men who are considered to have a knowledge of planning, who represent a fair cross-section of the municipality and who will devote sufficient time and effort to perform duties as laid out in the planning act.

Councillor Ruth McConkey admonished her fellow councillors for using the word "men" in the above paragraph of the report and suggested "persons" be inserted.

"I would like to see a woman on planning boards," she said.

Deputy-reeve Jesse Bryson said the council's report was much the same as planning board's answers to the community planning questionnaire.

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10:00 am, December 3 and 4

Toronto—Galbraith Bldg., University of Toronto
35 St. George St., Room 202-202A
10:00 am, December 11 and 12
10:00 am, January 7 and 8
10:00 am, January 14 and 15
10:00 am, January 21 and 22
10:00 am, January 28 and 29

These are initial, not final, hearings. Briefs will be presented by a responsible officer of the organization concerned or the individual wishing to make the submission, or their legal counsel. Participants may have expert witnesses appear for them.

Participants will be asked to present only the summaries and conclusions of briefs as well as their recommendations. They are free to elaborate orally and offer arguments. Persons appearing before the Enquiry may be examined directly by the members of the Enquiry.

Persons submitting briefs are permitted to introduce at the hearings supplementary information and material in written form. These, to be known as exhibits, will be filed with the Commission and numbered in order of presentation.

REMINDER—Briefs (25 copies) on the proposed Medical Services Insurance programme must be submitted by November 15th to the Secretary.

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YCHA Jungle Toys Win Notice At Convention

First exhibit to be shown by the York Central Hospital Auxiliary at an Ontario Hospital Auxiliaries Association convention won special mention last week, when the association met at the Royal York Hotel October 29, 30 and 31.

The YCHA display was a

jungle scene arranged by the convener of the hospital gift shop, Mrs. W. G. Finlay and members of her committee. It featured stuffed animals made for the shop by auxiliary members and friends and created much interest among the delegates attending from across Ontario.

More than 30 exhibits were entered in the contest, and of these, three won prizes and three received special mention.

Dining Lounges Yes, Cocktail Bars No: Aurora

Voters in Aurora split the difference here Saturday when they approved the sale of liquor with meals in licensed dining lounges but turned down the idea of drinking without meals in cocktail lounges.

Slightly more than 51 per cent of the eligible 4,900 persons went to the polls to give dining lounges a 67.4 per cent majority, and cocktail bars, a 58.2 per cent majority.

A 60 per cent majority was needed in both categories for the applications to go through.

Large majorities in the north-end Aurora Heights and south-end Regency Acres subdivisions were whittled down by late returns from the older sections of town.

The unofficial count was: Dining lounges—Yes, 1,685, No, 815; Cocktail bars—Yes, 1,453; No, 1,047.

Work An Example

Mrs. R. J. Miller, president of YCHA, said that even though the York Central Hospital is still to be opened, YCHA members felt they had a very special place in the convention, and a great deal to live up to—"Our work was held up as an example so many times."

Two officials of York Central Hospital were convention speakers.

G. J. Chatfield, administrator, spoke on "The Hospital Family" and Dr. Hagar Hetherington's topic was "The Place of the Medical Staff in the Pattern of Hospitalization."

Mrs. Miller was a panel guest on the subject "How to Use Outside Organizations for Specific Projects."

And there were other honours for YCHA members.

Mrs. W. J. Robinson, chairman of the Buttonville Branch, has been made chairman of region No. 7 OHAA, representing 13 hospitals in the area bounded by Steele's Ave., Huntsville,

Collingwood, Orangeville, Orillia and Newmarket.

Mrs. J. C. MacMicking of the Markham - Unionville Branch is a past director of Regions and one of the up-coming vice-presidents of OHAA. She and Mr. MacMicking were head table guests at the convention banquet when the guest of honour was Madame Georges Vanier. Mrs. MacMicking gave a report on the 13 regions in Ontario and introduced the regional chairman.

Delegates

Official delegates representing YCHA were Mrs. Graham Walter of Maple, and Mrs. Ernest Redelmeier of Richmond Hill, who covered all phases of the convention. Among others attending were Mrs. Gordon MacKenzie and Mrs. George Fenwick, Pleasantville; Mrs. O. J. Tremaine and Miss McConaghy of Thornhill; Mrs. F. C. Jackson, Richmond Hill; Mrs. E. Acheson, Mrs. Ross Farquharson and Mrs. Szelar, Oak Ridges; Mrs. W. G. Finlay, King.

The jungle scene display may be seen November 14 at Richmond Hill United Church, when the YCHA will hold an open meeting for members and friends at 8 p.m. for dessert and coffee. This will be a get-acquainted, fun meeting, featuring skits etc.

NEWMARKET: The question of two year terms for elected officials will be on the ballot for voters in the December 2 elections here

Health Unit Tests Hearing In County Grades 3, 7 and 8

By the end of next year York County Health Unit hopes to electronically test the hearing of all students in grades 3, 7 and 8.

The new health service, under the direction of health unit nurse Mrs. C. Atkinson, uses an audiometer for the hearing test portion of the school health program.

All students in both elementary and secondary schools will eventually be tested.

The test detects hearing loss, if any, in each ear and the findings are brought to the attention of parents and family doctor. If further examination is indicated, an examination by an otologist or hearing specialist may be required.

Hearing loss in school children is mainly due to minor causes which can be easily treated when detected. Some hearing loss is the result of more serious disease and may require prolonged treatment or adjustment of student activity. Use of a hearing aid is sometimes necessary.

Periodic testing in school is aimed at early detection; if the defect remains, the student may fall behind in his work and the longer it goes unnoticed the more serious the complications.

Markham Briefs

Markham Township okayed a committee recommendation rejecting a request to reduce the \$300 traders licensing fee. The committee declined the decrease after reviewing the purpose of the bylaw No. 1704.

What's in a name? Residents of Babcombe Drive in Bayview Glen Estates subdivision think there's plenty especially if you don't like the name. Their request to have Babcombe Drive changed back to Limcombe Drive was refused by township council on recommendation of its committee. The committee's rejection came after a study of maps in the area showed "present and future roads clearly indicate confusion will arise if the change is made."

Markham Township police report for October showed six break and entry occurrences with two charges resulting; 13 thefts with two charges being laid; one impaired driving charge and one dangerous; 33 traffic accidents, 13 persons injured and no fatalities. There were 11 fires reported. Cruiser mileage totalled 13,440 with cruiser operation costs amounting to \$13,440.

CARRVILLE

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The Carrville United Church Women are having a Bazaar, Bake Sale and Tea this month of November at the Carrville United Church hall. Keep this column posted for date and time.

Halloween Party

While many small type ghosts and goblins made a damp trick or treat trek on Halloween night, a happy group of clowns, cowboys, tramps bunnies, cats and lovely ladies shared together a happy time in the recreation hall at the Villa. They were the children of the staff of the Villa and everyone enjoyed a very happy time.

Quilting Bee

Usually as soon as the snow starts to fly so do the quilting needles for the winter days seem to be a wonderful time for this hobby. Several ladies got together at the home of Mrs. Jack Barton Tuesday of last week and all had a pleasant and busy day.

The L.O.L. No. 91 sponsored a euchre party on Friday evening of last week, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Barton. A good turnout was reported and also a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winger visited with friends in Pennsylvania last week.

Mrs. Stephen Dodd, from Renfrew, Ontario visited with the Read family for a few days last week.

Area Woman Is Speaker At U.S. Indiana Meeting

A personal promotion tour to encourage "better understanding and relationships between young politicians on both sides of the border" was made recently by an area woman to the Mid-West Conference of Young Democrats in Terre Haute, Indiana.

Mrs. Nancy Powis of Willowdale told the 150 delegates at the conference her viewpoints on how to achieve this better understanding.

She was asked to speak at the conference as a result of being elected to the executive committee of the Atlantic Political Youth Association in Bonn, Germany, last spring.

She is the only woman to hold office on this executive and represents the Young Conservatives as well as Canada on it.

Mrs. Powis has been active for many years in political circles in North York and recently attended the National Executive meeting of the Progressive Conservatives in Ottawa.

WILLOWDALE: The one and a half million dollar Newtonbrook High School was touted as setting "the standard for schools of the future" by members of North York Council. The school is to be constructed in the north-west Willowdale area.



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