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## Mayor Swells Hospital Fund With Salary

Mayor William Neal presents a cheque for \$500 to Chairman Douglas Storms (left) of the York Central Hospital towards the hospital building fund. Mayor Neal had earlier this year promised to donate \$500 of his salary towards the hospital. The salary of the mayor was raised from \$2,500 a year to \$4,250 a year during 1962.

## Bayview Construction Okayed

Bayview Avenue will be included in a plan for stage development of five York County roads.

In Newmarket Tuesday, York County Council's Special Roads Advisory Committee recommended the county levy three quarters of a mill more than its usual roads budget to pay for the construction planned over one to five years. Council unanimously agreed.

Roads are Aurora Road, Bathurst Street, Bayview Avenue, Don Mills Road and Egypt Road. Richmond Hill Reeve Floyd Perkins told "The Liberal" after the meeting it seemed likely construction on Bayview would begin in the spring. He said this was inferred by County Engineer A. J. Rettie who when asked about requested installation of stop lights at the Markham Road — Bayview Avenue intersection said the lights have been delayed because of pending construction. "It wouldn't be economical sense to install them now. It is not at all a critical situation," the engineer said.

Committee chairman and Reeve of Georgina Township E. J. Norris said it was up to the Toronto and York Roads Commission how fast and in what priority the roads are to be completed. (Continued On Page 18)

## Town Nominations Set For Next Monday Night

Nominations for the 1964 Richmond Hill Town Council will be held next Monday evening in the auditorium of the Richmond Hill High School. Clerk Russel Lynett will receive nominations between the hours of 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. Election day is December 7 with the polls being open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. An estimated 9,000 voters will be eligible to cast ballots. Last year 46.5 per cent of the eligible voters went to the polls on election day.

The battle for the top posts of mayor and reeve will be reversed from over a year ago. Mayor William Neal will have former deputy-reeve Thomas Broadhurst as an opponent while Reeve Floyd Perkins' opponent will be former mayor James Haggart. Last December Mayor Neal came out of retirement to defeat Mr. Haggart by 234 votes for the top post. Mr. Broadhurst's attempt to move up to the reeveship after a year as deputy saw him defeated by Reeve Perkins by three

votes in a close race following a recount. A veteran member of council Mr. Perkins has 11 years of public service dating back to 1950. He served as deputy-reeve in 1957, 1959 and as reeve in 1961, 1962 and 1963. Mr. Broadhurst served as councillor in 1960 and 1961 and was elected deputy-reeve by acclamation in 1962. A former councillor and reeve Mr. Neal has many years of town service to his credit. He

## Chairman Sam Cook To Seek Re-Election

Hydro Chairman Sam Cook will seek re-election at the town nomination meeting Monday evening. A member of the commission since its formation in 1957, Mr. Cook has served as chairman since 1958.

The two commissioners are elected on alternate years while the third member of the commission is the mayor. The other members of the 1963 commission are Commissioner William Wagner and Mayor William Neal.

## Want Bigger Part New Courthouse, Credit For Money

York County Council went on record as requesting a share in the new Metropolitan Toronto courthouse being built on the site of the old Toronto Armouries on University Avenue.

In a resolution by North Gwillimbury Reeve Joseph Dales, the county also asked that York be given credit for its \$1,000,000 investment in the new building under construction in the event that York County gets its own courthouse, something the reeve said was not impossible in view of the facilities already extended in the county by a chambers court and the news that the Attorney General's department is prepared to establish a non-jury court in the Newmarket county council chambers, Commissioner A. H. Rutherford, Reeve of Vaughan told council he had a meeting set for Wednesday with Attorney General Fred Cass.

MARKHAM: Two questions will be voted on in Markham Village election day December 14. The first question will be on a two year term for municipal office effective January 1, 1965. The second question will be on Sunday sports.

New superintendent Warren Elliott said the Manor can take about 36 more residents. Council also voted to rescind a June 28 resolution that only indigent people could be admitted to York Manor.

## Official Opening Hospital Tour

The official opening of York Central Hospital on Vaughan Road just west of Richmond Hill town limits will take place next Thursday November 28, and all citizens are invited.

The new hospital will be officially opened by the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the Hon. W. Earl Rowe at 2:30 p.m. after a welcoming address by chairman of the board of trustees Douglas H. Storms and the dedication by Rev. D. T. Evans, president of the area ministerial association, Rev. Albert Myers, secretary ministerial association and Rev. Father Frederick A. McGinn. The official "Book of Record" a handsomely bound volume containing the names of contributors to the hospital will be unveiled by Rev. James O'Neil.

The opening ceremonies will take place outside on the hospital steps following which there will be open house during the afternoon and evening. Commencing at 3:30 p.m. there will be guided tours under direction of members of the hospital auxiliary. Commencing at 3:30 p.m. visitors will be taken in groups of ten on tours of the new building and members of the board of trustees, the medical staff, nurses, and administrative personnel will be on duty to answer questions and provide information. The auxiliary gift shop will be open and auxiliary members will serve tea in the cafeteria.

Open house inspection hours: Thursday, November 28, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 to 10 p.m.

## Vaughan Council Hears Proposals To Expand Boyd

Plans to expand the present 250-acre Boyd Conservation Park to include a 185-acre lake, ski trails, hiking and camping areas as an all year round playground in Vaughan were outlined to township councillors and planners Monday night.

William McLean, conservation area administrator for Metro and Region Conservation Authority said the project start was about 10 years off but needed careful study now by council and planning board.

Included is a large dam project above the existing park area and south of the present Elder Mills Side Road. Access to the park would be the Woodbridge-Kleinburg Road on the west and the Seventh Concession on the east. It was suggested the Elder Mills Road be relocated to cross the dam.

Reeve A. H. Rutherford said, "Elder Mills is the only road the township has crossing it; it would be an expensive project to divert it."

Mr. McLean suggested that any plans for nearby subdivision, some of which are now before the planning board, should be carefully examined for storm and sewage drainage in light of the proposed park development.

He said water flowing into the section concerned at the moment is of good quality.



SHAUN BEGGS

## Ward 4 Candidate

A resident of Leisure Lane in Pleasantville Mr. Beggs will be a candidate for Ward 4 in the municipal elections. This will mark his first try for public office. Active in community affairs he is a former member of the Lions Club and is on the executive of the curling club. Mr. Beggs is the fourth candidate to announce his intention of seeking the west side seat.

(Photo by Lagerquist)

## Opposed To York County Handling Assessment Task

Markham Township Councillors were definitely lukewarm Monday night toward any proposed taking over of a municipality's right to set its own assessment rate.

There have been suggestions afoot that York County may move into the assessment field in an effort to provide more equitable rates in every municipality.

Councillor Stewart Rumble said that it would be an expensive proposition with the township suffering.

Deputy-reeve Allan Summer was also dubious due to the possible expense and possible lack of availability of assessment figures in the clerk's office.

Also opposed was Reeve Charles Hooper who said it would be too costly and "is too premature. We should lay it over for another year. Our assessment is not that far out of line."

## \$3800 Business Sign Too Big For Township Tastes

Vaughan Council will review whether or not to allow an existing \$3,800 business sign to be put up on Steeles Avenue although it is outside as far as the township's zoning and building bylaws are concerned.

Making representation for North York Mover and Marine Company was North York Solicitor Kenneth Garipey who said owner John Knox was not allowed to put his sign up although his firm planned to move from North York into Vaughan in 1960 before the bylaw was passed.

He said the land and building were worth \$90,000 "This is a good building and the business should be allowed to compete with North York and Markham firms who are allowed larger signs," said Mr. Garipey. Reeve A. H. Rutherford said recommendations from Vaughan's planning board didn't encourage councillors to change the bylaw but that the case would be reviewed.

## MAYOR REVIEWS YEAR

# Reeve And Deputy-Reeve Seeking Civic Re-Election



REEVE FLOYD PERKINS

## Use of Schools Okayed (Belatedly!)

Whoops, whose faces are red?

The Town of Richmond Hill had its proclamations for the December 7 elections voting in the six public schools prepared before asking for public school board approval for use of the schools.

At their meeting last Thursday night, board trustees figuratively twirled black mustaches (with the exception of the lady trustees, of course) and grinned, "Hmmm! Let's see now. What do we need from council?"

Despite the town's jumping the gun, trustees approved the use of the schools, a practice that has been continued here for years.

## No Dollar & Cents P.S. Statement At Nominations

There will be no financial statement from the Richmond Hill Public School Board circulated at this year's November 25 nomination meeting.

Trustees agreed statements presented would not represent the true picture of the school system's financial shape as does the audited statement issued at the same time as town council later in the year.

Circulation of statements has been done for years, a hangover from the days when nearly everyone in the community who paid taxes and raised children attended nomination meetings to see where their money was being used.

## Parks Bd. Over Budget

A meeting will be arranged between the finance committee of Richmond Hill Town Council and the parks board to discuss the latter's over expenditure in the amount of \$2,397.75 as of October 31, 1963, with further commitments for outdoor rinks.

It was stated that the parks budget for 1963 was \$20,000 with an additional sum of \$3,000 being provided out of the No. 3 Account.

Councillor Walter Scudts reported that it was difficult for the parks board to arrive at accurate figures since they had no paid staff and suggested the meeting to arrive at a method of keeping expenditures within the budget. Councillor Alex Campbell agreed, "There should be a system of cost control set up."

Councillor Scudts reported that the parks board had applied for a provincial subsidy of \$5,000, which would bring expenditures within the budget. Councillor Campbell retorted, "They've applied, but went at it the wrong way. The application should have gone in before the money was spent. They may not get it."

Deputy-reeve Stanley Tinker announced at Monday night's meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council that he will be standing for re-election to the office of deputy-reeve at this year's election.

Reeve Floyd Perkins also stated his intention to stand for re-election. He pointed out that in 1949 when he first ran for council, 497 votes were all that was needed to place him in second position. Today more than 2,000 votes are necessary for election, with only a small proportion of the eligible voters exercising their franchise.

## BEVERLEY ACRES

He also noted that until the litigation with J. A. Bailey Limited was successfully concluded, the town could not do any work on the roads in Beverley Acres. With the money in the No. 3 Account, plus what can be realized from the two lots which were part of the settlement, and the high-ways subsidy, there will be close to \$20,000 available to be spent on these roads without taxation.

## ARENA

The reeve also reported the works committee was co-operating with the arena board in providing a new and more attractive entrance to the town park. A hydrant has been moved, the Bell Telephone is moving a cable hole, and two catch basins have been installed. He admitted that conditions of the grounds during construction at the arena left much to be desired, but promised that this would soon be remedied.

Mayor William Neal reviewed the accomplishments of the 1963 council including the completion of No. 5 well which had been hanging fire for a number of years.

The addition at the arena which will provide long needed change house facilities was another notable feature of the year, and the mayor said "We are very proud of the capable arena board, which installed and paid for artificial ice, and now have improved the arena by providing a change house and a warm place from which to watch hockey games." He reported that a storage place for minor ball equipment was now being provided.

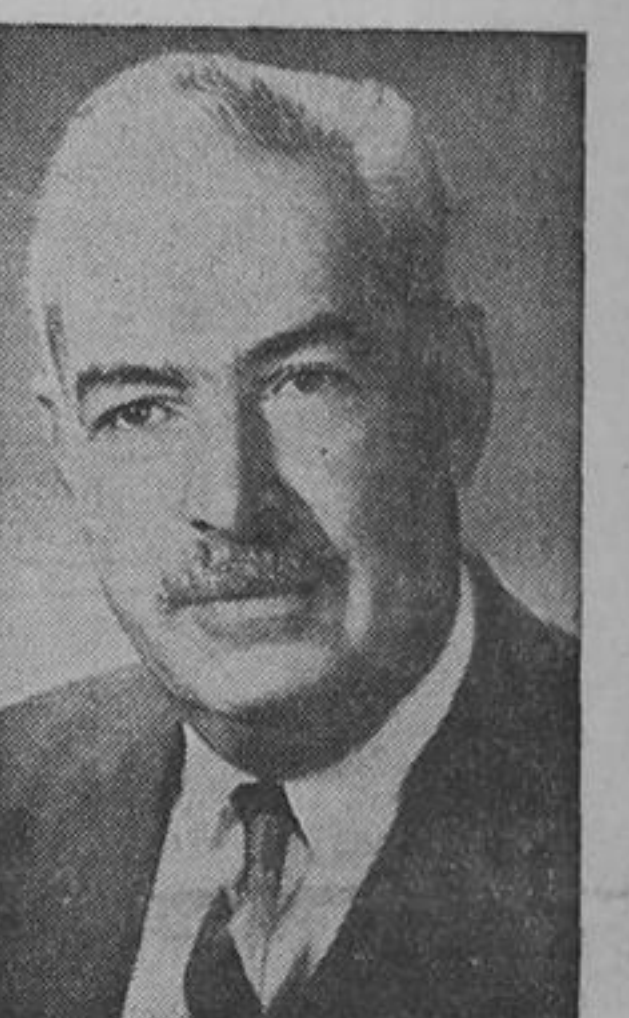
"Bayview Avenue has been a very controversial matter," he continued, "but this council has done everything in its power to bring about a satisfactory conclusion. We were for-

tunate to have it taken over as a county road in May, and we're reasonably assured that it will be paved next year."

The mayor also noted that, with the Ontario Water Resources Commission, council was successful in having a sewer connection arranged from Pleasantville to the hospital pumping station, which it is promised will alleviate flooding trouble at the Arnold Crescent pumping station.

## BEVERLEY ACRES SEWAGE

The engineer's report for the relief of Beverley Acres sewage system troubles, is being im-



DEPUTY-REEVE S. F. TINKER

plemented, he pointed out. He stressed the importance of solving the sewage problems of this area before any thought can be given to annexing further land in this area for industrial development. Sewers in this area are overloaded, he claimed.

## HOSPITAL

During the year arrangements were completed for certain services to the new hospital, he stated. Among them was the

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## Pine Grove Road Doesn't Exist According To OMB

The road which is not a road. This is the status of Birch Hill Road in Pine Grove which the Ontario Municipal Board a few days ago turned down as a public road because it isn't wide enough.

Reeve A. H. Rutherford Monday told councillors and Birch Hill resident Jack Faubert he was frankly "surprised" at the OMB decision.

On the township's road plan, Birch Hill was recognized as a road but it was left off the official plan and no one noticed. An appeal was made to include it once again but the OMB ruled otherwise.

Deputy-reeve Jesse Bryson said the omission was "unfortunate but an honest mistake". Mr. Faubert said he knew of five or six home owners who wanted to improve and build on their homes but couldn't because of the road's lack of status.

The reeve said the OMB objection was based on lack of room for water and sewer services. "The OMB is appointed by the government. They have a job to do and so do we."

The reeve said Birch Hill has been accepted as a road by the Department of Highways which brought the comment from Councillor Ruth McConkey that it was "silly" two government departments couldn't agree whether or not the road was there.

Deputy-reeve Bryson called a review of the whole of the Pine Grove community with a view to upgrading and improvement, neither of which he said residents could undertake the way the laws exist for them now.

It is understood a Birch Hill Road residents' meeting was also held Monday night but no details were available.

## Town Gets Settlement Beverley Acres Claims

The town's legal action against J. A. Bailey Limited and Proctor and Redfern arising out of the agreement of February 1956 in connection with the Beverley Acres Subdivision has been settled, Richmond Hill Town Council was informed Monday night. The claim against J. A. Bailey Limited was for damages for failure to carry out the terms of the agreement and against the engineering firm for damages for failure of their representatives to properly supervise the work.

The legal firm of Day, Wilson, Campbell and Martin reported that the terms of settlement with the developing firm were:

J. A. Bailey Limited was to deliver to the municipality deeds to Lot 159, the westerly 10 feet of Lot 158, the southerly 27 feet 10 1/2 inches from front to rear of Lot 231 and the whole of Lot 232, Plan 4841, plus the sum of \$500 on account of costs of the action.

The claim against Proctor & Redfern was settled for the sum of \$3,000. It was reported that the legal fees amounted to \$2,600.

## "Fanny" May Have Linen Washed In Hill

Fanny Hill, a 17th Century laundry maid and adventuress may be required to wash her linen in public. Whether or not it is dirty will be determined in part by Richmond Hill Police Chief R. P. Robbins. About seven copies of the novel of the escapades of Miss Hill were taken from Cole's Book Store at Richmond Heights Centre Monday by the town's chief constable, who said he borrowed the books as an act of "common sense". Spokesman at the large bookstore's head office said the company had adopted a

"wait and see" attitude to the police chief's action. She said the book had been out in circulation about five weeks and was cleared after its appearance but didn't add by whom. "It is not banned," she said, "Fanny" is on sale at other stores but has not been selling like the proverbial hotcakes, she said. Chief Robbins said his action followed a private complaint about the book and was a customary practice for his department. He said the books were borrowed from Coles and a receipt left for them. He said he didn't know if

his borrowing cleared out the entire Fanny Hill stock at the store. On Tuesday, the chief said he had read part of the book but hadn't decided whether to send it to the Attorney General's four member advisory panel on obscene literature. "Who am I to judge a book? I'm not a board or a panel," he said. The chief said the light in which he is reading the book is by authority of the Criminal Code. According to a Toronto newspaper report, Stoffville lawyer and chairman of

the Attorney General's panel David Coon expects the chief will send the book to the panel in a day or two. Chief Robbins indicated that if the book was sent to the panel and if it was found to classify as obscene literature, the case might be aired in Richmond Hill Magistrate's Court. "There are a lot of great big 'ifs' about this". He said the police had no authority to stop Coles from selling further copies of the novel but that if it were found to be obscene the store might be liable to prosecution.

The panel chairman told a Toronto reporter that if a county judge ruled "Fanny" obscene, it would be banned throughout Canada although the ruling could be appealed as high as the Supreme Court. Mrs. Edith Smith, Coles' manager here although declining comment on the move said it was the first time any of the Richmond Hill store's publications had been taken. Copies of the novel have apparently been seized in great quantity in England under the Obscene Publications Act.