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Re-Open OMB Southwest Hearing This Afternoon

The Ontario Municipal Board hearing on by-laws dealing with proposed installation of storm sewers and 28 foot pavements with curbs in the southwest quadrant of Richmond Hill heard witnesses from shortly after 10 a.m. Friday morning until 4.45 p.m. then adjourned until 2 p.m. this (Thursday) afternoon.

The sewers will cost \$254,500 with \$162,275 being debentured over a period of 20 years and the highway improvement will cost \$567,700 with debentures issued for \$283,850 for 20 years.

Approval of the OMB is also sought that the assent of the electors shall not be required before these works are undertaken.

Counsel representing the Southwest Home Owners' Association was W. R. Hitch; J. F. McCallum represented Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hill, and Edward Hill appeared in the interests of Dr. Helen S. Hogg, 98 Richmond

Street, who objected to the proposed works program.

Two members of the municipal board were present with Vice-chairman R. M. Kennedy presiding.

Town Solicitor J. R. Johnson presented a brief outline of the proposed construction of storm sewers, downstream ditch, improvements and easements at an estimated cost of \$254,500. This will be subsidized by the Department of Highways in the amount of \$92,225. The balance of \$162,275 will be debentured for 20 years, and a further forgiveness under the Municipal Works Assistance Program will be available if the work is completed before April 1, 1966.

An annual payment of \$11,433 will be required, \$4,730.36 of which will be raised by a \$4 per foot frontage capital levy on 13,566' frontage receiving direct benefit and \$1-133.64 raised by \$1 per foot frontage on lands

with indirect benefit. The \$5,559 remainder, to be raised on the general mill rate of the whole town, will represent .1691 mill on the 1963 assessment.

The highway improvement program is estimated to cost \$567,700 which will be subsidized by the Department of Highways in the amount of \$283,850. A forgiveness of \$47,308 is available under the Municipal Works Assistance Program if the work is completed by April 1, 1966.

The first witness called by the town was Donald B. Redfern, civil engineer, a partner in the firm of Proctor and Redfern. Making references to the plans which had been on display for several weeks, he reported that his firm had been commissioned in 1956 to prepare a report on storm drainage in the southwest area of Richmond Hill. In 1963 they were asked to update the report. This revised report was presented in January 1964. He stated the drainage pattern was north-

south and the bulk of drainage was conveyed through open ditches one to three feet in depth. He noted there were small sections of pipe installed on Richmond and Centre Street, on the southerly production of Reaman Street from Richmond to Centre and across Rosemar Gardens, part of a subdivision development in 1962. He noted flooding occurs after heavy storms.

In 1956 he reported the worst section had been in the Rosemar Gardens area, with ponding reported at Richmond and Reaman Streets, Hall and Wright Streets, in the vicinity of the high school, caused from additional development primarily single family dwellings, extensions to the high school and commercial development. This resulted in increased run-off from the area after heavy rain, he said.

Today a 24 inch pipe is in existence between Richmond and Centre Streets and the engineers feel a 48 inch pipe is required to

handle the run-off adequately.

Flooding and open ditches are a hazard to motorists, these ditches being a more costly system of drainage from the maintenance standpoint, he maintained, since private driveways and intersections require culverts. Especially in spring run-off frozen culverts require thawing and there is much local flooding at that time, he continued.

Installation of storm sewers will reduce the amount of ground water in this area which finds its way into sanitary sewers, and should reduce the load on the sanitary plant, he stated.

He referred to revisions to the Highway Improvement Act in 1963 which permitted the department to give substantially increased subsidy for storm sewers where such drainage improved the travelled road. He estimated the increase on this project at \$92,000.

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Mkm. Bucks Industrial Annexation

Indications are that Markham Township will contest the annexation of 50 acres of land in that township by Richmond Hill, planning board learned Tuesday night.

Reeve James Haggart informed the board that Monarch Construction, a subsidiary of Taylor-Woodrow who seek annexation of the land on the northeast corner of Yonge Street and the Eglon Mills Side-road for industrial development, are backed financially by Standard Insurance of Great Britain, the largest industrial developers in the world.

They are not in the business of selling land, he explained, but of selling and leasing buildings built strictly to plan and architectural requirements. Buildings are erected to the specifications of pre-selected clients.

With buildings of not less than 6,000 square feet per acre, it is expected the development will add (without extensions of original buildings) \$120,000 yearly in taxes.

Mr. Haggart also noted the agreement clause which states that if the property is not developed within three years the town has the right to purchase the remaining land at the developer's cost plus taxes and interest at 6%. "I think the proposed contract is designed to protect the people of Richmond Hill," he stated.

Board Chairman Howard Whillans said he felt council has done everything in its power to tie down every loose end in this agreement and hoped it would be successful in its annexation application.

Price Property

Planning Consultant M. J. Bacon presented a report on desirable future development of the Price property which lies to the east of Yonge Street and north of Crosby Avenue. Surrounding land was also included in the report.

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Who Had Right-of-Weight?

In a topsy-turvy accident at noon Monday, this unusual situation developed on Yonge Street right at Richvale when a sand-loaded dump truck driven by Ray Madill of Willowdale travelling south landed atop the hood of a car driven by James McCart of Richmond Hill. Neither driver was injured but the spilled sand tied up traffic for a time, according to the OPP.

(Photo by Barbour)

New Industrial Plant To Make Plastic Pop Cases

Construction of a 42,000 square foot manufacturing plant, property of the Union Carbide Company of Canada has started in Vaughan Township's industrial area.

The plant, which will employ about 70, will be used to fabricate new plastic products, according to Union Carbide President A. A. Cumming.

Site is on the CNR development street fronting their property one half mile north of Highway 7 on Keele Street.

It's being built by Internorth Construction Company with initial manufacturing expected to start late this year.

Utilizing the latest process technology and equipment, the plant will be placing primary emphasis on fabrication of plastic products not currently being manufactured in Canada, such as soft drink cases, Mr. Cumming said. Manager will be G. K. Petrunia.

Number of job opportunities is expected to double within the first year of operation.

Union Carbide is a leading Canadian producer of chemicals, anti-freeze, batteries, carbon products, industrial gases and plastics. The company employs 4,000 in 32 plants and 20 offices across Canada.

The company, a subsidiary of its U.S. parent firm, is currently dickering to be able to offer \$60,000,000 in common stock to Canadians to bring the company under the Canadian ownership provisions of the federal government.

In the past 10 years, Union Carbide, according to Mr. Cumming, has outlayed \$100,000,000 in capital expenditure.

Three Delegations

Gravel Pits And Sewage Plant Make Lively Markham Twp. Council Meet

Markham Township Council was assailed by three delegations at Monday afternoon's meeting.

Spokesman for the first was Lionel Frost chairman of the property committee of T.S.A. No. 1 who made a polite request that council delay signing of the subdivision agreement for Markham Highlands Subdivision until the board had completed purchase of a school site in the area.

Council assured Mr. Frost that this would be done, that it was, in fact, council policy to do so.

Mrs. Louise Aimone, chairman of T.S.A. No. 1 next addressed council, although in her capacity as a private ratepayer, rather than as a representative of the school board. She objected to the report that parks department was not to purchase lands adjacent to Woodland Public School for a park, where a park was badly needed; and to the further rumour that they were going to purchase lands in the Henderson School area, where she said there was already park land not being used.

Speaking for the school board, Mrs. Aimone asked how the board could best co-operate with the parks department. She stated that they had never been notified of a meeting of the parks and recreation committee and had no way of learning what the policy of the department was. "It is an exercise in futility trying to deal with a shadow," she said.

Mr. Douglas Hadcock appeared for a group of property owners on the 6th line who were concerned about council's policy on gravel pits and asked that council clarify its position. In a long, rambling discourse, Reeve Charles Hooper attempted to do so, but concluded "We have not really made a final decision."

Township Clerk Harry Crisp read a letter dated July 13 from the OMB in which it was stated that the township's by-law 2005 which has been before that body was discriminatory in that it exempted specific gravel pit operations from the prohibition of the by-law.

James Norton of R.R. 1, Unionville, advised that when he was present at the OMB hearing he understood the township's solicitor to state that the by-law would probably be amended to specifically exempt other gravel pits against whom it was felt it was discriminating.

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Considering Two-Day Fair

The possibility of extending Richmond Hill Spring Fair into a two-day event was discussed at last Monday night's meeting of the directors of the Richmond Hill Agricultural Society.

Directors present felt that a two-day event would enable them to offer an extended program, especially in the women's division which was revived last year. A two-day fair would also enable them to revive competitions for school children, it was felt.

Further consideration will be given the matter at a meeting on November 2, before a decision is reached.

Favor Red Ensign At Business Show

People attending the recent three day exhibition of the National Business Show at the CNE, had an opportunity, through the courtesy of Dashew Business Machines Canada Ltd. to vote on the controversial issue of a distinctive Canadian flag. The voting was done on two automatic voting machines which had been brought in from the United States.

John Whalen, vice-president and managing director of the Dashew firm, who resides on Bridgeport Street in Richmond Hill reports that 2,800 people voted. Of this total figure 42% voted for the Red Ensign, 35% for Prime Minister Pearson's three maple leaf design and 23% for the single maple leaf flag.

A poll of 100 secretaries produced 51 votes in favor of the Ensign, 31 for the three maple leaves and 18 for the single maple leaf.

In a second question of government control of railway freight rates the results were fairly close with 53% favoring government control while 47% were opposed.

Great Chapter York Deanery At St. Gabriel Church On October 13

Rev. Shem Karorero, appointed Rural Dean Rev. John E. Speers, B.A., B.Th., Trinity Church, Aurora.

Mr. Karorero is in his early twenties and is in Canada in the Anglican Congress scheme of mutual interdependence. His diocese is Ankole Kegezi and he is now helping out at Trinity East and attending Wycliffe College.

Great Chapter is comprised of all men of all parishes of York Deanery. They meet at 6.30 p.m. for Evensong at the host church and the ladies of that church serve dinner for a tariff of \$1.75. Mr. Shem will be interviewed by the rural dean on his impression of the Canadian Church and the meaning of the congress to him and his diocese. Questions will be permitted from the floor.

Behind Curtain On Agent's Tour

David Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lewis, Hillside Drive, is leaving today for an extended agent's tour of Eastern Europe. David is manager of the Airsealand Travel Service in Brampton.

Purpose of the trip, which will take him behind the Iron Curtain, to Poland, Russia, Rumania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, is to familiarize him with the various customs, activities, sightseeing attractions and visiting requirements necessary to enable him to assist anyone desiring to travel in these countries.

There is a rapidly growing demand for conducted tours in Eastern Europe and David hopes to acquire the knowledge which will enable his clients to enjoy their trips to the full.

VON Canvass Raises \$3,115

The recent canvass for the Victorian Order of Nurses has realized \$3,115 to date. Mrs. Arthur Dixon told "The Liberal" Wednesday morning.

Some donations still remain to come in which will bring the amount up to last year's figure, she said.

Two Oral French Classes Started

Two groups of children have been organized in Richmond Hill to study Oral French in private lessons. A group of six children will meet every Monday for half an hour to enjoy learning French from Mrs. Paul Harris. Three families only are involved in this group and it will rotate from home to home.

The length of each weekly period will probably be extended later in the season.

A group of 18 children will be meeting in the British Mortgage & Trust building and we hope to have a report on the progress of this class at a later date.

Parents of these children approached the Richmond Hill Public School Board in the spring with the idea of introducing Oral French into the local school curriculum. The board still is studying the matter in relationship to the whole curriculum and to senior schools. Their decision has not yet been announced.

High School Hi-Jinks Draws Fire

Some Richmond Hill students are in hot water over their hi-jinks at rival Thornhill school.

According to the best of reports, a dozen or so local collegians crept onto the Thornhill Secondary property the night before a football game, last week and painted the goal posts in their team colors of green and white.

They also painted various R.H.S. slogans on the parking lot pavement.

Their actions drew the fire of school board authorities who ordered them to stay off the property.

AND Richmond Hill lost the football game!

Police Committee Studies Whistles

A letter received from former Town Solicitor J. D. Lucas on September 27, 1962, when council had asked investigation of the possibility of eliminating train whistles and horns at railway crossings within the town limits, was read to council by Deputy-Clerk L. M. Clement, Monday evening. He said a CNR official told him the same regulations still apply.

At a recent meeting of council, the question had been raised again following editorial comment in "The Liberal".

In 1962 Mr. Lucas reported the Railways Act of the Dominion of Canada provides:

"When a train is approaching a highway crossing at rail level the engine whistle shall be sounded at least 80 rods before reaching such crossing and the bell shall be rung continuously from the time of the sounding of the whistle until the engine has crossed such highway;

"Where a by-law of an urban municipality prohibits such sounding of the whistle or ringing of the bell in respect of any such crossing or crossings within the limits of the municipality, the by-law shall, if approved by an order of the board, to the extent of the prohibition relieve the company and its employees from the duty imposed by this section."

At that time Mr. Lucas noted it might well be that the board would not permit crossing unprotected by gates or signals to lose the protection of whistles and bells and it might mean that if the whistle were discontinued some other or greater type of protection would have to be given to crossings at the expense of the municipality.

Mr. Clement also noted that the Board of Transport Commissioners on a request for an order to eliminate whistles and horns will demand that gates be installed on double mainline crossings only. This does not apply to

Council Is Interested In Senior Housing, Contact Housing Corp.

Richmond Hill Town Council has contacted T. B. Kellett, Ontario Housing Corporation, Department of Economics and Development, 454 University Avenue, Toronto, stating that Richmond Hill Council is interested in Senior Citizen Housing, under new legislation under the National Housing Act.

This legislation, passed in June 1964, enables the town to set up a housing authority for families or individuals of low income.

Central Mortgage and Housing can now provide up to 90% of the costs rather than of the estimated value, Councillor William Lazenby reported. The remaining 10% can be put up by the town in land or services. The CMHA will contribute 50% of the annual deficit, that is the difference between cost of maintenance and the income from the property. Mr. Lazenby reported it is expected the provincial government will pick up the remaining 50%. It is expected that the town's proportion of the expenses would be apportioned to taxes, utilities and other services.

Succeeds Harry Sayers

Mayor Appoints Samuel D. Hall To Civic Improvement Committee

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst announced last week that he has appointed Samuel D. Hall to the civic improvement committee. Mr. Hall will be filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Harry Sayers for health reasons.

Mr. Hall lives at 352 Skopit Road and is principal of the Glen Rush Public School in North York Township. He is married, with two children and his wife Pat is active in the Richmond Rose Chapter of the IOOE.

A native of Yorkshire, England, he has lived in Canada for 14 years and in Richmond Hill for the past three years.

In announcing the appointment the mayor said, "I am sure he has organizational abilities which will make him of great value to the Civic Improvement Committee."

Other members of the committee named last spring in an effort to improve the overall appearance of Richmond Hill are: Douglas Hitchins of Harding Boulevard, chairman; R. D. Little of Arnold Avenue, vice-chairman; Mrs. L. R. Castello of Lynett Crescent, secretary; Frank Barrott, president of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 375; John Bradstock, 166 Kenvale Court; Mrs.

Township Dumps Level Too High

Vaughan Township's two dump sites are a little too exposed to suit elected representatives.

And they're violating a section of the township's own zoning by-law.

In a report, Vaughan's Finance Committee called for tenders for the rental of a bulldozer or crawler-type front end loader to be used for covering up the garbage.

The by-law requires that each two feet of garbage, refuse or industrial waste should be completely covered by at least a foot of clean fill within 24 hours of dumping.

Both the dumps, being operated by Sanitary Land Fill Limited on property owned by Disposal Services Limited and the township dump, are on North Keele Street.

Council Honors Our Citizens With Steak, Carnations

Richmond Hill Council Tuesday night honored "the people who help make the town tick" according to Mayor Tom Broadhurst.

About 80 members of the library, arena, parks, recreation boards and swimming pool, town improvement and centennial committees were guests at a town-sponsored steak dinner at the Legion Court.

Councillor Lois Hancey as hostess introduced four people who've served the town in the past.

They were Katherine Ball, who retired after 18 years on the town library board to become head of the University of Toronto library; William Hall and Dalton Hicks, both past presidents of the arena board and J. D. Lucas, former town solicitor.

Mayor Broadhurst presented each with a token of the town's appreciation for their service, and remarked that dinner was "a sincere thank-you to those present for all the work done by unpaid groups."

As an added touch, all the women present received attractive carnation corsages.