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Tennis Club Elects Executive, Enjoys Dance

Enjoying themselves at the gala dance and supper held at the Masonic Hall recently by the Richmond Hill Tennis Club are members of the new executive, from left to right, Secretary Don Andrews, Social Convener Mrs. Joan Freeman, Vice-president David Punter, President Mrs. Marjorie Harper, Past President John Anderson and Treasurer Jim Hunter.

Anne Holbek was announced winner of the women's singles championship and Sam Malcolmson of the men's championship. Ladies' doubles were won by Anne Holbek and Lou Holland and winners of the men's doubles were Dennis Stainer and Vern Everingham. Mixed doubles winners were Anne Holbek and Dennis Stainer. Prizes were donated by Rice's Flowers, Warwick House, Craigie's Men's Wear, Kent's Men's Wear and Eric's Cycle & Sports.

Vaughan School Board Transports 845 Pupils At 11¢ Daily Cost

For the school year 1964-65 Vaughan Township School Area Board is transporting a total of 845 pupils at a net cost per day for eligible pupils of 11 cents. This is the same rate as last year with an additional 79 pupils being bused to school.

The additional number of pupils requiring transportation came from the closing of Vellore and Patterson Schools and establishment of an opportunity class at the Kleinburg School.

In 1961-62 the board transported 224 pupils at a net cost of \$12,267.35 or 27¢ net cost per day for eligible pupils. The next year the number of pupils was increased to 591 with pupil day cost decreased to 14¢. In 1963-64 the number of pupils again increased to 766 and the per pupil per day cost reduced to 11¢. Net cost of transportation to the board in 1964-65 will be \$19,050.

The superintendent's report shows enrolment in the area schools on the last school day of October as 3315. He noted that approximately one quarter of the pupils are being provided with transportation. Ten bus routes are in operation by Langdon Bus Lines at a cost of \$3,750 per month.

In presenting the superintendent's report Trustee Ross Joliffe paid tribute to Business Administrator Norman Jackman for his efforts in setting up these routes and getting them to run efficiently. He remarked that many mornings at 8 o'clock Mr. Jackman was riding on the buses to solve problems which had arisen.

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Lot Fees All Gone

'64 Council Can't Promise Beverley Acres Drainage

A petition bearing 278 signatures, out of 312 homes approached, requesting immediate action on the installation of storm sewers, pavements and removal of ditches in the Beverley Acres Subdivision in Ward 1, was presented to Richmond Hill Council Monday evening. Making the presentation was I. H. Mansbridge, president of the Elgin Park Ratepayers' Association.

Mr. Mansbridge reported that residents of Beverley Acres were conscious of the urgency of this program, best indicated by residents on Marybay who twice a year have sewage back-up in their basements; that children are endangered by water-filled ditches often four feet deep; that water overflowing the road and entrance to Beverley Acres School; children and adults forced to walk on the travelled portion of the road; ditches causing health hazards to children; rats on Marybay Crescent; and children on Brownvale Crescent crawling through half filled sewers.

He reported that residents were concerned with resulting increase in taxes because of this necessary work but were under the impression that lot fees of \$500 paid at the time of subdivision had been set aside in a special fund for this work.

The speaker said the ratepayers of the area appreciated the cost of such work will have a bearing on their taxes, but feel that ratepayers will accept this if the present disgraceful condition is eliminated once and for all.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst reported that his was the first family to move into Beverley Acres and that he still lives there, so that he is very familiar with the situation. He assured Mr. Mansbridge, and the ratepayers of Beverley Acres, that the lot fees have been spent on other projects years ago. "This money was gone before I got on council," he reported. "Even before the quarter of a million dollar box drain was installed on Crosby Avenue. It went for a variety of municipal services, all quite legal," he assured them.

Mr. Mansbridge reiterated that ratepayers believed this money had been collected for storm sewers. The mayor recalled that he had argued this years before but had been assured by the Ontario Municipal Board that it had been spent quite legally and was levied for any purpose the town saw fit.

Reeve James Haggart reported that priority is being given for a project which will eliminate sewage back-up in basements in the Marybay and Gentry Crescent areas and will provide additional capacity for further industrial and commercial development on the east side of Yonge Street between Elgin Mills and Centre Streets. This is scheduled for next year and engineering work has been done.

He also reported that council has recommended the drawing up of a five year capital works program with priorities being allocated for all work needed to be done in the town.

In regards to storm sewers in Beverley Acres, there are problems not outlined in the association's presentation, he said. Roads and intersections are being endangered by erosion from the immense flow of water, he reported, admitting that ditches are often too full and a menace to children. "We would have to spend \$150,000 to save our roads," he stated, continuing that the works committee had looked into this and decided to take a look at storm sewers in lieu of deep ditches. An engineering firm had been hired to do preliminary plans so that approximate costs could be ascertained. These estimated costs are \$1,080,000, some of which will be subsidized, he noted. However the full cost and the amount of subsidy can not be ascertained until complete engineering plans are drawn up.

"Council has taken a good look and were ready to hire an engineer to bring in final engineering plans," the reeve noted, "but our solicitor advised us that since we had not made provision in our budget for the engineering fees, it would be illegal for us to go ahead. We could be made personally liable for the \$32,000 expenditure entailed."

"As I see it," the reeve continued, "the problem has to be tied in with future growth. The lot fee fund was used for projects which otherwise would have had to be debentured." Pointing out that the sanitary sewer project is on a five-year program to be started next year, the reeve felt that storm sewers and road improvements in Beverley Acres will also have to be undertaken in stages.

Mayor Broadhurst stated that in his opinion the town is in no shape to undertake this expenditure at this time. He pointed out that high on the list of capital costs will be school costs, which cannot be escaped that sanitary sewer problems must be resolved ahead of drainage unless there are other important reasons for changing priorities.

When Mr. Mansbridge reported that the one desire of many residents of Beverley Acres is to move out of Richmond Hill because of conditions, the mayor retorted that he has no intention of moving out but intends to stick around to see some of this work done. The mayor also noted there are about 1200 properties involved in the Beverley Acres drainage area. Mr. Mansbridge assured council it is his association's intention to approach every ratepayer in the area.

The reeve also pointed out that the 1964 council can not act on this request as they cannot commit the incoming council for engineering fees, in spite of the fact that they were committed by the 1963 council for engineering fees in the southwest area of \$40,000. "We had a choice," he said. "We could pay the fees or charge them back to the individual members of the 1963 council."

Deputy-reeve Stanley Tinker thought that all members of council are agreed the most urgent part of this request is the sanitary sewage problem. "If this could be resolved, would it be acceptable for the town to spend \$150,000 on saving the roads and intersections?" he asked, to which Mr. Mansbridge answered "No".

Councillor Robert Saunders said he felt that any priority study by an engineering firm will agree that certain sections of Beverley Acres have precedence. "Personally I think the area between Yonge and Elizabeth Streets of equal importance," he commented, "but I am sure you will see council embark on a program to include a portion of Beverley Acres."

Councillor Walter Scudds, asking to get a word in edgewise, read a prepared statement replying to Mr. Mansbridge's presentation and recent letter in "The Liberal". His statement said, "This council is well aware and has been very concerned about these problems. As early as last spring the works committee reached an agreement with the Highways Department for a subsidy on a \$150,000 ditch stabilization program providing the work was not done all in one year. We deferred action on this project to order a preliminary engineering report on the possibility and cost of storm sewerage Beverley Acres. In due course our engineers reported on a plan that would cost \$1,081,585.

"Just last week we asked the works committee and the clerk to establish the effect of this million dollar program on our rate of assessment to debentures and taxes. We also asked the clerk to put this program on our capital works forecast and to consult with the Municipal Board and the Department of Highways. We certainly will have to effect a plan to correct our ditching problems in this area during 1965 but it is impossible to reach a proper decision without all the facts.

"Mr. Mansbridge apparently does not realize that our biggest problem in this area is sanitary sewage and that we have an application before the Municipal Board for a \$217,180 addition in this area. This extension to our system will not only alleviate our sewage back-up problems in Beverley Acres but will allow new assessment in other areas which will go a long way towards paying for the work. I believe council has taken the only course of action it could in keeping with good business practice.

Replying to charges by Mr. Mansbridge that he had supported proposed work in Ward 4 at the expense of his own ward, Mr. Scudds recalled that on August 11 he was the only member of council to support Councillor Saunders' attempt to have council recall its application to the OMB for storm sewers and road reconstruction work in the southwest section.

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AGINCOURT: The 50th anniversary of Lockie Avenue Public School in Agincourt will be observed November 24 at 8 p.m. All former pupils and teachers are invited to attend open house. The four-room school on a site donated by W. H. Paterson cost \$13,000. Former pupil, Bill Crothers will tell about the Olympics in Japan.

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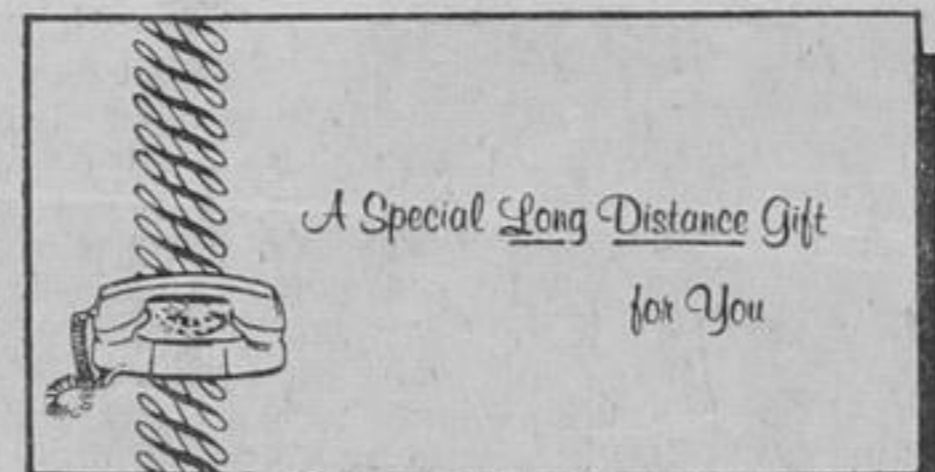


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