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## PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGET UP TOO - 16.8%

### To Question TTC About Failure Of Information

Councillor Eric Handbury, as chairman of Richmond Hill Council's transportation and parking committee will seek answers to several questions when, with representatives from Vaughan and Markham Township, he meets with TTC officials in the near future.

First question on the list is "Why didn't the committee receive a report after the North Yonge extension was in operation for three months as promised?"

Question No. 2: "Which trips are used most for the North Yonge extension and how many are using it?"

Question 3: "Why was there a new schedule put into effect November 30, 1964, without the municipalities affected being notified?"

Question 4: "Why has one trip been eliminated?" Mr. Handbury reported this is the 5:10 p.m. daily bus from Eglinton.

Question 5: (A check and survey at the Eglinton Avenue Station, between 5 and 5:40 p.m. was requested on January 19.) Why has the committee not been notified of the results of the promised survey as yet?"

### Name Town Centennial Comm.

A four-man committee was named by Richmond Hill Town Council Monday evening to plan for the celebration of Canada's Centennial in 1967.

Members of the committee will be Dr. Walter Mason, who has lived in Richmond Hill for more than half a century, served as vice-chairman of the district high school board and as president of the Lions; William Cook, teacher of history and member of the Curtin Club; Clayton Minor, former Richmond Hill Jaycee, and Jack Corbett who is a member of the town's Court of Revision. The mayor is an ex officio member.

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### Fire Marshal To Assess Vaughan Twp. Services

The fire and police committee reported at the March 29 meeting of Vaughan Township Council that it had considered the fire protection in the township with regard to existing equipment together with the density of built-up areas and areas of probable development.

A survey showed that the township has the following fire-fighting equipment: a 1964 Dodge, the fire chief's car; two 1954 GMC 500 gallons per minute pumpers with 500 gallon tanks; one 1954 International 840 g.p.m. pumper with a 300 gallon tank; one 1948 La France 625 g.p.m. pumper with a 500 gallon tank; a 1940 La France aerial ladder truck with a 100 ft. ladder; a 1954 Ford water tank with a 400 g.p.m. pump and a 1,000 gallon tank; a 1957 International rescue and emergency truck, along with auxiliary equipment, hoses,

nozzles, ladders, etc. The committee reported that it had studied the need and location of future fire halls other than the present ones at Maple, Richvale and Pine Grove bearing in mind possible future development in the township.

Council accepted unanimously the fire committee's recommendation that the fire marshal of the Province of Ontario be requested to assess the fire protection in the township and advise on future needs for personnel, equipment and fire halls to adequately serve the area.

Council also agreed that further fire fighting service would be provided in accordance with the recommendations of the fire marshal, as funds become available.

### 1964 Budget Surplus Studied By High School Bd.

An analysis of the \$114,800 surplus with which York Central District High School Board ended up 1964 was supplied to board members at the March meeting.

The board had refused to accept the 1965 budget figures prepared for last month's meeting and as well as a comparison of 1965 and 1964 costs had asked for a complete breakdown of the surplus.

The analysis provided by Business Administrator George Tindal showed that that surplus was made up of \$24,600 revenue received in excess of what the board had expected and \$90,200 in expenditures budgeted for but not spent.

amount budgeted. Tuition fees received from other boards were up \$5,600; night school fees were \$5,400 more than expected (due to very heavy enrollment); and summer school enrollment was also much higher than expected, bringing an increase of \$4,900 in fees. The \$90,200 budgeted in excess of actual expenditures was largely accounted for under three headings, instruction costs, capital expenditures and contingency fund. These last two items, \$18,600 surplus in capital expenditures and \$25,000 in the contingency fund were mainly matters of book-keeping. Under capital expenditures, last year's budget had included an amount of \$10,000 for capital equipment for Langstaff Secondary School and \$8,600 to be



### Adventists Open Welfare Centre

A new welfare centre of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was officially opened at 80 Elgin Mills Road West, Richmond Hill, by Mayor Thomas Broadhurst last Sunday. This is the 126th such centre operated by the church in Canada and the 30th in Ontario.

Pictured above (left to right) are David Glass of the Richmond Hill Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society; Ross Kerwin, Vaughan Welfare Officer; Mayor Broadhurst; and Mrs. George Montgomery, local church welfare leader.

In her report Mrs. Montgomery stated that during the past year 56 people in the community were helped; 472 articles of clothing were handed out; food, clothing and cash provided in the amount of \$1,187.58. With the present centre it is hoped more will be accomplished in the future.

Welfare Leader D. Skoretz, Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ontario, reported that in 1964 15,000 people were assisted in this province by the 30 centres; 35,466 articles

### Markham Township Council Debenture Application Hits Snag

A request from York Central District High School Board to approve an application for a debenture loan, which was first presented to Markham Township Council a year ago, ran into a snag when it appeared before council again Monday night.

The request, which was obtained in a letter, also produced a heated exchange between Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble and Councillor Alan Sumner, Mr. Sumner chiding both the deputy-reeve and the rest of council for questioning the letter at all when they had had a "whole year to think about it."

The application they had so much time to reflect on called for approval of debenture loans in the amount of \$131,000 for a two-storey brick addition to Richmond Hill High School, and a one-storey brick addition to Thornhill Secondary School, in the amount of \$88,000.

The Richmond Hill school would also include the completion of alterations to the gymnasium and cafeteria, plus fixtures and equipment, and would cover 6,000 square feet of floor space.

The Thornhill application includes a library and alterations to the existing library and staff rooms, covering a total of 3,000 square feet. Both debentures would be for 20-year periods.

Cost of the loan would be shared by Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham Townships, with the Markham share amounting to 22 per cent. The works must be completed this year to qualify for grants under the Municipal Works Act.

Mr. Rumble asked if the 6,000 square feet for Richmond Hill was for classrooms. "I presume they're for classrooms?" said Mr. Sumner. "The Thornhill school was only built in 1956, why staff rooms?" asked the deputy-reeve.

Mr. Sumner said the halls of the schools were still of concrete block and there were very little frills elsewhere. Said Reeve Charles Hooper: "They (York County District High School Board) had a big surplus. Why, not use it? Stouffville did."

Mr. Sumner said he had moved they accept the request and wondered if anyone wanted to second it. "We're asked to approve it and we've no idea if it's necessary at all," said Mr. Rumble. "I doubt if they'd ask for it if it wasn't necessary," replied Mr. Sumner.

Mr. Palmer said he agreed with Mr. Rumble and felt that council should look at the project "personally." Reeve Hooper thought more information was necessary and was informed by the clerk, H. C. T. Crisp, that council had already applied for a loan as a capital grant last year.

Mr. Rumble said last year's application wasn't the same as this year's. "Yes, they're two words changed," said Mr. Rumble. "It surprises me when four members sit here with their heads in their hands when

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### Kelvin Tonner Pool Manager

Manager of the Richmond Hill and District Centennial Swimming Pool for this, its first season, will be Kelvin Tonner, Richmond Hill Council decided Monday evening in accepting the recommendation of the citizens' committee.

Mr. Tonner was the only application for the position received. He will be in charge of hiring life-guardians and other personnel with the final approval of the committee. The new manager will start his duties the first Monday in May and it is hoped to have the pool in operation by May 15.

Loading recommendations for the pool are 27 square feet per swimmer (recreational) for a maximum of 130, 45 square feet per swimmer (teaching) for 78 maximum, reasonable swim time limit 60 minutes (Department of National Health & Welfare).

Besides hiring and supervising all subordinate employees, the pool manager shall supervise the admission of the public to the pool, prepare programs of time application, supervise proper organization of all safety equipment, supervise the regular chemical analysis and testing of the pool water, operation of the mechanical equipment, temperature of water and regular cleaning of the pool. He shall also maintain satisfactory records of pool use, receipts, deposits, stores records, and pool equipment inventory. He shall supervise the storage and use of all chemicals and other maintenance supplies and equipment.

In fact Mr. Tonner, who is in his final year of studies at McMaster University, should be a very busy young man in his first year of pool operation in Richmond Hill.

### Meet Richmond Hill Council

### York Central Board Promises To Reconsider Its Budget Items

John Honsberger, chairman of York Central District High School Board Monday evening promised Richmond Hill Town Council to take the 1965 budget back to his board for re-examination.

Council, Mr. Honsberger, Business Administrator George Tindal and Superintendent Sam Chapman, spent more than two hours examining the board's budget for this year, which would add one and a half mills to the town's 1965 tax rate.

The chairman explained that the school population goes up about 10% every year and the amount of assessment for each pupil is decreasing. He noted that the cost per pupil in all three streams in the York Central system is lower than in Metro schools although the salaries are equivalent. According to provincial reports, he claimed, the board is one of the most progressive in Ontario, in fact only two others have better total teacher qualifications. "We are giving greater value than almost any other board," the chairman averred.

"We are providing the best at less expense."

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst informed the board members that council was trying to find any area in the capital outlay from current funds which could be debentured. Reporting that the county rate for 1965 will be up two mills and that it is forecast the public school budget will also be up two mills, the mayor noted that in an

effort to keep the tax rate down, council will have to forego some essential work which could increase the town's assessment and help both council and board in future financing. He described council as being at the end of the line and with increases coming in from every other body, faced with sacrificing necessary public works, some of which are revenue producing.

Mr. Honsberger stated it was his belief that good schools are attracting people to this area and thus increasing assessment, and that the board was attempting to compete with ideas and not money.

Reeve Donald Plaxton suggested elimination of the contingency fund, noting that development in Vaughan and Markham Townships and Richmond Hill, would make a contingency fund this year in supplementary assessment from the municipalities.

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### Teachers' Salaries Are Main Cause Of Increase

Richmond Hill Public School Board will present its 1965 budget to town council calling for an estimated expenditure of \$1,309,050.88, and a levy from local taxpayers of \$583,341.41. Copies will also be sent to Markham and Vaughan Township Councils.

The new budget, which was handed down at a meeting of the board last week with little debate represents an increase of \$138,907, or 16.8 per cent over 1964 in the proposed expenditure, and an increase of 2.20 in the mill rate for commercial and industrial and 1.98 for residential.

Total industrial-commercial mill rate for 1965 will be 20.3416 mills, while residential will amount to 18.3074.

Total levy required by the board is \$605,144.78, with Richmond Hill paying 96.379 per cent, Markham Township 1.263 per cent, or \$7,642.98, and Vaughan Township, 2.34 per cent, or \$14,160.39.

Richmond Hill assessment is based on \$7,630,544 commercial and industrial, and \$23,385,295 residential.

Board Chairman Walter Hutchinson said he felt a "key point" was that structural alterations at Walter Scott Public School, amounting to \$35,000, would be paid for out of current funds, rather than by debenture.

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Two recent by-election winners will be the guests of honour at a gala dinner and dance sponsored by the York North NDP to be held April 10 at the Lions Hall, Richmond Hill.

Guest speakers will be James Renwick MLA Toronto Riverdale and Max Saltzman MP Waterloo South. Both men scored political upsets last fall when they captured two former Tory seats for the New Democrats.

In Riverdale in the east end of Toronto Lawyer James Renwick won a seat that had been held by Ontario Energy and Resources Minister Robert MacAuley since 1951. In a vigorous campaign he defeated not only Tory candidate former Toronto Alderman Kenneth Waters but also TV personality Charles Templeton who was a candidate for the leadership of the Ontario Liberal Party. In Waterloo South Galt Alderman Max Saltzman won a seat held by the late Conservative Gordon Chaplin. In this contest the Liberals ran a poor third and lost their deposit.

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STOUFFVILLE: A quantity of sleeping pills was discovered stolen from Stouffville Medical Centre, Main Street after a break-in last week. Entry was gained through a basement window. A complete check of all medical supplies in the building is being made although it is not believed anything else of value was taken.



**What The Younger Set Will Wear**

Bunnies, chicks, green grass and flowers formed an Easter setting for a junior fashion show held in St. John's Anglican Parish Hall, Jefferson, last Saturday under the auspices of the nursery school and kindergarten.

Wearing clothes from the Children's Fashion Shop, Richmond Heights Centre, (left to right) Michael and Mark Elder show what the well-dressed sailor will wear this spring, Kelly Herbinson is a dainty little miss and Peter Bradstock is prepared for that spring-time weather when it arrives.

(Photo by Stuart's Studio)