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RICHMOND HILL RATE UP 3.73 MILLS

Agree On Changes For Loblaws

A proposal from Loblaws, Richmond Heights Centre, for an extended closed unloading dock, relocation of fence and widening of existing private asphalt service road and relocation of a hydro transformer pole has been approved by the works committee of Richmond Hill Council. It was reported at Monday night's council meeting.

This proposal came out of a meeting held March 31 at Jacey Ann Drive with area residents and officials of the supermarket chain. Residents of Jacey Ann Drive which is immediately to the west of shopping centre and which has been used as access route to the supermarket's unloading dock have complained of resultant danger on their road.

These property owners suggested also that in keeping with the new apartment house construction on Jacey Ann, "no parking" regulations should be established on the north side of Levendale (Yonge to Jacey Ann) and to the east side of Jacey Ann Drive (Levendale to Trayborn Drive). This matter has been referred to the police committee for consideration.



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Driver On Critical List

Ernest Rule, 52, of Newmarket, driver of this car, was reported on the "critical list" at York Central Hospital, where he was taken following a three-vehicle collision on Yonge Street in front of Skyline Pontiac-Buick Monday noon.

Mr. Rule suffered a possible fractured arm, head and facial lacerations, and chest injuries in the crash and was pinned behind the steering wheel of his wrecked car for more than 20 minutes before he was cut free.

According to Constable Jud Robinson, Bond Lake OPP, who investigated the accident, Mr. Rule was going south on Yonge when he collided with the right side of

a car driven by Beverley Barry, 28 of Maple as he started to pull out of the Skyline lot. He then swerved into the north-bound lane and into the side of a truck driven by Walter Kunne, Richmond Hill.

The impact sheared the roof off the Rule vehicle, ripped one of the doors off, projected the back seat across the road and into a ditch, and completely crumpled the front end, side and rear. A foot-square mirror lying on the floor in the back seat, escaped unmarked.

Damage to the two other vehicles totalled \$1,200. Mr. Kunne was treated at York Central for injuries and then released. Mr. Barry was uninjured.

To See Pearson Forestry Move

Councillor Lois Hancey was appointed Monday the official delegate from the Richmond Hill Town Council on the delegation going to Ottawa to protest the relocation of the federal forestry laboratories at Sault Ste. Marie.

Mrs. Hancey has been the prime force behind the council's protest during the past two months since the announcement by Forestry Minister Maurice Sauve that he intended to move the facilities in Maple and Richmond Hill to the Sault.

She told council Monday afternoon with representatives from Markham and Vaughan Townships and John Addison MP York North. Reeve Albert Ruthford and Deputy-Reeve Garnet Williams represented Vaughan while Reeve Charles Hooper and Councillor Cleary Palmer represented Markham.

Mr. Addison told those present that he had had two meetings with Prime Minister Pearson last week and had requested that ac-

tion in the matter be deferred until the delegation has an opportunity to meet with him and present its side of the case. Mr. Addison stated he had not sought an appointment with Mr. Pearson, but suggested the delegation write to him directly seeking their own interview.

"I must say I was a bit disappointed that our elected representative did not ask for the interview with the prime minister, but we are prepared to follow his suggestion," Mrs. Hancey reported.

She also reported that the Canadian Furniture Manufacturers Association has lodged a strong protest with the federal government against the move. This industry uses a large percentage of forest products and contributes more to Canadian economy than the automobile industry, Mrs. Hancey stated, noting that they make great use of the services of the laboratories. There is not a furniture factory within 300 miles of the Sault, she claimed.

P.S. Residential 63.68 S.S. Residential 65.75

Richmond Hill's public school supporter ratepayers will pay 63.68 mills on residences and 70.01 mills on commercial and industrial assessment in 1965. The residential rate is up 3.73 mills and the commercial 3.86 mills from the 1964 rate.

Separate school supporters will pay 65.75 mills on residential assessment, up 5.80 mills from last year's rate which was the same as public school supporters. Commercial separate school supporters will pay 72.31 mills, an increase of 6.16 mills from last year.

Added to this is the county rate, high school, public and separate school rates. The county rate accounted for two mills of the increase, the high school rate for one and a half mills and the public school rate showed a reduction of 14 mills.

Council expressed appreciation to the public school board for its extremely co-operative effort in removing \$70,000 from current budget to debentures, so that the ratepayers deriving the benefit from the expenditure would pay for it. Councillor Walter Scudds in moving this motion commented that no school board had, in his experience, ever sat down and discussed finances as frankly with council.

County-revee Floyd Perkins concurred, saying, "It's the best co-operation I've ever seen." (Continued On Page 3)

Building Down First 3 Months

In the first three months of 1965 building permits for \$602,765 were issued in the Town of Richmond Hill. Building Inspector J. L. Hollowell stated in a report presented to council Monday night. This compares with \$1,057,100 in the same three months last year.

The difference can be accounted for almost entirely by a \$200,000 building permit issued last year for St. Mary's Anglican Church, and a reduction in the amount recorded for new commercial building and commercial alterations.

The 20 permits issued this year included six for residential alterations (one of which was cancelled) \$9,900, three commercial alterations \$4,700, five signs \$1,415, three private garages \$1,250, one apartment building of 71 suites \$568,000, one new commercial building \$13,000, and a private swimming pool \$4,500.

Last year 28 permits included six residential alterations \$6,200, two residences \$77,000, three commercial alterations \$102,500, five signs \$5,800, one apartment building of 67 suites \$500,000, one new commercial \$140,000, one new industrial \$17,000, two industrial alterations \$600, gas tank installation \$1,000, demolition \$1,000, church \$200,000.

Councillor Walter Scudds noted that several commercial buildings have been proposed. If they come through, he said, this year's building record can equal or exceed last year's.

Welfare Officer

Dr. F. D. Mulholland, RR 1, Unionville, has been appointed welfare administrator of Markham Township, it was announced Monday.

Dr. Mulholland replaces Norman Lewis, who formerly handled the position for both Markham and Richmond Hill. He is York County Welfare Officer.

The new administrator will receive a salary of \$2,000 a year, with a car allowance of 10 cents a mile.

Dr. Mulholland is a retired dentist, who has served with the court of revision and as a public school trustee.

Mixed Reactions To Proposal For Ward System King Twp.

A proposal to dissolve King Township's three police villages and set up an 8-ward system of government in the township met a mixed reception this week.

A report was released, prepared by Dr. Lorne Cumming, special adviser to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and Fred Braybrook supervisor of municipal organization for the department, after six meetings with township representatives. Although Reeve Ray Jennings advised "The Liberal" that council "was unanimously satisfied to proceed with the ward system", Deputy-Reeve Gordon Cook refused to comment stating that although council members had all received a copy of the report for study, council had not yet discussed it.

On receipt of a summary copy of the report, King City Village Trustees immediately wrote to Dr. Cumming asking him to make clear that the report did not represent the feeling of all those on the committee.

When asked to comment on the report, however, Trustee Donald Findlay would only reply that "the trustees haven't conferred on the matter yet". Dr. Cumming explained to "The Liberal": "This document is not in any sense a formal report from the joint committee established by the township council and King City Trustees. The members of this committee agreed that at this stage it was desirable to circulate a brief description of a possible plan of reorganization for the information of the entire membership of council, all the trustees of the three police villages and interested ratepayers."

Dr. Cumming pointed out that under existing legislation the plan could only be brought into effect by the OMB on application to divide the municipality into wards.

"Such an application would, of course, necessarily involve the question whether the existing police villages would remain, and the question of whether King City should be incorporated as a separate village," Dr. Cumming said. "Final decision in any case would rest with the OMB which has ample power to include in any order any special terms and conditions which might be thought necessary or desirable," he added.

"The board would, undoubtedly, conduct a public hearing on any such application, so that all persons desiring either to support or oppose the proposal would be heard before any action is taken," Dr. Cumming concluded.

A detailed report of the proposal will be found on page 4 of this issue of "The Liberal".

County Costs Up Vaughan Rate 2.3 Mills

Vaughan Township taxpayers will find their mill rate increased 2.3 mills by this year's levy by York County Council. Total levy for York County expenditures is \$2,126,011.

Vaughan's portion of the county levy is larger than any other municipality in the county and will total \$319,839.74. This is made up of \$191,945 for general purposes, \$48,589 for road debentures and \$79,305 for road maintenance.

The total assessment in the township of \$28,028,633 will require a rate of 11.4 mills to raise the amount needed by York County, as compared to 9.1 mills in 1964.

Without the township's increased industrial assessment, it was noted that the county rate would have been 11.9 mills.

The finance committee's report ended on a note of resignation. "The committee has no alternative but to recommend that the 1965 budget submitted by the County of York be adopted," it said.

The loan for Walter Scott

Vaughan Sch. Area Rate Up Only .8 Mill To 24.8

The Vaughan Township debt charges \$202,046.82 and other expenditures of \$625, surplus December 31, 1965, \$1,003.14.

The tax levy will be required to raise \$480,153.18 for operating costs and \$202,046.82 for debt charges; the general legislative grant is estimated at \$480,900 and non-resident fees at \$37,850. The surplus at the beginning of the year was \$16,774.96 and other revenue is listed at \$5,100.

Farm and residential assessment for public school purposes in Vaughan for 1965 is \$19,986,219, commercial assessment \$6,004,579. Industrial assessment has increased over a million dollars in the past year.

Trustee Ross Jolliffe reported that the increase was accounted for by statutory salary increases for teachers and much needed plant maintenance and improvement.

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Co-operate With Council

Two Mills Knocked Off Public School's Budget

Richmond Hill Public School Board has knocked two mills off its proposed budget for 1965, but Chairman Walter Hutchinson has issued a warning that the trustees wouldn't be able to help out again that way next year.

The board handed down its revised budget at its meeting Thursday evening of last week following a request from town council that it reconsider its expenditures.

The budget calls for a proposed expenditure of \$1,238,700, and a levy of \$551,526.12 from council, compared with the original figures of \$1,309,050.88 and a levy of \$583,341.41. It also changes the commercial and industrial mill rate from 20.3416 to 17.9768, and the residential from 18.3074 to 16.1791.

The reduction in mill rate from 1964 is .164 for commercial and .147 for residential. The increase for the 1965 actual is 10.5 per cent over 1964, compared to 16.8 per cent, as originally estimated.

The changes were made possible by cutting the expenditures for repairs and school equipment in half by \$70,000, and deciding to debenture for them. These include alterations to Walter Scott Public School and equipment for Crosby Heights Senior School.

Mr. Hutchinson pointed out that the latter couldn't be debentured for under the municipal assistance works program, as it only included equipment, but that it would be debentured for normally.

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Of the total mill rate the town's portion of 21.32 on residential assessment was an

No Pay Increase

The per diem rate for councillors will remain at \$16 and the mayor's salary at \$4,200 for this year, in spite of eleventh hour attempts at Tuesday's lengthy budget session to have both raised.

The attempts saw a motion, amendment to the motion and amendment to the amendment and two points of order all voted on.

It all started when Mayor Thomas Broadhurst went on record as favoring an increase of pay next year, stating that such increase will be part of his platform in this year's election.

Councillors William Lazenby and Walter Scudds then moved that councillors per diem rate be raised to \$20 to conform to neighboring municipalities.

Councillor Eric Handbury moved an amendment that the

mayor's salary also be raised to \$5,000, commenting on the tremendous amount of administrative work done by the chief magistrate. This amendment was seconded by Councillor Lazenby.

Councillor Lois Hancey and Deputy-Reeve Floyd Perkins then moved an amendment to amendment that such increases would take effect January 1, 1966.

The mayor felt it would (Continued On Page 3)

Charge Hill Man Restaurant Death

A Richmond Hill man has been arrested by Niagara Falls Police and is being charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Jack Chu, 75, Lawrence Lang, 34, of 444 Marybay Crescent, was arrested in Richmond Hill over the weekend and taken to Niagara Falls where he was formally charged.

Police said Chu, a restaurant operator, died in hospital after being admitted with head injuries, following an altercation with a customer outside his cafe. The customer had allegedly said he was being overcharged on his bill of \$3.30.

Vaughan Reps. To Study Municipal Gov't Abroad

A decision to send Vaughan Township Councillor Warren Bryce and Deputy-Clerk F. G. Jackman on a study tour of local government in Britain, Denmark, Germany, Sweden and the Netherlands came in for some criticism at Monday's council meeting.

Purpose of the tour is to give municipal officials a better understanding of the problems to be faced as Ontario becomes more urbanized, it was explained.

Basic tour fee is \$750 per person and council agreed to budget a total of \$2,000 for its two representatives.

"I would like to know what are the qualifications of the two people who are going," stated Murray Morrison, of Pine Grove. He also wondered if those who went on the trip last time had brought back anything of value.

Reeve A. H. Rutherford thought that he had learned a great deal when he went on the trip three years ago. "I have my report here in my briefcase if you would like to read it," he offered.

Councillor R. D. McArthur stated that they had discussed the reeve's report thoroughly and felt it had helped them greatly.

Dr. N. G. B. Taylor, Concord felt that because of the pending changes in municipal government in Ontario, the trip was not timely.

Councillor McArthur pointed out, however, that the Goldenberg report on metro government was expected to be handed down in May or June and the tour was not to take place until next September, which would give council members ample time to consider the changes.

Reeve Rutherford felt that the tour would give the township representatives a broader outlook on regional planning. "More people should see how municipal government is administered in other places," he said.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

NDP Members At Local Meet

Seen at the dinner meeting of the York North NDP Association at the Lions Hall last Saturday evening are, (left to right) Peter Burnett of Richmond Hill, president of the York North Association, James Renwick MLA for Toronto Riverdale riding, Max Saltsman, MP for Waterloo South and Maurice Windatt of Pine Grove, chairman of the dinner committee.

May Be Without Ambulances April 30

By MARY DAWSON
Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham may find themselves without ambulance service at the end of this month, Dave Holt, owner and operator of the Vaughan-Hill Ambulance informed "The Liberal" this week.

"For some years ambulance service has been subsidized by the Township of Vaughan and the Town of Richmond Hill to the tune of \$100 a month each or a total annual subsidy of \$2,400.

Mr. Holt reports that he has never refused a call for the ambulance or required

payment in advance as many operators do and collection of accounts can be and often is difficult and slow. To keep the ambulance operating, Mr. Holt has had to take employment elsewhere, with the result that he has wound up doing about 20 hours of work each day.

In January, Mr. Holt approached the councils of Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Markham by registered letter, setting forth a proposal to provide service with two regular ambulances. The one to be manned by two men around the clock would carry four stretcher

cases at a time. The other would be standby equipment. To ensure this desirable type of service, the operator asked a \$200 a month subsidy from each municipality.

Richmond Hill's police committee requested Mr. Holt to meet with them to discuss the proposal. This was done and the town's auditor audited the company's books, showing that net profit of its operation during 1964 was \$1,700. This, on a service that was operated 24 hours a day, seven days a week. This was the only reply to his submission, since then nothing has

been heard from any of the three municipalities. Mr. Holt has received an estimate that for the government to operate the same service would cost at least \$60,000 a year. Other ambulance operators throughout the province are receiving subsidies of from \$2,000 to \$24,000 a year.

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