

Warn Thornhill Village Atmosphere To Go

A delegation of ratepayers attending a special meeting of Markham Township Planning Board atuttonville Thursday evening of last week was warned that the "country village atmosphere" of Thornhill would soon be disappearing.

The ratepayers, who overflowed the council chambers into the hall, were on hand to protest a proposed zoning by-law which would allow high rise apartments in the area between Yonge Street and Dudley Avenue from Clarke Street north to Elgin Street.

Although no decision was reached regarding the final outcome of the proposal, and another meeting was called for October 7, B. Napier Simpson, a resident of Thornhill and a member of the planning board, seemed to sum up most of the board's feelings with his remarks near the close of the meeting, which would make the advent of some sort of apartments almost inevitable.

Mr. Simpson said he had been a longtime resident of the village and it was because of his interest in the community and objection to certain things that had happened to it in the past, that he had become a member of the planning board.

However, sitting with the board had somewhat changed his outlook in matters of planning, and as such as he "deplored" the kind of development that ran down Yonge Street in Willowdale, the same area in Thornhill could not remain the same.

"I don't feel anyone on the board likes the term high rise apartments," said Mr. Simpson. "I think the term is overdone."

The Thornhill Citizens Committee will run a candidate in the December elections in Markham Township. Mrs. K. C. Smith, a member of the committee, said this week.

She stated that backing a candidate was one of three aims of the recently-formed committee. The others are: to oppose the undue increase of residential development in Markham Township, with particular attention given to the erection of high density apartments on Yonge Street in Thornhill; to encourage thorough intelligent planning and strict control over permitted land use, the development of institutional, administrative, commercial and industrial assessment in Thornhill and Markham Township.

He said the problem was what to do with Yonge Street and apartments of "some form" seemed to be the logical answer to "sleazy commercial developments."

Sewers were already in for the area and the apartments would carry their own taxes. "I think it's hopeless to think we can maintain the little country village as much as I love it," said Mr. Simpson.

Although the delegation, with the exception of York Central District High School Board Chairman John Honsberger, who was there to represent two residents of Elgin Street, was entirely opposed to the proposed development, they gave Mr. Simpson a round of applause for his remarks.

The delegation found little to applaud from the rest of the members' remarks, however. Dr. John Fotheringham, Elgin Avenue, a spokesman for the group, after reading from a prepared text the objections of the ratepayers to the apartments, criticized the board for not having the answers to the

formed basically around a series of questions raising the fears of the ratepayers.

"Have you made any comparisons with other places regarding sewage and other services?" Mr. Gadsby asked. "I felt the board would have these figures at their fingertips," said Dr. Fotheringham.

Mr. Gadsby requested the speaker to submit a written brief, so that the board could study it and give the delegation the answers it requested. "We felt you would have the answers now," said Dr. Fotheringham.

"I don't think we can give you all you want tonight," said the chairman.

William MacEachern, John Street, feared somewhat better with a prepared list of questions which he submitted to the board, and which were answered for the most part by Markham Planning Director Ian Keith.

Q—What effect will it (the development) have on our already inadequate recreational facilities? A—... We have already recommended to council to request the recreation committee to fully implement contents of the official plan.

Q—What would be the size of the high rise apartments be? A—The size would be controlled by the bulk of the buildings. The best buildings are the highest... they leave a bigger area of grass... 75 per cent open space.

Q—Why was this area chosen? A—I don't think there is a more suitable area in the district.

Q—Why not an open space such as at Highway 7 and Bayview Avenue? A—We're not dealing with that corner at this time... We may in the future... I think it would be a more suitable area.

Q—Are the present water facilities adequate to support it? A—Yes. (Township Engineer Dusan Miklas answered this question and said that the area was completely serviced and any other services would be provided by the developers.)

Q—When could we expect the first building? A—Probably in a year or a year and a half. It would take about 10 years to complete the whole development.

Q—In the matter of schools, the submission had been

Mr. Keith said the official plan for Thornhill called for 30 more classrooms. He said that 51 per cent of total tax revenues went to education. It cost between \$220 to \$240 per student a year and there were .6 school children per average household.

The cost per household was \$140 a child, with apartments taxed \$250 a suite;—\$50 a child, or 20 per cent of education costs. Single-family dwellings contributed 35 per cent of the education costs.

To his question why the wishes of the majority were not acceded to, Mr. Gadsby said the by-law was only in the preliminary stage, the ratepayers would still have a chance to protest when it went before council.

In his brief, Mr. Honsberger referred to the disappearing "country village atmosphere" and said that the people of Thornhill must plan for both the present and future residents.

He said the area in question would have a population of 10,150 in 10 years and provisions would have to be made for multiple family houses, which were

also more attractive than "dubious commercial buildings."

Referring to a recent editorial in "The Liberal," which wondered who benefited from high rise apartments, Mr. Honsberger said the only people who benefited from residential development were those who lived in it.

"If (multiple housing) is not incorporated into the official plan now, we can't avoid the pressure which will result in spot zoning," (with a projected population of 84,000) Mr. Honsberger said.

Mrs. K. C. Smith, John Street, said that, if there were going to be apartments, they should be "off somewhere where they won't be an additional burden on where we live."

Mr. Gadsby said the October meeting would hear further submissions from the ratepayers and would also answer any questions pertaining to the briefs already on hand and those presented that evening.

Other members of the board were: Anthony Roman, Harry Maynard, Reeve Charles Hooper, R. W. Masters, Councillor Charles Hoover.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Markham Planning Board Under Fire

Planning board members seem to be in a pensive mood as they listen to Chairman S. J. Gadsby address the members of the Thornhill Citizens Committee, who flocked into the Markham Township Council Chambers last week to protest a proposed amendment to the zoning by-law by the board. The amendment would call for the erection of high rise apartment buildings on Yonge Street in Thornhill.

In the bottom picture, the ratepayers seem equally attentive as Dr. John Fotheringham acts as spokesman. Members of the board are, left to right, Anthony Roman, Harry Maynard, Planning Director Ian Keith, Chairman Gadsby, Reeve Charles Hooper, R. W. Masters, B. Napier Simpson and Councillor Charles Hoover.

Township Engineer Dusan Miklas, who also sits on the board, cannot be seen.

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Neighborhood Notes

Friends and neighbors were sorry to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Victor Blundell and family of 79 Proctor Avenue, sailed for England July 23. Their three boys will be attending school in the south of England and the family will reside in Plymouth. On July 24, Miss Diane Barbour of Henderson Avenue attended a wedding in Toronto as bridesmaid. She wore a lovely peacock blue, cocktail length dress of beau de soie and matching flower headpiece with white accessories. The re-

ception was held at Holy Trinity Church in Thornhill.

Mr. and Mrs. William Clow of Owen Sound spent last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Clow and family of 57 Clarke Avenue. Mr. Gordon Clow is recuperating at home, following a recent operation at Toronto General Hospital.

Sister Anicetus, principal of St. Luke's Separate School will be leaving in the fall to take up principalship at another school outside of Toronto. John Walsh will be taking her place as the new principal of St. Luke's.

This year's honorary awards at St. Luke's Separate School were presented to Joseph DeMarco from the Doncaster Ladies Club; to Roseann LeCroix, first prize, from the Catholic Women's League and second to Frederick Potvin, and to Ronald Rick from the Holy Name Society.

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Work For Youth Centre

Fun and games were enjoyed by 500 people at the July 17 "Carnival '65" held at Sunset Beach Park, Lake Wilcox.

Four of those responsible for much of the fun are shown above. At left is Mrs. Ethel Good, and to her left, Robert Atcheson, both members of the board of the Lake Wilcox Youth Centre who planned the event.

Next are shown two of the star performers, Sandra Celsie, well-known ballad and western singer and Christalot Hanson, Olympic dressage star who performed a South American style dance routine.

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