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MARKHAM DROPS CENTENNIAL PARK

By JIM IRVING

Markham Township's much-maligned Centennial project, a 100-acre park at the Devil's Corner, bowed out of the scene Monday afternoon and there wasn't a ratepayer in the place to cheer it off.

Instead the end came in routine fashion when Township Clerk H. C. T. Crisp read a letter from Stan Defoe, owner of the land — at 17th Avenue and Concession 5—wanted by the township, that he had sold his farm. Council's option for the property had not been renewed when it expired in August.

The project had first been broached by council in March and given final approval in the summer, despite the angry protests of many of the township's ratepayers, who swarmed over the weekly meetings all through July to make their views known.

The park was one of three projects considered by council, the others were a new council chamber and a library, with the latter two being dropped as not being feasible.

The ratepayers felt differently, however, where the library was concerned, with the majority saying they would approve of it as a Centennial project.

Council maintained it would be impossible to build a library under the scheme, as it specified only one building. An area as large as Markham Township would require several buildings. (Vaughan Township approved a library system for its Centennial project, with a main building in Maple, and branch libraries in Kleinburg and Richvale.)

The park was not necessary, too expensive, and as an open invitation to outsiders to flood the township. They also felt the township had enough parks without building another one.

Cost of the project would have been \$120,000, or \$1,200 an acre, and would have been financed with a five-year de-

Only one member of the council opposed the project. Councillor Charles Hoover said he couldn't "go along" with it because the township debt would increase to \$41,180, and the township would be in debt. In his letter to council, Mr. Defoe said he would like to thank council "for the publicity given my farm", and hoped a Centennial project favorable to all would be found.

"We should see what our cut of the commission is", said Councillor Allan Sumner.

Mr. Hoover recommended that council advise the OMB that the land was no longer available for a park and that council would have to revise its plans for a "more agreeable project". Mr. Sumner suggested council set the matter over for a week before killing the by-law, as it might be able to be applied to a similar project.

"Make it two weeks", said Reeve Charles Hooper.

The motion was approved by council.

Said Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble in parting: "I still think it (the park) is the best idea. Possibly we could have a smaller one."

Keep 'Hill' Beautiful

Resident Against Commercial Zoning

A Richmond Hill resident continued his determined struggle Monday night against the advance of commercial zoning as well as unkempt yard areas near his home.

R. A. G. Simmons of 23 Hunt Avenue presented a petition to town council on behalf of a group of taxpayers objecting to a planning board recommendation that would allow two local firms to expand their businesses.

"We feel more consideration should be given to residents of the town who are the backbone of the community. Council should deny such rezoning. We do not want commercial property in residential areas", he said.

Mr. Simmons said he settled in Richmond Hill about 10 years ago because it was "a quaint little town with a character all its own. I'd like to see its character and beauty retained. I feel the residents deserve this."

Mayor Broadhurst noted planning board would have control over certain restrictions regarding commercial use especially troublesome if the persons concerned did not look after their properties.

"It's our responsibility", he said, "to see that people maintain some element of proper control of their properties when they border residential areas."

The firms, R. D. Little Ford Sales Ltd., and Shell Oil Co. Ltd., have received the green light from the planning board in their bid to have residential land in the Benson-Hunt-Yonge Street areas rezoned to commercial. Town council has approved the application in principle.

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst agreed such a situation was desirable but explained that "as a municipality we're growing and such changes are thrust upon us."

"Commercial and industrial usage will expand and invariably at the price of residential areas especially in a community such as Richmond Hill with a provincial highway as a main street."

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"I don't believe residential and commercial zoning in the Hunt Avenue area is compatible", stated Mr. Simmons, "especially when it will involve cars sitting around, being tested, driven and used for turn arounds."

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Consensus was that any plan of subdivision would be given due consideration, but any approval would be contingent on the best interest of the township as a whole being served.

For some years, council has been adamant that no residential development would be permitted until the township's industrial-residential assessment ratio was in favorable balance. They have also indicated that the strip between Bathurst and Yonge Streets should be fully developed before residential subdivision elsewhere in the township is permitted.

When that time arrives he said the persons objecting to the rezoning would be questioned if the problem would be alleviated if Little's closed off the access from its firm onto Hunt Avenue.

"It would not", replied Mr. Simmons. "We're opposed to any rezoning in the region."

Insist Subdivisions Serve Interests Of All Of Vaughan Twp.

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York Central Hospital in operation less than two years has been awarded a certificate of accreditation by the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation.

The certificate which now hangs in the hospital lobby is shown above with (left to right): D. H. Storms, honorary president of the hospital association, Miss G. A. Gatehouse, director of nursing, G. J. Chatfield, administrator, Dr. James R. Langstaff, chief of the medical staff and J. E. Smith, chairman of the board of trustees.

Hospital Earns Accreditation

The prime purpose of accreditation is to ensure the best care of patients possible at all times. Further, that this care is improved as rapidly as knowledge, experience and technological advances will permit. The accreditation programme is a voluntary effort sponsored by the Canadian Council on Hospital Accreditation in cooperation with hospital boards, administrators and the medical profession to improve the quality of patient care in Canadian hospitals.

Standards for patient care in hospitals were first developed in 1918 by the American College of Surgeons. The College carried on a programme of hospital standardization alone for 35 years until a Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospitals was established as an independent voluntary, non-profit corporation having the responsibility of accrediting hospitals in Canada.

To qualify for a survey for accreditation, a hospital must be licensed or otherwise accepted as a hospital by the provincial authority, must have been in operation for at least 12 months and be listed in the Canadian Hospital Directory.

The certificate of accreditation is a certification of a continuing activity on the part of the hospital geared to improving patient care. As such, accreditation is a continuous programme of education and improvement which must continue to meet the standards of quality established.

Southwest Area

Council Passes By-Law Stop Multiple-Housing

Lack of drainage facilities to handle any large influx of residents in the southwest portion of town has prompted Richmond Hill Council to pass a restrictive zoning by-law amendment.

The amendment restricting all future construction to single family residences was given third and final reading at Monday night's meeting despite continued protest from James Reyercraft who lives in the affected area on Centre Street.

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Mr. Reyercraft felt the by-law should allow duplexes or multiple dwellings as well as single residences. He protested the town planning board should have called a public meeting to hear objectors to the amendment.

It would also pose a future hardship on older residents now living in large homes in the area, he said.

Reason for the poor rate was given as the high interest rates prevailing generally and the fact that the debentures were drawn at only 5 1/2%. Had they borne a higher interest rate, they would have sold on more favorable terms.

"Someday they might wish to bring other people into their homes," he said, "and they would be prevented by the single-family restriction."

"We just don't have the sewage facilities to handle any high-rise apartments in this area," pointed out Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins.

Area to be served includes Lots 2 and 3 abutting Keele Street, lands in Lots 4 and 5 abutting the west side of Keele Street and the west part of Lot 6, Concession 3.

Present zoning in the area permits up to fourplexes.

Reeve Donald Plaxton agreed the drainage problem didn't lend itself to such a multiple use in the area at the present time.

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Any density increase would create sewage problem for existing owners, he said. "If conditions change in an area the use has to change with it."

Present multi-family residences in the area are not affected by the zoning change.

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300 Acres Industrial Land

Vaughan To Extend Sewer Area Keele St., South Of Highway 7

It is planned to have the sewer main on Keele Street with effluent running north by gravity.

Approval was given to the drawing up of a by-law providing for this extension of the sewer area already in existence which serves the industrial area on Keele Street north of Highway 7. The township engineer will be asked to submit information and an application to the OWR for the extension.

More Tests On Oster Well To Cost \$4,900

Further testing should be done at the Oster Acquirer before the development of a permanent well, it was reported at Monday's meeting of Vaughan Township Council.

Waterworks Superintendent W. Norris advised that usual practice is to charge for pipe put down if the well is satisfactory and the casing is then left there. If the well is not found sufficient, as much as possible of the pipe would be salvaged and the township only charged for what could not be removed.

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Sutton Resident Tory Candidate

A Progressive Conservative convention in Aurora Saturday afternoon chose Donald Ross Martyn of Sutton to carry its standard in the November 8 federal election in York North.

The convention, attended by 700 persons with 596 boxes of ballots distributed to voting delegates was featured by demonstrations in the American manner in favor of candidates for the nomination. Mr. Martyn's supporters, bearing placards and lapel labels, paraded behind the Blue Angels Trumpet and Drum Corps of Sutton West and those who supported Norman Barnard of Newmarket were led by a musical group from the Newmarket Brass Band.

Horticulturists' Produce Finds Ready Sale At Fall Fair

Prize for the best decorative arrangement went to Mrs. G. Barker for her wild cucumber vine and pods twined around a grapevine branch and entitled "Seed Pod Rhythm".

Runner-up was Mary Rumney's composition entitled "Illumination", a design made up of gladioli, zinnias and dahlias with candles and driftwood.

Mrs. Rumney also won a first prize for her arrangement "We Give Thanks", while Mrs. Barker also won first prize for "Much Ado About Nothing", a large deep red dahlia with leaves and a dried grapevine in a tall black container.

Exhibits bearing names of others in the Rumney family also bore the coveted red "First" sticker. In the section for juniors, 11 years and under, Jean Rumney won first prize for a charming arrangement of seeds, berries and toaststools entitled "In The Woods". In Class 49, brother Mark was awarded a first for his fanciful creation, a carrot horse pulling a cart made from a half of a pepper squash, eating corn-silk "hay" from a cucumber trough.

Second prize in this class went to Phillip Frank for his four animal creations, a bird, turtle, ostrich and giraffe all cleverly fashioned from vegetables.

Big prize winner in the juniors 12 years and over, was Gwyn Urquhart who won first prize for her basket of flowers and fruits entitled "Nature's Bounty", and also firsts for her beets, petunias,

asters and potted plant. Specimen flowers included many fine gladioli and a large selection of zinnias which must have posed quite a problem for the judge. First prize for a flowering houseplant went to R. D. Little for his huge and striking gloxinia.

Flavia Redelmeier won first prize for her lovely arrangement "Williamsburg", a design with an early American flavor. She had a mixture of small flowers, zinnias, cosmos, delphinium, bachelor's buttons and marigolds charmingly arranged in an antique tureen. Second prize in this class went to Ruth Urquhart.

The vegetable section included an immense Hubbard squash entered by Mrs. F. B. Titshall, which took first

prize. First prize carrots were entered by Shirley Bruce and were a good 10 inches long. Potatoes in the show were also particularly fine looking. First prize here went to A. Walter, second Arthur Stong and third to Mrs. Titshall.

Class 42 was for men only, a composition entitled "Sticks and Stones". R. D. Little's arrangement of geraniums, barberry and bare branches won him first prize here with a second place going to A. Stong.

Under "Freak of Nature" Mrs. G. Veitch took first place with an immense beet, about 10 inches in diameter which caused one little boy to ask if it were real and wonder how it could have been dug up.

Another amusing class was called "The Long and the Short". Here Mrs. B. Barker won first place with her two squash, one a foot 30 inches long and the other about 4 inches. Shirley Bruce took second prize here with her long leaf of Swiss Chard, also about 30 inches long, accompanied by a tiny leaf of the same vegetable slightly more than an inch in length.

As well as viewing all these fine products of horticultural skill, visitors were able to buy houseplants and perennials, as well as apple cider, fresh cheese and home made pickles and jams.

Douglas Phillips of Wiltondale was taking orders for his beautiful hand carved models of Canadian birds. Beautiful hand-hooked rugs in varying stages of completion were also on display.



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Mr. Martyn's name was placed before the convention by Rev. H. R. Howden of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Thornhill. The nomination was seconded by William H. Case of Aurora.

The successful candidate, Mr. Martyn, is a 28-year-old history instructor, at the University of Toronto, who holds an honor BA and an MA from that university and has completed the work required for a PhD degree, majoring in political history. Mr. Howden stated his nominee through his studies had become greatly concerned over the crisis in the direction of Canadian government and would bring to his task a mature approach to the problems of government. Mr. Martyn is married with one child and has two children.

C. A. Cathers, a resident of King Township, and former Toronto financier, who held York North for the Conservatives from 1957 to 1962, was welcomed to the convention when he arrived late and took his seat on the platform.

In accepting the nomination Mr. Martyn stated he had been goaded into offering his services by anger, particularly at the present representative of the riding, Liberal John Addison. "The very thought of him exasperates me. He is part of an arrogant minority which wishes to become an even more arrogant majority," he said, adding, "If they, the Liberals have the nerve to be so corrupt as a minority, what can we expect if they have a majority?"

"I have despaired of the direction in which Canada is going under Pearson's direction," he continued, "and as a Canadian feel I must take a stand on ideals and principles." He described the Pearson administration as "this senseless government, frittering away our heritage, which has caused more disunity and splintering away than any other government in our history."

"If we are to prevent a further drift into the American orbit," he claimed, "it is essential we maintain a steadfast central government rather than 13 loosely connected clamoring voices," after stating that the Pearson administration has concentrated on appeasement of the provinces and piece-meal de-confederation.

The NDP have nominated James Norton of Unionville as their standard-bearer in York North. A full report of the New Democratic Nomination Convention will be found on Page 18.

"The Conservative party is the party of Confederation," he told his enthusiastic audience. (Continued on Page 15)