

Ratepayers' Committee Files 564-Name Petition Asking King City Not Be Incorporated Village

As well as a petition opposing the incorporation of King City signed by 564 ratepayers, Peter J. Williams of 165 Elizabeth Grove presented a brief at last week's OMB hearing on behalf of the King City Anti-Incorporation Committee. The brief was signed by the eight members of the committee.

Mr. Williams related that the committee had been formed over a year ago when the trustees announced their intention of applying for incorporation. Several public meetings had been held to discuss the matter and various members did research in different aspects of the question.

The petition he said, represented 55.4% of those on the electoral rolls of the village and had been verified by the township clerk.

First objection the brief contained concerned the implication of municipal fragmentation. Incorporation of King City would open the way to the future incorporation of other police villages in the township and Oak Ridges. All these small municipalities would be in contact on their own local problems, not those in adjacent areas. "The best interests of all will be served by the township remaining a single integrated municipality," said the brief.

Future development in the area depends on the solution to a number of key problems, the brief continued. Chief of these were the provision of a sewage plant and improvement of the water supply.

The ratio of industrial to residential assessment in the area is very low - 13%, approximately, and further residential assessment would result in higher taxes. These three problems must all be solved before further development is possible and the committee felt that with King City remaining part of the township they could be better solved.

Under incorporation, the brief said, the responsibility for planning would fall on an inexperienced village council and a small municipal staff with limited qualifications and experience.

Other disadvantages which the committee saw in a small independent municipality were that borrowing would be difficult and costly; service would suffer under poorly qualified employees; there would be no qualified supervisor of road work; there would be neither equipment nor manpower for road plowing; to provide the present 24-hour service provided by the township police force would require four or five men which would be financially impossible.

The amalgamation of the 15 township school sections under a township school area board had improved education greatly in the area and represented a trend, the brief went on. If the township remained a single entity, improved services in water, sewage, roads, fire and police would result.

"The move (to incorporation) would be short-sighted on the edge of the fastest growing area in North America, which is creeping mile by mile closer each year," the brief concluded. "It would make current and future problems more complex."

In his cross examination of this witness, D. R. Steele QC, solicitor for the village trustees, challenged Mr. Williams and the other members of the committee on their qualifications for making the statements in the

Economist Prefers Wards For King Twp.

In spite of rigorous cross-examination for an entire afternoon and part of the next morning, King City Village Trustee lawyer, D. R. Steele, QC was unable to shake the testimony of the township's star witness, Eric Hardy, a political economist and municipal consultant at last week's OMB hearing on the trustees' application for incorporation of the police village as a full village.

Ironically, Mr. Hardy had been employed by the trustees in 1960 to prepare a study of the future development of King City and its possible incorporation. His 18-page report was given them in January, 1961 and expressed his conviction that the village should not seek incorporation.

Developments since that time, Mr. Hardy said, had merely reinforced his conviction. The trustees had made a previous application for incorporation in 1958 which was denied by the OMB. The 1958 application had included the annexation of several hundred acres of adjacent territory. The trustees' present application is for the incorporation of the village as it now stands, although a petition for incorporation and annexation of about 80 acres was made by 75 ratepayers at the same time.

Mr. Hardy had impressive qualifications for his lengthy testimony. As well as a degree in political economy from the University of Toronto, he is a director of the Citizens' Research Institute, member of the Bureau of Municipal Research, of the Ontario Bureau of Statistics and Research, a lecturer on local government at the University of Toronto and was a member of the Glasseo Commission. Mr. Hardy has conducted surveys all across Canada on various aspects of municipal concerns.

Before making the 1961 report to King City trustees he had made an extensive review of the file of correspondence relating to their 1958 application for incorporation. In September, 1961 he completed a study for King Township concerning

policy on urban development in the township.

Chief reason for his opposition to incorporation of King City, Mr. Hardy said, was that King City had major problems to be solved before development could take place there and these could better be solved in partnership with King Township than as an independent body.

The village's most serious problem, he stated, was that of the proposed grade separation of the CN line at Keele Street and Springhill Avenue. Three alternative proposals had been made for its solution, the least expensive of which was estimated in 1961 to cost \$648,000.

This proposal would have the rail line in a depressed cut around the village. Some 11 properties would have to be acquired and it was felt that it would produce less noise and nuisance generally in the area. Both Keele Street and Springhill would pass over the railway cut.

Second, and not recommended, proposal was for a series of retaining walls around the intersection with the streets passing under the rail line.

Although the third solution was said to be 38% more costly (about \$250,000 more) Mr. Hardy said it was much preferable and should be investigated further. It would have the rail line completely re-routed to pass east of the village.

This solution would make possible a modern, planned industrial park well removed from the village which could attract industry to the township in the future and help balance a very poor residential-internal ratio.

Mr. Hardy felt that if King City were a separate municipal entity the township would be much less inclined to share in the cost of the very expensive grade crossing solution.

"If the village has taxable capacity, the problem is more its own concern," he said. "The township won't have the same responsibility to correct the condition. If the village remains part of

an urbanizing township, then the township can put the problem on its platter. The township could afford to take a look at the two alternatives and take a long view of the problem if the area remains part of its tax base."

Mr. Hardy also stressed that the village could also best control urban development in the vicinity if it remained part of the township.

A police village was termed "an old-fashioned device" by Mr. Hardy. Its boundaries are more rigid than would be those of an urban service area and with its greater rigidity it can't deal with problems beyond its own boundaries.

"Good government is more possible when boundaries have a good containment of territory. If cut up by independent municipalities in its territory, difficulties of efficient government are increased," said Mr. Hardy.

Over strong objections from Mr. Steele, the trustees' lawyer, Mr. Hardy was permitted to answer a question posed by the township's solicitor, R. F. Wilson QC concerning the ward system.

Mr. Wilson's question was "Is the new legislation giving townships the right to a ward system with the dissolution of police villages a material factor in your opinion on incorporation?"

Mr. Steele objected to the question on the grounds that consideration of the ward system had been adjourned by the board at the first day's hearing (October 12).

His objection was overruled however and Mr. Hardy replied that in his opinion the new legislation allowing ward systems offered a preferable alternative to incorporation. OMB Chairman William Shub took objection to his use of the word "preferable" and suggested he might substitute "an alternative which might be looked into and adopted," to which substitution Mr. Hardy agreed.

He preferred the ward system, Mr. Hardy said, because it was "a better mechanical

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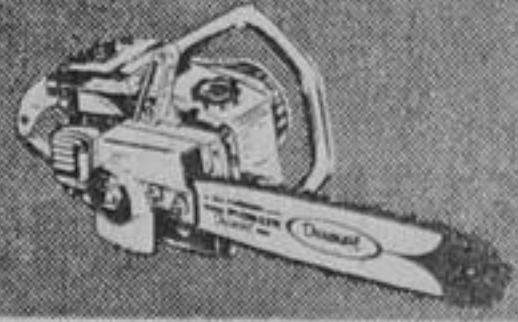
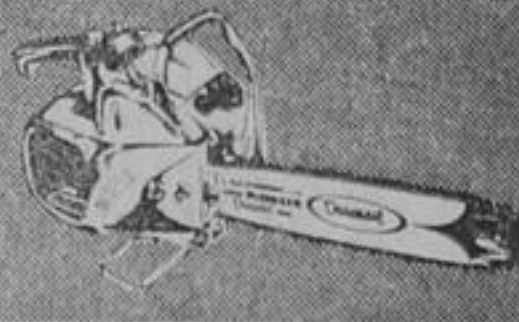
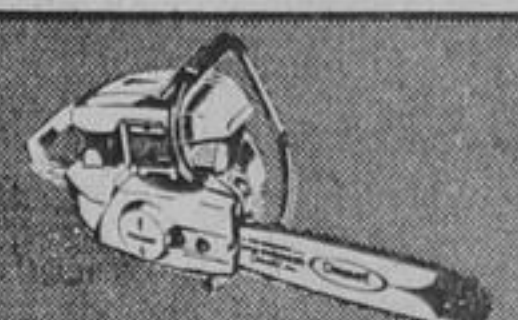
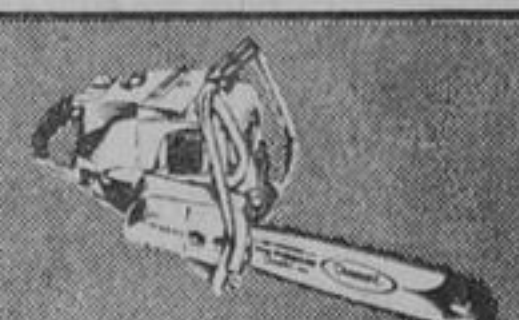


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Edgeley Notes

Socials
Miss Beverly Ann Stuart entertained a few of her friends on the occasion of her fifth birthday on October 13.

On hand to wish Beverly a happy birthday and to enjoy the beautifully decorated birthday cake and other goodies were Janice Ward, Jody Macdonald, Sheila Yotoff and Jimmy Armstrong.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnston of Medford, Oregon spent Thanksgiving week with Mrs. Johnston's folks in Toronto and visited friends and relatives in Edgeley and Concord before they returned by plane to the west coast last Sunday.

Best wishes to those who are celebrating a wedding anniversary this month. Among them are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Locke, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tomkow, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Snider and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Agnew.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION By THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM FOR APPROVAL OF A BY-LAW IMPOSING A WATERWORKS RATE

TAKE NOTICE THAT:

- The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Markham intends to apply to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval of the construction of a 12 inch diameter watermain on Bayview Avenue from the south limit of Creswick Road northerly to the south limit of Lot 22, Registered Plan 3806, a distance of 4,242 lineal feet, and a ten inch diameter watermain on Yonge Street from the south limit of Lot 4, Registered Plan 3805 northerly to 50 feet north of the south limit of Lot 1, Registered Plan 4342, a distance of approximately 2801 feet at an estimated cost of \$75,684.00 and intends to charge part of the cost of the work as a water works rate for a period of 20 years upon lands that abut on the street or streets on which the watermains have been constructed.
- It is proposed to raise part of the annual payments by an annual frontage rate of \$0.35 per foot.
- In addition to the said rates hereinbefore imposed there is hereby imposed upon the owners and occupants of lands described in paragraph 4 of this notice a water works rate sufficient to pay for two and one half per cent of the capital cost of the existing water works authorized under By-laws numbers 1670, 1877, 2008, a mill rate of two mills on the assessed value of the lands described in paragraph 4.
- The lands in respect of which such owners or occupants are deemed to derive benefit from the project are described as follows, namely:
All and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises lying and being in the Township of Markham in the County of York and being composed of all lots numbers 37 to 42 inclusive in the First Concession of the Township of Markham and all of the west half of lots numbers 12 to 20 inclusive in the Second Concession of the said Township.
- Any ratepayer may, within twenty-one days after the first publication of this notice, send by prepaid post to the Clerk of the Township of Markham at the address given below, a notice in writing stating his objection to such approval or to the imposition of the special rate.
- The Ontario Municipal Board may approve the said special rate pursuant to the statute and may approve of the said works, but before doing so it may appoint a time and place for a public hearing when any objections will be considered, but notice of such hearing will be given only to those persons who have given notice of objection as provided for above.

Dated at the Township of Markham, this 12th day of October, 1965.

H. C. T. Crisp,
Clerk, Township of Markham
R.R. 2, Gormley, Ontario.

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Hon. Alvin Hamilton Speaks To Kiwanians

Hubert Hamilton and his son Allan of 26 Riverside Drive, Humber Summit were among the interested audience at the big inter-club meeting of Metro Toronto and district Kiwanians recently when Hon. Alvin Hamilton MP spoke on world trade.

A former university lecturer and also a former high school teacher, Hon. Alvin Hamilton is Hubert Hamilton's brother. He was interested to hear of the academic progress of nephew Allan who is a student at Emery Collegiate, Weston Road near Finch Avenue.

Concord News

Socials
Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wright, Lawrie Road, who celebrated their 16th wedding anniversary October 14.

Congratulations also to Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McLean, 20 King High Drive, who celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lacey, Lawrie Road spent the Thanksgiving weekend in Meriden, Conn., with their two youngest children Debbie and Timmy. They visited Mr. and Mrs. William Schneider and Mr. and Mrs. William De Merchant.

Your correspondent and husband entertained Mr. and Mrs. Herb Brasier of Richmond Hill, William Gage of Thornhill and

Miss Patricia Swift of Toronto on Monday night following the annual Thornhill Lions Ladies' Night.

Scout News
The 1st Concord Scout Troop attended a sub-district camporee at the Maple Scout property last weekend, along with the five Thornhill troops. Fourteen boys attended with their scout master, Dr. Peter Granger and had an excellent time.

The Tiger Patrol under Jeff Boron returned with honors from their camp site.

The Falcon Patrol was honored to have Herb Rogers, the camp chief as their guest for Sunday lunch.

Jim Webb recently earned his 2nd class, making him the first Scout in the troop to have earned this award; a remarkable achievement for only 6 months.

We're sorry to report that Lorne Resor is laid up with a bad back, and hope to see him up and about before long.

Presbyterians Plan Congregational Visits Celebrate 136 Years Service

By MARY DAWSON
Celebrating 136 years of service to the community on Sunday, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Maple, held services at 11 am and 7 pm with Rev. Charles G. Boyd, BA, of Parkdale Presbyterian Church as guest minister.

Early historians refer to this charge as the Congregation of Vaughan in the Presbytery of Toronto, Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in connection with the Church of Scotland.

The earliest record in existence was written by the late Donald Cameron in the form of a petition, dated December 15, 1829, which pleads on behalf of 90 to 100 persons, chiefly from Scotland, anxious to enjoy the means of divine grace and being destitute of a suitable house for that purpose, for the assistance of a generous and discerning public to erect a church on the rear of lot No. 19, 3rd Concession of Vaughan. They wished to adopt the doctrine and worship of the Church of Scotland.

It is believed that leadership had been received from the Rev. William Jenkins, the first minister of Richmond Hill and Scarboro, whose call is dated in 1817.

The Rev. Peter McNaughton, the first minister, had been educated in Aberdeen and was ordained by the Presbytery of Auchterarder in March and was designated to go to Thorah and Eldon. His stay there was brief, for his induction at Vaughan is dated August 21, 1833. In July 1844 he returned to Scotland but September 1847 found him back in the Vaughan charge which he left the next year for Pickering. He resigned from that charge November 21, 1856, and afterward lived for a time in Vaughan, Charles McNaughton, the present Ontario Minister of Highways, is a direct descendant.

The next early record has

to do with the laying out of the burying ground (across Keele Street from the present church). This had been in possession of the community for some time and the first church was built there, probably in 1830 or 1831.

The first elder, Donald Cameron, who died in 1858, frequently took the service himself when the pulpit was vacant, which was often for long periods. He did so on the last Sunday before he died. His great grandson, Archie Cameron, is this generation's representative elder, continuing the unbroken record of eldership by that family since the beginning of the congregation.

The present beautiful white frame structure, on the west side of Keele Street, was built in 1862 by a contractor named McDonald. James McDonald, clerk of Vaughan Township, is the grand-nephew of the contractor, and the McDonald family has also supplied the church with elders for many years.

Considerable work was done to provide a solid foundation for the tower portion of the building in 1959.

Another outstanding minister was the Rev. William Aitken of "Silver Mine", Torpicken, Linlithgow, Scotland. He was inducted into the Vaughan charge November 1, 1865. One of his large families was William Maxwell Aitken, born May 25, 1879 in Maple, Max Aitken was created knight in 1911 and Baron Beaverbrook in 1916. The carillon in the church, heard for 15 minutes before service on the Sabbath and every evening in the week in the village, was Lord Beaverbrook's gift to his boyhood church in 1963.

Associated with St. Andrew's through the years has been St. Paul's, Vaughan. The first church, a log structure, was built there in 1844. This was a mission church

from St. Andrew's and the two churches had a joint session and communion roll until July 1960. The ties between the two churches have always been very close.

In 1955 a subdivision was begun just north of St. Andrew's in Maple, which changed the composition of the rural community. In 1961 a new subdivision, lying west and south of the church, eventually added another 200 dwellers.

Recognizing that the changed character of the community necessitates a clearer vision and a more effective stewardship program if the church is to continue to fill its place, and give leadership in community affairs, a general committee has been appointed to study the Biblical basis of stewardship and the theme of "Partnership in the Gospel Program", to plan a congregational program with vision; and to plan and participate in a visitation program which will include all members and adherents of the church. Members of this committee are: Rev. B. F. Andrew, minister Duane Forest, general chairman; and the following chairmen of sub-committees: congregational vision, Rev. J. C. Cooper; special events, Mrs. J. Hynd; publicity, Mrs. Eric Brier; training director, Andrew Snider; contact chairman, J. Hynd; contact captains Gordon Ingram, Alex Sutherland and Denis Creighton.

This vision will be presented at a congregational dinner on November 11 and November 14 has been designated "Visitation Sunday". On this day every member and adherent will be visited in the interests of the vision and the stewardship program. Stress will be placed on individual participation in the work of the church, by attendance at weekly worship services, Sunday School and church groups.

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