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APPROVE \$499,000 CROSBY SCHOOL



Victorious John Addison received Monday's election returns at his Richmond Hill campaign headquarters. Left is seen his sister-in-law Janet Burns and Mrs. Mabel Fenwick.

Addison Wins Third Term With Reduced Majority

In a close fight Liberal John Addison won re-election in York North in Monday's general election. He defeated Conservative Donald Martyn by 1,372. This was a sharp drop from his record high majority of 7,180 in the 1963 election. A young 28-year-old University of Toronto lecturer the Tory nominee waged an aggressive, hard-hitting campaign which resulted in a

the nation the New Democrat vote in York North showed an increase of 1,466 over the 1963 figure of 8,591. The Tory vote went up 1,393 while the Liberal vote dropped by 4,415.

Addison carried every municipality in the county with the exception of Georgina, North Gwillimbury and Whitechurch

Bad Weather Delays Vaughan Road Work

Two contractors doing road work for Vaughan Township were given extensions on the time limit for their contracts at Monday's meeting of township council.

Work on the most easterly 900 feet of Langstaff Sideroad and its realignment with Highway 7 was only approved by the Department of Highways on October 19 and K. J. Beamish Construction asked that the work be either postponed until next spring or permitted on a cost plus basis. Prolonged wet weather has produced difficult working conditions and there was said to be a shortage of both gravel and trucks.

Council agreed that the work should be postponed until next spring and also that spreading of remaining top soil, seeding and mulching be postponed until spring.

In order to make up time lost due to bad weather, Graham Bros. Construction requested a 15 day extension of their contract for the reconstruction of the White School House Sideroad. An extension to November 15 was granted and it was recommended that spreading of top soil, seeding and mulching here be done in the spring also.

Four tenders were received for the supplying of approximately 4,000 tons of sand for use on township roads this winter. Contract was awarded to J. Chieffo Sand and Gravel at a price of 68c per ton. High bid was from Pinewood Aggregates Limited at 80c per ton.

Breakdown of the voting by municipalities is as follows:

	ADDISON	MARTYN	NORTON
Georgina	497	548	156
Sutton	263	349	74
North Gwillimbury	792	936	584
East Gwillimbury	1,801	1,322	1,250
Newmarket	1,611	1,372	695
King	2,150	2,039	1,098
Whitechurch	1,012	1,110	613
Stouffville	663	606	247
Aurora	1,467	1,358	1,095
Vaughan	2,504	2,208	1,486
Markham Township	956	881	416
Markham Village	882	746	372
Richmond Hill	2,655	2,406	1,971
TOTALS	17,253	15,881	10,057

Car Damaged By Fire On Sat. Night

An estimated \$200 damage was caused by fire to a 1956 Buick last Saturday night a few minutes after nine o'clock.

Victor Carlisle, 77 Mill Street, Richmond Hill, had just made the turn from Yonge Street onto Markham Road, when flames burst from under the hood. He pulled to the side of the road just west of the corner of Church Street, away from the immediate area of residences and summoned the local fire department.

Extensive damage was done to the wiring and the hood before the flames were extinguished.

Industrial-Commercial Building Down \$1,254,300

Industrial and commercial construction in Richmond Hill is down about 1 1/4 million dollars from last year.

This was the gloomy fact contained in Building Inspector J. L. Hollowell's report to council Monday night dating from January to October 30 of 1965.

The report showed a decrease in industrial construction of \$883,000 and in commercial of \$371,300. Industrial totalled \$243,000 in 1965 compared to \$1,126,000 the previous year. Commercial has comparative figures of \$219,700 and \$591,000.

Reeve Donald Plaxton observed it was quite apparent last year "was a banner one for industrial and commercial construction."

"But it also points up the necessity for some pretty active plans for the future as far as increasing municipal services are concerned."

The reeve said some means for increasing construction would have to be found if school services costs are to be paid out of the present assessment basis.

"We've got to grow," he said, "or we just won't be able to provide the services."

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst said there was little doubt the town would have to acquire industrial land.

"I feel the federal election has been responsible for curbing some of the industrial activity and it's likely to burst out in the coming spring and we've got to be geared for it," he said.

"I hope so," said Reeve Plaxton.

The building report noted that "double the amount for last year has been spent on school additions. But only a quarter of the 1964 amount has been spent on churches. Residential alterations are up as well as private garages.

Residential construction totalled \$942,000 compared to \$999,000 in 1964. Apartments rang up the highest cost in '65 at \$568,000, with single family at \$309,000, and the medical clinic \$65,000. Residential alterations totalled \$29,450.

School additions were at \$356,000 compared to \$170,000 in 1964.

Construction costs totalled \$1,881,875 in 1965 and \$3,118,820 in the previous year — a decrease of \$1,236,945.

There were a total of 128 building permits issued down from 1964's total of 138.

Inspector Hollowell also reported he had spent considerable time in preparing a sign by-law and in the processing of building plans.

"I have also been considering the adoption of the 1965 edition of the National Building Code," he said, "and in the near future I hope to meet with my committee to discuss further the adoption of this code.

Mr. Hollowell delivered a report on by-law enforcement dating from January to October 30, 1965.

It showed a total of 75 complaints including: Parking of cars on front lawns, various types of businesses being operated from homes; used cars being sold at service stations; new cars being sold at service stations; dirt on roads; fencing, and noise.

"I have investigated all complaints some as many as two or three times," Mr. Hollowell said. "In some cases I have taken pictures and reported to committee meetings on these. Most of the complaints I have investigated I found were contrary to our by-laws and have been cleared up. There are one or two complaints that are pending, awaiting legal advice."

Town Work Crew Ready For Winter

The Richmond Hill Works Department is applying some last minute touches to road, ditch and sidewalk projects prior to battering down the winter hatches.

Works Commissioner Otto Whalen said the department has practically completed this year's work on phase one of a ditching program in the northwest section of Beverley Acres.

This involves clearing out ditches, increasing the size of culverts, and the re-sodding of banks to stabilize the streets.

Work has also been completed on the construction of a sidewalk on the east side of Yonge south of Markham Road.

Also in the finishing stage is renovation to the bus stop at Yonge and Vaughan Road. Asphalt has been laid for a waiting area.

About to be started is initial work on the arena parking lot in preparation for paving it next year. Gravel and stone will be laid this year.

Winterizing of equipment — including hydrants — is underway with tenders for sand and salt to be called next week.

Sufficient sand is now available in case winter decides to try a sneak punch, said Mr. Whalen.

Vaughan To Review Possible 3rd Dump

Out again, in again, seems to be the story of a possible third dump in Vaughan Township.

Early last spring Etobicoke Township asked approval for a sanitary land fill operation on property owned by the CNR on Lot 1, Concession 8, the north side of Steele's Avenue.

While council appeared to look with favor on the project at that time, no final decision was taken.

At the October 18 meeting, a by-law permitting the dump was presented to council but could not find majority support on council and was thrown out.

Since that time, council's general purpose committee has met with the board of control, the clerk and treasurer of Etobicoke Township to discuss the matter.

It was reported at Monday night's meeting of Vaughan council that Reeve Stan McBeth, on behalf of Etobicoke Township, stated that if Vaughan would amend its official plan and zoning by-law to permit the dump, Etobicoke could conceivably agree to cease operation on written notice from Vaughan if it is found that Etobicoke is not operating the dump in accordance with Vaughan's by-laws; maintain Steeles Avenue from Highway 27 to Kipling Avenue; pay certain sums of money to Vaughan for supervision and inspection of the premises by Vaughan; and allow Vaughan to send some of its garbage to the property if it is found necessary.

Main fear of dissenting councillors at the October 18 meeting had been that Vaughan might again find trouble in enforcing its dump by-law, resulting in long drawn out and expensive court procedures and that garbage trucks would increase the expense of maintaining that portion of Steeles Avenue over which they are expected to travel.

Council agreed to reconsider its position on the matter.

Reluctant "OK" Given By Finance Committee

A controversial debenture request for the \$499,217 senior wing to Crosby Heights Public School — \$120,000 over the original estimate — has received grudging approval from the finance committee of Richmond Hill Town Council.

The okay assured its passage through town council because four of its seven members attended the committee meeting and gave their support. A council vote — at worst — would pass it 4-3.

Approving the debenture if you decide you need one later on."

"The only way money could be saved on this project," he continued, "would (Continued on Page 3)

The green light for the debenture request was flashed at a combined meeting Tuesday night with representatives from the Richmond Hill Public School Board, its architect, and Reeve Albert Rutherford and Councillor Warren Bryce of Vaughan Township. Markham Township Council was not represented. Both the latter townships will contribute a total of three percent to the cost.

Spotlight for most of the meeting — before the lights went out due to power failure — was directed at Toronto Architect Klaus Bindhardt who estimated costs on the Crosby addition.

Mr. Bindhardt retraced previously raked ground which had laid the blame for the sudden rise on booming construction costs.

"Construction costs are up tremendously," said Mr. Bindhardt, "particularly in the sub trades. Following our original estimate the prices started rising very rapidly and by midsummer were completely hawswire."

He had at that time advised the school board that the eight room school, including a double gymnasium, could not be built for the amount of the original estimate.

Mayor Broadhurst said his main concern had been the 25 percent rise over the original estimate in just a six month period.

"To be suddenly hit by this," he said, "certainly played havoc with our municipal financing."

Mr. Bindhardt said he could "see the problem but the rise in the Crosby cost is almost in direct proportion to general construction rises all over."

He stated there were definitely no frills to the proposed addition adding that even the ventilating system was eliminated to pare costs. And he felt that the wisest thing would be to include the system because "you'll have to pay more for it."

Markham Township Schools

Five-Year Forecast Slows Project

York Central District High School Board's new secondary school, north of Thornhill, which has been waiting to get underway for more than a year now, will have to wait at least another week anyway before it receives any help from Markham Township.

Monday night at its regular meeting, council received a request from the board to make preliminary application for debentures for the \$325,000 school, which it is hoped to get underway by next June for completion by September of 1967.

At the same time council received a similar request from TSA No. 1 for a \$360,000 debenture for a 12-room school in North Thornhill, slated for 1966.

The York Central project is to be shared by Markham and Vaughan Townships, Richmond Hill and Woodbridge, with Markham's share between 20 and 22 per cent.

In its request the board said the school — its sixth secondary one — would be for the "normal increase of students" in the southern part of the area, and would accommodate more than 800 students, with eventual space for 1,500 to 1,800.

Township Clerk H. C. T. Crisp informed the meeting that the debenture was not included in the township's five-year forecast. If it decided to apply this year, council would have to make formal application to the OMB to change the forecast.

Said Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble: "It might be appropriate to wait until next year, when it's not in our five-year forecast."

Councillor Cleary Palmer said the forecast was a "dream." Council either approved of the application or it didn't.

Said Councillor Allan Sumner: "We don't know what the other three municipalities are going to do. Could we get their feelings from them and put this over for another week?"

Mr. Sumner said council should see what action the other municipalities were taking with regard to the county issuing debentures.

Council agreed to Mr. Sumner's motion and also decided to make TSA No. 1 wait for a week as well before taking any action.

Storybook Players' "Coral King" Warmly Received By Youngsters

It is impossible to point out any flaws in the performance of any of the actors and almost as difficult to pick a star. Gerry Crack as the Coral King, alias William Bones was particularly appealing however and gave the best performance which this reviewer has ever seen him do.

A newcomer to Richmond Hill theatre, Ian Gibson of Don Mills made a fine underdog and his triumph in the end was heartily applauded by the young viewers.

Beth Jones made a fine, shrewish Fleurette, while Jerry Diakiv was both comic and nasty. Joan Harold is to be congratulated on her endurance as the octopus, with what must have been a stifling costume. Hugo Jackson had a contagious enthusiasm for his role as the blue cat and Marjut Karu was beautifully cast as the mermaid.

The play was directed by Ronald Chudley and while no credit was given on the program for sets, those responsible should be warmly applauded.

While pre-schoolers may have understood little of the story, the colorful set and fast action kept them interested for the most part, while the five to 10 year set were entranced throughout.

"Can't we stay to see it over again?" was the question most frequently asked as parents shepherd their children outside.

My own particular seven-year-old, when told that the group would do other plays which he could see, replied with a sigh, "I wish they'd do 'The Coral King' again!"

They will do it again this Sunday, and later this month, it will be put on at the Sick Children's Hospital. There has also been a suggestion that it be done at "The Poor Alex" and this would seem a good idea.

In the meantime, the group is bursting to get to work in its permanent headquarters in Thornhill, legal arrangements for which are expected to be completed shortly.

Certainly, if "The Coral King" is any criterion, the group can look for a long and successful career in Thornhill.

Betty Graham Of York County CAS To Head Child Welfare In Ontario

Betty C. Graham, executive director of York County Children's Aid Society has been appointed Director of child welfare for Ontario, it was announced this week.

Miss Graham succeeds W. H. Bury, formerly of 96 Arnold Street, Richmond Hill who left the post to become executive director of the Winnipeg Children's Aid Society this summer.

Daughter of the late Dr. George Graham, former chief coroner of Toronto and Ontario, and of Mrs. Andrew Miller of Toronto, Miss Graham graduated from the University of Toronto in 1941. She served two years with the Royal Canadian

Air Force and received her diploma in social work in 1946. She spent one year with the Perth County CA and joined the staff of the York County society in September, 1947, becoming its executive director in 1954.

Miss Graham is looking forward to her new position and considers it a great honor but also a great responsibility. She is particularly happy however, to be taking over the post at this time, when the new welfare act is to be put in operation. She considers the act "a tremendous piece of legislation" and feels that it clarifies a lot of things that have been troubling social service agencies.



Senior Citizens Eager To Vote

Helping to elect Canada's 27th Parliament this week were two of York North's elder citizens, Mrs. Margaret Robertson, 93, left, and right, seated, Mrs. Florrie Lugsdin, 92. Both reside at Richvale Nursing Home, Edgar Avenue and cast their ballots at Emmanuel Anglican Church, MacKay Ave., Richvale.

Mrs. Robertson was a resident of Toronto for many years, emigrating from Ireland in 1907. She has a daughter in Toronto and one in Calgary. Mrs. Lugsdin has lived in Winnipeg and Toronto. She has one son in Kleinburg and another in Toronto.