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Return Broadhurst, Perkins For Two Years - Acclamation

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst and Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins have sailed unopposed into a two-year term on council but elsewhere it's open season with December 4 election day deciding the issues.

Both Mr. Broadhurst and Mr. Perkins received acclamations in Monday night's nomination meeting at the Richmond Hill High School Auditorium.

It was much the same story for the Richmond Hill Public School Board - which is electing two members in each of the four wards for two-year terms - with Wards 1, 2 and 3 resulting in acclamations.

which has already been given impetus by council in the formation of the Southern Six. "This is a delicate infant and needs careful rearing but sooner or later it is going to come to maturity and it had better be on our terms rather than on terms which are imposed on us". Other projects involve work on the first stage of the reconstruction of Yonge Street plus the annexation of more industrial land; completion of the senior citizens' housing project and planning of a community centre.

Two-Man Race For Reeve, Deputy Seven Trying For 3-Man Council

The shadow of the proposed ward system provided the background Tuesday night at the King Township election nominations which provided a two-man battle for both the reeve and deputy-reeve seats.

Reeve Plaxton urged that the next two years would see a drastic need to control expenditures within limits of assessments as well as to control planning. "Our auditor", he stated, "said he can see no reason why the ward system should cost any more with the exception of the necessity of having more councillors. This will be overcome by the benefits received by having a representative in each part of the township".

Mr. Cook said he did not necessarily oppose the ward system but did oppose the dissolution of the Police Villages of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg in the event of such a situation.

Mr. Mactaggart said he opposed the ward system for a number of reasons including lack of information on it and that "I do not feel because 550 persons want it, it should be forced on everyone else".

Mr. Curran spoke out in favor of the ward system - he's been for it since 1961 - and said that the "days of the horse and buggy police village setup had been and were going".

Two other nominees for the board were William H. Armstrong and Carmen Tilson but both indicated they would be doubtful candidates.

Reeve Jennings dealt on a number of subjects but commented specifically on the controversial ward plan stating it



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Richmond Hill Police Commission Sworn In

Members of Richmond Hill's first police commission are shown being sworn in last week by Magistrate O. S. Hollinrake (third from left) at a ceremony in the council chambers of the town hall. Left to right, Mayor Thomas Broadhurst, Magistrate J. W. Butler, of Richmond Hill, Mr. Hollinrake, and Judge Garth H. F. Moore. Mr. Butler was named chairman.

Similar ceremonies were carried out in Vaughan Township with Judge Moore named chairman. Judge Moore is also on the commissions of both Vaughan and Markham Townships, as is Magistrate Hollinrake. Reeve A. H. Rutherford will be the third member of the Vaughan commission and Reeve Charles Hooper the third member for Markham.



MAYOR THOS. BROADHURST

Receiving acclamations in Ward 1 were Andrew Hutcheon of 437 Taylor Mills Drive who is completing one year as a trustee, and newcomer David Service of 100 Rockport Crescent. Deciding not to run was incumbent Dave Stephenson. In Ward 3 it was W. H. Hutcheon and Mrs. Deena Simpson returning unopposed.

In Ward 2 it was Mrs. Phyllis Hawkes, 95 Roseview and L. E. Schell, receiving acclamations. There were only two nameless surprises in the council race with Councillor Walter Scudds signing up for the reeveship and Robert Saunders deciding to change his mind and make a bid for the Ward 4 seat.

The Scudds' decision was pretty well a sure thing and he'll be matching strength against Reeve Donald Plaxton who'll be trying for the two-year term after receiving an acclamation in the last election.

A former reeve and member of council for 11 years, W. J. Taylor, was nominated for reeveship but declined. He is presently chairman of the Toronto York Roads Commission.

Mr. Saunders, after saying he definitely wouldn't be running, decided he definitely will be and undoubtedly he changed his mind on urgings of many supporters. His opposition will be John MacDiarmid who ran third last year behind Eric Handbury and Saunders.

Councillor Handbury bowed out this term due to "business pressures".

The biggest race will be the biggest Ward 1 riding with four candidates signing in with the latest being Ivan Mansbridge of 390 Allgood Street.

Others are newcomer Gerald Huntley of 469 Judaea Court, Eric George and Con Thompson. Both the latter are two-time losers two years running. Mr. Thompson is a former separate school trustee.

Ward 3 again pits Councillor Lois Hancey against Tom Murphy for the third straight year. Mrs. Hancey entered the council circle initially by wrestling



DEPUTY-REEVE F. PERKINS

accomplished in the next two years. These include an acceleration of the "movement towards regional government for the southern half of York County".

Ratepayers To Elect 2 Hydro Commissioners

Chairman Sam Cook and Commissioner William Wagner will both seek re-election to the Richmond Hill Hydro Commission. Mr. Cook has served on the commission since its inception in 1957. Publisher of "The Liberal" Mr. Cook was first elected chairman in 1958.

A member of the commission since 1958 Mr. Wagner was associated with Colgate Palmolive Ltd. for 33 years as treasurer and director. He has been a resident of Richmond Hill for the past 22 years. Long active in service club work he has been a member of the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs for over 30 years.

Ron Belfry is the new face seeking election to one of the two posts on the commission. This will mark Mr. Belfry's first attempt to gain elective office. In private life he is a salesman.

In his speech at Monday's nomination meeting Mr. Cook said the commission has made three rate reductions applicable to every category of customer, domestic, commercial and industrial since 1957. The latest rate reduction came into effect on September 1 of this year when there was general rate reduction of 10%.

"The rate reduction this fall was made at a time when most goods and services are going up in price" said Mr. Cook. The commission is continuing its drive to increase the use of electric power. There are now more than 2,000 rental water heaters in use in town. This fall the commission in co-operation with Ontario Hydro promoted a dryer program in which purchasers received a free electric blanket.

The commission's finances are excellent and no debentures have been issued since 1960. Any debentures are a charge against the credit of the municipality.

In his address Mr. Wagner stressed the continuity of service on the commission and the fact the next few years with the proposed redevelopment of Yonge Street will be challenging ones for hydro.

When the voters go to the polls on December 4 they will have to elect two members. By provincial statute the hydro commission is composed of two commissioners and the mayor who by virtue of his office is automatically a member. The members of the 1965 commission were Chairman Cook, Commissioner Wagner and Mayor Thomas Broadhurst.

Briefs Urge Rapid Transit Railway For Area As Transportation Hearings Open In The Hill

Richmond Hill and Newmarket are united in their desires for a rapid transit railway system north of Metro but divided as to location.

Both briefs were presented at the Metro Toronto and Region Transportation Study hearing in Richmond Hill Thursday afternoon of last week.

Councillor Lois Hancey presented the Hill brief which pressed for the operation of the existing CNR rail connection between Richmond Hill and Toronto Union Station.

This route would disgorge area commuters along the industrial areas north and south of Don Mills, Leaside and east of Yonge on the Lakeshore where "a considerable number of people in Richmond Hill and other north communities work."

"A great deal more, however, work in the inner ring of Metro and would make use of the subway system to transport them to other areas on arrival at Union Station."

The Newmarket brief, as presented by Deputy-reeve George Richardson, said the CNR "could best serve the general public."

The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Transportation Study opened its series of public hearings on transportation planning in Richmond Hill November 18.

Ontario Transport Minister Irwin Haskett, chairman, said the hearings were being scheduled to give municipalities and other parties an opportunity to present their views on regional transportation requirements for the future.

The transportation study was formed three years ago by the Ontario Government to carry out a broad-scale investigation of transportation and recommend a coordinated transportation plan for the region.

Last spring it issued a public invitation for presentation of briefs dealing with the regional aspects of the transportation need in the future; the degree to which transportation availability and flexibility affects economic development and land use; and the policies of the different levels of government needed to resolve transportation problems.

Other hearings will be held in Oshawa, Hamilton and Toronto. All hearings commence at 2 pm.

Area by running a rapid transit service through King City, Aurora and into Newmarket.

"A bus service could carry commuters from Richmond Hill to Maple", Mr. Richardson said the Richmond Hill line which went up to Mount Albert did not contain "much of a built-up area".

He also called for establishment of a new committee composed of one elected council member from each municipality affected by the commuter problem to work with the transportation study.

The Richmond Hill brief acknowledged that some disadvantage would be experienced for commuters working west of Yonge Street but suggested the use of the CPR line which branches from the CNR north of Don Mills and proceeds across the north of Metro.

Another brief by Liberal MP John Addison (reported elsewhere on this page) agreed with the Newmarket locale stating he didn't feel the distance to Maple would prove too much of an inconvenience for Richmond Hill commuters.

Mr. Addison also was at odds with Richmond Hill on findings of his survey to discover interest in such a service and the municipality's which was conducted among 1,500 residents by the Southwest Ratepayers Association.

The association discovered that only 43 percent of those

asked would use commuter rail service between Richmond Hill and Toronto.

Mr. Addison's brief found that 98 percent of those asked replied in the affirmative. But Mr. Addison added he received only an 8.6 percent return from questionnaires distributed to 27,000 persons.

The Richmond Hill brief recommended the urgent need for a fast, convenient and comfortable rapid transit between the north fringe of Toronto "as a necessary adjunct to the planned growth, future and usefulness of our community".

The brief said that Richmond Hill is hampered at the moment by an unbalanced ratio of residential to commercial industry - about 20-80 - and is restricted in the amount of residential development it can economically encourage.

"However, with the regional development of the Metro Official Plan and a more equitable assessment in the planning areas vast portions of land can be made available surrounding Richmond Hill highly suitable

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\$50 Fine For Yonge Street Range Rider

Horsing around on Yonge Street at the height of the midday traffic, resulted in a \$50 fine for a 53-year-old Maple man in Magistrate's Court Tuesday, who was convicted of being drunk while in charge of a horse.

William McMullin, an employee of a Maple Riding Academy, was "sagging in the saddle", according to Richmond Hill Police Constable Peter Gosling when he came across him Friday afternoon riding his steed up Yonge Street while muddled motorists struggled with their steering and considered signing the pledge right on the spot.

"He was first seen riding south", said Constable Gosling. "He would go at a gallop and then at a gait.

Each time I would grab the halter, he would nudge his horse with his knee and then take off in the traffic".

He said he had been trying to take the horse to the Honeywell Riding Stable on Yonge Street, but the animal shied at the traffic.

"The horse was sober, eh?" asked Crown Attorney Arleigh Armstrong.

When asked why he had taken off on his rare binge, the accused answered "I can't say now".

Magistrate Russell Pearce gave him time to pay his \$50 fine, maximum for the offense. It was not said whether he would be prohibited from horseback riding, however for the three-month period usually given to impaired drivers.

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If Old Enough To Drive And Fly Can Buy Fireworks At 18 - Council

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He felt 18 would be more of a "happy medium" to strive for than the drastic upshoot from 16 to 21.

The by-law prohibits the letting off of firecrackers on public streets.



Santa Arrives December 4

This big pig is not going to market - but he is coming to Richmond Hill to take his place in the parade which will welcome Santa Claus to our town on December 4 - and then on to do his marketing at Richmond Heights Centre. He will be accompanied by many friends.

The parade will get underway from Walter Scott School at 10:30 am and proceed west on Markham Road and north on Yonge Street to Richmond Heights Centre.

There will be floats and bands, clowns galore and many fairy tale characters - and of course jolly old St. Nicholas himself, whose annual visit to our town is so eagerly awaited by thousands of children.

Santa and his helpers promise the kiddies the biggest and best parade yet, and issue a special invitation to every child in this shopping area to be in

Richmond Hill to enjoy the day's festivities.

After the parade, Santa will be found in his headquarters in The Mall every day until Christmas and will be very happy to have all his little friends visit him there. He promises that he will answer every letter addressed to him and dropped into his special mailbox at the centre.

Rumble Seeking Mkhm Twp. Reeveship



DEPUTY-REEVE STEWART RUMBLE

Deputy-reeve Stewart Rumble, who last week announced that he hadn't made his mind up as to whether he would be running in the Markham Township municipal elections, December 6, Monday night dropped a bombshell at the end of the regular council meeting when he told Reeve Charles Hooper that he would be challenging him for the reeveship.

Mr. Rumble, who has been on council for the past three years, two as a councillor and the last as deputy-reeve, said he had "enjoyed serving" under the reeve, but felt he would now like to "challenge" him for his post.

Reeve Hooper, who seemed visibly upset by Mr. Rumble's announcement, said he

was "surprised" at his use of the word, challenge. He said it made it seem as if he were turning it into a personal fight.

Mr. Hooper was off council until 1950 when he was elected as councillor again, serving until 1953.

STEWART RUMBLE Seeks Reeveship