

Boxing Day Designated As Civic Holiday By Area Municipalities

Markham Township will observe Monday, December 27 as a civic holiday, it was decided at a meeting of council Monday afternoon.

Council voted unanimously in favor of the Boxing Day holiday in line with the Townships of Vaughan and North York and the Town of Richmond Hill.

Council also: Approved a request from York Central District High School for a debenture to cover the \$34,000 increased cost of a one-storey brick addition to Thornhill Secondary School library.

Received a report of the building committee showing the total value of building for November to be \$443,920, compared to \$702,975 for the same period last year.

Moved to prepare a by-law calling for the expenditure of \$5,113 for a local improvement project, a watermain at Terry and Perth Avenues. Homeowners involved will be assessed 48

cents a foot frontage over a 20-year period.

Delegated Planning Director Ian Keith, Engineer Dusan Miklas, Solicitor Paul Mingay and Councillor Charles Hoover to attend a meeting of Metro Planning Board this week. Mr. Keith said Metro was expecting to consider the possibility of a new land designation for "rural-industrial uses."

Gave third and final reading to an amendment to By-law 2177, approving the removal of a holding category and allowing Kittask Woodworking to locate on Dan Mills Road.

Agreed to send out a circular letter to property owners at Steele Valley Road, pointing out the advisability of paying cash for a local improvement for their own "personal saving" and to relieve the township of the necessity of issuing debentures.

Put over the first reading of two by-laws covering Sunday sports and Sunday movies until the township solicitor has discussed them with council.

The by-laws, which resulted from a plebiscite at the recent civic election, must be passed within six weeks of the plebiscite.

Agreed to apply for a provincial grant to cover work done for indigent patients by the VON during the year. The grant covers 50 per cent of nursing services performed.

Church Street Residents Up In Arms Over Establishment Nursing Home

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of preventing the operation.

Reeve Donald Plaxton said the "vast majority of people are concerned about the fact that a nursing home can go in under the present by-law and I think we owe it to these people to try to take steps to re-zone and prohibit the use."

"Whether we succeed is not the question," he said. "It's my feeling we should try to do it."

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst wondered what effect such operations would have on the planning board's official plan for the whole area.

He suggested the matter be handed over to the planning board for further investigation adding "we do not want to act hastily on the matter."

Councillor Walter Scudis said that merely passing a zoning by-law to stop nursing homes would accomplish little if the people in question had a licence to operate the home.

Mr. Hill informed council that the York County Board of Health had no objection to granting a licence for the home.

"I feel this matter affects not only Church Street," he said, "but the whole community."

The letter distributed to the various homes listed a number of objections including the submission that the home did not conform with the standards set out by the said by-law as to yard requirements, parking facilities.

"We have a genuine apprehension," the letter reads, "that much of the parking would be done on the street creating an unwarranted and dangerous problem for all the residents of the block and would aggravate the existing traffic and parking problem which this block has been suffering."

The letter also complained that the usage would conflict with the harmony of homes in the area.

It goes on to say that "it appears that 26 Church Street North would be required to accommodate nine nursing patients, a family of four, and one full-time registered nursing assistant."

"The said application further states that the Cornelia Nursing Home intends to expand its facilities to accommodate 14 patients."

Reeve Plaxton moved that planning board consider the matter further at its next meeting. Council agreed.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Santa Claus Arrives At Lake Wilcox

The Munsters in their exotic conveyance, complete with rumble seat and season's greetings from Stewart Beare, were a highlight of the Lake Wilcox Recreation Committee's Santa Claus Parade last Saturday afternoon.

The parade toured around the lake and all residents of the area had an excellent opportunity to admire the floats and other entries.

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Tips To Avoid Christmas Thefts

Now that the Christmas shoppers are in full swing, Richmond Hill Police Chief R. P. Robbins has a few words of warning to local residents.

First and foremost is the advice to all shoppers to lock their cars when they're buying their Christmas presents, and to put all their purchases in the trunk of their cars.

"People can cut down thefts considerably just by these simple precautions," said the chief.

Another favorite target of the thieves is outdoor Christmas tree lights and Chief Robbins reported thefts from several areas in the town on the weekend.

His advice to homeowners is to make them as difficult as possible to take and to report all such thefts immediately.

"Even if they're just children taking them they should be reported," said the chief. "The children shouldn't be just given a warning (by the homeowners) and let off."

Phoney \$20 bills are another thing to guard against, Chief Robbins said. The bills have been flooding Metro and have also been reported to a lesser extent in Richmond Hill and surrounding area.

Chief Robbins said a movie outlining various shoplifting techniques, shown to local merchants, has been proving of great assistance since the Christmas shopping season got underway.

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AURORA: Council will ask Metro Toronto and Region Transportation Study to consider a belated brief presenting the town's views on a commuter service.

STOUFFVILLE: Enthusiasm displayed by the Board of the Public Library here and the work of the librarian were praised by Reeve Win Timbers.

STOUFFVILLE: Truman Baxter, well-known resident of Stouffville and builder of numerous homes here, died last week after an illness of several months.

Arrangements will be made to have Mr. Hill meet with Mr. Fraser to present his arguments directly.

Speaking on the broader matter of planning, Mr. Hill pointed out that the City of Toronto places nursing homes in R3, a commercial zone, the City of Hamilton permits nursing homes in a multiple family residential area but restricts the number of patients to six, the Township of Toronto places them in a commercial zone and the Township of Etobicoke in limited commercial use zone. He suggested the town should review the zoning by-law and make some changes to protect other property owners.

Chairman Howard Whillans told the delegation that if the legal opinion is that the nursing home contravenes the by-law, it would then be up to them to press council to take remedial steps. If the legal opinion is that the nursing home is permissible under the by-law, then consideration will have to be given to prevent the same problem cropping up in other areas.

AURORA: Town council has agreed to forward a request to the province to locate one of the 30 planned community colleges in the area. Support will be sought from Newmarket and the Townships of King and Whitchurch.

NOBLETON: 65% of eligible voters went to the polls here. Gilbert Faris, James Reid and Lyman Copithorn were elected trustees.

COMING EVENTS

BINGO - THURSDAY night, 8 p.m. sharp, jackpot - 4 special and 25 regular games. Our Lady Queen of The World Hall, east side of Bayview at Crosby Ave., Richmond Hill. tfe28

SATURDAY - A dance will be held 9 to midnight at Legion Court, Yonge St. N., Richmond Hill. Admission, \$1.25. tfe25

DECEMBER 17, FRIDAY from 9 pm to 12.30 am, at Fragments Coffee Club this week - "Bob and Susan" - who have recently appeared on the Canada Talent Showcase on the C.T.V. Network. Following this performance, the club will be closed for next four weeks, due to Christmas vacation. clw25

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