

Proposed School Set-up Studied By Hill Board

Although their discussion continued until after 11 pm last Thursday, members of Richmond Hill Public School Board came up with no statement of policy with respect to the possibility of a Southern Six Board of Education in charge of kindergarten to grade 13 across the southern end of York County.

A special meeting had been called for December 1 to discuss this proposal which was embodied in York County Consultative Committee's recent report to York County Council. It had been announced that the meeting would be open to the public at 9 pm and at this time, one member of the public put in an appearance, Mrs. C. J. Miner of 237 Mill Street, president of Pleasantville Home and School Association.

Bulk of the discussion centred about the financial implications of the proposal and its effect on the Richmond Hill tax rate although all those who continued to bring this aspect of the question to the fore prefaced their remarks with an avowal that they were heartily in favor of the educational improvements the larger board would bring.

Trustee Charles Wortman had obviously done a good deal of homework but confined his extensive remarks on the report entirely to its financial aspects. Trustee Phyllis Hawkes, while welcoming educational advantages, was sure there would be increased costs.

Trustee David Service confined himself to only one remark during the entire discussion. "Is this larger board for the purpose of saving money or giving better education?" he asked.

Vice-Chairman Deena Simpson listened for the most part in silence until near the end of the evening.

Is county council moving too fast on regional school boards? Read what one ratepayer has to say on this important change. See the feature article on Page 2 of this issue.

ing when she made a plea that the positive things in the report be discussed. "I know that the financial considerations are always the final, deciding factor," she said, "but I would like to hear about some of the positive ideas on the educational advantages in the proposal."

Mrs. Simpson stressed too that while at the moment the larger administrative areas were on a permissive basis, this may not be the case for long. "We are going to go into this, it is inevitable," she said.

Trustees Jack Knott and Andrew Hutcheson took no part in the discussion. Trustee Larry Schell missed the meeting.

Principals of Richmond Hill's six public schools were present during the discussion. Although none had had the opportunity to study the consultative committee's report thoroughly, when invited to comment on it, all appeared to feel that there would be definite educational advantages for the children under the proposed new system, although they personally might miss the close friendly contact they have enjoyed with the smaller Richmond Hill board. "The principals may lose but the children would gain," said one. "But education is for the children and not for us."

It was felt too that co-operation, with other municipalities and between different levels of education was the challenge of the future. Superintendent Gordon McIntyre commented on the present fine feeling of co-operation now existing between elementary and secondary schools in the area, although this is not the case all over the province. "This has grown to the point where we could not and would not let go of it," he said. "We are working with the secondary people as part of a developing system."

The principals agreed with this and one stressed that not only were elementary teachers welcomed into the high schools, they were invited and coaxed in.

Although early in the evening there appeared to be a consensus that the board firmly approved of the educational advantages which would follow from the adoption of the report — it was noted that it embodied almost all points of the board's brief to the consultative committee — and that the only reservations members had were concerning any possible increased financial burden Richmond Hill taxpayers might suffer, Chairman Walter Hutchinson thought that rather than "ram a motion through" at a late hour, the board should discuss the matter further.

It was accordingly agreed to begin the December 8 meeting of the board at 7.30 pm for this purpose.

Decisive Margins For Rumble, Others As Mkm Twp Voters Elect New Council

By JIM IRVING
Only 28.96 per cent of the approximately 10,138 eligible voters in Markham Township turned out Monday to elect a new council, but if they were few in numbers, they were for the most part united. Last year's turnout was 27.67 per cent.

As a result, the only two members of this year's council who had to put their jobs on the line again, Reeve Stewart Rumble and Councillor Allan Sumner, were both returned with substantial majorities.

In the only other post open — deputy-reeve — township planning board chairman, S. J. Gadsby, swept in with a convincing margin.

Incumbent Councillors Anthony Roman and Charles Hooper were both returned by acclamation. All positions are for two years.

Mr. Rumble, who last year won the reeve'ship on his first try by eking out a 52-vote win over the incumbent Charles Hooper, repeated his success this year, but this time by a whopping 775-vote majority.

At no time either was the issue in doubt. Mr. Rumble led from the beginning, losing only three of the 23 polls — 11, 12 and 21. His final total was 1,830, compared to 1,063 for Mr. Hooper.

The voters were just as consistent in distributing their ballots for the deputy-reeve, giving Mr. Gadsby 1,831 votes — one more than they gave Mr. Rumble — while his opponent Stan Defoe, received 1,030, 33 less than the other runner-up, Charles Hooper.

The deputy-reeve's seat was thrown wide open when the incumbent Cleary Palmer, was taken ill and had to withdraw from the race. Mr. Gadsby, who lost last year to Mr. Palmer by 51 votes, was making his second bid for the job, while Mr. Defoe, a retired businessman, was making his first.

The only councillor's post open was in Ward 1, where Mr. Sumner had two contenders for his job this time, compared to three last year.

However, the veteran Thornhill member had a relatively easy time of it, winning all but three of the nine polls, and ending up with a total of 489 votes.

Joseph Loughran, who was next with 354 votes, won in polling subdivision No. 2, while the third candidate, Geoffrey Walker, took numbers 4 and 5.

Mr. Loughran has long been active in Thornhill community activities, and has also served on the separate school board since 1959, the last two as chairman.

It was his first try for councillor.

Mr. Walker, who was making his fifth bid, is a resident of Langstaff, and totalled 297 votes this time. Last year, he was the top man of the three councillors competing behind Mr. Sumner.

Despite the fact that the evening was mild after an all-day rain, few people turned up at the municipal building Buttonville to see how things were going. And of those who did, much of their talk centred around the Toronto elections, which were taking place at the same time.

Of the candidates, Mr. Rumble followed the results for about half an hour between 9 and 9.30 and only left when it was apparent that he was going to be the reeve-elect, as well as the reeve.

Mr. Loughran was also on hand, leaving just before 10 pm, before the final votes were tabulated.

The polls closed at 8 pm and results were phoned in from the various polling subdivisions, so that all but a few of the results had been completed by 10 o'clock.

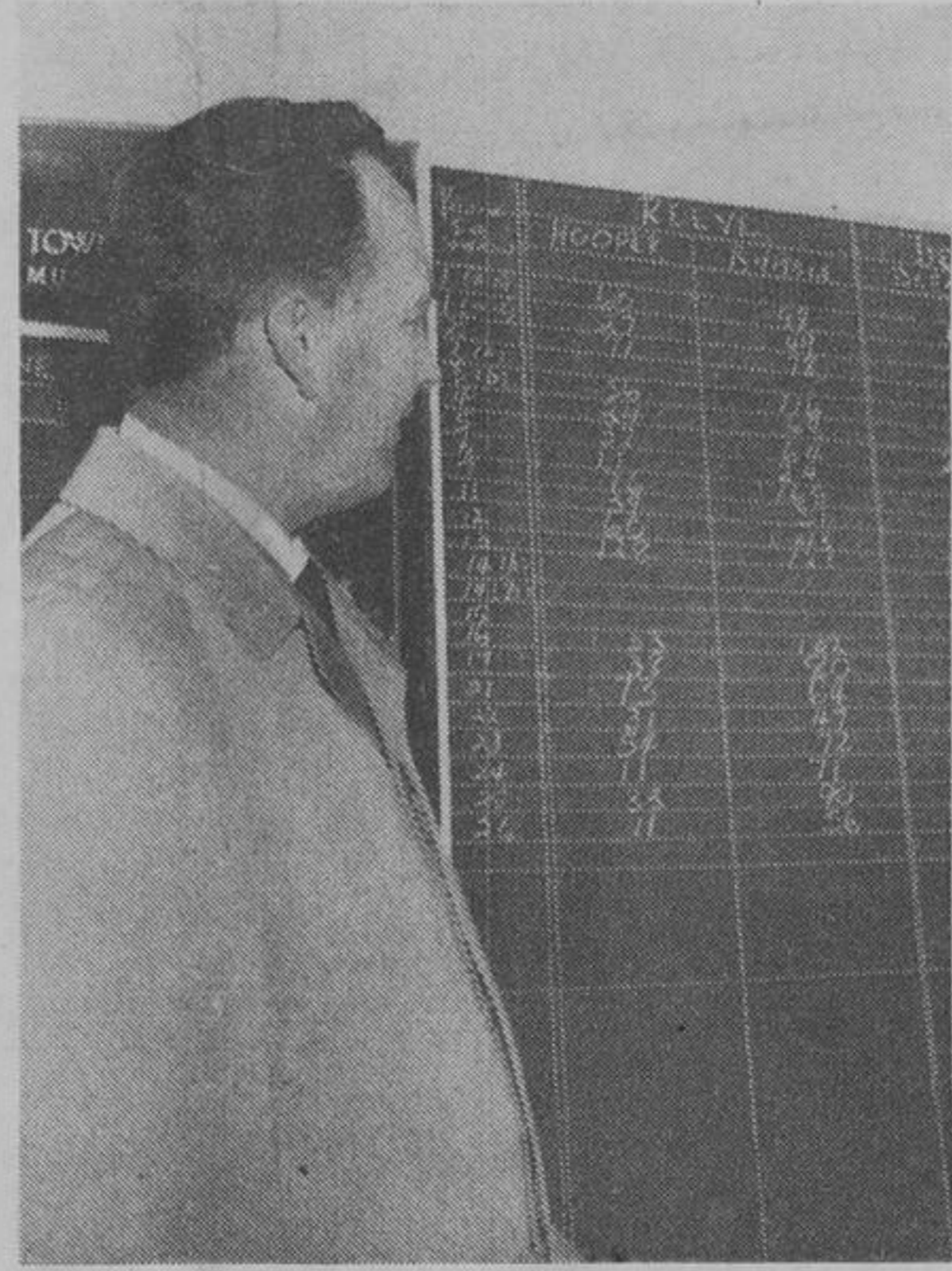
For the second year in a row, there was no election for the two school boards, TSA 1 and TSA 2, all members getting in by acclamation.

Members of TSA are John J. Mackay, T. M. Lynd, Louise Aimone, Bryan T. Leonard and Peter Rossi.

TSA 2 members are Stuart Watson, Gordon Champion, Mildred Toogood, Elson Miles and Eldred King.

The election of William Denison as mayor of Toronto, may add more impetus to a proposal he made earlier in the year, as well as more headaches for council.

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(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

There were still a few polls to be heard from when Reeve Stewart Rumble dropped around to the township offices Monday night, but what returns were in were enough to indicate that he was on his way to another term — two years this time — as reeve of Markham Township.

Set Township Dump Policy

Vaughan, Goodhead Come To Terms

Members of Vaughan Township Council, in the midst of a heated election campaign, paused long enough Monday night to hold a regular council meeting and quietly passed four bylaws concerning garbage disposal with no discussion and no comment from the handful of ratepayers present.

Third reading was given to dump-closing bylaw be repealed.

As these two bylaws were referred to during the meeting only by number, it is doubtful that the ratepayers present were aware of their import.

The only question concerning the repeal of Bylaw 3312 was put by Deputy-reeve Williams who enquired of Township Clerk J. M. McDonald if it could be re-instated at any time. Mr. McDonald replied "Yes, at any time."

One criticism of the agreement under which Mr. Goodhead is to operate was that at the termination of the agreement, in five years, or if it is terminated by the township on 30 days notice as is permitted, the township would be without any control of the Disposal Services Dump. This question was assigned to set such fears at rest.

Councillor Kaiter again voted in opposition to this motion however, and Mr. Williams again abstained.

Still without comment from either council members or on-lookers, two readings were given to Bylaw 3358 "to provide for regulating and inspecting lands used for dumping or disposing of garbage or waste."

However, the 15 sections of this bylaw were read and the regulations set down parallel very closely those under which the Disposal Services Dump is to be permitted to function.

Any dump operator in the township is required to file a

Richmond Hill Fire Brigade Requires Six Full Time Men Says Council's Fire Comm.

Councillor Lois Hancey and her fire, ambulance and bylaws committee are still hammering away for full time firemen in Richmond Hill.

The committee is recommending that six full time firemen be hired in 1967 for the department presently consisting of Fire Chief Alfred Stong and 20 volunteers.

"The need is there more than ever," commented Mrs. Hancey last week as council approved forwarding of the capital fire forecast for 1967-71 to the finance committee for study. (Chairman is Reeve Donald Plaxton).

Last year the committee wanted four permanent men plus the purchase of a new fire truck.

Its recommendations came in for some winning by the finance committee which approved purchase of the truck but rejected the four permanent men. The fire truck is still in the process of being readied for delivery to the municipality.

"The committee unanimously recommended that the six permanent firemen be hired in 1967," said Councillor Hancey. Also serving on the committee are Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins and Councillor John MacDiarmid.

The 1967-71 forecast also calls for a new fire hall and aerial ladder but doesn't specify the year.

fire department set-up. It also recommended that provision be made for an aerial truck and a fire hall at Elgin Mills Road East and Bayview Avenue by 1970.

A representative from the Ontario Fire Marshal's office is currently studying the overall fire protection situation in Richmond Hill as authorized to do so by council in October.

His report will ascertain the number of industrial firms and their accessibility in case of major fires. This also applies to homes and includes other details such as the number of fire hydrants and their proximity to one another.

"In essence," Mrs. Hancey said at the time, "this will provide us with information as to what proper fire protection is necessary to handle a town with a population of 20,000."

Fire Chief Stong is now in the midst of preparing a fire protection needs and cost study in co-operation with Vaughan Township Fire Chief James Davidson.

It entails finding the cost of paying for fire protection on an area basis instead of an individual one as at present.

Both Richmond Hill and Vaughan Townships have agreements covering certain areas of Markham Township.



COUNCILLOR LOIS HANCEY
Wants Permanent Brigade

To Appoint Head Of New College

No site has been chosen yet for the new Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology for North York Township and York County, although its president is expected to be appointed this month. Dr. Fred Minkler, director of Education for North York, told "The Liberal" this week.

Dr. Minkler said a "great many" applications for the job of president of the new community college had been received and there were also applications coming in for the position of dean of the college and executive assistant to the president.

Appointments for the latter posts may also be made this month.

Duties of the successful applicants in all three positions will start preferably by January 1, and not later than July 1, Dr. Minkler said.

Selection of a site, which is expected to cover about 50 or 60 acres, may still leave the road open for placing of the college in Markham Township, as advocated by Deputy-reeve Cleary Palmer.

Mr. Palmer, who did not run for election this year because of illness, has been the prime mover in the past two years for getting a community college in this area. He has chief on a full time basis in often suggested the Langstaff Jail Farm property as a logical location.

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Councillor Allan Sumner, who trimmed two opponents to retain his seat in Ward 1, looks more relieved than roisterous at his home following his win, but wife, Betty, smiles for both of them.

Only 14 Vote Advance Poll

Voting in Vaughan Township's advance poll, conducted Monday, was very light — only 14 ballots were cast. However, this is the first time the township has ever held an advance poll so it is not sure this indicates that the voting this Saturday throughout the township will be light.

Some criticism had been expressed that an advance poll had not been held previously but now municipal officials question the need for its continuance in light of the little interest known.

Seven Candidates Seek Posts On 5-Man Vaughan School Bd.

Three new candidates came forward on nomination night November 28 at Maple Community Hall to fill the vacancies left on Vaughan Township Public School Board by retiring Chairman Lorne Wells.

Mrs. Marjorie Black of Elgin Mills stated that she had shown her interest in school affairs by attending the majority of school board meetings for the past five years. The last speaker of the long evening, Mrs. Black confined herself to a brief word of appreciation for the present board, all of whom she recommended for re-election and concluded "I would like to have the opportunity of working with them and helping them accomplish what they have started."

Second newcomer was Mrs. Caroline Cook of Garden Avenue, Langstaff. Her four children, two school age and

two pre-schoolers were her selfish reasons for wishing election to the school board, she said, but her unselfish ones were her social consciousness and feeling of responsibility for all children.

William Burns of Elgin Mills an inspector with the York County Health Unit is also seeking election to the board. He described himself as vitally concerned with education and its costs but felt it mattered little which level of government pays as ultimately it is all borne by individual ratepayers. While he admitted that the board had been doing an excellent job he wondered if taxpayers were getting 100 cents for their dollar or was money being spent on needless frills. "This is what I am concerned about," he said.

A member of the board for four years and its vice-chairman for the past two years,

Warren Baile of Denham Drive, Richvale is again seeking re-election.

Negotiations during the next two years with York County Council, the Department of Education, the Department of Highways, other school boards and township council will require a strong aggressive board, said Mr. Baile, and one that could present a united front.

Referring to the York County Consultative Committee's proposal for regional board's of education, Mr. Baile stated that he was not in favor of this under the present grant structure. He would only favor it if the board were paying on a per pupil basis and not on an assessment basis, he said and noted that the York South Regional Education Committee was providing many of the benefits of a regional system on a voluntary basis.

Referring to her six years

of service on the board, Dorothy Robertson of Pine Grove who is also seeking re-election stated that it had been an honor and a pleasure but mighty hard work, although worth it. "Looking at what we are getting today, and what we are looking forward to tomorrow, it is a product of what was planned when the area was formed", she said.

Mrs. Robertson felt that although the benefits of a better education are hard to measure, the future of the children now growing up in Vaughan Township would prove the board right in the direction it had taken.

A veteran of four years on the township school board, Ross Jolliffe, Riverside Blvd., Thornhill in seeking re-election expressed his disappointment that Lorne Wells was not in the running again, and paid tribute to his tre-

mendous contribution to the board.

Mr. Jolliffe stated that he was proud of the board's accomplishments and that it had drawn closer to its aim of equal education for all children in the township. The largest building program in its history would see the end of one and two room schools next spring, he said. New regional school boards would have to be looked at with caution and vigilance, he felt, to assure that the children and taxpayers receive maximum benefit.

As his basis for his re-election for a third term, Terry Goodwin of Thornridge Drive, Thornhill produced one of his election leaflets from his 1964 campaign. While he modestly did not take all the credit for it himself, he pointed out that the four main planks of his platform then were now either accomplished or well

on their way to completion.

These were: a time limit to the closing of one and two room schools; an upgrading of education in the schools; a better preparation for high school which is being achieved with a junior and senior school system which he pioneered and pushed in the township; sound financing through sensible co-operation with council. Without the recent industrial assessment the public school rate would have gone up 10 mills instead of 2 mills, he said.

Mr. Goodwin stated that he could see some benefit from the county-wide school area but pointed out that Vaughan Township has 18% of the equalized assessment in the county but only 13.5% of its pupils. If the township entered the new system on an assessment basis he stated that it would cost the township an additional \$200,000 in taxes.

Widen Maple Rd. On North Side?

Richmond Hill Council is concerned that any widening of the Maple Sideroad would be confined to the north side — in the municipality — instead of the south side in Vaughan Township.

Reeve Donald Plaxton broached the question at last week's meeting stating he had heard the Toronto York Roads Commission might be considering such a possibility.

"There is only empty farmland on the south side," he said, "where on the north you have the property of town residents to contend with."

"Any move to annex property on the north side," he said, "would lead to legal complications and a fairly large expense if the commission should approve any such bylaw. It would also mean removal of hydrants and other facilities."

Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins added his dissent pointing out the "cost of land on the north side would be three times as great."

Councillor Lois Hancey ventured that "taking it all off the north side would be a ridiculous move."

Mr. Perkins agreed stating it would affect a considerable number of properties and "be a terrific expense. There's nothing on the south side."

Council then approved a motion by Mr. Plaxton that the county roads commission be asked to forward any plans for widening of Maple Sideroad to the works committee of council before approving them if they involve an area abutting the municipality.

Name Judges

Offer Five Appliances As Prizes Christmas Home Lighting Contest

Chairman Sam Cook of Richmond Hill Hydro announced this week further details of the commission's Christmas Home Light Contest.

This contest was introduced last year in an effort to add to the festive atmosphere of the town at the Yuletide. Results were outstanding.

The commission is again offering useful electric appliances as prizes this year in an effort to see many more homes blossoming out with original and unique decorative schemes using lighting to enhance their beauty.

Rules of the contest are few and simple:

- (1) All domestic customers of Richmond Hill will be judged.
- (2) Each lighting display will be judged on originality and unique design.
- (3) No Richmond Hill Hydro employee will be eligible.
- (4) Prizes — portable 3-stage electric heater, blender and electric blanket for first, second and third prizes for best display; electric carving knife and electric shoe kit for first and second places in most unique display. Day.



Judges will be Jack Corbett, Alsace Road, chairman of the Centennial Committee; Mrs. W. H. Purvis, 65 Bridgeport Street, representing the YWCA; and Harry Sayers, Starlight Crescent, chairman of the planning board.

Results will be announced between Christmas and New Year's Day.