

Planning Board Considering Appealing Decision Okaying Trailer Gas Storage

Richmond Hill Planning Board may appeal a committee of adjustment decision to allow Supreme Welding Supplies Limited to store gas cylinders at the rear of its property at 293 Markham Road.

The board, which had recommended the committee refuse the application, will consult with the town solicitor before making a final decision.

It has 14 days to appeal and such a move will probably result in an OMB hearing into the application.

The action came last week as the board was notified of the committee's decision which noted the application had received fire hazard clearance from Richmond Hill Chief of Stong and Richmond Hill Public School Board Trustee Larry Schell. The company is located in the area of Walter Scott Public School.

Planning Consultant Max Hazon noted one of the main concerns — the fire hazard posed by the storage — had been absolved by the okay from the fire chief and Mr. Schell.

Chairman Harry Sayers said the board had been very concerned with the company's intentions of storing the gas cylinders on a "trailer" instead of in a permanent structure.

"This is one of the reasons," he said, "we recommend that the application be refused."

Other board members observed that a trailer could be moved and could violate zoning bylaws by being placed too close to adjacent lot lines or buildings.

Planning Assistant Earl Newhall said Texas Instruments had storage facilities on a trailer-like body but that the area concerned was fenced in.

Councillor Lois Hancey didn't like the idea of the cylinders being stored in the area of a school.

Mr. Sayers said "this is something of a fait accompli because they've been doing it at another location already."

"My main objection," said member Howard Whillans, "is the use of the trailer in place of a permanent building. As far as the safety factor is concerned, I'm not qualified to say. I have to depend on more qualified people."

The board has also discovered that the word "trailer" is not contained in its present zoning bylaws although it will be in the future one.

It was decided to go ahead with an appeal if the solicitor advises it.

In its original application before the committee of adjustment, Supreme Welding Supplies Limited, noted that "50 to 100 cylinders of the following gases would be stored: Oxygen, Acetylene, Nitrogen, Argon, and Helium."

"Safety measures," it read, "as per National Fire Protection Association standards will be provided by Supreme Welding Supplies Limited for the storing of these cylinders in an industrial zone."



PEGGY ANDERSON

Youngest Pilot

Peggy Anderson, 17, of 214 Cedar Avenue, Richmond Hill, who last year became the youngest girl in Canada to receive her private pilot's licence, may soon become the youngest commercial pilot in the country.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, who operate the restaurant at Buttonville Airport, Peggy recently passed her commercial flight test with the Department of Transport, and is at present building up flying time towards her licence.

Last week, the grade 12 Bayview Secondary School student placed third in an air rally at Buttonville, sponsored by Toronto Airways Limited. The rally, an annual event, was restricted to non-commercial pilots, with less than 100 hours flying time.

Competitors took off from the airport at 9:30 am, circled Muskoka and Peterboro Airports, where spotters were stationed, and returned about noon.

Only seconds divided Ron Rich of Toronto, and Dr. Peter Levers of Newmarket, who were first and second at touch down. Both were flying Cessna 172s.

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204 Per Cent Increase In Dollar Sales For York County Realtors

Dollar sales for York County and District Real Estate Board have increased by 204 per cent in the past year, retiring president, L. A. Neill, Thornhill, told the annual brokers meeting of the board January 18 at Summit View Gardens Restaurant, Jefferson.

Succeeding Mr. Neill is William Hobson, of Keith Real Estate, Langstaff.

Mr. Neill said that sales ending December, 1966, were \$1,712,855, compared with \$494,100 the previous year. "We shouldn't complain too much with a gain like that," he said.

Multiple listings were also up considerably, doubling from 141 to 282, while 5.9 per cent more sales were reported.

Active membership was up from 31 to 36, with associate members up to 193 from 138, giving a total membership of 229.

A motion by Mr. Neill to make all offers to purchase on multiple listings binding for at least 12 hours, was withdrawn when it was pointed out that all offers to purchase were revocable unless under seal.

Other motions carried were: that appointments to the ethics and arbitration and membership committees be changed from past presidents only to include active broker members as well.

The president should have the power to appoint a member of the directorate to each committee, with the member acting as liaison to the board of directors.

Another proposal by Mr. Neill, which would change the present method of charging \$1 per member per month for multiple listings to a flat rate of \$10, payable in advance, was deferred for the time being.

Mr. Neill said the change was suggested as a means of eliminating the sales tax, as was charged by the present method.

Mr. Neill, who was presented with an inscribed plaque and gavel by incoming president, William Hobson, on behalf of the board, thanked the members for their support in the past year. "I couldn't have done it otherwise," he said.

He also thanked Mrs. H. G. Cruse for her work as secretary. Mr. Hobson paid tribute to Mr. Neill, not only for his work as president during the past year, but for his efforts on behalf of the board since joining five years ago.

R. W. Telford, regional vice-president, who conducted the installation of the officers, said he felt the board had "gained a great deal of stature in the past year."

The real estate man was now recognized as a serious businessman, whose advice and help were sought in the development of the community, a change that had come about due to the number of dedicated men and women who had worked to make it so, he said.

Mr. Telford said that most of the work had been done at the

impression they made on the local board level, and it was the public that counted.

Sworn in as directors were: Mr. Hobson, Tom Murphy, Mr. Neill, Robert Shea, Leslie O'Hagan, George W. Prue, Norman Smith and Charles E. Boyd.

Named to the various committees were: Ethics and Arbitration, L. A. Neill, liaison; Jack Jeffrey, chairman; Herb Sills, Jack Blyth, directors; Bylaws, Robert Shea, Fred Cook, Don Charlebois; Zoning and Legislation, Leslie O'Hagan, liaison; Harvey White, chairman; Publicity, White Relations and Programming, Charles Boyd, liaison;

Harry Sadler, chairman; Property Acquisition, Norm Smith, Norm Black; Educational, Standard Forms and Multiple Listings, George W. Prue, liaison; Gordon Smith, chairman; Zipf, Rae Crowther, Larry Doble, Lil Rush.

Mr. Hobson said it was the intention of the board to establish a library of zoning bylaws maps and other pertinent data, at 31 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill.

He said also the board was looking for a permanent home and it would be the job of the members of the property acquisition committee to assess any property that might be considered suitable for purchase.

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