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PRESIDENT ARNOLD MORTSON PRESENTS CANE TO GRAEME BALES

Fair Board's Traditional Gift

F. H. Lashley director of a history dating back before confederation had a great tradition and an outstanding record of service to the community. William Dodds, a director of the society acted as master of ceremonies and introduced the officers and guests. President Arnold Mortson expressed thanks to fellow officers and committee members for their untiring efforts on behalf of the fair. Greetings and good wishes were extended by Mayor Thomas Broadhurst of Richmond Hill, Reeve Stewart Rumble of Markham Township and Reeve Brian Bailey of Vaughan.

Vaughan Public School Rate Up 3.7 Mills On Residences

An increase of 21.37% in estimated expenditures for public school purposes is indicated in the 1967 budget of Vaughan Township Public School Board. Total expenditures for the year have been set at \$1,697,541. The comparative figure in 1966 was \$1,398,614. Ratepayers in the township will be responsible for \$974,600 of these expenses, necessitating the setting of mill rates of 35.5 for commercial assessments and 32 mills for residential and farm assessments. These rates are increased 4.1 and 3.7 mills respectively over those for 1966.

Largest amount in the expenditures is \$933,150 for instructional salaries and \$78,450 for instructional supplies, making a total of \$1,011,600 for instruction. Plant operation will cost \$138,100 and plant maintenance \$92,200 for a total of \$230,300. Capital outlays will be \$98,700, and debt charges, principal \$119,190.40 and interest \$98,991.06, for a total of \$218,181.46. Transportation will amount to \$62,000 and administration \$42,151. Tuition fees to other boards is \$5,500, other services \$26,000, other expenditures \$1,725 and contingency \$1,484.86.

Estimated revenue from the general legislative grant is \$573,950, from the tax levy \$974,600 (operating costs \$756,418.54, debt charges \$218,181.46), additional levy \$13,000, transfer from capital fund \$20,765.82, non-resident fees \$28,200, other revenue \$63,100. The budget is balanced with a surplus of \$23,925 carried over from 1966.

The 1967 farm and residential assessment in the township is \$20,983,085, and the commercial assessment \$8,539,133.

SALARY SCHEDULE
The board has offered the following salary schedule to its teaching staff for the school year 1967-68, but up until the regular monthly meeting last Thursday night it had not been accepted.

Level 1 - \$4,600 to \$5,800; Level 2 - \$4,900 to \$7,500; Level 3 - \$5,200 to \$10,600; Level 4 (BA) - \$6,100 to \$10,100; Level 5 - \$6,400 to \$10,400.

This schedule is generally competitive with the Metro schedule, Chairman Ross Joffe explained. The starting salary in level 1 is up \$400 from last year and the salaries offered for those with a BA are the same as those offered by York Central District High School Board. The only place where the schedule differs from other boards in the area is in the top limit of level 1, which is \$100 lower. This has been done to encourage teachers to qualify for level 2.

The chairman pointed out that a beginning teacher in 1967 will be receiving 44% more salary than a beginning teacher in 1965. "But if this is the market, we have to pay it," he commented.

Vice-Chairman Warren Ballie also noted that the board had been concerned with keeping its good teachers. "We can't afford to lose them. Finding people to replace them would be impossible."

"How far can we go?" queried the chairman. "We all know education is extremely important but education is soon going to cost so much it isn't going to be worth it. People won't be able to afford it. I think it is unfortunate we are being blackmailed into paying these prices. I don't think the teaching profession is worth this kind of money."

York County Approves 2 Hospital Additions

York County Council at a busy session last Thursday afternoon gave unanimous agreement to its hospital commission's recommendation of a \$14 million dollar expansion program at York County Hospital, Newmarket and York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill. Estimated cost of the expansion at York County Hospital from 257 to 404 beds is \$5,308,000 and at York Central, from 126 to 372 beds \$8,700,000. Capital cost grants from federal and provincial authorities will reduce the cost of the expansion to York County to a total of \$4,650,000, \$1,750,000 at the Newmarket building and \$2,900,000 at Richmond Hill. Considerable discussion took place on the two additions. Plans call for detailed planning preparations and working drawings to be completed this year with tenders called for in the spring of 1968, construction to take place between June, 1968 and the spring of 1971 when it is expected the additions will be complete. Mention was made of the fact that Richmond Hill lacks sewage facilities to serve the new addition and that the OWRC is expected to have produced a plan for services to the area by the time the buildings are completed.

12 Lots No Decision By Council On Haggart Subdivision

Richmond Hill Council went over some familiar ground Monday night before referring a proposed 12-lot subdivision on the Trench Street extension for further study. The subdivision — as proposed by Realtor James Haggart — received planning board's okay as regards strictly planning procedures. But it ran aground on a council policy to discourage any residential development unless it can be established as providing some specific benefit to the municipality. The main difficulty is a continuing shortage of school and sewage facilities in the municipality. Mayor Thomas Broadhurst said council's essential policy had not been altered. Councillor John MacDiarmid favored the application pointing out that "if the Trench Street extension goes through it would be of benefit to the town. I'd like to see it go through," he said.

Reeve Donald Plaxton said the proposal would "obviously have to go to the works committee to be evaluated." Mayor Broadhurst said a number of unknown factors would involve a Trench Street extension "benefit" including whether Vaughan Township is willing to extend its portion of Trench.

Councillor Ivan Mansbridge couldn't see why the council would turn down the Flinstone Subdivision proposal flat and consider the Haggart proposal which didn't offer any substantially greater benefit to the town than the Flinstone.

Councillor Lois Hancey felt the council should deal "consistently with each application."

DST Not For Coun. Hoover

Daylight saving time may be all right during working hours, but that's as far as it should go, according to Councillor Charles Hoover of Markham Township Council.

Mr. Hoover made his views known after council had moved that daylight saving time be set from 2 am April 30 to 2 am October 29.

"Are you people in favor of daylight saving time?" asked Reeve Stewart Rumble.

"Not on that basis," said Mr. Hoover. "Why don't they just start an hour early and quit an hour early?"

Council, however, with the exception of Mr. Hoover, agreed to set up an hour early as well.

The balance was made up of sundry accounts not received. Mr. Harris said the tax arrears in the township amounted to \$169,000 in 1966, and recommended council determine some way of reducing them.

He said that both police villages of Unionville and Thornhill had surpluses, and unless they had some capital expenditures for future years, "it might be wise" if they considered their surpluses when setting their budgets.

Revenue for the township during the year amounted to \$3,772,000. Mr. Harris said, while expenditures amounted to \$3,696,000.

Reeve Stewart Rumble said he thought the report showed the township in a good position. The surplus would be used to reduce the levy, "so we should be able to present a favorable picture to the ratepayers."

Council moved to receive the Polish Park site was originally purchased for \$75,000. Council had decided to create five residential lots fronting Rumble Avenue, sell them to the public, and realize about \$40,000. Rumble is already serviced.

School Board Budget Is Up By \$122,567 In '67

Richmond Hill Council was hit Monday night with a \$748,809.63 public school board budget request for 1967 — \$122,567 over 1966.

"It's scary," commented Mayor Thomas Broadhurst as he considered the general financial picture in the town and the continued increase in educational costs.

"It's a pretty drastic situation," he said, "especially when you consider that our basic assessment remains unchanged."

The board's budget called for a total estimated expenditure of \$1,664,178.50. However, of that amount, \$891,173.82 is covered by various grants including a \$35,838.32 surplus from 1966, \$845,000; tuition fees \$3,000; Department of National Defence \$6,000; student teachers \$500; rent for portable classroom \$360; sale of milk \$475.

Total levy for the board is \$773,004.68 of which Richmond Hill will pay 96.87 percent or \$748,809.63; Markham Township, .98 percent or \$7,575.45; Vaughan Township 2.15 or \$16,619.

The increased budget also means a general increase of four mills for residential assessment and four and a half for industrial and commercial.

The mill rate — valued at \$32,000 — totals 24.4477 in 1967 for commercial and industrial and 22.0029 for residential.

Commercial and industrial assessment for Richmond Hill public schools is \$8,826,262; residential is \$24,225,252.

The school board — as represented by Chairman Walter Hutchinson and Business Administrator Kenneth Turton — offered a \$15,000 "sweetener" to council by knocking out \$15,000 from the total budget.

The \$15,000 had been slated to pay the interest on debentures for school additions expected to fall due in 1967. But

Mkm Twp Not Alarmed Metro's Plans Jail Farm

Metro Toronto's changing plans for the Langstaff Jail Farm in Markham Township, which have veered back and forth between a welfare housing project and a zoo, aren't causing too much concern in the township.

"I only know what I read in the papers," said Reeve Stewart Rumble, "but we haven't heard anything from Metro lately."

What the papers have been saying, however, at least in the latest reports, is that Metro has turned down the jail farm as a zoo site, and will instead buy a former 273-acre Rouge Valley country estate in northeast Scarborough for that purpose.

Previously, Architect Raymond Moriarty, who had been commissioned by Metro to make a study, looked at 14 sites and chose the city-owned Langstaff property first and the Scarborough one next.

He was opposed by both Mayor Dennison, who would like the 700-acre Markham farm for public housing, and the Metropolitan Toronto Zoological Society.

In his report to Metro Parks Committee, Moriarty said he preferred Langstaff for its central location — Highway 7 between Yonge Street and Bayview Avenue — good access routes — Highways 7 and 11 and the future 407 — plus the existence of municipal sewer and water services.

Hugh Crothers, chairman of the committee, said selection of the Scarborough site could probably save Metro about \$3,000,000 in land costs. The city, as owner of the land, would also

board worked in "close liaison with the Richmond Hill Public Library and there is not any overlapping or duplication."

Mr. Turton also pointed out library grants would be going up in 1967 with the amount per pupil increasing from \$3 to \$9.

Among the board's expenditures this year will be an estimated \$906,519 for teachers and principals salaries; \$99,393 for salaries in plant operation and maintenance; \$32,000 in

fuel, light and water; \$44,000 in repairs, painting, grounds; \$6,000 for a Centennial tree project. Other items included debenture payments of \$186,598.50; contingency \$14,273; and purchase of a school site for \$30,000.

The budget will be referred to the town's finance committee for study with the likelihood the committee will get together with the trustees to see if any further cuts are called for.

Cost Extra Mill Seek Extra \$20,000 For Budgets Mkhm Twp Parks And Recreation

All work and no play make Jack a dull boy, but he'll probably keep more solvent that way, is what Markham Township Council is probably thinking today after being presented with the estimates for the parks board and recreation committee budget Monday afternoon.

This year, Chairman George Greer, told council, a total budget of \$36,562, \$20,000 more than last year, will be required if the two boards are to do their jobs properly.

Easing the burden somewhat Mr. Greer said, would be approximately \$10,000 available in the form of grants.

Most of the increase would be for an extensive capital program, "not only to supply adequate recreation areas and parklands to the new communities, but to improve present facilities in established areas," the chairman said.

This would require an estimated \$20,362, an increase of nearly \$16,000 over 1966 when the entire budget was \$16,500. At that time, \$12,303 was spent on parks and maintenance, and \$5,223 on recreation grants. The budget was overspent by \$1,026.

Mr. Greer said the 1967 program would be extended into such urban areas as North Thornhill, Varley Village and Bayview Colmer, where "relatively large capital and additional expenditures will be necessary to satisfy the new residents, most of whom are accustomed to playgrounds and parks found in large urban centres . . ."

Nixon Keynote Speaker Yk. Centre Liberal Nominating Convention

Ontario Liberal Leader Robert Nixon MLA, Brant County, will be the keynote speaker at the nominating convention of the York Centre Liberal Association to be held April 25 at the Bayview Secondary School, Richmond Hill. Mr. Nixon was first elected to the Legislature in a byelection in January 1961. He was elected provincial leader in January of this year. A former high school teacher, Mr. Nixon now operates the family farm at St. George. They have four children.

The new riding of York Centre which was carved out of the former riding of York North serves the municipalities of Woodbridge, Vaughan and Markham Townships, Richmond Hill and the Village of Markham. It has a population of 58,697.

Richmond Hill Reeve Donald Plaxton who carried the Liberal banner in the 1963 general election has stated he will not seek the nomination this time. He cited pressure of business and his responsibilities on town and county council as his reason for stepping down.

Mentioned as possible candidates include former Vaughan Reeve Albert Rutherford, Publisher Sam Cook, Band Leader Mart Kenney, Woodbridge, local Solicitor John Lawlor and businessman James Hogan.

Then suddenly Monday morning Mr. Hewitt issued his latest statement cancelling Mr. Mackenzie's candidature and calling for a new nominating convention for May 3 at the Richmond Hill High School.

Mentioned as possible candidates to succeed Mr. Mackenzie are Councillor David Fraser, former Councillor Warren Bryce of Vaughan Township, Deputy Reeve Sid Gadsby of Markham Township and Paul Mingay of Markham Village. Both Messrs. Fraser and Gadsby are just beginning their first terms on their respective councils. Mr. Mackenzie's Gadsby has stated any disincanting convention for April 26 in by him to seek nomination at the Richmond Hill High school. Guest speaker was to be Robert Welch MLA, St. Catharines the recently appointed provincial secretary.

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ROBERT NIXON MLA Ontario Liberal Leader

Town Will Sell 10 Lots At Polish Park

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst cast the deciding vote Monday night as Richmond Hill Council voted 4-3 to create a 10-lot subdivision on the recently acquired Polish Park 13-acre site.

Also favoring the 10 lots — instead of the five-lot proposal — were Reeve Donald Plaxton and Councillors Ivan Mansbridge. Opposed were Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins, and Councillors Lois Hancey and John MacDiarmid.

The final decision came after weeks of indecision as council as a whole wavered between the two proposals. The Polish Park site was originally purchased for \$75,000.

Council had decided to create five residential lots fronting Rumble Avenue, sell them to the public, and realize about \$40,000. Rumble is already serviced.

This amount — along with a hoped for \$5,000 grant from the province would find the town obtaining the 13 acres for \$30,000.

Appraisals of the land involved were reviewed and a further proposal was advanced to create 10 lots of \$8,500 each.

This proposal requires installation of a crude sac north from Rumble Avenue plus services at a cost of \$25,000 bringing the park purchase total to \$100,000.

The 10-lots would be expected to bring \$85,000 plus the \$5,000 grant and the town would be getting the 13 acres for around \$10,000. The 10-lot decision means a portion of land must be sacrificed immediately behind the Rumble Street lots.

Reeve Plaxton maintained his vote for the 10-lots because more money would be realized from the additional lots. He also felt high priced homes could be assured on the lots if the proper restrictions were imposed.

Deputy-reeve Perkins still "couldn't go along with 10 lots" stating the town was "short of good parkland" and the two-and-a-half acres should be preserved.

"The land lying there," he said, "will always be useful to the town."

Council had been attempting to purchase the parkland for some time but had been unsuccessful.