

Metro Foiled Again On Vaughan Dump

OMB Hearing Adjourned Until Conservation Authority Approves Site



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Sign Logbook Of Auto Tour

Meredith and Megan Hill sign the Canadian Tire Centennial Tour logbook held by tour participant Walter Doncaster, of Owen Sound at the brief ceremonies held at the local Canadian Tire store when the tour stopped in Richmond Hill last Friday.

Looking on is the children's father Harry Hill, owner of the Richmond Hill Canadian Tire Store.

Hill residents lined the streets to see the fleet of 24 classic automobiles as they toured the town on their way to Expo.

Town Passes Bylaw \$150 Tax Deferment

Mkm Twp Ratepayers May Get Chance To Vote On New School

Homeowners over 65 years of age in Richmond Hill will soon be able to avail themselves of the first annual deferral of \$150 on property taxes. The enabling bylaw had been approved in principle by council some weeks ago and Town Solicitor T. O. Fraser was instructed to prepare the necessary bylaw when the legislation was passed by the Ontario Government.

Last week it was given three readings and passed. The provincial government will provide interest-free loans to the municipalities which pass implementing bylaws. Liens will be placed on the property for the deferred amounts, to become due when the property changes hands or the recipient dies.

An advertisement will be run in "The Liberal" when the town office is ready to receive applications for this tax deferral.

Hard-pressed homeowners in Markham Township faced with increasing taxes each year, due mostly to new schools going up, will be faced with the building of another new school soon, but this time the decision may be left up to them.

"Would this be a good time to take this to a vote of the people?" asked Reeve Stewart Rumble Monday night after council had discussed with members of TSA 2 their request for approval of a \$990,000 debenture for a new public school.

The school, which is to be ready for occupancy in September 1968, is to be located on a 15-acre site on Concession 7, just north of Highway 7. Government grants would cover \$772,315 of the total cost.

Board Administrator Wilfred Morley said it was necessary to build the senior type of school, which includes special

rooms for science, art, music, library, guidance, home economics, industrial arts and health, in order to qualify for the provincial grants.

The original five-year forecast of the board had been for a straight elementary school.

When asked by Reeve Rumble how the new school would affect the mill rate, Trustee Eldred King said it would probably mean an increase of more than seven mills. However, the people demanded those facilities, he said.

"Are the ratepayers demanding a senior school?" asked the Reeve.

Mr. King said it was needed to provide the grade 7 and 8 pupils with the extra courses they would need for high school.

"The only thing I'm worrying

By MARGARET McLEAN

The battle between Vaughan Township and Metro Toronto with respect to the latter's attempt to establish a garbage dump on a 600 acre site on the Humber River watershed south of Woodbridge was thrown last week into the arena of Metro Conservation Authority.

OMB Chairman J. A. Kennedy, after sitting for three days adjourned last week's hearing until approval of the scheme has been given by the conservation authority which owns close to 200 acres of the proposed dump site.

Last February, while the executive committee of the conservation authority had recommended approval of the land fill project, subject to study of final plans, the general meeting had refused to accept the recommendation on the grounds that it had insufficient information on the proposal.

In adjourning the hearing while such approval is sought, Mr. Kennedy was strongly critical of Metro's failure to obtain the approval before proceeding with the hearing. "The question of the consent of the conservation authority was considered last February," he reminded the hearing. "And no further action was taken since that time."

"This is incredible in view of the extreme urgency cited in this case and is something over which this board had no control," he added.

Mr. Kennedy also reminded Metro representatives that when the previous hearing had

Arrest Toronto Man

No Date Yet For Murder Hearing

No date has been set yet for the trial of James Greenidge, 28, of Toronto, who has been charged with capital murder in the death of Robert Wayne Mortimore, 17, of Toronto, whose nude and badly decomposed body was found two weeks ago in a field in Markham Township.

Markham Township Police Chief Harvey Cox said that it was still not known where Greenidge, who also faces a charge of attempted murder in Barrie, will be tried.

Mortimore's body lay in the field a week before being discovered by Antonio de Freitas, 33, of Toronto, who recently bought the farm with some friends.

Except for some colorful tattoos on the corpse's arms, with the inscription: "Born to raise hell," the same one as worn by convicted Chicago Murderer Richard Speck, there was little by which the police could make an identification.

However, prints were taken from the hands by township police and sent to the Attorney-General's Centre for Forensic Sciences, where they were shown to be those of Mortimore.

The youth was first reported missing July 13 by his brother Reginald, two days before the body was found, and a week after he had last been seen.

The two brothers, natives of Sarnia, lived together in a rooming house on Gloucester Avenue.

Detective Clifford Cox and Constable Robert Burbridge are handling the investigation for the township.

Mr. Kennedy adjourned the hearing late Tuesday afternoon of last week when Vaughan Township's Solicitor James F. McCallum had elicited the information from Metro Works Commissioner Ross Clark that the conservation authority approval of the scheme had not been received, the ramifications of which had apparently been overlooked by all parties.

The question then revolved around the question of "eminent domain"; which of the two bodies, Metro Council or Metro Conservation Authority had prior right to the property and whether one could expropriate from the other. Mr. Kennedy asked the legal representatives to come to the hearing Wednesday morning prepared to argue this point.

However, he had evidently been doing some research into the point himself overnight and gave short shrift to the argument of Metro's Solicitor George Mace that the question should be decided on the grounds of which authority best served the public interest.

"At the moment, I am strongly inclined to the view that if the conservation authority has acted within the sphere of the act which gave it authority, it would hardly expect the court to say that the choice of this particular site is an overriding of the public interest (in having a dump). The river that is the source of the conservation authority's jurisdiction is there. This will always be there."

Since the action of the conservation authority in acquiring

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By press time, Wednesday noon, Metro had still not requested a meeting of the conservation authority to consider the Thackeray Dump Site proposal.

The authority's Secretary-Treasurer Fred Lunn advised that normally no meeting of the authority would be held until September, by which time it is expected that staff would have completed a study of the McLaren Report and be in a position to make recommendations concerning it.

"A great deal has been made at this time of the urgency of this situation," he repeated. "It came before the court in June when it could have come up in April if more expedition had been exhibited in preparing the case. It was the duty of the applicant (Metro) and not this board."

Appoint Township Administrator

New Department Set Up In Vaughan

Vaughan Township Council at its July 4 meeting gave three readings to bylaws instituting a new administrative set up in the township.

Former Clerk J. M. McDonald was named township administrator; Deputy-Clerk Ted Jackman was named clerk and Howard C. Burkholder township treasurer.

In the chart prepared by the finance and general purpose committee, the line of command passes from the electorate to

council to the township administrator.

To the administrator are responsible the township engineer, treasurer, clerk, building administrator, fire chief, hydro manager and planning director. However, the engineer will also report to council's works committee the treasurer to its finance committee, the building administrator to the building committee, the fire chief to the fire and the hydro manager to the hydro committees. The director of

planning will report to planning board.

In the preamble to the bylaw setting up the post of township administrator, it was noted that he will be responsible for the general control and management of township affairs and responsible for the operation of all departments; will have full control of township employees with authority to receive application from and dismiss all employees.

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TED JACKMAN
Clerk



J. M. McDONALD
Administrator



H. C. BURKHOLDER
Treasurer

Promise To Retain Mature Trees

Markham Planning Board Studying Two Apartment Proposals For Thornhill, One 9 Storeys

A dirty word was much used at the July 27 meeting of Markham Planning Board. A dirty word to Thornhill residents, that is, "apartments."

Two proposals for apartment buildings were put before the board, one on the northeast corner of Steeles and Yonge, directly east of the new Esso Service Centre; the other on Elgin Street, immediately east of Jim Dance's Shell Service Station. This is historic "Answell", the site of Holy Anne's well.

Representing Wycliffe Homes Limited, Fred Sharf and Architect M. D. Lipson of Lipson and Dashkin, Toronto unfolded and explained drawings of an apartment complex built around a central court in which would be retained the marker on the original site of the well.

A site plan of the property as it is now had marked on it all the trees presently standing on the property and a large number of these would be retained if the proposed plan is followed.

At the extreme east side of the

property, an eight storey building was shown, about 350 feet long, backing on the proposed extension of Dudley Avenue. On the north side of the property and joined to the east building with a long covered play area for children is another section which, where the land slopes downward to the west would be nine storeys high. However, the roof level would be the same.

The Yonge Street frontage of the plan showed an eight storey building, fronted with five retail stores, set back about 60 feet from the front of the lot. These would be between the Shell service station on the south and the newly-built Leibrecht Animal Hospital.

Mr. Sharf pointed out that a very open feeling was retained from Elgin Street, looking into the well-treed central court. All tenant parking is underground with visitor parking in the court. Entrance will be off Elgin Street.

"There is no encroachment on any neighbors," Mr. Sharf noted. "To the east is a (Masonic) hall,

to the south a church, high school and farmers' market."

Several members of the board demurred to the five stores. "We thought they would be an improvement," Mr. Sharf said. "They will provide a convenience to the apartment dwellers and to the area and will provide continuity on Yonge Street."

"There is no continuity on Yonge Street," objected Board Member Anthony Roman, "and with a little commercial area here and there, you won't have it." Mr. Roman is also the Ward 2 representative on Markham council.

"The whole business of apartments is a touchy one in Thornhill," observed Board Member Napier Simpson. "Residents are extremely opposed to them and we wrote into our restrictions that there should be a seven storey limit. The residents have put faith in the township over this. This proposal has eight and nine storeys to absolutely no benefit of the people who live in behind. The landscaping is a benefit to the tenants but not to the people

of Thornhill. We should stick to what we told our taxpayers. It should be a seven storey building."

Planning Director Ian Keith stated firmly "If the height limitation is to be amended, we will have to know how and why because of our obligation to the residents."

The builders answered that the difference between seven and nine storeys wasn't much to them but that they felt the preservation of mature specimen trees was enough to warrant eight storeys. If the lower height were insisted upon, it would mean that they would have to design a building which covered more ground, they explained. "Seven storeys would mean cutting down many more trees," said Mr. Sharf.

However, they advised that rather than get into a fight about it, "We will go back to seven storeys, forget the stores and get on with the building. We thought it would be just a little better."

It was agreed that they should come back to the board with an alternative proposal. "The people

to whom we owe an obligation are east of the site," said Mr. Simpson. "If we get the height of the buildings in the residential area lowered, we have kept within our obligation. If there is to be a greater height, it would be in the Yonge Street portion."

Mr. Simpson stated too, that he was not particularly impressed with the proposal to preserve all the trees. "I know the property. There are some nice trees but all the Manitoba maples are ready to fall down. They're a menace."

Mr. Roman did not object to the height of the buildings, but their length. This drew the comment from Board Member William Masters, "If you will stand up to Mrs. Jean Smith, you can go for nine storeys." Mr. Roman indicated he was prepared to do this.

"I would prefer to go to 15 storeys," commented Township Engineer Dusan Miklas. "You will get a lot more green around it." "Once people see the site plan they won't object to the increased height on Yonge Street," said Mr. Roman. "Four storey apartments

spread all over the map and look like hell."

Mr. Simpson finally made a motion that the builder be advised to stick to seven storeys. "We will entertain a counter-proposal for Yonge Street to be nine but decreasing the back to six," he suggested. The motion passed with only Mr. Roman opposed.

W. W. Beason spoke for Valencia Construction Limited which proposes a seven storey apartment building on the north side of Steeles Avenue, east of the Esso Service Centre. It is to have 68 suites, 10 per floor, 24 one bedroom and 36 two bedroom. Mr. Beason said that he had heard that North York had approved a 33 storey building for the south side of Steeles, but this was contradicted by one of the board members who said this had been proposed but not yet passed.

Mr. Miklas noted that services in the area could handle the building well and that the corner was covered in the township's agreement with Vaughan Township Fire Department which has a high

ladder truck.

"We have been given to understand," said Mr. Beason "that the school in the area doesn't present a problem, there would be room for the children." He commented too, "The revenue from increased taxes will far exceed additional education costs."

Questioned by board members as to whether they had considered an office building for the site, the builders advised that this would be "absolutely impossible" because it is impossible to rent them in the area.

The chairman indicated that in any case, there would be a public hearing on the matter and advised the builders that the board would consider the proposal and advise them.

Valencia Construction has built several apartments in Toronto and North York, the Lorne Apartments at St. George and Bloor Street, an apartment at Avenue Road and Roselawn, the Bank of Commerce at Highland Park and Yonge and several houses on Betty Ann Drive in Willowdale.

In Annexation Hearing

Four Conditions Set By Markham Township

Although not opposing in full Richmond Hill's application to annex approximately 310 acres of its land for industrial uses, Markham Township Solicitor Jerome Shibley, presented a four-point resolution from council stipulating the points it wanted carried out if the application were approved when he spoke at a hearing before the Ontario Municipal Board Tuesday in the town council chambers.

The application, which was adjourned for judgment to a later date by OMB Members R. M. McGuire, chairman, and V. S. Millburn called for the annexation of the parcel of land bounded on the west by the easterly limit of Yonge Street, on the south by the southerly limit of Elgin Mills Sideroad East, on the east by the centre line of Bayview Avenue, and on the north by the line parallel to Elgin Mills. The Markham Township resolution said it was not

provided: all lands to be annexed would be developed only on an industrial and commercial basis; a solution to the pollution of the Don River be implemented; the proposed area not contribute to the present sewage treatment problem; the town of Richmond Hill satisfy the OMB that an adequate water supply is available to serve the area to be annexed.

Three citizens, including Markham Township Deputy-reeve S. J. Gadsby, who appeared as a private citizen, spoke against the application. Besides Mr. Gadsby, Ernest Abram, RR 1, Richmond Hill, and Norman McCrimmon, also of RR 1, Richmond Hill, objected.

Appearing for Joseph Paterson, RR 1, Richmond Hill, who owns 40 acres of the land proposed to be annexed, was Grenville Price, who also opposed the application.

Planning Board Opposed

Council Majority Approves Haggart Request Richmond St. Severance

Richmond Hill Town Council July 24 verbally approved the separation of two lots on the south side of Richmond Street with a frontage of 52 feet each and an average depth of 100 feet each. Total depth of the two lots at present is 659.55 feet. Approval to the severance

by Pleasantville Developments Limited must be received from the committee of adjustment at a hearing on August 2. (Lot 8 is reserved for the Trench Street Extension.)

Planning Board at its meeting on July 18 decided to oppose the severance.

Councillor Ivan Mansbridge was the only dissenting council vote. He charged, "As far as I am concerned this is only a subtle way of getting a subdivision. We haven't the necessary services. Besides this leaves a landlocked area." Mr. Mansbridge represents council on the planning board.

Mr. Mansbridge said a satisfactory solution to the water, sewage and school situation should be found before any more housing is approved.

Councillor Lois Hancey pointed out that allowing the severance would bring a dedication of 13 feet across the width of the lot to permit widening of Richmond Street in that area, and stated, "In my opinion planning board had no valid reason for opposing this application."

Mayor Thomas Broadhurst noted that if the severance is approved by the committee of adjustment, Pleasantville Developments Limited will have to pay the town a severance fee of \$650 for each lot or a total of \$1,300. "There is nothing to prevent the owners from building on these lots now, if they conform to our zoning regulations, and we would get nothing."

Councillor William Lazenby also emphasized the fact that there is nothing to stop the owners from applying for a building permit now, without the separation, with Reeve Donald Plaxton commenting, "The only thing being determined is the depth of the lot."

In this application former Mayor James Haggart, who is now a real estate agent is acting as agent for Pleasantville Developments Limited.