

Markham Bd. Lacks Industrial Assessment

Roman Suggests One School Board

"How would you go about seeking amalgamation of the two (township school) boards?" questioned Councillor Anthony Roman at Monday's meeting of Markham Township Council.

Discussion arose out of the passing of a bylaw for a million dollar trunk sewer line to serve the Don Mills industrial area. This is expected to bring \$15 million in industrial assessment but as most of the area lies within the boundaries of TSA 1 area, TSA 2 is left with almost no industrial assessment to offset increasing school costs in the area.

Council has been concerned about the rapidly rising mill rate in TSA 2 and it has refused to issue debentures for the \$900,000 senior public school which the board wishes to build. Instead, it has suggested that the board hold a plebiscite on the question.

In answer to Mr. Roman's question about the amalgamation of the two boards so that benefits of industrial assess-

ment would be spread evenly over the township, Reeve Stewart Rumble said he felt the matter should best be raised at York County Council by its Consultative Committee on Education. If one area were formed, he thought it would be a county not a township school area.

Mr. Rumble also advised that he had recently discussed the matter casually with some members of the two boards and had the impression that the trustees would prefer to discuss it among themselves first.

"I suggest it be left in the hands of the school boards," said Mr. Rumble, concluding the discussion. "I see no reason why the municipality should not make a request, but I believe it is better to let the boards of TSA 1 and 2 iron out their problems first."

Bill 54 of the provincial legislature, which came into effect in January 1964, established township wide school areas. However, Pickering and Mark-

ham Townships were exempted from the general ruling and permitted to have two school area boards because each had sharply defined urban and rural sections. School trustees in both sections of Markham Township petitioned the Minister of Education to permit the two boards.

Bylaw 2345 was given two readings to provide part of the capital cost of the new trunk sewer, known as the Leslie Street East and Don Mills Area Sanitary Trunk Sewer. Detailed figures will be added before it goes to the Ontario Municipal Board for approval, after which it will be given third and final reading.

TSA 1 area will bear 75% of the levy for the sewer as it will benefit from the bulk of the assessment. The remaining 25% will be levied over the balance of the township which will benefit from industrial assessment for roads, police, etc.

Two thirds of the capital cost of the sewer will be loaned by Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation at 6 3/4% interest over 20 years.

The sewer is expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$600,000, less whatever subsidies may be received. To this will be added however, Metro Toronto's costs to enlarge its adjacent lines to accommodate the sewer. This could cost the township another \$175,000. Once the trunk sewer is installed, costs of internal service will be borne by the local area to be served.

Markham Township has been negotiating with Toronto for over 10 years in order to obtain this service. At the moment the township pumps out septic tanks regularly for local industries (porosity of the soil prevents proper operation of septic systems) but has had to turn down industrial development because of lack of sewers.

2 King School Trustees Resign

Charging that the township council had overstepped its authority in approving debentures provided new classes not added to King City Senior Public School, King Township School Board this week agreed to investigate the possibility of legal action against council.

Chairman Geoffrey Pierpoint and Trustee Mrs. Dolina Patterson both submitted resignations but these were not accepted by the board. Trustee Wilbert Jennings announced that he would not stand for reelection to the board in December, as council had made the board's position untenable.

Council had earlier turned down the board's original \$820,000 plan which would have

made it possible for all the township's grades 7 and 8 students to be given equal senior school education. The board then submitted a reduced \$490,000 proposal which would have provided the senior school accommodation for all but the Oak Ridges area. This was reduced to \$300,000 by council, with a rider that additions should not be made to the King City Senior School.

Mr. Pierpoint said that council's attempt to decentralize the senior school system would, if successful, enlarge "the obsolescence that is the small rural school with its lack of facilities." Larger senior schools, he said, are eligible for larger grants and a 50% subsidy is received for transportation.

Hallowe'en Vandals Pour Paint On Statue In Front Of Library

Hallowe'en pranksters were on the move in Richmond Hill Tuesday night and in one incident poured a can of gold paint on top of a piece of sculpture in front of the library on Wright Street.

The statue of a young girl—entitled "Meditation" by Sculptor Barrie Shaw-Rimington—was a Centennial year gift to the community and library from the Richmond Hill Rotary Club.

Chief Librarian Colin Robertson described the paint dumping as "a deplorable bit of vandalism on the part of someone, which may have ruined an invaluable work of art."

"I can understand the word 'prank'," he said, "but this was certainly not the work of pranksters. This was sheer vandalism

and whoever did this should be very ashamed of himself."

He said the statue had been presented to the library by the Rotary Club "which felt this community needed a work of art and it's sad that some person would show his gratitude in such a manner."

Sculptor Shaw-Rimington is a native of Lincolnshire, England, who came to Canada in 1963 and has won many awards. Some of his work was featured in the Ontario Pavilion at Expo.

Another Hallowe'en incident occurred 11:30 Tuesday night when persons unknown fired a Molotov Cocktail—a jar containing gas against the front entrance of the Richmond Hill Municipal building.

Police heard the crash and arrived on the scene in time to scare the vandals away before they could touch off the gas which had failed to explode on its initial impact.

Fire Chief Alfred Stong reported an old abandoned home on Yonge Street just north of the Summit Golf and Country Club was set on fire by Hallowe'en pranksters.

The two-storey stucco home was burnt to the ground.

Police in the area around Richmond Hill reported a fairly quiet night with only the usual Hallowe'en incidents.

Search Widens For Missing Aurora Boy

The necessity for police to maintain Hallowe'en vandalism patrol halted temporarily the search for 8-year-old Thomas Gaston of Aurora, missing since Monday noon.

More than 750 volunteers had joined in the search which has covered a 16-square mile area. Police believe no abduction is involved and it is felt the boy may have left home because of problems with school work.

Described as 4 feet, 4 inches tall, weighing 65 pounds, when last seen, the boy was wearing a grey shirt, green corduroy trousers, black running shoes and a navy blue jacket with a yellow hood.

It is thought he may have tried to reach the home of relatives in Willowdale where the family lived until a year and a half ago. A boy answering his description was seen walking south on Yonge Street toward Toronto Monday evening.

Protest Widening

(Continued from Page 1) an equal amount of land, 10 feet, from both sides of the road was not possible for its entire length as it would involve the demolition of at least one property, the small store just west of Yonge Street. Also, a long stretch on the north side at the extreme west end of the road, at Bathurst Street, was vacant land and the 20 foot strip could more conveniently be taken there.

Mrs. Black agreed but suggested that it was only in the centre stretch that land should be taken from both sides. While she agreed that this would cause a slight curve in the road, it was felt by the residents that this would not be objectionable.

Reeve Bailey pointed out that it was expensive to bend such things as sewer lines and that keeping the road straight would be much cheaper.

This was countered by one resident who pointed out that while it might be cheaper for the township it would be very expensive for him. His house had been built less than a year ago, he said, in compliance with existing bylaws, and if the entire 20 foot widening was taken off the north side his property would be considerably depreciated in value as the road would be very close to his front verandah.

After considerable discussion and studying of engineers' drawings of the proposed widening, Reeve Bailey agreed that as the plan now was to widen the road only 20 feet instead of the original 34, the possibility of widening on both sides could be considered. He promised that it would be studied again in committee before final action is taken.

SALE REGISTERS

NOVEMBER 7, TUESDAY EVENING—Auction sale of fine antiques and furnishings. A selected lot of furniture in excellent shape including pressed glass, crystal glass, several pieces of early pine, dry sink, chests of drawers. About 200 different articles, on Tuesday evening, November 7 at 7 o'clock sharp. Goods will be on display from 12 noon Tuesday until sale time. Catalogues and parking free, at the York Farmers Market, Yonge Street, Thornhill. Terms cash. Alvin S. Farmer, Auctioneer. Phone 887-5311 Gormley. c2w17

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NOVEMBER 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Aurora Drama Workshop presents "H.M.S. Pinafore" at St. Andrew's College, 8.15 p.m. Tickets at door or from 727-5241. c2w17

NOVEMBER 4, SATURDAY, 12 to 3.30 pm. Treasure Sale, sponsored by Thornhaven WA, Morgan Hall, Markham. c2w17

NOVEMBER 4, SATURDAY, 2 pm, Library Club of R.H.H.S. presents film, "Cup Fever", also serial "Ambush at Devil's Gap", part 1. Admission 30c or season ticket. clw18

NOVEMBER 4, SATURDAY 2-5.30 Salvation Army, sale of work, 19 Elmhurst, Willowdale, Tea 2-4, supper 5-6.30. Public invited. clw18

NOVEMBER 5th, SUNDAY, 7 pm. "Come One — Come All", The Young People of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bayview, are sponsoring a Folk Service and Hootenanny featuring "The Fiery Furnace Five". clw18

NOVEMBER 7, TUESDAY, 8 pm. Euchre, Maple Masonic Hall, 8 pm. clw18

NOVEMBER 11, 2 pm. Centennial Fair, at Maple United Church. clw18

NOVEMBER 11, SATURDAY, 1-4 pm. Centennial Shoppers Paradise Bazaar at St. Matthew's Bazaar Church. *2w18

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