

### OMB Delays Decision Thackeray Dump Site

Metro has received yet another set-back in its attempts to clear the way for a garbage dump in Vaughan Township.

OMB Vice-Chairman A. H. Arrell, last Tuesday refused to hand down a decision on the South Thackeray site, north of Steeles Avenue, west of the Humber River, until Metro's expropriation for the necessary realignment of Steeles Avenue is registered on title. Plans call for Steeles to be dropped down to the south in Etobicoke but Metro Solicitor George Mace appeared unsure whether expropriation plans were complete or not.

The hearing, held at Vaughan Township Municipal Chambers, was made necessary by an objection to Vaughan's rezoning of the 150-acre site to permit its use as a dump.

Markpal Associates who own the large block of land on the south side of Steeles Avenue west of the Humber River objected to the rezoning, claiming it would be detrimental to the residential development they plan for their land.

Metro's Deputy - Works Commissioner Donald Scott rebutted the claim, stating that with the new widened

Steeles Avenue and a buffer strip around the dump the Markpal property would be 320 feet from the dump. After examining the design for the relocation of Steeles Avenue, Mr. Arrell found that the expropriation plans had not in fact been carried out and declined to make a decision until they were.

Edwin A. Goodman appeared for Markpal Associates and called as a witness P. A. Deacon, vice-chairman of Vaughan Township Planning Board. Although the planning board had approved use of the site as a dump, Mr. Deacon felt that the project did not represent good planning and that the planning board was not in possession of sufficient information about it.

Vaughan Planning Director John Dewar notes that as well as expropriation land to relocate Steeles Avenue, Metro must also line it up with Steeles Avenue east of the Humber. This portion runs through a newly built subdivision and ends at a steep bluff.

Mr. Dewar advises that he has seen no design plans of how Metro proposes to solve this problem.

## 1968 Rate For Vaughan Public School Supporters Remains 32 Mills

The mill rate for public school supporters in Vaughan Township will be held at 32 mills for residential and farm assessments and at 35.5 mills for commercial assessment, the same rates as in 1967, it was announced at the April meeting of Vaughan Township Public School Board.

The 1968 school budget has been set at \$2,076,750, of

which \$1,109,685 is the ratepayers' responsibility. The 1967 budget was \$1,697,541 with the ratepayers' share \$974,600. The total budget for 1968 is up 22.5% from 1967 and the ratepayers' share is up 13.8%. Increased expenditures for instructional salaries and long-term debt charges account for the major portion of the increase.

However, an increased grant from the Ontario Government, from \$573,950 to \$855,750, (49% of the total) and increased assessment (from \$29,522,218 in 1967 to \$33,388,717 in 1968) enabled the board to maintain the same mill rate this year.

In 1960, the year the township-wide school area was brought into being, the mill rate for residential and farm

assessments was established at 23 mills. In the nine budgets since, the increase to the present rate of 32 mills has been most gradual.

In the same eight years considerable upgrading of the level of educational opportunities offered to all children in the township has been achieved so that it now compares favorably with

levels in all neighboring municipalities. The physical plant has also been greatly improved, with all one and two room schools being educated in multiple-roomed modern school buildings. Senior schools have been provided for pupils in grades 7 and 8, the curriculum has been enriched, general purpose rooms and libraries have been built in a

progressive effort to give the children of Vaughan the best education possible.

Largest expenditure during 1968 will be \$1,181,500 for instructional salaries. Debt charges account for \$296,973.96 (\$152,163.82 principal and \$144,810.14 interest). Plant operation and maintenance will cost \$262,350 and instructional sup-

plies and expenses \$97,735. Transportation costs will be \$89,450, other services \$30,500 and capital expenditures \$55,500, with administration costs \$52,000. Tuition fees to other boards (\$5,000), contingencies (\$3,636.04), and other expenditures (\$3,725), round out the estimated expenditures. The levy for 1968 is reduced by a surplus in 1967 of \$34,885.

### Valuable Contributions To Community

## Teenagers Are All Champions - Mayor



"They are all champions," Mayor Thomas Broadhurst told Richmond Hill Town Council Monday night, referring to the town's young people.

First the mayor paid tribute to the extremely successful midget hockey tournament held for three days last week. He noted that 1,800 free hot meals were served and billets provided for approximately 130 people. "Things went very smoothly indeed and the tournament was a real credit to the town," the mayor said.

He then went on to pay tribute to the young people of Richmond Hill High School for their presentation of "Berkeley Square" last week. "It was very well staged, with authentic costumes and was a real professional affair," the mayor said.

"The 30 or 40 kids who have spent long hours for more than three months in preparation for the three performances, even giving up their holiday period, can well be proud of the sweat and hard work they put into it. They are just as much champions as the athletes. Their director, Roy Clifton, also deserves a lot of credit. He was there night and day."

Teenagers, who contribute so much to our community."

Reeve Donald Plaxton, who arrived at the meeting just as the mayor banged the gavel to bring the meeting to a close, gave a brief and informal report of the recent panel discussion on the problems of suburbia held by the Social Planning Council. "I don't want the press to think that I am being critical of the Social Planning Council," he stated. "I believe our community has already benefited from this organization and will continue to benefit."

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A group of students of Bayview Secondary School who spent Easter weekend earning money to support the school's Korean Orphan project, were next on the list of young people praised by the mayor. "They arrived at my front door with their own equipment and really worked hard to earn their money."

"They really put some sweat into it," Mr. Broadhurst described the window-washing technique with one student doing the washing and another on the other side of the glass pointing out the spots which had been missed. "They were organized, they came prepared to work and brought all their own equipment," he reported.

"However, I did take exception at the time to some statements by members of the panel. I felt that some of them were not familiar with the facilities for recreation available in Richmond Hill. I also felt that their answer to most problems was to spend more money without considering how much the taxpayers of this community should be expected to contribute to such a program," the reeve continued. He reported that the panel appeared strongly in favor of "The Flint Plan" which would throw all schools open for the unrestricted use of the public.

For a review of Berkeley Square presented by the drama club of Richmond Hill High School last weekend read Joan Harold's Column "In The Spotlight," on Page 2.

"It was only a few weeks ago I learned that the plan in Flint is subsidized by a millionaire as his private charity," councillor Lois Hancey commented. "Until that time I had believed that the project had been underwritten by the community." "Then all we have to do is find us a millionaire," quipped Mayor Broadhurst. He went on to note that on a visit to Oshawa he had found that most of the cost of a very excellent boys' club had been contributed by Colonel Sam McLaughlin. "We are all parents," stated Mrs. Hancey, "and I think you will agree with me, that the problem with youngsters of" (Continued on Page 3)

### Parties Prepare To Name Their Candidates For Federal Election

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's decision to call a general election on June 25 has set the parties in the new federal riding of York North on the search for candidates.

Dan Poyntz of Willowdale, president of the York North Liberal Association announced Wednesday that his party will hold a nominating convention at Thornhill Secondary School

on May 8. Prominently mentioned as possible candidates are Phil Givens, the former mayor of Toronto and Mayor James Service of North York. Also mentioned are Barney Danson who was the Liberal candidate in the riding of York Mills in last October's provincial election and Toronto Solicitor David Greenspan.

The only rumored candidate from the Southern York County area of the new riding is Band-leader Mart Kenney of Woodbridge. Mr. Kenney sought the York Centre provincial nomination last year but was defeated by Donald Deacon who went on to win the riding for the Liberals.

The Tories who had originally planned to hold a nomination meeting at the Thornhill Secondary School on May 29 will now step up the date, reports Association President Robert Sherwood of Thornhill, and are expected to hold their convention within the next 10 days.

Councillor Anthony Roman of Markham Township, where he has been a resident since 1952, is seeking the Conservative nomination. A former chairman of the township planning board, Mr. Roman is prominent in Toronto business circles.

He will be opposed by Rev. Donald Stirling, 35, the associate minister of Leaside United Church. Mr. Stirling was also defeated two years ago in a bid to become mayor of Ottawa, said in an interview he did not find a real home for his social conscience in the NDP. "I told them I didn't like a lot of their outlooks and policies — like the ties with international unions — but I did like the concern they voiced for people."

Also expected to seek the nominations are Richmond Hill Engineer Iwan Thomas, a resident of Boisdale Avenue, and Kerry Hill, a Willowdale lawyer. Former Diefenbaker Minister Frank McGee who represented York Scarborough from 1957 to 1963 will not seek the nomination as earlier reported.

### Metro Preparing Thackeray Dump

Evidently gifted with extra-sensory perception, Metro Works Department this week began preparatory work at the South Thackeray dump site, in spite of the fact that last week the OMB reserved decision on whether the operation of the dump was to be permitted.

At noon on Tuesday the site was alive with heavy machinery, excavators, front end loaders and dump trucks and Metro Works Department crews were busy churning up the landscape, ditching water, removing trees etc. Temporary repairs had been made to Steeles Avenue, east of the Little Eighth Concession, by filling pot holes with gravel and the road into the site had been oiled. At the entrance, a small sign stated "No Dumping, For Dump Sites Phone R. L. Clark, Commissioner of Works."

Some reports indicated that garbage was actually being dumped at the extreme southeast portion of the site but this section is in Etobicoke Township and not under Vaughan's control.

Vaughan's legal advisors are of the opinion that Metro is quite within its rights in preparing the site, although if the OMB decision goes against it, the work will have been for nothing.

### Five-Year Plan

## Vaughan Initiates Lighting Program

As the culmination of a move began last fall to bring street lights to the Richvale area, Vaughan Township Council last Tuesday agreed that \$20,000 should be included in the 1968 budget for this purpose.

Vaughan Township's hydro manager was instructed to proceed with the erection of street lights on Carrville Road, Spruce, Oak, Edgar and Birch Avenues, Avenue Road and a portion of Bathurst Street.

The first light was erected the next day, Wednesday, at Carrville and Avenue Road, a victory for local residents who have campaigned steadily for lights after two nighttime pedestrian fatalities in the area. The lights in Richvale are ex-

pected to cost \$10,960 to install. A further \$7,560 will be spent on lights in the Estelle-Maplecrest industrial subdivision on Highway 7 west of Jane Street and \$1,480 has been allocated to additions and improvements to the Kleinburg lighting area.

The hydro manager was also instructed to prepare for presentation at the next meeting of council a plan for the installation of lights in other urban areas of the township to be carried out between 1969 and 1973 inclusive.

It is planned to allot \$20,000 to this purpose each year, the amount to be assessed against the township as a whole. In addition to this, council

## School Costs Up Markham Mill Rate But Township And County Rates Down

In spite of the heroic struggles of Markham Township Council and a resulting half mill reduction in the levy for general purposes, it is more than certain that taxes throughout the township will go up again this year, largely as a result of school costs.

The township has reduced its levy for general purposes from 6 mills to 4.7 for residential and from 9.8 to 9 mills for commercial and industrial. Roads costs are held steady at 13 mills and fire at 2.5 mills while police costs are up to 7.3 from 6.5 mills.

Net result is a 27.5 mill rate for residential and farm assessment, compared to 28 for last year and 31.8 mills for commercial and industrial, the same as last year.

Although the two public school boards have not yet submitted their budgets, indications are that TSA 2 is likely to up the rate close to 3 mills. An increase is also expected from TSA 1 Markham.

Due to the takeover of the costs of administration of justice by the province, the county mill rate is down to 14 from 16 mills, although the dollar levy in the township is up to \$446,314 from \$439,533 last year, due

largely to increased assessment in the township.

Markham Township residents are divided into three high school districts and all will pay a higher levy for high schools, although the increase varies with each district.

Steepest increase in high school costs will be paid by residents in Stouffville District High School area where a 5.84 increase will be levied against residential properties, 31.14 mills increase will be levied against residential properties, 31.14 mills compared to last year's 25.3 mill rate.

Honors for next highest jump go to York Central District High School area where the increase is 4.4 mills, up to 36.2 this year from 31.8 last year.

Markham District High School area ratepayers will have an increase of 3.69 mills for a total high school rate of 33.49 mills, compared to last year's 29.8 rate.

Thus the half mill decrease in

township general purposes rate is a very small ray of light amid the encircling gloom.

However, Township Engineer Dusan Miklas was able to re-assess council Monday night as it passed the township budget that although the mill rate for roads remains the same, due to increased assessment in the township there will be more money to spend on roads.

The basic shelter rebate proposed by the provincial government was discussed and Treasurer Alex Barton advised that this could mean a rebate of about \$50 for every home assessed over \$2,000.

However, Deputy-reeve S. J. Gadsby was pessimistic about any immediate action on the rebate. He noted that the bill had received only one reading by the legislature and could still be abandoned.

Mr. Gadsby also noted that there had been a steep escalation of costs in the township in the past six years; in most cas-

es costs of services have tripled during that period.

### Break-Ins And Thefts Bring Police Warning

Following several break-ins and thefts over the weekend, Vaughan Township Police request homeowners to make certain that their homes are securely locked before they leave for their cottages.

Vaughan Police are investigating two break-ins at homes in the Maple area in which jewelry and other articles were stolen.

Thieves also gained entry to the Shell Service Station at Highway 7 and Highway 27 sometime over the weekend and although nothing was taken, the door to the office was broken.

Vaughan Police are also investigating the theft of a lawn renovator valued at approximately \$80 from the Edean Nurseries, Elgin Mills.

Early Friday morning, thieves stripped six wheels and tires from cars parked in the lot of Puddicombe Motors, Richmond Hill. The tires and wheels are valued at approximately \$450.

### Mental Health Week

Mental Health Week will get off to a swinging start in York County May 1 with a show of fashions at Summit Golf and Country Club, Richmond Hill commencing at 8 pm.

The show is sponsored by Chez Pauline, House of Beauty, Richmond Hill and will feature dress fashions, hair styles, refreshments, entertainment and lovely door prizes.

Tickets are available at Chez Pauline, 24 Yonge Street North, Fabric Fair, 80A Yonge Street South, Reynolds Shoe House, 165 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill, or at the door May 1, Richmond Hill Jaycees will also aid this year's campaign of the York County Branch of the CMHA and will collect donations to carry on the association's work of rehabilitation, research, public education and prevention of mental illness.

The Jaycees have set themselves a goal of \$5,000 for this worthy purpose and local residents may expect a call from them during Mental Health Week, May 1 to 7.

Mental Health Week will be observed at The Ontario Hospital, Aurora by an open house and conducted tours of the hospital May 1 & May 4 from 2 to 4 in the afternoon and from 7 to 8 in the evening. Tours will also be conducted Sunday afternoon, May 5, between 2 and 4 pm.

On Wednesday and Saturday, May 1 and 4, there will be a sale of articles made by the patients at the hospital and May 4 at 8 pm there will be a concert put on by the patients.

Members of the public are invited to visit the hospital and observe at first hand what is being done for the patients at this institution.

### Council Seeking Deed Town's Cenotaph Site

"Who owns the property on which the town's cenotaph sits?" queried Ward 4 Councillor John MacDiarmid at the April 22 meeting of Richmond Hill Town Council. He was told the site of the cenotaph, in front of McConaghy Public School, Yonge Street, belongs to the public school board.

"Then, when the county board takes over, they take the cenotaph, too?" Mr. MacDiarmid said.

This led Councillor Lois Hancey and Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins to move that the mayor be authorized to contact the Richmond Hill Public School Board to see if that body would consider deeding the land on which the cenotaph sits to the town for a nominal fee.

The deputy-reeve commented that the official plan indicates that this school is slated for

replacement some time in the future on a different site. "When this happens the property should be bought by the town and made into an attractive parkette with flower beds, fountains and benches. It's an historical site and should be preserved."

The school board had notified council that it was removing two Austrian pines and four blue spruce trees from behind the cenotaph and relocating them at other school locations. The letter advising council of this decision, recalled the fact that last year the board had accepted council's suggestion that the trees not be moved. However, overcrowded conditions have caused the loss of 10 junipers and the board has been forced to change this school is slated for

### Little Asks Easing Hunt Ave. Ban To Permit Parking Beside Bldg.

"I have no objection to the parking ban for 450 feet on both sides of Hunt Avenue. However, the mayor told the parking ban on Benson Avenue." Donald Little, president of Little Ford told Richmond Hill council Monday. "The only thing to which I am objecting is that this ban practically eliminates customer parking on our property."

Mr. Little described his problem which stems from the location of his building, which has been placed parallel to Yonge Street, however, the side streets were not built at a 90 degree angle. At the one corner the building is 26 feet from the property line but at the other corner it is only two feet from the Hunt Avenue road allowance. Cars parked in that area would thus protrude on to the paved portion of the road. They have been accustomed to parking the full length of the building.

Mr. Little told council he had repeatedly instructed his employees not to park on Hunt Avenue and charged that if the town police had tagged parked cars, the problem would have been solved, and there would

have been no need for a parking ban on both sides of Hunt Avenue. However, the mayor told the parking ban on Benson Avenue." Donald Little, president of Little Ford told Richmond Hill council Monday. "The only thing to which I am objecting is that this ban practically eliminates customer parking on our property."

The Little firm has been in business in Richmond Hill for 42 years but is finding parking restrictions and requirements for road widening becoming "difficult to live with". He claimed he had been assured by Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins that the parking ban would not have an adverse effect on his business. The deputy-reeve confirmed this, stating he had assumed the parking on the north side of the building would be permitted since it is well away from the paved road.

Since the parking ban will not become effective until the bylaw is approved by the Department of Transport and signs are erected, the mayor suggested that Mr. Little be heard at a meeting of the town council, at which a solution to his problem could be reached. Council agreed to this suggestion, and there would