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Garnet Williams Wins Smashing Victory Monday

Rutherford Returns As Vaughan Deputy-Reeve

By MARY DAWSON

Vaughan Township electorate chose a new reeve, deputy-reeve and three (of five) new councillors at Monday's election.

Garnet Williams, the present deputy-reeve, handed incumbent Reeve Brian Bailey a 2,782 to 1,544 defeat to claim the reeve's chair for 1969 and 1970. Albert Rutherford, a former township reeve and warden of the County of York, was successful in his campaign for the deputy-reeveship when he garnered 2,437 votes to 1,817 for Mrs. Margaret McLean of Concord, making her first bid for municipal office.

Gordon Risk of Maple, who led the polls with 2,591 votes as seven candidates vied for election to five seats on council (an increase from three to take effect in the New Year). David Fraser of Concord, who is completing his first two year term on council, was next with 2,335 votes; Lou Wainwright of Richview, in his first try for municipal office, stood third with 2,192; John Gilbert of RR 1, Woodbridge, another newcomer, was in fourth place with 2,128; and Dalton McArthur of Maple was returned for his third term with 1,945 votes. Just out of the running, Ernest Redemeier had 1,797 and Alfred Perry of Maple had 1,719.

Almost 40% of the 10,829 eligible voters in the township visited the 35 polling places Monday to struggle with a multiplicity of ballots. Public school supporters received five ballots to mark and separate school supporters had six ballots on which to indicate their choices.

Public school supporters voted for reeve, deputy-reeve, five councillors, three trustees for the York County Board of Education, and on the establishment of a hydro commission in the township. Separate school supporters substituted a ballot for two trustees on the York County Roman Catholic Separate School Board and added a ballot for one representative (for the whole county) on the York County Board of Education.

As a result, tabulation in each polling subdivision was slow and at Maple Recreation Centre, where almost 200 people had gathered to get the returns, tabulation was even slower. It was 9 pm before the first results were posted and these were from the advance poll at which 37 had voted.

By 10:30 only eight polling places were entered on the charts but Brian Bailey, who had his own unofficial returns almost complete, arrived to concede the election to Mr. Williams. "I know Garnet wanted this very much. To me, personally, it was unimportant," Mr. Bailey said. "I have been able to do some of the things I wanted done in the past two years. The people spoke today



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

After being out of public office for two years, Deputy-Reeve Elect Albert Rutherford expressed satisfaction at "being back in the reins again." He was speaking to a large group of electors who had gathered in Maple Recreation Centre Monday evening to watch the vote being tallied.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Victory is sweet for Reeve-Elect Garnet Williams of Vaughan Township and Mrs. Williams, as he received the acclaim of 300 township residents Monday evening at Maple Recreation Centre. Mr. Williams had just learned he had defeated the incumbent reeve, Brian Bailey by a decisive 2,782 votes to 1,544.

Request Survey On Need For More Sr. Housing

There is a long waiting list for apartments in Dufferin Court, the senior citizen housing unit opened just over a year ago, Councillor Lois Hancey reported to Richmond Hill Council November 25.

Because of this demand for more senior citizen housing, Councillor Hancey moved and Councillor William Lazenby seconded a request to have the Ontario Housing Commission make a survey of the needs for more accommodation for senior citizens.

Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins pointed out, "We have the land on the other side of Dufferin Street and the services are already in — so the cost to the town will be limited." For senior citizen housing the town is required to provide services and accept a fixed annual amount for each suite in lieu of taxes. OHC constructs and manages the buildings.

Councillor Ivan Mansbridge asked if a temporary sidewalk could not be installed on Dufferin Street to make smoother walking for the elderly residents of the present senior citizen housing, while awaiting

Yonge Street reconstruction, which involves widening of Dufferin. Reeve Floyd Perkins reported he has suggested to the works committee that an asphalt path be laid as a temporary measure.

Mr. Lazenby also requested that the works committee investigate some better method of designating the crosswalk at the Yonge-Lorne-Arnold intersection, "where there have been several near accidents."

Mrs. Hancey pointed out the town has no official crosswalks and the markings at Lorne and Yonge designate a school crossing. "We investigated legal crossings some time ago and found they entailed considerable expense in lighting, etc. Council at that time hesitated to go ahead with them. This is a school crossing and is very necessary," she stated.

"But other people use it when the crossing guard is not there. Will the works committee investigate marking it more clearly?" requested Mr. Lazenby. Mrs. Hancey suggested a larger school crossing sign might be the answer and promised to have the works committee investigate.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Ebullient Markham Township Councillor Tony Roman (left) and Reeve Stewart Rumble discuss election results in the Markham Township Offices, Monday evening. Both were landslide winners in their respective races.

Reeve Rumble swamped challenger Robert Sloane for the second time winning by over 2,000 votes. Mr. Roman toppled incumbent Sid Gadsby from the deputy-reeve's chair by two votes to one.

Rumble, Roman Landslide Victory

By MICHAEL RAPSEY

It wasn't an upset for Markham Township Deputy-reeve Sid Gadsby in Monday night's election; it was a complete overthrow.

Mr. Gadsby's deputy-reeve's chair was swept from under him by popular Ward 2 Councillor Anthony Roman who captured the township by two votes to one. Unofficial final returns were Roman — 2,647 and Gadsby — 1,285.

The top spot on the township council was retained by Reeve Stewart Rumble who obliterated his opponent, former Councillor Robert Sloane, at the polls. Mr. Sloane failed to win a single subdivision as Reeve Rumble steamrolled to an unofficial 3,093 to 866 vote victory.

This was Mr. Sloane's second defeat at the hands of Mr. Rumble who turned back Mr. Sloane's 1965 bid for the deputy-reeveship.

While Mr. Rumble's victory was never in doubt, for a short time it appeared as though Mr. Gadsby might come close to Mr. Roman. Down by eight votes after the first poll reported, he rebounded to take subdivision four at Langstaff by 41 to 39 votes.

From then on it was all Mr. Roman. Mr. Gadsby won only one other poll, subdivision five, as the remainder of the township declared solidly for his opponent.

The only tight race was in

Ward 2 where newcomer James Jongeneel won a four-way race for councillor. Mr. Jongeneel turned back a determined bid by Charles Hooper, one-time reeve and county warden, by winning the heavy subdivision vote in the Highland Park-Bayview-Glen areas in the south part of the ward.

Mr. Hooper carried five of the eight polls in the ward by slim margins but they were not enough to overcome the 300 vote majority gained by Mr. Jongeneel in the two polls he won.

Final results showed Mr. Jongeneel — 658, Mr. Hooper — 517, Norman Tyndall — 247 and John Young — 232.

In Ward 1, incumbent Councillor Allan Sumner defeated newcomer Charles Stewart of Thornhill Green 652 votes to 642. Ward 3 was captured by Eldred King, the retiring chairman of Markham Township School Area 2, who polled 497 votes to Philip Mihoreau's 296. Less than 30 percent of the township's eligible voters cast their ballots in the election.

The low turnout was reflected in the township offices at Buttonville where the results were being tabulated and posted by harried officials. Less than 40 people were present to witness Reeve Rumble's and Councillor Roman's stunning victories.

Many who were present were too involved in their own private agonies to care.

Little seven-year-old Helen Pennyfather, whose father was running as separate school representative on the York County Board of Education, expressed it all when she said tensely "I hope he wins after all the work we've done." Her father was trailing by over 40 votes at the time.

No such prayers were needed by Reeve Rumble. He entered the hall at 10:30 pm already comfortably ahead of his opponent and gaining all the time.

He quietly toured the sparse crowd, smilingly accepting congratulations and good wishes.

Commenting on his easy win, he said "Of course I'm happy. I've been working for this for two years. Let's just say the people of Markham were behind me."

The only excitement, other than the confusion of the press and radio reporters as they shuffled make-shift charts trying to keep abreast of the results, was the arrival of Councillor Roman.

Mr. Roman swept into the hall dressed turtleneck and blazer. He was a happy man and showed it in the way he greeted well-wishers with infectious enthusiasm.

He was gracious towards the man he defeated so soundly.

"It was a tough fight," he said. "It was quite an accomplishment to beat a man like Sid Gadsby. He did a lot of good work for the township but

the 1969 council will be better still."

Basically the main issue was to get some work done, he said. "I felt that too much time was spent on petty issues which should have been handled by the people working for the township."

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Council Finds Itself Helpless

New Drive-In Confirms To Zoning

In spite of "paying substantial sums of money for professional advice" Richmond Hill's zoning bylaw still has loopholes, town council has discovered. Neither the present Bylaw 1000 or the proposed new zoning bylaw would have given them any means of preventing what some members of council consider an unsuitable commercial development north of the Canadian Tire Store on the west side of Yonge Street.

Councillor John MacDiarmid reported that the application to build a drive-in restaurant conforms to the zoning. "There is no way we can change the zoning, so planning board thought it advisable to refer the matter to the works committee. Since there are two properties each with access to Yonge Street, we couldn't control it that way either."

Councillor Lois Hancey also pointed out that the zoning permits the development. "The only thing we can do is to try to alleviate the traffic problem." With this in mind the town's works committee recommends that immediate steps be taken to have traffic lights installed at the Yonge-Wright-Dufferin intersection, instead of waiting for Yonge Street reconstruction. "If the lights were in, the hazard wouldn't be so great," Mrs. Hancey told council.

"It's a traffic hazard with accumulating traffic," maintained Councillor Ivan Mansbridge. "I think the building permit should be withheld. If we have to go to the OMB we would have justifiable grounds," he contended.

"I think we should do everything to impede this proposal and do nothing to smooth the way," added Reeve Donald Plaxton. "It's right across the way from that beautiful new church."

"I would like to talk to the developers before the building permit is issued," stated the mayor. Mr. MacDiarmid agreed.

"They have gone out of their way to make it attractive. It's as pleasing an establishment of this kind can be made," reported Mrs. Hancey. Reeve Plaxton added that Richmond Hill badly needs a good class of restaurant and "we're getting the wrong kind."

Mr. Mansbridge suggested a controlling body be appointed to decide the type of development which will be permitted in commercial areas. He claimed this is done in Vancouver. If the building permit has not already been issued, it was decided to withhold it until council has had the opportunity to meet with the principals to discuss traffic problems.

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Mr. MacDiarmid went on to say the plans call for a nice building at the front with parking at the back. "It appears to be well organized and well built." The building will include a restaurant with tables and will be built and operated by the A&W chain.

Bailie, Jolliffe, Kinnee Elected To York County Board Of Education

Warren Bailie, of Richvale, Ross Jolliffe of Langstaff and Morley Kinnee of Maple will represent Vaughan Township and the Village of Woodbridge for a two year term on the new York County Board of Education which comes into being on January 1, 1969, as a result of Monday's election.

Mr. Bailie, present chairman of Vaughan Township Public School Board, led the polls with 2,470 votes. Ross Jolliffe, a past chairman of the same board had 2,320 and Mr. Kinnee, who has served on York Central District High School Board since 1949 had 2,070 votes.

The unofficial count Monday night indicated that the third

representative would be Rev. A. B. Cathart of Woodbridge, but the official count gave that seat to Mr. Kinnee by 112 votes. Mr. Cathart had 1,958. Chairman Allan Peck of York Central Board trailed with 1,789.

Vaughan was coupled with Woodbridge for the election for the new York County Roman Catholic Separate School Board, also. The two representatives chosen by separate school supporters were Mrs. Noreen Lee with 293 votes and Eugene Jacobs with 272. Both are from the Woodbridge area.

Malcolm Peake of Naughton Drive, Jefferson ran third with 105 votes.

Just 14.5% Town Voters Went To Polls Monday



DEENA SIMPSON



ROBERT ROSS

Richmond Hill's two representatives on the new York County Board of Education will be Mrs. Deena Simpson who received 575 votes, and Robert Ross who received 545 votes in Monday's election.

Candidate James Morley secured 466 votes in his first try for public office and Jack Knott, who has served on Richmond Hill Public School Board since 1961, trailed with 280.

Mrs. Simpson is the present chairman of Richmond Hill Public School Board and has served on ISOC, the committee which has paved the way for the new county board. She was first elected in 1962. Mr. Ross served on the public school board and as its chairman on town council, and on the York

Central District High School Board including a term as its chairman. On the new York County Roman Catholic Separate School Board, Richmond Hill will be represented by Solicitor John LeClaire who received 326 votes and John Taylor who received 222. Both have served on the Richmond Hill Separate School Board. Mr. LeClaire has also been chairman of ISSOC, the interim committee which has planned for the new board. Joseph Dwyer, also a trustee, received 126 votes.

Only 14.52 percent of the eligible voters in town visited the polls. There were 9,800 voters on the list and only 1,423 cast their votes.

Investigate Blaze That Killed Three

The Ontario Fire Marshall's Office is investigating an early morning blaze in Vaughan Township that claimed the lives of a man and two children. Results of the investigation will not be known for a week, according to Vaughan Fire Chief James Davidson.

Dead are Albert McArthur, 47, and his two children, eight-year-old Lisa and six-year-old Gregory.

They were killed when a fire broke out on their farm home, at 1 am, located a mile east of Highway 27 and 2 1/2 miles south of Nobleton. Intense heat drove neighbors who tried to enter the blazing home back.

It took firemen 1 1/2 hours to extinguish the flames.

Mrs. McArthur and another daughter, Laura 13, were attending a wedding when the fire started.

"I hope it is what people think it is," commented Mayor Thomas Broadhurst, when Richmond Hill's new anti-noise bylaw was given its third reading and passed at the November 25 meeting of town council.

The new bylaw seeks to control any noise likely to disturb inhabitants and provides a maximum penalty of \$300. Councillor Lois Hancey reported the town's solicitor had outlined the procedure for filing a com-

plaint under the new bylaw.

"If an individual or group is disturbed by a noise, they should contact the police or the bylaw enforcement officer. If in the opinion of the investigating officer there is an infraction of the bylaw he can lay a charge on behalf of the municipality. The complainant or complainants would be asked to sign an affidavit and appear in court when the case is heard. Then it will be up to the magistrate to

determine if inhabitants were disturbed," she pointed out.

The new bylaw prepared by Town Solicitor Thomas Fraser, to replace one passed five years ago which was first discussed at the November 4 meeting when it was given two readings.

At that time Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins questioned the bylaw, stating it would be a tough one to enforce and called it "Dic-

tating". The mayor suggested that a waiting period be given to enable citizens to comment on the bylaw. He expressed concern that it might leave people open to harassment by other individuals.

During discussion November 25, supporting letters were read from Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Elson, Church Street South; Dr. M. S. Hillier, Essex Avenue; Mrs. Elsie Green, Palmer Avenue; and

Stan Stanley of Harrygan Crescent. Chief cause of complaint was barking dogs, one writer stating, "A dog is a true picture of his master."

Other causes for complaint included racing cars, honking of horns, roaring motorcycles, shouting and smashing of bottles, the last four pertaining to patrons of a drive-in restaurant. Also present in support of the bylaw, although she did not

speak, was Mrs. R. Simmons of Hunt Avenue.

Councillor Ivan Mansbridge stated, "I think this bylaw is more effective than the previous one."

Mrs. Hancey pointed out that in Vaughan Township under a similar bylaw people have been charged and fined. Reeve Donald Plaxton described the problem as "what you think is likely to disturb and what the person hearing it considers disturbing."

"This is quite an intolerable load to place on a by-law enforcement officer," claimed Mayor Broadhurst. Deputy-reeve Perkins expressed concern that if the municipality lays the charge, the municipality is going to pay for it.

The mayor continued that he had no quarrel with the intent of the bylaw. "I suggest we give it a whirl," he concluded.