

Drive-In Restaurants Ok, But Oh Their Location

There was little joy in evidence at last week's regular planning board meeting when members found out they would soon have another place to eat at in town.

They've nothing against food or regular restaurants. Nor anything against drive-in restaurants, actually.

Just their location. That's why the furrowed brows when it was discovered that an application for a building permit for a drive-in restaurant had been put through regular channels.

The location would be on property immediately north of the present Canadian Tire Store on Yonge Street.

Chairman Harry Savers pointed out the area concerned was zoned for such a commercial enterprise and there was no need to approach the planning board

for approval. "In my opinion," he said, "the establishment of a drive-in restaurant on Yonge Street in this area is not very suitable. A traffic problem already exists."

Councillor Ivan Mansbridge was for "registering our objections even if we don't get anywhere."

Member Howard Whillans didn't think there was anything to be done about the present application but thought "some control could be initiated in the bylaw to handle future applications so it can't happen again."

Mr. Mansbridge suggested that "applications of this nature should come before this committee so that we could control their locations. I'm not saying they should be banned all together."

Chairman Savers agreed some control would be nice but voiced the fear that it

could "hold up desirable development by instituting another form of control."

It was generally agreed that there was little to stand on regarding traffic problems.

Member Ken Brown pointed out that it would be difficult to justify the traffic complaint "because you have such places as Mac's Milk and the new A & P Store which certainly provide difficulties."

Mr. Savers observed that "traffic problems have certainly been compounded by the addition of the store. I think it should have been stopped. On the same basis I think this drive-in restaurant is a poor idea at this location."

It was finally decided to ask Planning Consultant Max Bacon whether some kind of special control could

be established in building design to help alleviate the problem.

In other business, the board turned thumbs down on an application by Sherry Jaye Securities Limited to construct a small nine-unit shopping plaza to be located on the east side of Yonge Street South between Kinross and the Village Pizza Bar.

The application came to planning board when the committee of adjustment rejected it because it violated Bylaw 1000 backyard allowance regulations by more than a minor variance.

Board members looked on askance at the proposal for traffic reasons; the fact there would only be one exit onto Yonge Street.

Donald Barnett went further offering the opinion the structure would be strictly an "eye-sore, just a

piece of junk."

"I don't like the plan either," said Mr. Whillans.

A re-application from Cherry Construction for a nine-lot subdivision on Rumble Avenue was recommended for approval to town council providing it met with the regulation of Bylaw 1000.

Also attached was the condition that a proportionate amount of industrial to residential development be included as set down in previous town policy for other approved subdivisions.

Cherry Construction had applied earlier but had been rejected under a then-town policy of not approving any subdivisions. The policy was later amended to allow a certain amount providing the developer was able to guarantee industrial sites also.

Elgin Mills And Jefferson News

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The community club held a worthwhile meeting last Wednesday when D. R. MacDonald, Vaughan Township Schools Superintendent, gave an interesting talk on report cards, questioning their usefulness.

Discussion groups were formed following this address, group leaders reported findings and Mr. MacDonald answered questions and suggestions. Members continued the discussion after refreshments had been served.

At this meeting, Principal Donald Hansen reported on the re-organization of the school into one less classroom, due to the construction of additional rooms.

Chairman Mrs. W. H. Burns was pleased with the attendance of so many interested parents.

Birthday greetings are extended to Kim Perry, December 6, Brian Barbour, December 9 and Lianne Costoff on December 10.

The community was deeply shocked by the tragic death November 22 of Sandra Playford of Brookside Drive, who was struck by a car while crossing Yonge Street Friday evening. Sincere condolences are extended to her parents and brothers.

Jefferson Scouts and Cubs are pleased to announce that a load of 200 Christmas trees is due to be delivered to them for sale shortly. The trees this year will again be sold at St. John's Anglican Church parking lot.

Jefferson School The pupils of Mrs. Barbara Walwyn's and Mrs. Pauline Hurley's classes took a trip Wednesday to the Christmas Fairland at the Automotive Building at the CNE, which delighted the children.

Mrs. Verna Seel's class is due to tour "behind the scenes" of a supermarket Thursday (today) when they will visit the Dominion Store, south of Richmond Hill.

The addition to the school is now under construction. The contract was awarded to Wincon Construction Ltd. of Thornhill, the low bidder. With architect's fees, etc., the total expenditure will be \$207,000.

Church News The service on Sunday at St. John's Anglican Church will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 11 am.

The Sunday school party will be held December 14 in the



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Your Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Eric Chapman

Legion members will be glad to know that the Richmond Hill Cenotaph is not going to be destroyed, replaced or removed for at least another 49 years.

The Cenotaph, containing the names of local men who died in two world conflicts, was erected on the property of the McConaghy Public School on Yonge Street in 1920, and has since become something of an historic local site.

Earlier in the year, when plans were announced that the province would be assuming responsibility for schools, fear for the safety of the Cenotaph was expressed by many local residents.

And in this commercial age of concrete high-rise and drive-in spectacles their fears were well founded, because the provincial government has never been especially noted for its record of conserving historic sites when there was a tax dollar to be made.

At the beginning of November, Legion President Frank Barrott after consultation with members of his executive, wrote a personal letter to the Richmond Hill Public School Board expressing the Legion's concern on the future of the Cenotaph. As a result, the school board recently offered the town a 49 year lease of the property, at a nominal fee of one dollar per year.

This action was probably the last business that school board attended to before it was dissolved December 2. It was an intelligent action, and a heart-warming one for a few people who visit the Cenotaph unnoticed on occasions other than

November 11. We would like to think that others too, appreciate this conservation of their memorial, and should a Flanders Poppy suddenly begin to sprout beneath the Cenotaph we will all know from whence it came.

A total of 32 minor hockey teams will participate in Richmond Hill's second annual International Midget Hockey Tournament next year. And it will cover a period of 6 days, March 17 to 22 inclusive.

The event is being sponsored by this Legion Branch with the co-operation of the Richmond Hill Minor Hockey Association and the OMHA. A 21-man hockey committee under the chairmanship of Frank Murphy and Wes Berseth has been planning the tourney for several months.

Over 500 boys between the ages of 14 and 16, accompanied by coaches, managers, fans and parents are expected in town during the week, and players will be billeted as far as possible with local families.

The tourney has been scheduled for the period of Easter recess in the schools in order that local youngsters will be free to enjoy the excitement at the new Richmond Hill Arena.

Over 70 invitations have been sent out to hockey clubs in Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba, Newfoundland, Michigan, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Illinois, New York and California. An invitation has also been extended to the USSR with a view to having a Soviet minor hockey team participate.

The first annual tournament was held last April over a

period of three days when 16 teams took part. Reigning champions Humber Valley Aces and Toronto Limestone Quarries will be back to play in the second tourney, as will host team Richmond Hill Legionnaires. The final complement of 32 will be selected from among replies to invitations. Selections will be made on as broad a geographical base as possible.

A preview of things to come may be witnessed at the arena next week when on Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 a Detroit midget hockey club will face - off against our own Richmond Hill team. The Saturday game will commence at 9 pm, and the return game on Sunday at 2-30 pm.

Further news concerning the international tournament will be promulgated in the near future.

At the last general meeting held November 18, nominations for executive office were received. For the office of branch 375 President, two nominations were recorded. A total of 35 names were submitted for the nine other executive posts that are required to be filled to represent the 400 members of the branch.

Among those nominated is Comrade Jack Sanders, a charter president, who has held an executive position in the branch ever since it has inaugurated in 1945. Elections will take place December 16 at 8 pm. Membership cards are required to be produced to gain admittance to the meeting.

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