

Parched Markham, Vaughan Townships Throats May Soon Get Water Courtesy Of Metro

By FRED SIMPSON
The parched tongues of Vaughan and Markham Townships may soon be relieved with Metro water if the powers-that-be accept the recommendations of Metro Planning Commissioner Wojciech Wronski.

Vaughan has recently applied for 1.2 million gallons daily to serve the BAIF Subdivision and Markham has estimated that it will need 17 million gallons daily by 1979. The anticipated gross density is 40 persons per acre with a population to be served of 16,000.

In his report (which also broached the possibility of amalgamating the two townships with Metro), Mr. Wronski said that the Markham proposal also observed

that the requested supply of 17.0 MGD of Metro water by the end of 1979 would satisfy only its immediate requirements.

The Markham brief said that "it would not be unrealistic to predict by the year 2,000 the population of the township will reach 240,000 and the water demand will be 45 to 50 million gallons per day."

Accordingly Markham has requested that steps be taken to ensure the co-ordination of Metro and local water services for the mutual benefit of the two municipalities.

Mr. Wronski said the "principle of co-ordinating water services appears sound, and the flexibility it offers for future land use

planning is highly desirable."

There's one proviso: "As long as Metro in no way commits itself to servicing areas in which urban development should not take place as determined from time to time and described in the Metro Official Plan."

Mr. Wronski notes that while Vaughan's request is limited to the supply of water for the 400-acre subdivision "it is believed the public well water potential of the township is probably inadequate to meet the future demands of development in the urban development areas of the township designated by the Metro Official Plan."

"If it is appropriate, therefore, to supply the sub-

division with Metro water, it is equally appropriate to consider Vaughan's future water requirements and probable demand for Metro service within the total future urban development area and co-ordinate the systems as suggested in Markham.

"Accordingly, the Vaughan request should be considered only in the context of a possible future integrated system of Metro and local water supply facilities predicted on the principles and policies of the Metro Official Plan and not the ad hoc basis requested."

Mr. Wronski made the following recommendations:

- It is appropriate that a Metro water supply be made available to Markham Township serving only the designated areas outlined on the Metro Official Plan.
- It should not be made available to Markham to encourage the development of rural lands east of the Ontario Hydro right-of-way or rural lands on the south side of Highway 7 east of proposed Highway 404.
- It is appropriate that a Metro water supply be made

available to Vaughan to serve a 400 acre area on the north side of Carrville Road between Yonge and Bathurst Streets.

This is provided that the planning, design and construction of the supply facilities is consistent with the probable future demand for Metro water in urban development areas of Vaughan designated in the Metro Official Plan.

Mr. Wronski's report also noted that the subdivision in question lies within the Yonge Street corridor which the Metro Official Plan designates for urban development at an average density of 17 persons per acre.

"At the present time public sewage disposal facilities are not available, but development of the area is expected to be made possible by construction of an upstream sewage treatment plant, permission for which was recently given by the Ontario Government."

The plant is expected to be designed with a capacity of 1.4 MGD, to be required to serve as addition to York Central Hospital and the

new Don Head Vocational School on Vaughan Rd. and 4,200 persons in Richmond Hill as well as the subdivision in question. It will be located on the Langstaff Road where it will be capable of including in its catchment area a large part of the existing development in the Yonge Street corridor which is presently dependent on private septic tanks.

"It is understood that arrangements to construct the plant are not yet concluded, but it should be noted the servicing of the Yonge Street corridor by these means is both provided for and encouraged by the Metro Official Plan."

Mr. Wronski recommends also that Metro should cooperate with Markham and Vaughan Townships:

That a Metro water supply be made available to Markham Township to serve only those lands included within the urban development area. This will include the provision of water on a graduated basis to make available 17.0 MGD by December 1970 to serve 60,000 persons and 3,000 acres of

industry in the area bounded by Steeles-Yonge-Highway 7-Warden-Avenue.

"Of this extensive area, all of the lands east of a line formed by the proposed Highway 404 alignment — the new CNR access line — Ontario Hydro right-of-way are not included within the urban development area designated by the Metro Official Plan, and should not, therefore, be supplied with Metro water."

"Markham Township, however, has by its Official Plan amendment No. 8 designed as 'rural industrial' the area between the HEPC and proposed Highway 404 from a point south of Highway 7.

"This 'rural' industrial district has become to all intents and purposes a development area, so that only the lands east of the HEPC and the lands on the south side of Highway 7 east of proposed Highway 404 should be excluded from consideration for a Metro water supply.

"The provision of water to all of the other lands described by Markham would be consistent with the land

use policies of the Metro Official Plan."

Mr. Wronski advises that Metro should also co-operate with Markham and Vaughan Townships:

- In order to inform the townships of Metro's plans for the development of the Metro water supply facilities from which the townships might be permitted to obtain water for specific purposes.
- To facilitate the planning, design and construction of Metro water supply facilities in the townships and to co-ordinate such facilities with the local water supply systems insofar as is possible and feasible.
- To co-ordinate Metro and local planning for increasing the supply of Metro water to the townships to meet future water demands, in accordance with the forthcoming revision to the Metro Official Plan.

A report prepared for Vaughan Engineers Duncan Hopper & Associates Limited states:

"While costs of locating and developing additional wells to deliver a minimum

of 1.2 MGD together with related treatment, storage, pumping and delivery to the BAIF development area have not been worked out in detail, past experience indicates the cost would be in excess of \$600,000 and therefore supply from Metro is an economic alternative on the basis of initial cost.

"The cost of water delivered to the Vaughan distribution system by Metro will have to be negotiated but will likely be higher than current cost delivered from Vaughan wells."

It concludes:

"It is feasible and, on the basis of first cost, more economic to obtain the average 1.2 MGD of water which will be required by the BAIF development from the Metro system using the existing 18 inch main on Keele Street and completing the line to BAIF with 24 inch reinforced pressure pipe.

"If this proposal is to be implemented it will be necessary to make application to Metro for supply and to negotiate the terms of covering agreement including the cost of water."



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Leader's Wife Opens NDP Bazaar

"A wonderful success" is the report of Mrs. Angus Philip, who convened the recent bazaar sponsored by the Women's Committee of the York Centre NDP Association at the Lions Hall, Centre Street East.

The delightful autumn event was officially opened by Mrs. Donald MacDonald, wife of the leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party, pictured (right) above with Mrs. Philip (left).

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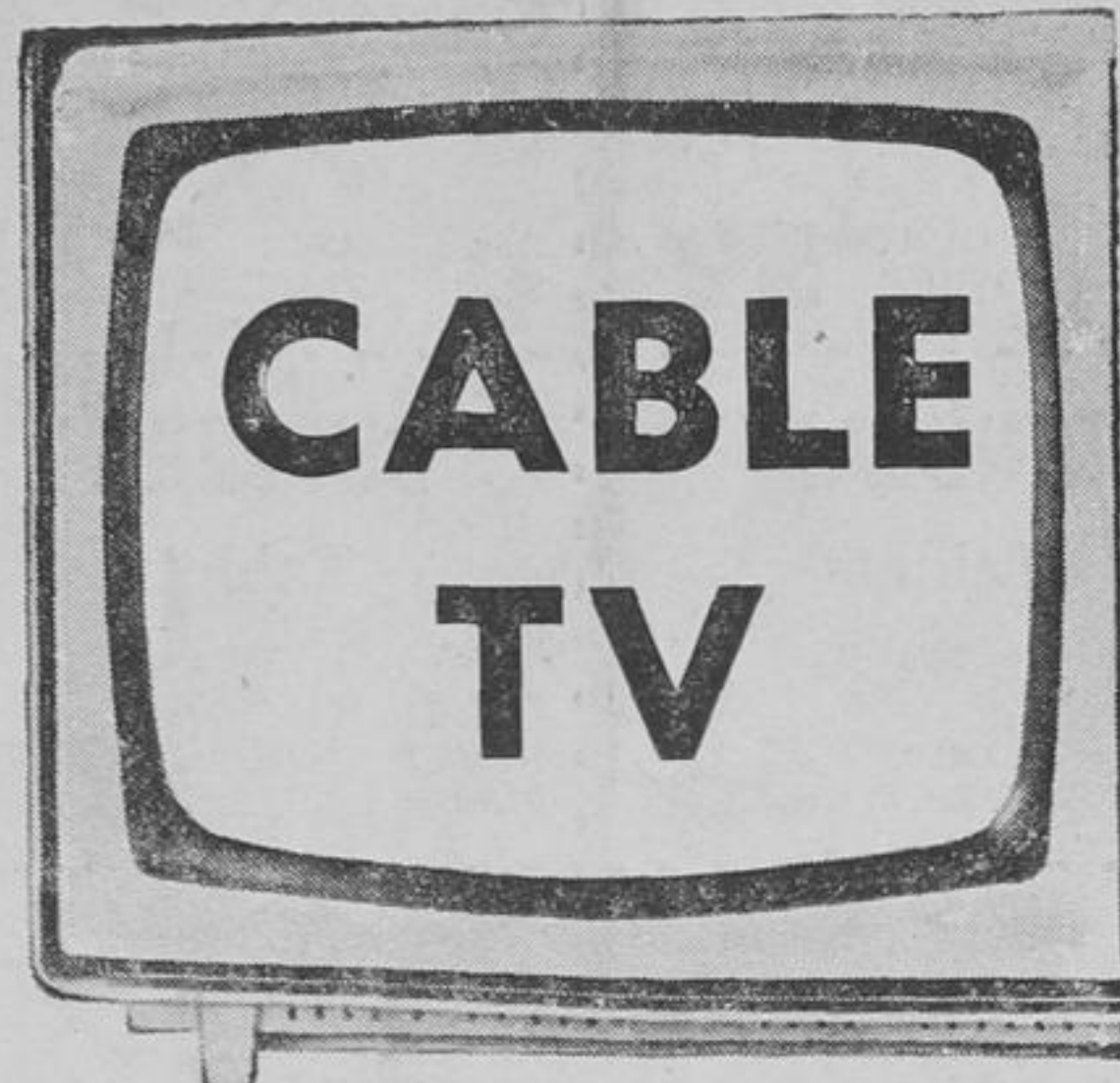


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