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1969-70 Vaughan Council Assumes Reins Of Office

Guiding Vaughan's destinies for 1969-70 will be the above members of the township council who were officially installed in office in an impressive ceremony held January 6.

Back row (left to right) Councillors David Fraser, Dalton McArthur, John Gilbert, Lou Wainwright and Clerk Ted Jackman. Front row (same order) Deputy-reeve Albert Rutherford, Reeve Garnet Williams and Councillor Gordon Risk.

Acclaim Reeve Stewart Rumble, Mkhm 109th Warden County Of York For 1969

Reeve Stewart Rumble of Markham Township became the warden of York County Tuesday afternoon during an impressive ceremony at the county offices in Newmarket. He won the honor by acclamation.

Stouffville Reeve Ken Laushway, declined the nomination for the position.

Mr. Rumble, who was nominated by Reeve Stewart Burnett of Whitchurch Township succeeds Reeve Garfield Wright of East Gwillimbury.

Mr. Rumble told the county council that it is faced with a year of change, but added that councils in the past had "laid an excellent foundation."

He continued, "when the province says it's time for a change, we are ready."

Mr. Rumble added, "I hope we can keep York County a good place to live and work."

In his final speech as warden, Mr. Wright said his term was "the most memorable year of my life. Nothing can replace it, nor can criticism destroy it."

He said a report submitted to the Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough, in De-

McKeough Forecasts

Regional Government By Late 1969

A specific proposal for regional government for the area north of Metro will be introduced into the Ontario Legislature by late this year or early in 1970, Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough indicated Monday. He was speaking to officials of Ontario County at a luncheon of the Oshawa Rotary Club. Regional governments are also planned east and west of Metro.

Proposals for the Peel-Halton area will be announced January 22 and for the Niagara region January 23. Studies conducted by the provincial government on both areas are already complete and the municipalities involved have countered with other suggestions.

Regional government, in some cases, can be achieved in a few months, Mr. McKeough stated. "More often I would expect the whole procedure, starting from scratch, to take something like two years."

Introducing the regional government plan in the legislature a few weeks ago, the minister reported that he had already held several meetings on regional government with representatives from this area.

It is indicated that the new regional government setups will be two-tier, with the upper tier (or regional government) handling services such as capital borrowing, public health, planning, police, welfare, water and sewerage facilities and assessment. The lower tier or local municipal government would continue to deal with road maintenance and garbage collection and similar services.

Mr. McKeough has set a minimum population of 150,000 to 200,000 for effective regional government, with the individual municipalities having a population of from 8,000 to 10,000.

The minister also said his department will try various methods with regard to the key question of representation on the new governing bodies. "The first principle we want to see followed — and followed more

conscientiously than has sometimes been the case in the past — is the traditional principle of representation by population."

Although claiming, "Our minds are not closed," and revealing that his department plans further meetings with Pickering Township officials, Mr. McKeough's speech on Monday blunted Pickering's hopes of becoming part of Metropolitan Toronto.

The minister pointed out that the population of about 42,000 in the three municipalities in that area (Pickering Township, Pickering Village and Ajax)

would make it difficult if not impossible, for it to become a borough of Metro.

The same population would help to prevent complete domination of the Oshawa-Whitby region by the city of Oshawa, which has a population of 80,000.

Mr. McKeough also stated that "Pickering provides a sufficient area between the boundary of Metro and the Oshawa-centred area for extensive residential development," and the influence of Oshawa over this area would help somewhat to offset Pickering's orientation toward Toronto.

Former Reeve Joseph Dales of North Gwillimbury said the county council made the only possible decision.

Markham Township Deputy-reeve Anthony Roman, who had seconded the nomination for Mr. Rumble, said, "Markham Township is one of the most progressive municipalities in the county. I had no reservations in seconding the nomination of this man."

Stewart Burnett, Mr. Rumble's nominator, told the audience that "he (Mr. Rumble) will make an efficient and capable warden."

Mr. Roman set out a guideline which he plans to follow during his term as deputy-reeve.

"If this can be achieved, I hope to carry out and implement the following: an extensive program of road and safety improvement; a more comprehensive program of water and sanitary services to lower rates for residents of those areas; to promote quality industrial, commercial and desirable residential development in order to strengthen our financial position; to attempt to achieve a

more comprehensive agreement with neighboring municipalities in the essential services to obtain lower cost and efficiency, and we must keep constant vigilance that recreational and cultural facilities are provided as development takes place," he said.

"Only by progress through efficiency can we provide better services for the residents of Markham Township at a reasonable cost," he concluded.

Councillor Eldred King told the audience that it was with anxiety that he looked forward to his first year on council. He is a former public school trustee.

"I will make my decisions conscientiously, apply myself energetically and uphold the interests of the taxpayers of Ward 3 to the best advantage for the investment of everyone in the township," he said.

Representing the heavily populated Ward 1, Allan Sumner said that as the population increases, greater demands are made for services.

"During the past election, the problem that was voiced at many of the ratepayers' meetings was the quality of water, the quantity of water... it either tasted bad, smelled bad or looked bad, and there wasn't enough of it," he said.

"We must improve and enlarge on other services," Mr. Sumner stated, "such as recreation, street lighting and things of this nature. We will certainly work during the next two years in all of these fields."

James Jongeneel said in his inaugural speech that he meant what he said during his campaign, particularly in the area of planning.

"I'd like to check into the possibility of setting up an active industrial commission for this township," he said.

Mr. Jongeneel said the council would have to come to grips with the problem of improved public transportation to and from Toronto.

"As I've said before, the extension of the Don Valley Parkway is essential," he stated.

Prior to the speeches, a short devotional was given by Rev. Donald Kranz, minister of the Bethesda Lutheran Church in Unionville.

Also bringing greetings to the new council were Reeve Ken

Offer \$1,000 Reward Hit & Run Death

A \$1,000 reward has been offered by the province for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the driver involved in the hit and run death of a Thornhill man, January 1.

The body of Arthur Abbey, 47, was found at 2.30 am on Highway 11, two miles south of Richmond Hill by an OPP Officer from the Oak Ridges Detachment.

Police believe he was killed while walking south on the highway.

Police are looking for a white car with damage to the right front fender or, possibly, the left front fender.

Any information should be reported to the nearest police authority or the Commissioner of the OPP. Police will keep the identity of the informant confidential.

Markham Twp. Needs Good Industrial Assessment Says Reeve Rumble At Inauguration Ceremonies

The 1969-70 edition of Markham Township Council officially took office Monday in a brief inauguration ceremony held at the township offices in Buttonville.

Two new councillors, Eldred King, Ward 3, and James Jongeneel, Ward 2, joined the ranks.

In his inaugural speech, Reeve Stewart Rumble told the audience that the area of municipal jurisdiction "seems to be in a restless state." He said some are forecasting the township will become part of Metro, while others predict Markham will become part of regional government.

Mr. Rumble pointed out that education, health services and welfare are now controlled on a larger basis, than township jurisdiction.

He said the municipality must strive for good industrial assessment values in order to provide work for area residents.

The reeve stated that the township police department, located in the same building as the council chambers, had grown to 23 men and is operating from cramped quarters.

"This council should look very soon at their requirements and take action to provide larger police accommodation," he said.

Mr. Rumble said council should continue to co-operate with its neighboring municipalities.

"While we are not anxious to annex any other municipality," he said, "there are probably sound reasons why certain areas may find it beneficial to amalgamate."

Deputy-reeve Anthony Roman, said it was important that the various departments of the township work as a unit and not as individual departments.

Mr. Roman set out a guideline which he plans to follow during his term as deputy-reeve.

"If this can be achieved, I hope to carry out and implement the following: an extensive program of road and safety improvement; a more comprehensive program of water and sanitary services to lower rates for residents of those areas; to promote quality industrial, commercial and desirable residential development in order to strengthen our financial position; to attempt to achieve a

church Township, has that area on his new beat in addition to the Town of Aurora.

Vaughan Township, Woodbridge and King Township fall under the jurisdiction of Dick Verrips, while Mrs. Doris Harper covers Newmarket and the Township of East Gwillimbury.

The Township of North Gwillimbury, Sutton and Georgina Township are handled by Hugh McLeod of Keswick. Mr. McLeod, under the former system, was head of welfare in North Gwillimbury.

Taking care of home for the aged and nursing home applications as well as indigent hospitalization throughout the entire county is Norm Lewis.

Two office workers, Mrs. May White and Mrs. Jean Smith, both of Aurora, complete the new staff.

The new department absorbs some 14 general welfare departments that were operating prior to January 1.

Mr. MacDonald said the new service will offer fea-

Parks And Recreation Amalgamated Jan. 1

At the request of the parks board and recreation committee amalgamation of the two bodies will be carried out immediately, Richmond Hill Council decided Monday evening. The amalgamated board will be composed of 11 members — eight citizens and three representatives of council.

The move has been under consideration for several months and in early November council decided to amalgamate the two seven-member appointed committees on January 1, 1970.

Lack of communication led to misunderstandings between the two town committees.

RUTTLE COMMITTEE
More than a year ago Mayor Thomas Broadhurst appointed William Ruttle, who had served on both boards, to head a committee composed of Chairman Shaun Beggs of the parks board and Chairman Angus Philip of the recreation committee, to investigate the feasibility of amalgamation. The report presented to council in April by

Mr. Ruttle recommended the two boards be combined into one.

Later the recreation committee agreed with his recommendation but the parks board voiced objections on the grounds of additional expense in hiring a full time recreation director and a qualified man to look after the parks.

MANSBRIDGE'S MOTION
Then in November, Councilor Ivan Mansbridge introduced a motion that the amalgamation take place on January 1 this year. Other members of council felt there should be a waiting period to give each committee time to assess the impact of the change and to enable them to accomplish the transition painlessly — the result was that the motion was amended to set January 1, 1970, as

the target date and passed unanimously. It was also recommended that the two committees hold joint meetings occasionally during the year, to become familiar with each other's problems.

However, in late December, council was informed by the two bodies that they favored immediate amalgamation.

NAME MEMBERS
Monday night council named 11 members to the new parks and recreation board — eight citizens and three council members.

Appointees with experience on one or other of the two committees are: Shaun Beggs, Leisure Lane; Harold Jones, Richmond Street; Russell Tilt, Bridgeford Street; Angus Philip, Sussex Avenue; Andy Chateaubert, Zaida Crescent and Herbert Wunderlich, South Taylor Mills Drive.

New members are: David Barton, Axminster Drive and Pat Decaris, Church Street South. Council representatives are: Councillors Lois Hancey, John MacDiarmid and Ivan Mansbridge.

Town Appointments Coming Year
Council appointments to other boards and committees made Monday night were:

To planning board for a three year term, Ivan Toutloff, Crosby Avenue and Ken Brown, manager of the local branch of the Guaranty Trust. Other members of planning board are Harry Sayers of Starlight Crescent, Donald Barnett of Kerrybrook Drive; Howard Williams of Bridgeport Street, and Councillors Ivan Mansbridge and John MacDiarmid.

David Higgins of Harding Boulevard was re-appointed to the committee of adjustment for a three year term. Tom Graham of Mill Pond Court was appointed for the same term, replacing Harry Charles who has moved out of town.

Cam Smith, manager of the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia has been appointed to the public library board for a three year term and Councillor Lois Hancey was named council's representative.

Deputy-reeve Floyd Perkins and Dr. Douglas Pimlott of Centre Street West were appointed to the Metro Conservation Authority.

Norman Stephenson of Hunt Avenue, Andy Chateaubert of Zaida Crescent and Leslie Smith of Crosby Avenue were named fenceviewers. Mr. Smith is the new appointee.

Fred Bovaard of the town's works department will again be the weed inspector.

Deputy-reeve Perkins and Councillor William Lazenby will represent council on the arena board.

Councillor Lazenby will represent the mayor on the York Central Hospital Board and Councillor Hancey and Ken Tomlin of Harding Boulevard will be Richmond Hill's representatives on the Central Ontario Regional Development Council.

The mayor is an ex officio member of all town committees.

Council gave the bylaw third reading and passed it unanimously Monday.

Clerk Harry Crisp outlined the history of salaries for council members. In 1960, the reeve received \$3,000 per annum, while councillors earned \$18 per meeting. The reeve's salary was increased \$500 in 1963, while the councillors' paychecks remained the same. In 1965, the reeve earned \$4,000 a year, while councillors received a \$2 per meeting wage boost bringing their pay to \$20 a meeting.

Councillor James Jongeneel said, "other municipalities are raising salaries and ours (Markham Township) are still relatively low."

Reeve Stewart Rumble said, "we won't have any trouble substantiating our salary. If we work hard, we'll earn our money, and I'm sure we will."



Administrator Leaves York Central Hospital March 1st

Gary J. Chatfield, who has been administrator of York Central Hospital since February 1, 1963, is leaving the hospital March 1 to become president of Modex Nursing Homes Ltd., with head offices in Toronto. Mr. Chatfield will continue to reside in Richmond Hill where he is a director of the proposed Richmond Hill Day Nursery and of the York Central St. John Ambulance Association.

Mr. Chatfield was the first member of the staff of the local hospital being appointed as consultant in 1961, months before negotiations had been completed for the site, plans finalized and the first sod turned. He gave invaluable advice and guidance from that time until the hospital was built, staffed and in operation. Since then he has worked to maintain and improve the high quality of hospital care made available to the residents of this area by York Central.

A native of Winnipeg, Mr. Chatfield holds a Bachelor of Science of Pharmacy from the University of Manitoba and a diploma in hospital administration from the University of Toronto. An administrative residency in Humber Memorial Hospital at Weston and a research project for the Ontario Hospital Association dealing with factors influencing operating costs in hospitals preceded his York Central appointment.