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Whitchurch Worries As Metro Industry Resumes Dumping Near Stouffville

By HAROLD BLAINE
Councillors in Whitchurch Township Monday afternoon viewed with growing apprehension the problem of industrial waste dumping in the vicinity of Stouffville.

The council was reassured last week that the dumping had been stopped in late November because it was a potential hazard to the neighboring population.

Then January 16 came the announcement from the waste management branch of Ontario Department of Energy and Resources Management that the restrictions on the site had been temporarily removed pending further studies in the area.

"We read the Minister's letter. He said it was a hazard. Now they've opened it up again. Where are we?" said Councillor Gordon Ratcliff.

"This is the stuff they stopped in Vaughan Township," said Councillor Merlyn Baker. "These Metro industries have had years to solve their dumping problems satisfactorily, but they haven't... and they won't... until they are forced to," he said.

For earlier story on pollution in Whitchurch see Page 4.

Councillor Baker said Whitchurch should consider adopting the same anti-dumping by-law that it cost Vaughan Township \$4,000 in legal fees to draft. The township should not have a city of two million dumping waste on it, he said. Mr. Baker added that he saw hundreds of barrels of paint, many containing lead, being buried at the Bremner Dump. These barrels would ultimately rust out. There were other full barrels, including some from West Hill (atomic power reactor site area), and refuse from drug companies. "Nobody knows what is down there," he said.

"We don't want a liquid (Continued on Page 15)



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Fifteen beauties will be vying for the title of Snow Queen at the Second Annual Winter Carnival in Richmond Hill on February 6, 7 and 8. Chosen from the three secondary schools in the Hill, the girls will be guests of honor at dinners and parties before the final winner is selected and crowned on the first evening of the carnival.

Pictured above are Richmond Hill High School's five representatives. They are (left to right) Evelyn Higgins, Debbie Cook, Kathy Morrison, Brenda Lamoureux and Marilynne Harrison.

Don Head Secondary students will choose their entries this week.

Competition Keen For Carnival Queen

Ron Taylor of the Snow Queen Committee reports that the week before the Richmond Hill Winter Carnival will be a big one for the girls picked as contestants for Snow Queen. Already the Royal Canadian Legion has promised them a dinner, and one or two more may be in the offing.

To wrap up the week the big dinner and judging will be held at the Honey Pot Ski Lodge on February 6. Some of the judges are Betty Kennedy of CERB, Ken Foss of CFGM, a member of the Maple Leafs yet to be named, and a representative of

the Eleanor Fulcher Model Agency. Every contestant will receive a necklace from Dynes Jewellers, and she will also have her hair done on Friday afternoon by a local hairdresser. The winner gets the free use of a Dodge Dart Swinger from Tompkins Motors for six months.

The girls representing Bayview Secondary School are: Angela Wilson, grade 9; Debbie Stoness, grade 10; Sue Craine, grade 11; Maureen Cole, grade 12; Monika Fleiner, grade 13; Richmond Hill High has picked Katherine Morrison, grade 9; Debbie Cook, grade 10; Evelyn Higgins, grade 11; Brenda Lamoureux, grade 12; Marilynne Harrison, grade 13. Only school still to choose its representatives is Don Head Secondary.

Douglas Allen has news and details from the Snow Sculpture Committee which he heads. There will be prizes in all categories, including lawn sculptures. It's still not too late to enter, just phone Al White at 884-8101 for details. The whole area around the calendar building at the Mill Pond will be filled with works of winter art. Some ambitious boys from Pleasantville had already started on their sculpture, but they had to be asked to move it, it was right where the committee wanted to erect the stage.

Maarten Heilbron of Bayview Secondary reports that his school is doing a television program to publicize the carnival.

It will star Shaun Beggs, chairman of the 1969 Carnival Committee, and Lauren Castello, last year's Snow Queen, and will consist of interviews, introduction of the Snow Queen candidates, and slides from last year's carnival. Many local citizens are pictured on these slides, and the committee hopes to have the program shown on Channel 5.

Don Hodgson of the Snowmobile Rides Committee says that everything is excellent for the big weekend of February 6, 7 and 8. His committee has selected a trail around the pond and through the Polish Park. It will be running Friday night and all day Saturday, at only 25 cents a ride. Don has sent out a plea for snowmobiles and drivers... if you can and want to help phone him at 884-6505.

Brian Gentles of Bayview Secondary says that sales of carnival buttons are booming. They have 3,000 to sell at 50 cents each and they'll be pushing them throughout the town this weekend.

Bill Ruttle of the program committee says that the calendar of events is almost ready, and will be published in next week's "Liberal" — the main lineup of events remains the same, the two musical groups, the Tijuana Sinners and ELI on Friday night, with the crowning of the Snow Queen, the big sports day on Saturday and the old fashioned skating party Saturday evening with the Richmond Hill Symphony Orchestra providing the music.



Sunday will see a new addition to the program with an outdoor church service with more skating and snowmobiling during the day.

Councillor Shaun Beggs, chairman of the Carnival Committee, says that if the weather fails to co-operate, the town arena has been booked for Friday night, and everything will be re-scheduled there. If you are driving to the carnival, Pleasantville School has offered its parking lot for parking while activities are in progress at the Mill Pond.

Dana Graham of Don Head Secondary reports that students will be demonstrating safety driving, and skid control, on the ice Saturday afternoon. Anja Beggs says that any women who would like to play hockey during the carnival should get in contact with her. If you are interested in getting a group of ladies together for a hockey game please phone Anja at 884-1800.

Ask TTC To Continue Buses Here January 31

The Toronto Transit Commission has been requested to continue its North Yonge Bus Service until January 31.

Markham and Vaughan Townships and Richmond Hill are meeting to review their agreement with the TTC prior to renewing it for a further period. The three area municipalities own the franchise for the North Yonge service and last year were paid a total of \$4,641 by the TTC.

The previous contract was negotiated 10 years ago. Since then there has been considerable increase in the total population of Southern York County.

Councillor Allan Sumner Resigns To Head Markham's Recreation

Veteran Markham Township Ward 1 Councillor Allan Sumner submitted a surprise resignation to Reeve Stewart Rumble Monday night, in order to accept the Township's appointment as manager of parks, and director of parks and recreation.

The council will meet February 2 at 5 pm to appoint a replacement for Councillor Sumner, who served on council for eight years. His unexpired two-year term runs to the end of 1970.

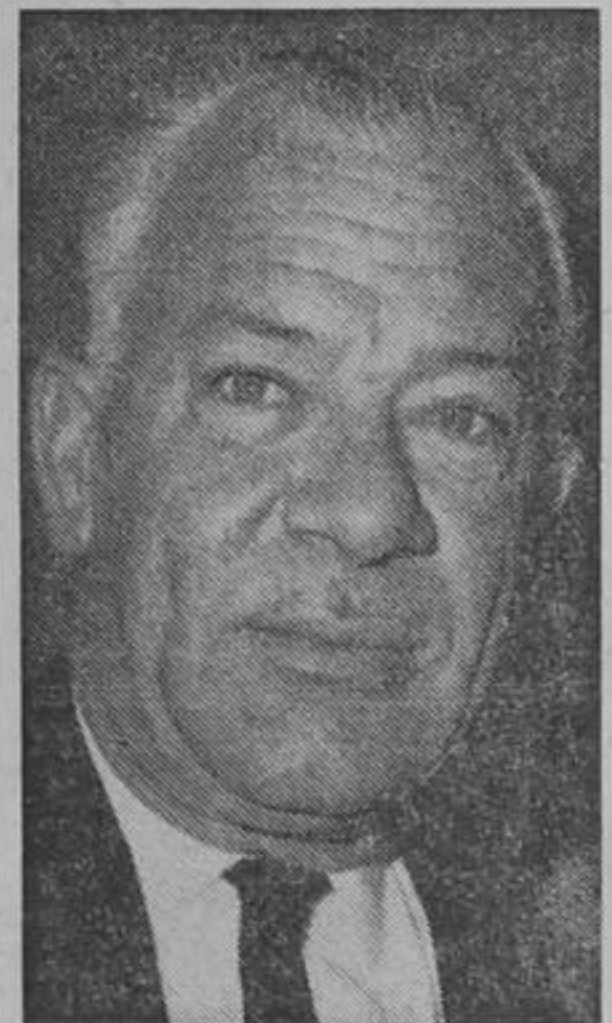
Mr. Sumner was a Thornhill Village Trustee for several years before serving on council. He has been identified closely with parks and recreation development in Thornhill and the township during his terms of service. His new job carries a salary of \$8,000 per year.

Reeve Rumble said Mr. Sumner was a colleague on council for almost all his tenure, and that he had done an excellent job and would be missed.

Councillor Eldred King said the council was unanimous in its appointment, since it was clear Mr. Sumner's heart was in the township's recreation work.

Deputy-reeve Anthony Romo said Mr. Sumner's resignation was accepted with regret, for he was an excellent member of council. Since it was evident that there were increasing demands on the expanding township recreation and parks facilities, the township was fortunate to have such a man as Mr. Sumner come forward. The township council approved in principle Mr. Sumner's appointment when it met in committee on January 12. The report from that meeting read as follows:

"Written applications for the position of parks manager for the Township of Markham were received and refused. Consid-



ALLAN SUMNER
Now Civil Servant

eration was given to the most suitable and qualified applicants one of which, it was noted, was Allan Sumner. It was agreed his experience and knowledge of the township parks situation qualifies him for the position."

Mr. Sumner said he would miss being a member of council. The time he had spent as councillor had been very happy, even though there had been a few verbal hassles, mostly over recreation projects, he said.

Reeve Rumble said Mr. Sumner was lucky to get his resignation accepted, since he came near to reducing the council that night below a quorum. Councillor James Jongenel was absent due to illness, and if anyone else were absent, Mr. Sumner couldn't resign.

Mr. Sumner then vacated his seat on council and took a seat in the public gallery of the council chambers.

Mansbridge Loses Bid To Ban Snowmobiles

Deputy-reeve Ivan Mansbridge lost his second attempt to have snowmobiles banned from all streets and road allowances in Richmond Hill at Monday night's meeting of town council. His motion was seconded by Ward 2 Councillor David Schiller.

When the vote was called, although all members of council were agreed that some control is necessary, only the mover and seconder voted in favor. Mr. Mansbridge's previous attempt was made in December 1969.

In presenting his motion, Mr. Mansbridge claimed that the ban is essential in Richmond Hill where the minor thoroughfares are narrow and with no sidewalks. He drew attention to the large number of children using the roads in the evening as they go to and from Scouts, Guides, church and community groups.

Reeve Donald Plaxton reported that he had talked to representatives of Stouffville and Aurora which have banned snowmobiles from the main thoroughfares, but allow them to cross these roads at right angles. "This seems to have solved the problem without a complete ban," he stated.

"I believe it reasonable to ban these vehicles from the travelled surface of any road. I agree they should not be allowed on main thoroughfares," the reeve declared. "But if we ban them from the streets and parks, there will not be public acceptance of the bylaw."

"The problem of enforcement would be impossible. I've had complaints about the noise and it can be bad. I just won't buy complete prohibition but I will buy some control that will work."

"The answer to pedestrian danger is to construct sidewalks," Ward 1 Councillor Eric George contributed. "The police have the necessary authority to control these vehicles now. Under provincial legislation they can permit no one under 16 to operate one on the roads and can enforce the 30 mile per hour speed limit. It

is when these vehicles are at top speed they are the noisiest."

Mayor William Lazenby stated he favors restrictions on their use. "I would support a ban on Yonge, Bayview, Elgin Mills, Markham, Crosby, Cen-

tral and some regulation of snowmobile operation in the town. "There should be some regulatory bylaw — some reasonable approach. I can't see just ignoring the problem completely."

Ward 4 Councillor Shaun Beggs then told council that a group of snowmobile owners are trying to organize all owners in the town to come to council with suggestions for controlling legislation. "They are concerned and the majority believe restrictions are necessary."

"This has been one of my concerns," stated the mayor. "I wish the careful and con-

First In Aurora

Panel Of Experts Discuss Drugs

Increasing concern about the prevalence of illicit use of a variety of drugs in York County has prompted two local groups to plan and sponsor a public forum on drugs at Dr. G. W. Williams Secondary School in Aurora at 8:15 pm Tuesday.

It will be the first open discussion on drug use to take place in this part of the county.

Sponsored by the York County Medical Wives Association and the York County Medical Society, the meeting will present a 17 year old ex-user of marijuana and LSD who will tell his personal story.

The various drugs in use and their effect on the body will be described by Nicholas Leluk, executive director of the Council On Drug Abuse In Canada. A psychopharmacologist from the Queen Street Mental Health Centre in Toronto, Wilfred Clement, will discuss the acute or

severe reactions that result in hospitalization and the treatment for those who "freak out".

"Mrs. Pat Whitehead, wife of the governor of the Don Jail, who operates a halfway or rehabilitation home, "Project Ossington", will relate the problems of re-adjustment that are faced by people who are coming off drugs.

York County will be represented by a group of citizens, all specialists in their various fields, who will attempt to answer specific questions that relate to problems in the county.

Members of the panel will include Richmond Hill Police Chief Robert Robbins; Attendance Counsellor Mrs. Carolina Bezzoff of York County Board of Education; Alf Fowley of the Addiction Research Foundation, who counsels individuals and families with addictive problems;

Dr. Owen Slingerland, medical officer of health for York-Oshawa District, and Dr. C. C. "Pat" Schofield who will represent the family physicians who serve the community.

One area of concern that has seldom been discussed is the trauma to the entire family that is created when the discovery is made that a son or daughter is using drugs — Mr. Leluk has stated that children at grade 6 level have been introduced to drugs in the City of Toronto.

The meeting will attempt to inform the public about the various drugs in use and how to recognize someone taking drugs. The system of distribution and cost of drugs will be discussed, and the panel will describe existing agencies where help can be sought when drug abuse is suspected, and where it exists. (For more news on drugs see story on Page 5.)

Roland Wilson QC Town Counsel BAIFF Hearing

Roland Wilson, QC, 10 St. Clair Avenue East, Toronto, has been retained as counsel in connection with Richmond Hill's representations to the Municipal Board regarding Amendment 18 to the Vaughan Official Plan (BAIFF).

At the town's request this plan has been sent by Municipal Affairs Minister Darcy McKeough to the OMB. The amendment would permit development of the 400-acre high-density BAIFF development to proceed in the near future.

It is Richmond Hill's contention that the plan is premature and the planned density population is too high.

Mr. Wilson has successfully represented the town on two previous occasions — the first time about 15 years ago in a lawsuit over the effluent from the sewage disposal plant and the second time six years ago in a lawsuit against the late John Bailey, developer of Beverley Acres. The latter case was settled out of court.

Councillor Lois Hancey

Denied Chance To Serve On Finance

One experienced member and two members who are serving their first term on Richmond Hill Town Council objected to the makeup of council's standing committees as presented by the striking committee at the January 12 meeting, but only one was successful in having a change made.

The striking committee named at the inaugural meeting on the morning of the same day was composed of Mayor William Lazenby, Reeve Donald Plaxton and Deputy-reeve Ivan Mansbridge.

"In six years of service on this council I have never had the opportunity of serving on the finance committee," stated Ward 3 Councillor Lois Hancey, "and I believe I should have that opportunity." Her plea fell on deaf ears, however. The finance committee is considered to be one of the senior committees of council.

When Councillor Eric George, elected in December to represent Ward 1, asked why at least one of the two new members of council with engineering training and experience had not been appointed to the works committee, it was explained that the striking committee had

collors Beggs and George. Arena Board: Councillors Beggs and George. Central Ontario Regional Development Council: Councillor Hancey. Richmond Hill Public Library Board: Councillor Hancey. Day Care Centre: Councillor Schiller. Civic Improvement Committee: Deputy-reeve Mansbridge.

Cam Smith Heads Library Board

Cam Smith, manager of the local branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, was elected chairman of the Richmond Hill Public Library Board at its January meeting.

Appointed to the board by town council four years ago, Mr. Smith has served as chairman of the finance committee since that time and last year added the duties of vice-chairman.

Serving as vice-chairman in 1970 will be Mrs. Ruth McConkey, a former Vaughan councillor, who is also a town council appointee.

John Riswick, separate school board representative will take over the post of chairman of finance and Mrs. Robert Fountain, county board of education representative, will chair the personnel committee.

Publicity is being handled by Mrs. James Downey, who was named to the library board by the board of education and Mrs. Don Montague, appointed by the separate school board. John Anderson, a town council appointee, will continue as chairman of the property committee.

Alex Campbell, board of education appointee, has served as chairman of the board for the past four years and has shown great interest in library development in the community. Mr. Campbell will remain as the board delegate to the Canadian Library Trustees' Association and will continue to provide his objective ideas for library improvement at the local and national level.

Mr. Campbell is a former member of Richmond Hill Town Council.

Queen's Park Page Boy Stays In Richmond Hill

Being on the firing lines in the Legislative Assembly at Queen's Park for the past 12 weeks would be just "one of those things" for a practicing politician.

It's something else again for a 13-year-old school student.

Especially for David Mongeau of Windsor.

David, who has been staying with his aunt and uncle in Richmond Hill, Mr. and Mrs. George Rice of 27 Leisure Lane, has been on the firing lines along with 21 other Page Boys.

"I like it," states bespectacled David who is a grade 8 student at De LaSalle School in Windsor. "But I think they talk too much sometimes. I think the sessions could be shortened quite a bit."

David received the opportunity to actively participate in democracy in June of the past year when he spotted a

notice on the school bulletin board inviting interested and qualified school students to apply for the position of Page Boy at Queen's Park for the coming sessions.

Qualifications included having an average of 80 per cent in school marks as well as having relatives in the Toronto area. David qualified on both counts.

"What does a Page Boy do?" "We carry out requests by the various members in the House," states David. "Some members want us to carry messages to The Speaker, others want us to get them a glass of water or even go to the bank for them and deposit some of their money."

What was his most unusual request? "One of the members asked me to get him a glass of orange juice," David didn't know why the request for orange juice.

David and the other Page

Boys are also required to file each day's activities in Hansard — the Assembly's official record of the proceedings — as well as the various bills.

"As for missed schooling?" "We have our own tutors while we're attending the sessions," he said. "We attend school two days a week for two hours a day. The group I was in had a retired principal teaching us. He concentrated mainly on keeping up our languages and mathematics."

David had nothing but praise for all the politicians there.

"There were all very nice to us and very considerate." But one thing you had to be on your toes, no "horsing" around.

"They were pretty strict. One boy arrived wearing running shoes and he was out of a job for the day. They wouldn't let him on the floor."

David also had his fall-out, temporary as it was, with the legislative powers to be.



DAVID MONGEAU