



Texas Instruments Manager Transferred

A farewell party was held at Our Lady Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church, Richmond Hill East, March 21 for William Peirce, operations manager of Texas Instruments Canada. Mr. Peirce is returning to the company's head office in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

Walter Mascioli is replacing Mr. Peirce as operations manager of Texas Instruments Canada in Richmond Hill.

Approximately 300 well-wishers attended the farewell party at which a handsome oil painting of an Ontario winter scene was presented to Barbara and Bill Peirce to ensure remembrance of the mutually enjoyed seven years in Richmond Hill.

In the above picture, Mr. Peirce (right) accepts the picture and a warm handshake from Lloyd Smith, manager of manufacturing service.

Town Council Grants \$3,000

Unique Pilot Project For Youth With Problems

Richmond Hill Town Council March 31 decided on a 3-2 vote, with two members abstaining, to provide \$3,000 for a pilot project this summer to be known as a "Youth Aid Centre". Voting in the affirmative were Councillors Lois Wynne and Shaun Beggs, in the negative were Deputy-reeve Ivan Mansbridge and Councillor David George, with Mayor William Lazenby casting the deciding vote in favor. Abstainers were Reeve Donald Plaxton and Councillor David Schiller.

As spokesman for the delegation seeking financial aid for the project, Dr. John Wynne pointed out that the Richmond Hill area has a drug problem. He noted there had been many meetings on the subject during the past 18 months and that concerned individuals and a number of established community organizations have given much time, thought, energy and money to organizing drug control programs.

"The community seems to be saying that it is ready for 'phase two' of the program and that is moving from discussion into action," his brief stated.

Dr. Wynne pointed out that a unique service has been in existence for a year in our area. Young people have discovered that they can go to 162 Markham Road and discuss all kinds of topics — from personal problems to religion and the response of youth has overwhelmed the young people who rent the house.

"They asked Addiction Research Foundation for help and called a meeting at their house, inviting a cross-section of the community to attend. Addiction Research Foundation discussed what they have been doing and asked these young concerned people if they would be willing to offer their services in a different location. They agreed and St. Mary's Anglican Church volunteered the space providing there is moral and financial backing from ARF and the community," Dr. Wynne explained.

Out of this the concept of a summer pilot project, which ARF believes to be unique, was conceived — a place where young people can discuss anything they wish with others who are sensitive and concerned. The doctor stressed the fact that this program grew out of the needs of this community's young people. The committee responsible think of the "Youth Aid Centre" as a mental health centre in the best sense of the word, he stated.

The members of the committee are Noel Rebchuck (Addiction Research Foundation), John Raynor (youth worker, Seneca College), Barbara Favns (youth worker, Seneca College), Francis Willock (York County Health Unit), Rev. John Lawrence (St. John's Baptist Church), Gwen Halliday (YWCA), Rev. David McGee (St. Mary's Anglican Church), Rob Sim (youth), Pat Wynne and Pat Tennant, (homemakers).

The centre will be managed by John Raynor and Barbara Favns who have been working with the area youth with problems at 162 Markham Road, three George Brown student addiction counsellors and one local student to man a telephone as a back-up service. It will be under the guidance of ARF District Director Alf Fowley and guidance and counselling will be available to the youth of the community from 6 pm to 3 am seven days a week.

The money being provided by the town will pay the salaries of Mr. Raynor and Miss Favns, who have done the bulk of the work in the youth centre. ARF will provide \$5,300 for the salaries of the other four persons to be employed, plus the cost of the telephone service. The project will run for three months — June, July and August. At the end of that period there will be an evaluation and if it has proved successful a permanent program will need to be set up under the guidance of ARF and with the support of the community.

Answering a question from council Dr. Wynne estimated that 1,500 young people in Richmond Hill are using drugs of some kind. "At present this is a weekend problem, but during the summer it will spread throughout the week," he said.

Mr. Mansbridge based his objection on the fact that he felt that the centre would be used by young people from a wider area than the town. He moved an amendment that Richmond Hill assume 50% of the cost, and the committee approach Markham and Vaughan Townships for the balance. Councillor Schiller was willing to second the amendment if it had contained the proviso that if Markham and Vaughan failed to contribute, the town would pay the full amount, but learning this was not the intent of the mover he withdrew his support.

The deputy-reeve also expressed strong concern about the need for more action by police to curtail the manufacture and distribution of drugs. "This is a situation which is not going to go away. As a parent I am very concerned. If a centre is needed I'm all for it and I'm for Richmond Hill participating, but I feel it is of such a nature that other municipalities should be involved, certainly in finances," he said.

"In my experience," Miss

1969 the police report showed there were 14 prosecutions for possession of drugs.

Dr. Wynne reported that of the hundreds of youth who found their way to 162 Markham Road only two were from outside the town. He also pointed out that some Richmond Hill children are going to the centre in Doncaster, which is supported by the Borough of North York — "if they have wheels."

Councillor Beggs told council, "We spend considerable money in building bodies. We run summer programs and winter programs for the children of our community. I feel that \$3,000 to try to rehabilitate people with a problem, mentally and morally, will be well spent. If \$3,000 will put out a branch someone can grasp to pull him

self out of the mire, we should provide it."

The mayor pointed out that most of the county-wide police action is against production and distribution of drugs. "They are so easy to produce and are accessible to students with a knowledge of chemistry. I think the problem has to be tackled on every level."

"I'm very interested in anyone, group or centre which will help young people who are on drugs," stated Mrs. Hancey. "I have read they will not go to doctors, ministers or their own parents. If these youth workers have been able to communicate then the \$3,000 will be well spent. If a year's program costs \$20,000 it would be well spent. I know it is not a cure, but rather the provision of assistance, the consultation and protection to the proper people."

Richmond Hill Council Pares 1.25

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count be applied to the parks budget to reduce the mill rate by \$6,850. The park board's development program will also be assisted by \$14,000 from apartment levies and \$2,500 in provincial grants.

In another account \$7,000 from sale of a wedge-shaped piece of land to Elmstone Development in the Neal Drive area and a balance of \$2,460.66 in the Mill Pond Court Development enabled council to increase its original \$1,000 allocation for the family counselling service to the approved \$2,500. At least half a dozen suggestions were made for spending the balance of \$7,960 but it was finally allocated to the parking lots behind the municipal building and the library.

Councillors were in agreement that this money should be spent in the town, where it was raised, before regional government becomes a reality, which may be at the beginning of 1971.

For the first time, to our knowledge, a group of citizens attended the budget-setting session, chaired by Deputy-reeve Ivan Mansbridge as chairman of council's finance committee. Members of the public came and went throughout the day, numbering from one to eight at various times.

More details of the budget and the 1970 mill rate will be detailed in next week's issue of "The Liberal".

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Housing Productivity

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board member salaries and expenses is \$5,000 for 1970, about the same as last year. Members received \$20 for each meeting attended.

In the first three months of 1970 there have been \$8,000 in development application fees paid. This just about equals the amount of revenue collected by the board in all of 1969.

The new Markham Township Planning Board development application fee schedule is as follows:

- For draft plans of subdivision — \$30 per single family dwelling lot and \$50 per semi-detached dwelling lot; \$150 per acre or part acre for multiple residential, commercial or industrial blocks.
- For site plans — \$30 per multiple residential dwelling unit; \$100 per commercial, industrial or institutional projects.
- For official Plan and zoning bylaw amendments, \$100 per application.

The previous fee schedule came into existence in 1966. Under it all site plans were to cost \$25 and subdivisions cost \$10 per acre or per lot, whichever was less. Zoning and Official Plan bylaw applications were the same as now, at \$100 each.

Until last year, however, only the subdivision fees had been collected.

Planning Board Meet

Lasts Only 30 Minutes

An abbreviated Richmond Hill Planning Board meeting lasted only 30 minutes Tuesday night of last week.

The meeting was called to hear an application by a representative of W. A. Stephenson Construction to receive an okay to erect an apartment-commercial complex in his property on the east side of Yonge Street, north of R. D. Little Ford Sales.

Approval would require rezoning the area from its present industrial designation to commercial.

The representative failed to appear.

The meeting adjourned.



JOAN MORROW, RN

New CPA Stewardess

A recent graduate of a cabin attendants' school held by CP Air at Vancouver was Joan Morrow, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Wright Morrow of 130 Wright Street, Richmond Hill.

Born in Hamilton, Joan came to Richmond Hill as a youngster and was a graduate of Richmond Hill High School. On her graduation from Toronto East General Hospital School of Nursing she received the award for Comprehensive Nursing in Geriatrics and worked in the medical centre at Thornhill or Mrs. Morse, Famerter and "agee until joining the ranks of CPA stewardesses.

She is now stationed in Vancouver.

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