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TOWN TAXES ARE UP 1.85 MILLS

Council Advanced Due Date A Month To May 1

Richmond Hill's mill rate for 1970 has been set at 28.187 mills for residential public school supporters, 31.226 mills for industrial and commercial public school supporters, 29.111 mills for residential separate school supporters and 32.252 mills for industrial and commercial separate school supporters.

These levies are made up of 3.057 mills for county purposes which will raise \$380,403.83; 8.560 mills on residential property for town purposes, which will raise \$812,607.43 and 9.758 mills on industrial and commercial property, which will raise \$287,921.51; 7.204 mills on residential and 8.004 mills on industrial and commercial property for high school purposes, which will raise \$683,881.30 and \$236,167.63 respectively; 9.366 for residential and 10.407 mills for industrial and commercial for public schools, which will raise \$797,085.64 and \$301,981.18 respectively; and 10,290 mills on residential and 11.433 mills on commercial and industrial for separate school purposes, which will raise \$101,115.78 and \$5,590.98. The increase on an average home will be about \$30.

A residential public school supporter, assessed at \$20,000 this year (based on the 1967 market value), will pay taxes of \$563.74 less the basic shelter grant, the exact amount of which is not yet known, but will be at least the amount received last year and may be slightly higher.

A residential separate school supporter on the same assessment will pay taxes of \$582.22 less the basic shelter grant in 1970.

In all Richmond Hill ratepayers will pay a total of \$3,606,755.28 this year.

"I believe this to be quite a good budget," stated Finance Chief Deputy-revee Ivan Mansbridge at Monday night's meeting of council, when the exact mill rate became known. Mr. Mansbridge is this year's chairman of council's finance committee, under whose aegis the budget was struck April 6. "This is an overall increase of 1.827 mills, only .55 mills of which is due to town expenditures (including the police department whose budget went up 25%). Educational costs were up 1.16 mills and the county rate went up .117 mills."

Mr. Mansbridge pointed out that in his opinion parks and recreation came out on top. "We have owned the Mill Pond Park area for two years and have carried out no development yet. This year's budget will permit some development work in that area. I didn't believe this was the time for major capital works in view of what may happen at the end of the year (regional government)."

Although the increase in the county levy was a minor one, Mayor William Lazenby pointed out that this year the county was relieved of an expenditure of \$401,060 for the assessment department which has been taken over by the province. He also pointed out that this year's town budget has made provision of \$42,000 for signal lights on Newkirk Road, \$31,000 for park development and \$8,500 for youth services — day care centre, drop-in centre and youth aid centre.

Provision has been made for an increase in the local bus service by extending the route to serve York Central Hospital and Don Head Secondary School, he noted. "We would have had a slight reduction in our share of the tax rate," he told council and ratepayers present, "if it had not been for the large increase in the police budget over which this council has no control. But we are making an investment in our town. I believe this is a fair budget from which the people of this town will benefit."

"Besides, the treasurer tells us that a minimum of \$5,000 will be saved in interest charges by moving the due date of taxes ahead one month," the mayor added.

"Since I am a member of the police commission, I would like to point out that it is the victim of circumstances," the mayor continued. "Last year after many months of negotiation the commission settled wages of its force at the OPP level. In

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Trustees Council Sets Policy On Ont. Teachers' Salary Negotiations

The board negotiating committee has withdrawn offers of pay increases previously made to secondary school teachers in the county reported Whitechurch Trustee Arthur Starr, board vice-chairman, and chairman of the negotiating team, at a meeting of York County Board of Education Monday.

His committee last met with the secondary school teachers on March 14. Mr. Starr, and with the elementary school teachers on April 1. The committee is prepared to resume talks at any time, but has had no communication from either group.

York County Board's offers were as good, and in some cases better than offers made by other boards in the province which have settled new salary schedules with teachers, Mr. Starr reported.

He told the trustees that he and Board Chairman John MacKay had attended a meeting of the Ontario School Trustees' Council at the Skyline Hotel on April 11 and concurred with the policy which was approved by the majority of those present.

When negotiations between Metro secondary school teachers, who were asking for a pay increase of 35 percent, smaller classes, and fewer teaching periods, were broken off with Metro Board of Education, the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation placed the

Metro Board on a "pink list" which was circulated to all federation members in the province, warning them not to accept positions with any of the six Metro boards.

At a meeting of the OSTC on Saturday, the trustees agreed to defer hiring of teachers to the weekend of May 15, 16, with advertising on May 12, or to the second weekend after the pink list is lifted if this is earlier.

It was also agreed that any sanction imposed as a means to establish "conditions of work" will be considered unjustified and OSTC and all boards will support any board on which such a sanction is imposed.

Continuing and new teachers will be paid on existing scales where no agreement is reached.

The OSTC had previously recommended a nine percent increase as the reasonable maximum for any board to offer, but it was agreed Saturday that any board may take a proposal which breaks the nine percent guideline to a meeting of area boards, and if the proposal is approved by this group and the OSTC salary committee, it may be accepted to effect a settlement.

"It is hoped that the same face saving formula which maintains essential principles will be found in Metro re 'working conditions' and that a salary settlement could be

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Enlarge Library Add Showers Crosby School

York County Board of Education is seeking Department of Education approval for an addition to Crosby Heights School in Richmond Hill.

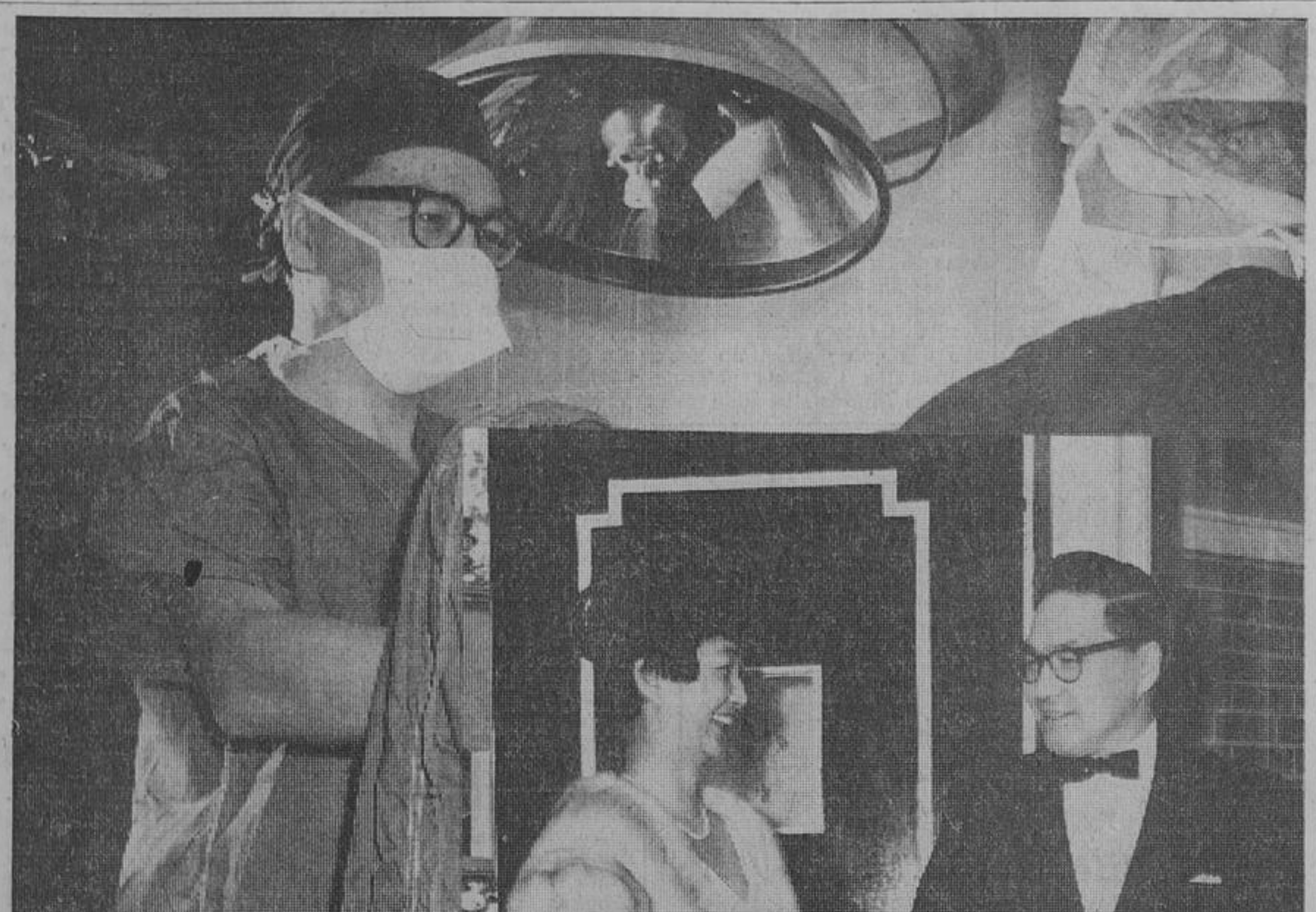
The contemplated changes, estimated at about \$50,000, will not actually add to the overall size of the school. It will involve the roofing over of an existing courtyard to allow for extension of the library and resource centre, and for the installation of showers in the change rooms.

Crosby School, with an enrolment of about 750, is mainly a senior school, with the majority of students in grades 7 and 8, although there are classes for all grades up to this level.

Department regulations require that change rooms for students from grade 7 up be equipped with showers.

The "addition" will also provide for a music room for classes in instrumental music.

Plans were already underway, and a grant for the alterations approved when the school was under jurisdiction of the former Richmond Hill School Board which disappeared when the county board was formed in January, 1969.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Change Of Pace!

Who would imagine looking at the elegant couple (above right) Dr. Arnold Arai and his charming wife, Sadie, going through a quick dress rehearsal for the White Rose Ball, being held May 1 by the YCHA, that half an hour later he was gowned in a green robe (above left) ready for action in the confines of the operating room of York Central Hospital?

Not only is Dr. Arai a dedicated advocate of the auxiliary and chief of surgery, he is president of the York Central Association For The Mentally Retarded and a past president of the Richmond Hill Rotary Club.

However, he still finds time in his busy schedule to attend the annual White Rose Ball and he and his wife will be among the many guests in the elegant Centennial Room at the luxurious Inn On The Park enjoying cocktails and dinner, followed by dancing to Frank Bogart and his Orchestra.

Why not join them for a convivial evening of fun and dance and support the auxiliary with its fund raising event — with all proceeds being used for equipment which will help the hospital serve you better.

Dress is optional and tickets may be obtained by calling Mrs. Hugh Walker at 833-5200.

White Paper Opponent Here Wednesday

John Bulloch, a 36-year-old Toronto teacher is the catalyst in a nation-wide movement to oppose the Trudeau Government's White Paper On Taxation, will be in Richmond Hill on April 22 at the invitation of the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Bulloch will be the guest speaker at the luncheon to be held at the Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club. Members and guests have been invited.

The first time he read Finance Minister Benson's proposals, he says, "I just couldn't believe it."

Mr. Bulloch's own career, as an employee in his father's Toronto clothing store, as an engineer, a salesman, a business manager, a teacher of business and finance, and a husband and father, has taken him into a variety of taxation situations. A graduate of the University of Toronto, Mr. Bulloch is married and is the father of two young children.

His most recent occupation has been as an instructor of business management and finance at Ryerson Polytechnic Institute. At the same time he has acted as director and vice-president of John Bulloch Limited, with responsibilities for accounting, financing and opening of new retail outlets.



JOHN BULLOCH FIGHTS OTTAWA

Federal Liberals Herbert Gray and John Roberts defend Benson's White Paper. See story on Page 10.

His first reaction to the White Paper was to write a stinging letter to Finance Minister Benson. A few days later he published an ad in the Globe and Mail, publicly expressing his anger.

Within two days he had received so many calls from businessmen that a nucleus of a national organization was immediately formed. Mr. Bulloch was named secretary and director of the Canadian Council For Fair Taxation.

Mr. Bulloch took a one-year leave of absence from his teaching position, and reduced his involvement in the family business in order to devote his time to council activities.

With dozens of speaking engagements planned in the first two months, as well as trips to all parts of Canada, Mr. Bulloch has a busy time ahead.

"I don't feel the commitments I have made are any less than those of thousands of others

In this country, though. In their own ways, they are working just as hard soliciting support, organizing opposition and preparing briefs," he said.

It is going to take a concerted effort like this to create an effective opposition, Mr. Bulloch said. One of the major tasks that lie ahead will be organizing a national meeting on May 24 in Toronto.

"All of Canada will see that we mean business," he said. "If we step on a few toes in the process, that's too bad."

"If we don't stop the White Paper right now though, and maintain an effective opposition in the years ahead, we might as well kiss Canada's future goodbye."

Anyone wishing further information on the meeting is asked to contact Chamber of Commerce President Stuart Casement by phoning 884-6741.

Board Wants Lot Fee To Pay Cost Of School Buildings In New Developments

York County Board of Education believes that the people who create the need for new schools should pay for them, just as they must pay for other public services that are "must" in new developments.

A delegation from the board met on April 1 with representatives of the Departments of Education and of Municipal Affairs. Following the meeting Board Chairman John MacKay reported the two departments "appear sympathetic" to a dwelling unit fee proposed by the delegation at Queen's Park.

The board had previously forwarded a brief to both departments, asking for legislation to permit the levying of a "dwelling unit fee" on all new development in the county, to be used to provide school sites and buildings needed to serve the new development.

The brief pointed out that,

Spring Comes Canadian Tire

April showers bring May flowers — the urge to clean-up and paint-up, mow the lawn, dig in the garden and get out into the fresh air for a good time.

This year April showers also bring everything needed by the gardener, house cleaner, golfer, fisherman and motorist at the Canadian Tire Associate Store, 70 Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill, at big savings.

Details of the sale prices, which will be in effect until April 27, or while the quantities last, will be found in the eight page third section of this issue of "The Liberal".

while municipal councils are able to impose such a dwelling unit fee to protect residents from increased costs of municipal services for such new development, there is no such protection from costs of additional educational services required.

A unit fee imposed by the school board would be a "benefit approach", the brief stated, with those who receive the advantage from the educational service paying their proportionate share of the initial cost.

Board Chairman John MacKay, Vice-Chairman Arthur Starr of Whitechurch, Vaughan Trustee Ross Jolliffe, together

with Education Director Sam Chapman and Superintendent of Planning and Development Stephen Basmalasi met with Minister of Education William Davis at Queen's Park.

Also present were William Hodson, M.L.A. York North, and Dr. Matthew Dymond, M.L.A. Ontario Riding, part of which is in York County.

Two staff members from the Department of Education and one representative of the Department of Municipal Affairs took part in the discussion.

The board representatives told the provincial leaders the need for the legislation is urgent as capital debt charges are now

12 percent of the board's current budget and are increasing rapidly.

Land and building costs "are rapidly pushing the total debt to a position where the board simply will not have the credit to supply the school facilities required by new homes," Mr. MacKay pointed out. "At that point, development in York County will come to a dead stop."

Mr. Davis appeared sympathetic to the board's presentation and the delegation later reported there were indications also that the Department of Municipal Affairs

delegate to the Canadian Amateur Swimming Association, Dennis Ashworth, secretary of the Ontario Swimming Pool Association; consulting engineer Ed Boddart, specialist in recreation centre planning and design; Sam Masson, president of the North Thornhill Recreation Association; Jim Grant, North Thornhill Community Association delegate; Ted Foster, Thornlea Community Association delegate; Murray Dowdell of Box Grove; Rod Torrance of Cedar Grove, a former high school trustee; Harry Fitzsimmons of Unionville, council of churches chairman; Parks Manager Allan Sumner; David Houck of Victoria Square and Bill Corcoran of Victoria Square.

The idea of the pool at the school is to save the York County School Board the cost of an additional gymnasium

built because this is the smallest size for the most economical and efficient use. Township council has already agreed in principle to construct a public pool.

Chairman of the swimming pool study committee is Don Reid. He is also chairman of the North Thornhill Recreation Association Swimming Pool Committee. Previously he headed a group responsible for two public pools in the Montreal suburb of Point Claire.

Other members of the committee that conducted the Thornlea school pool development feasibility study are as follows:

Township Recreation Chairman Metcalfe; Les Diack of the Unionville Swimming Club; Andy Day of Bayview Glen; Thornhill Police Village Trustee Eric Cole; Peter Rossi of Grandview-Highland Park; John Sutch, Ontario

Public Pool Proposed Instead Of Gymnasium At Thornlea Secondary School

BY HAROLD BLAINE

Markham Township's public swimming pool should be included in the Thornlea Secondary School extension being planned by the York County Board of Education, the township council was told last week in a submission from an 18-member citizens' committee.

The special swimming pool study committee was appointed by the Markham Township Parks and Recreation Committee.

Chairman George Metcalfe said the parks and recreation committee endorses the swimming pool study report and recommends it to council.

Cost would be an estimated \$280,000. The pool would be 75 feet by 45 feet (short Olympic size) in a building area 120 feet by 85 feet.

It is recommended that a smaller pool should not be

that would otherwise be needed. In return, the school board would house the pool.

It is projected that the pool would earn a minimum of \$20,000 a year that could be used to pay part of the construction costs. With luck, and with the best possible efficiency of operation and use, the pool could earn as much as double this amount, bringing it close to a self-supporting basis, Mr. Reid told council.

Mr. Metcalfe said earlier study of the swimming pool proposal indicated it might best be built in conjunction with Thornlea School. The school board agreed the school might be a suitable pool site.

The parks and recreation committee felt a pool was a necessary thing in view of the growth in the township. The study group worked with the school architect, Mr.

Metcalfe said.

Engineer Boddart said the study committee was recommending a short Olympic competition size pool of 25 yards with six swimming lanes seven feet wide. This was about 30% more pool space than was first suggested by the school architect. It would require a building 20 feet longer. More adequate deck space for competition activity, for training and for spectators was recommended by the group. This was the minimum required for a workable competition pool.

The school architect had proposed five swimming lanes six feet wide.

Reeve Stewart Rumble remarked it was unusual to have school trustees recommending a lower cost facility while the citizens were before council recommending the spending of more money.

Mr. Boddart said it was a question of getting the best value for the money spent. There was a difference of \$55,000, but the additional money would provide a first class pool of maximum utility. The township could save \$55,000, but would end up with a pool of very limited use.

Mr. Metcalfe said the pool operation was going to require a policy, a plan and leadership.

Councillor James Jongeneel pointed out the minimum \$20,000 profit projected would barely cover interest charges.

Deputy-revee Anthony Roman said the council had already approved the pool in principle, and it was now a matter of working out the best plans.

The other members of the township parks and recreation committee are Zoly

Berta of Victoria Square, Mrs. Kay Greenwood of North Thornhill, George Greer of Grandview, George Churchill of North Thornhill, Deputy-revee Roman and Councillor Eldred King.

The pool study committee submits the following on the human benefit of swimming facilities:

"During the past two decades, there has been a fast growing appreciation of the value of swimming expertise in both the protection of life and in physical education.

"Swimming has gained recognition as the most beneficial of all forms of exercise. Physical educators agree that there is no physical activity that can contribute as much as swimming to a person's physical well-being.

"During World War II, nearly all belligerent nations included swimming as a part of the training of servicemen.

After the war, the advancements that had been made in swimming instruction were consolidated and furthered by national organizations, such as the Council for National Co-operation in Aquatics, Canadian Amateur Swimming Association, Canadian Olympic Association, Royal Life Saving Institute and the Red Cross.

"More and more people feel the need to be able to swim. Due to the increased popularity of such activities as sailing, boating, skin diving, scuba diving, water skiing and surfboarding, more people are taking to the open water as a form of recreation.

"The Boy Scouts and the Girl Guides are a beneficial part of today's way of life, and these organizations have definite and purposeful swimming and lifesaving programs.

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