## 30-Day Penalty Moratorium In Vaughan Hire Elementary Teacher County

Vaughan Township's fight for equitable taxation was carried to the levy a business tax on the hotel. office of the Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough at Queen's Park This means the city gets an Thursday of last week. The decision to take this action was announced at the May 4 council meeting, held in the Joseph Gibson School Auditorium in Maple. Participating in the Toronto meeting were three representatives of Vaughan of money should be spread Ratepayers' Association who have been active in demanding that council seek throughout Canada and that relief for the residential ratepayers, whose assessments jumped out of all proportion due to the provincial government's guidelines of assessment (1967 market value).

In some cases the reassessment has led to taxes being increased from Vaughan to levy a building tax \$400 to \$3,000. The association has collected documented evidence of many of on the buildings on the hump these 'hardship" cases to present to Mr. McKeough.

Added to the inequitable assessment is a shift in assessment from com- support by council. mercial-industrial properties, which will mean a reduction of \$500,000 in tax revenue from that section of the township, a difference which would have to be made up by the residential taxpayer.

It was also pointed out that will not upset government pol- out the interim tax bills, so we could show him our ratepayers' all other municipalities in York icy. County will also be affected, Mr. Deacon also warned that feelings". "but Vaughan is hardest hit, the same problem will go right When a ratepayer shouted, since it has the most industry." across the province, if the prov- "If it's letters you want we'll Recently York County Council ince's guidelines on assessment send letters," Mr. Williams advised the audience to send letpassed a resolution backing remain unchanged.

provincial government.

who have paid the interim bill.

any tax payment, so that all

Vaughan in its appeal to the "If the private bill doesn't go ters to Mr. McKeough at 801 through, what then?" asked a Bay Street, Toronto, with a copy to council and a copy to the At the May 4 council meeting ratepayer.

a bylaw was passed granting a "We are looking at every pos- ratepayers' group. deferment of the penalty on any sible way," Councillor David 1970 tax payment on farm or Fraser stated. "We are meet- Another "unfair" assessment residential property for a period ing with Mr. McKeough, we are practice within the municipality of not more than one month, seeking a private bill, and if was revealed by Councillor Gor-It was pointed out that to defer necessary will ask you to march don Risk. "I found out last the application of the tax pen- on Queen's Park."

Mr. Fraser also pointed alty on unpaid taxes levied out that there are two through the interim bill would problems under consideranot be equitable to taxpayers tion. "One is reassessment. The other is that the money Therefore it was decided to for education and police extend the same deferment to costs, over which this council has no control, has gone taxpayers could benefit equitup more than a half a million dollars this year, Coun-A second bylaw passed May 4 cil has not set the amount authorized the submission of a of money required for the petition to the Ontario Government requesting enactment of areas over which it has control, but taxes have to a private bill to permit the township to levy for taxes for go up."

made in 1968 rather than on proximately \$40,000 and to raise pay a business tax and I esti- the Department of Municipal broke down when teachers inthe 1969 assessment. It also a half a million would have re- mate this could bring us in Affairs and that every assess- sisted an an across the board asked for addition to the 1968 quired 12 mills. On your new about \$200,000 a year," he ment in York County is being percentage increase for all levassessments of the appropriate assessment the estimated in-claimed. assessed value for buildings crease is only two mills." (A "In 1950, the same thing was to find out where there are percent increase with the greatconstructed since the return of 1970 mill will raise \$263,000.) disclosed in Toronto, where the errors and pick out the probest increases at the lower the 1968 tax roll and provisions Reeve Williams reported that Royal York Hotel built on CPR- lem areas. "Then a physical levels.

When asked if the private bill and the assessment in 1969 was made application to the pro- "We were promised that we after an interval of several was the only means of help \$263,000,000. available by one of the more "Over what percentage of was passed enabling them to ly." than 400 ratepayers present, taxes raised in the township do

replied, "Less than 15%. bill may be pushed through the Legislature in two or three "lack of action", President Officially Opens This Weekend situation and have moderated their proposals to assist the parents of the children they days. "This afternoon (May 4) Tony Reale of the Vaughan if this legislation would cure mistake was made, it was an opening this weekend.

the assessment troubles in honest mistake." "If Mr. McKeough fails to ers that his committee intends is originally from Sydney, Aus-Highway 7 and Keele Street, yesterday (Wednesday) for the Vaughan Township. bring in the necessary legis- to go on fighting until a satis- tralia. He came to Canada 10 Concord, the centre will be the Metro School Board's stand in lation, I will then present a factory solution to their prob- years ago and started his car- distribution point for a revolv- negotiations with the Ontario private member's bill, which lems is achieved.

mittee and then passed by the council had been down to the nearly all the imports and many area for 3,000 new Datsuns. Legislature. This could take Department of Municipal Af- of the domestic automobiles. In addition, the 65,000 square and directors of education, from two to three weeks," he ex- fairs three times to ask for Prior to establishing his busi- foot building will house an area the Counties of Halton, Peel, plained. "I believe I can rally assistance. "Finally Mr. Mc- ness in Richmond Hill, he was with the latest training facili- Ontario, Simcoe and York met enough support from all parties Keough asked 'Who's beefing general sales manager for Can-ties to keep Datsun dealer per- the committee of board chairto get this bill passed and this to you?" That's why we sent ada's largest Datsun dealership, sonnel on top of the latest auto- men of the Metro Board to dis-

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taxes," Mr. Risk continued.

"I believe that this amount Vaughan shouldn't have to subsidize the rest of the country.

His resolution that similar legislation be sought to enable yard property - not on the specialist fields. trackage, received unanimous However, when he at-

tempted to introduce his motion following the discussion on the two bylaws on the private bill and tax penalty he received no support to set aside the procedural bylaw's requirement for a two-third vote to add an item to the agenda.

This was in spite of an expressed desire by the audience to hear his presentation at that time, and in spite of cries of "Cut the red tape" and "If you want to get re-elected". However, his resolution was heard and supported late in the agenda.

weekend that the CNR is not paying any business tax on its A woman ratepayer ques- meet with teacher representahump yard. I checked and dis- tioned the legality and democ- tives on May 20. covered that this is a provision racy of the 1% per month tax When secondary school teachof the Assessment Act. What penalty, stating that such ers in Metro insisted on includdrew this to my attention was should not apply until after ing a reduced teacher-pupil that I saw construction under- December 31 of the year in ratio in their new contract, neway in the yards and drove in to which the taxes were due. She gotiations ground to a halt besee what was going on. I dis- suggested instead that a prem-tween teachers and trustees all covered that the CNR has a jum be paid those taxpayers over the province. large office building, sleeping who paid taxes before July 1. The OSSTF urged its memaccommodation for its train Some ratepayers pointed out bers not to seek positions with

amount of warehousing facili- the assessment notices sent out agreed to put off hiring to the last fall. Mr. Risk explained end of June, or until Metro Other establishments of a that this has also been pointed contracts had been settled. the year 1970 on assessments Last year a mill raised ap- similar nature in the township out to the assessment section of Negotiations in York County put through an IBM Machine els. Board offers averaged nine

for a court of revision on these the 1968 assessment in Vaughan owned property was not subject check will be carried out where The elementary school teach-Township had been \$39,000,000 to building tax. City council errors are found," he stated ers have resumed negotiations vincial government and a bill would have some answers short-weeks and announced Monday

# the question was referred to you have control?" council was Donald Deacon, Liberal MLA asked. Reeve Garnet Williams New Neill Datsun Dealership

in the House, Mr. McKeough Ratepayers' Association, cau- Neill Datsun Ltd., the newly toward assembling and manu- Meadowbrook School in Newstated he had legislation ready tioned, "We've got this far. established Datsun dealership, facturing Datsun cars in On-market, chairman of the eleto alleviate a similar condition Let's give council a chance to located one mile north of Rich- tario. He applauded this pos- mentary school teachers negoin Mississauga," he reported, show what they can do. They're mond Hill on Yonge Street, is sibility, suggesting such a move tiating team. "but he had not yet decided trying to help us now. If a celebrating its official grand would materially help provide the 100,000 new jobs Ontario The company's President Ian needs every year.

Later he assured the ratepay- Neill, an engineering graduate, Strategically located near school boards indicated support eer in the automobile industry, ing stock of \$2 million in auto Secondary School Teachers' will have to be studied in com- Reeve Williams reported that During this period he has sold parts and will provide a storage Federation.

> located in Vancouver (this com- mobile servicing techniques. cuss the moratorium on teacher pany sold over 2,000 new Dat- Vice-President and General hiring in the province. Manager of Nissan (Canada) Metro Board Chairman Bruce Realizing the dramatic sales Hiraki Miki said the new centre Bone said: "They were naturally increase of Datsun cars and will enable Nissan to meet its concerned to know that we are

trucks would spread to Eastern 1970 Ontario sales goal of actually talking and trying to Canada, Ian decided to open a 12,000 Datsuns, more than resolve the situation." He said Datsun dealership in the Toron-double the 1960 figure of 5,400. to area (Datsun is actually out- Nissan began selling Datsuns selling Ford and Chevrolet in in the Toronto area in 1966, a ome parts of Western Canada, year after the company set up a he reports, in fact it is out- Canadian operation in Vancouver. In the first five years In the last two months of of operation, more than 36,000

operation over \$40,000 has been Canadians have purchased Datspent on the existing facility suns. for this dealership and the num- The Nissan Motor Co. Ltd., ber of employees has increased has eight plants in Japan and accordingly to keep pace with built the first Datsun in 1932. the rapidly increasing number Since then the company has of Neill Datsun customers, grown to be the seventh largest "Datsun is a quality product," automotive manufacturer in explains Ian, "and it is our en- the world, with production of

deavor to give service to 1,600,000 vehicles planned for The opening of this new deal- In 1960 the Nissan Motor ership coincides with the open- Corporation was founded in the ing of the \$1,750,000 parts and U.S.A. The same year it was new car distribution centre for awarded the Deming Prize for Nissan Automobile Co. Canada quality control excellence and Ltd., makers of Datsun cars and the next year became Japan's trucks in Vaughan Township, top auto exporter. In 1966 Nis-This enormous complex was of- san merged with Prince Motor ficially opened last week by On- Ltd. and became Japan's largest

tario Minister of Trade and De-carmaker. velopment Stanley Randall. With Datsun second only to Mr. Randall said the centre, VW in the Canadian import one of the most modern in the automobile market, the future world, was contributing to On-looks bright for Neill Datsun

tario's 14% increase in invest- and their product. (See Neill Datsun color adver-He said he understood the tisement on Page 10 of this new centre was a possible step issue.)

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# Schools, Contract Talks Continue

Although no contracts have yet been signed, both the York County Board of Education and the York County Roman Catholic School Board report that hiring of teachers for elementary grades is progressing normally.

County Board Chairman Jack MacKay said in an interview Monday that all but a few teachers that will be needed for fall have been hired, and that the remaining vacancies are for the most part in

Roman Catholic Board Superintendent Joseph Hodge reports that his board has most of the teachers it will need for September. Teachers have been hired under terms of existing contracts and adjustments will be made when new contracts are

Meanwhile negotiating com- that negotiations with the teachmittees for both boards are ers had been continuing daily continuing to meet with teach-throughout the past week. er committees in an attempt to Mr. Bone said the county

come to contract agreement. board representatives remained The boycott of secondary adamant in their support of the schools continues, however, but, Metro Board's refusal to negosays Mr. MacKay, talks are con- tiate working conditions such as tinuing at top level between the pupil-teacher ratios. Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation and the

Trustee negotiators for the county board are scheduled to

Ontario School Trustees Coun-

crews, a restaurant and a large that there are other errors in Metro boards, and the OSTC

that May 31 will be the target date for a full release of information to the teachers.

"The teachers have expressed grave concern for the rising tax situation and have moderated teach", reports David Semple of

Representatives of five county

Chairman of school boards

#### Racquet Club Opens Tonight

The new Richmond Hill Racquet Club will be officially opened tonight (Thurs-

day) from 8 to 10 pm. Located at Ohio Road off Elgin Mills Road East at the north end of town, the building will comprise a squash court, exercising and shower facilities, sauna, sunroom, kitchen, lounge and bar facilities.

Among those participating in the opening ceremonies will be Mayor William Lazenby and Douglas Allen, president of the new club.

There are already a total of 60 male members with the organization.

The night will also feature an exhibition squash match between last year's Ontario Squash Champion John Swann and Bill Bewley, former professional football star. Swann is also an ex-Davis Cup tennis player.

## OMING VENTS

MILLWOOD Recreation Ltd. Open swimming at Slater's Indoor Pool, Don Mills Rd. at Vandorf, Saturday and Sunday

afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. MAY 22-23, - Spring Flower Show, sponsored by the Horti-

cultural Society in conjunction with the Agricultural Society, c1w46 in new arena. MAY 23, SATURDAY - Rummage sale. Our Lady Queen of

the World Parish Hall, Bayview at Crosby. Opening at 1:30 pm. SATURDAY MAY 23 - 10 am-

12 noon, Rummage Sale at Richmond Hill United Church, sponsored by 1st Richmond Hill Scout Auxiliary. For pickups call 884-1678.

MAY 23, SATURDAY — Plant and Rummage Sale, Carrville Church 1-4 pm.

#### "Lex" Mackenzie Died Wednesday

York North's Grand Old Man, Major Alexander A. Mackenzie (Lex) of Woodbridge died in Peel Memorial Hospital, Brampton at 3 am yesterday morning (Wednesday). He had suffered a stroke in the aut-

The octogenarian decendant of Vaughan Township pioneers, had represented the old riding of York North in the Legislature from 1945 to 1967 and served his constituents well.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed by press time, but the body will be resting at the Scott Funeral Home, 46 8th Avenue South, Woodbridge, from Wednesday until the time of the funeral.

Major Mackenzie will be laid to rest in the family plot in the cemetery at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Concession 7, Vaughan Township.

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## Local Improvement Act

RE: The construction of a watermain on Ravendale Court and Ravendale Gate with service connections as a local improvement.

Take notice that a Court of Revision will be held on the 4th day of June 1970 at 10:00 a.m. o'clock at the Municipal Offices in Maple for the purpose of hearing complaints against the proposed assessments or the accuracy of frontage measurements and any other complaint that persons interested may desire to make and that is by law cognisable by the court.

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