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Vaughan Twp. Office Alteration To Be Done On Cost-Plus Basis

Alterations in Vaughan Township Offices will be done on a cost-plus basis, it was decided by council at its meeting on the afternoon of July 20.

The township's police department formerly occupied the lower floor of the office building, but earlier this month relocated in new premises on Highway 7, east of Keele Street. This will permit the township staff, which has been working under very crowded conditions, to make use of the basement space. The engineering department and the building department will take over the lower floor and the vacated space upstairs will be allocated to other departments.

The steering committee for the new Town of Vaughan under regional government, composed of representatives of the township and the Village of Woodbridge, has indicated the building will be used for municipal administration for the new town.

Architect William Witney drew up plans for the alterations to the office space as well as to the council committee room and the revenue office. He discussed the alterations with 14 contractors and bids were received from only two, it was reported. These bids were opened at a special committee meeting July 15 at 4 pm when Reeve Garnet Williams and Deputy-Reward Albert Rutherford met the architect

Ward System Meeting August 5

Wednesday, August 5 will give residents of the expanded Town of Richmond Hill under regional government an opportunity to learn how the municipality will be divided into wards. This system will ensure that each area of the new municipality will have representation on the lower-tier of government in the region.

The new town has been divided into six wards. A public meeting will be held in Richmond Hill Council Chambers (at 56 Street North) at 8:30 August 5 to discuss the ward system.

Also scheduled for that evening is a meeting between council and Cedar Avenue ratepayers to discuss the latter's objection to proposed development on that street. Time for this meeting is 7:30 pm.

For a time it appeared that council would have to find time for a third meeting that evening, when Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough indicated he would be available on that date for a meeting on reassessment problems, asked for in April. An alternative date of September 16 has been chosen for the meeting with Mr. McKeough.



JUDGE GARTH MOORE

Metro Police Comm.

Judge Garth Moore, a member of the police commissions in Vaughan Township, Markham Township and the Town of Richmond, Hill has been appointed by the Ontario Cabinet to the Metro Police Commission. He replaces Judge Ian MacDonnell.

The present police forces in the three York County municipalities will join in a regional force on January 1 and there will then be only one police commission for the whole Region of York. At present the three southern, highly populated municipalities are the only ones with a police commission. In the other 11 municipalities in the county the police force is under the direction of a committee of council.

Judge Moore was appointed a junior judge of York County Court in 1960. He had served in the armed forces during World War II and later graduated from the University of Toronto. He is a member of the York County Law Association and Lawyer's Club, the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Toronto and the Progressive Conservative Businessmen's Club of Toronto.

His association with the three police commissions in this area caused him to be barred by an Ontario Supreme Court order last year from sitting as chairman of an arbitration board set up to hear a wage dispute between the Oakville Police Association and the town's police commission.

One of his better-known cases involved Mining Promoter Viola MacMillan, who was sentenced to nine months in jail and fined \$10,000 for manipulating the stock market in Consolidated Golden Arrow Mines Ltd. shares through wash trading. She was paroled after serving two months.

Burglars And Police Play Hare And Hounds

Police from Metro, Oak Ridges OPP and Vaughan Township, aided by Vaughan Township Firemen, scoured the woods and fields south of Maple in the early morning darkness Monday, hunting four burglars.

Residents who wondered what all the bright lights and activity was about, found that four men had been surprised in the midst of a break-in at the Maple Sunoco Service Station on Keele Street South, just north of the fire hall.

The burglars managed to escape across the fields, but thanks to an alert and fast thinking citizen, police had the burglars' car.

One man has since been arrested and charged. The other three are being sought.

At 2 am Glenn Saltern of nearby Carrville Road had just pulled into his driveway when he heard glass breaking at the service station. He works part time at the station. He called police and went after the burglars.

One man had just made it into the service station building and three were waiting outside in a car. The man in the building jumped into the car and the foursome fled. Mr. Saltern gave chase in his car.

The fleeing car stopped to turn in an attempt to escape pursuit. Mr. Saltern's car bumped the other. It careened into the ditch and bogged down.

The four burglars fled across the fields.

The breaking glass had been heard by another local resident, Charles Glenn of Keele Street South was out walking his dog and was also investigating.

Vaughan Council Approves Increase In Hydro Rates To Be Effective October 1

Because it is certain there will be a further increase in the wholesale cost of power from Ontario Hydro on January 1, Vaughan Township Council approved a retail rate increase effective on and after October 1 this year. They will now make application to the provincial commission for approval of this new rate schedule. Subject to that approval being received the new rate schedule will be advertised (about August 1).

Voting in favor of the motion on a recorded vote at the July 7 council meeting were Reeve Garnet Williams, Councillor Louis Wainwright and Councillor David Fraser. Opposed were Councillors John Gilbert and Dalton McArthur. Deputy-reeve Albert Rutherford and Councillor Gordon Risk were absent.

The proposed new rate schedule is:

Residential services: first 50 kilowatt hours 5c, next 200 KW 2.3c, next 500 KW .85c, balance 1.1c. The third rate (next 500 KW .85c) applicable only to preferred residential customers, that is those who have a Cascade 40 water heater through the meter. The minimum charge for residential customers is \$2.50 per month.

General service: (0-500 KW) — demand charges, 0-50 KW no charge, 51-500 \$2.50 per KW. Kilowatt charges, first 50 at 5c, next 200 at 3c, next 9,750 at 1.6c, balance 58c. Over 500 KW all kilowatts of demand \$2.50, all energy at 48c.

Discounts remain at 15c distribution per kilowatt and 25c per kilowatt sub-transmission.

The late payment charge remains at 5% and the minimum general service bill is \$3 per month.

A similar motion introduced at the June 1 council meeting was defeated on a 4-3 vote. It was reported then that representatives of Ontario Hydro had recommended a 6% increase effective October 1. Deputy-reeve Albert Rutherford pointed out that cost of wholesale hydro to the township had gone up three times in the past five years and rates to the public had been increased only once. "Last year we had to ask Ontario Hydro to allow us to pay our capital deficit over five years instead of three."

The Vaughan Hydro has a large debt incurred when the township purchased the system from Ontario Hydro in 1968.

"We don't know where hydro is going in 1971, so I can't agree with this increase," stated Councillor Gilbert, referring to regional government. Under Bill 102 which sets up regional government in York, the 1970 Vaughan Council will be the township's hydro commission for 1971.

Administrator James McDonnell pointed out that hydro commissions were left intact by the legislation to establish the Region of York.

R. Hill Intends To Use Capacity In BAIF Plant

"The pipelines in the sky" proposed by the Ontario Water Resources Commission to bring lake water to the southern portion of York County and to take sewage to a disposal plant at the lakefront, are not apt to be an immediate development, was

Architects Selected Two Separate Schools

Two new eight-room schools are planned for 1971 by York County Separate School Board. Both will include eight classrooms, library, gymnasium with change rooms and showers, guidance, health and administration facilities.

One of these schools will be located in Newmarket, the other in the Unionville area.

At its meeting July 21 the board approved a recommendation of its executive committee that the architectural firm of Hicks, Mars and McLean, 5300 Yonge Street, Willowdale, be selected for the Newmarket project and the firm of Gordon S. Adamson and Associates, 123 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto for the Unionville school. It was reported that the ad hoc committee on student accommodation requirements had selected these architects from a list of eligible firms based on prior school construction experience, with sufficient resources to meet the board's requirement and familiarity with construction grants procedures.

Trustee Mrs. Noreen Lee of Pine Grove suggested that the ad hoc committee in the future give consideration (when two projects of identical size are being considered) to hiring one architectural firm to do both. Using the same plans with some modifications could result in a considerable saving in cost, she felt.

But an appeal to the Ontario Cabinet led to an order-in-council approving the plan, which will provide effluent polishing and nutrient removal. The order-in-council stipulated that the plant would also serve the present and expanded York Central Hospital and the proposed Don Head Secondary School, both located in Vaughan Township, and 4,200 persons in Richmond Hill. It also stated that no extension of the serviced area and no expansion of the plant capacity would be permitted.

Added by the OWRC was the stipulation that the plant would be abandoned by the municipality with no compensation if it failed.

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Hope Sr. Citizen Apts. Ready Spring 1971

A completion date of early Spring 1971 is forecast by the Ontario Housing Corporation for the 67-unit senior citizen apartment building now under construction on the south side of Dufferin Street, Richmond Hill.

The contract with K. Reuse Construction Company Limited, 2498 Yonge Street, North Toronto, was signed early in June and the foundation work has already been started. Units in this second building, which will be similar to the first unit at 75 Dufferin Street, will all include a bedroom, livingroom, kitchen and bath. As in the original building, rents will be geared to income.

Richmond Hill Council approved the project last year and at its request OHC added 10 units to the number date planned to accommodate the known need at that time. Council also agreed to pick up 7% of any operating deficit, but this will be more than offset under new provincial policy which requires the corporation to pay full taxes on the assessed value of the buildings.

Town council has also built and paved Dufferin Street with storm sewers and curbs and a sidewalk on the north side.

John Gracey Markham Constable Aged 28 Years Dies

Police Constable John Gracey, 28, who joined the Markham Township Police Force January 2, 1967, died at the Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, July 24. He had been hospitalized for two weeks prior to his death.

Born in Belfast, Ireland, he had served with the Royal Ulster Constabulary before emigrating to Canada. He lived in Willowdale.

PC Gracey is survived by his wife Valerie, son Martin age 5, daughter Gillian age 4 and his mother, Mrs. Isobel Gracey of Belfast.

Funeral services will be held in Belfast July 30.

PC Gracey, who was a dedicated police officer, was highly respected by his fellow officers and the public.

Vaughan Studies Rebate Plans

Vaughan Township Council is still finding that the problems brought by reassessment on market value in York County will not be easy to solve. Vaughan Township was hit the hardest of all municipalities by the new assessment guidelines it is believed. Approximately 3,700 properties have been affected. 2,200 of these have had increases of more than 10% or \$50 and 1,500 have had decreases of more than 10%. Most of the decreases occurred on industrial properties.

Realizing that the new assessors, but under the necessity of having income to meet educational levies and current

227 Pupils In Separate Schools Needed Speech Therapy Last Year

During the past year 225 children were referred to the department of speech therapy of York County Roman Catholic Schools, the board members learned at their July 21 meeting. Twenty-eight were found not to require therapy.

The current active list consists of 121 children and 98 cases as "non-priority" cases were placed on a waiting list. This information was contained in a report presented by Susan Peters LOST, speech therapist.

With the addition of personnel next year the case load will be increased and it is hoped that the children with more severe speech problems will be able to receive more concentrated therapy.

Therapy will continue for 88 of the current active list on a regular basis and 19 will continue to be seen on a check-up basis. This latter group is made up of children whose speech is now clinically correct but it is suspected that the carryover of corrected speech into general conversation is not complete.

Twelve children have been discharged and two who had begun therapy with hospital clinics, prior to the initiation of the program in the school, are continuing with their therapists.

The speech therapy program was started in the schools of the York County Roman Catholic system in September 1969. Of the 225 children referred, 219 were found to need therapy. Of these 121 were classified as "priority" cases on the basis of severity of the defect and age of the child.

The therapist reported marked co-operation from the children and from the majority of parents who have worked with their children at home using material supplied by the schools.

Because of the evident success of the program a larger number of referrals is expected during the 1970-71 school year.

Free Taxis Senior Citizens

During the month of August, as a public service, Avenue Taxi cab owners will be providing free transportation for senior citizens Wednesday afternoons.

This service is available to all senior citizens in the Townships of Markham and Vaughan and in Richmond Hill, between the hours of one and four pm Wednesdays only. The service will be restricted to a five mile radius from pickup point.

If you are a senior citizen and wish to take advantage of this offer, just phone 884-1111.

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5 Clergymen In Congregation Aid Thornhill Minister During Year Term As Moderator

By HAROLD BLAINE

Reverend Dillwyn Evans, 52, minister of the Thornhill Presbyterian Church, 271 Centre Street, was elected moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for a one-year term on June 7.

But he isn't going to have any worries about his own local congregation being neglected while he travels across the nation fulfilling the duties of his new office.

He has five clergymen in his congregation, and they are going to fill the gap for him in Thornhill as necessary. It is the responsibility of the church elders to organize the year's activities in this situation, he says.

The ministers in the congregation who will be filling in for Dr. Evans are Reverend Allen MacLean, retired after more than 30 years at Willowdale Presbyterian Church; Principal Stanley Glen of Knox College; Professor Donald Wade of Victoria College; Reverend Douglas MacDonald, associate director of the Ontario School Trustees Council; and Dr. Lois Fowler, clerk of the Presbyterian Church in Canada General Assembly.

Two Main Aims

Dr. Evans says he has two main aims for his year as national head of the Presbyterian Church.

He wants to underline again the importance of the family in the development of the social fibre of people.

"The family is the place we learn the lessons of life, bar any other place," he says.

His second aim for the coming year is to emphasize the joy of the Gospel in juxtaposition to what he calls the pervading despair of our times.

The joy of the Gospel is the answer to today's despair, he says. Psychologists and sociologists would call it (people's despair) a sickness.

"The Gospel answer puts emphasis on the individual, instead of on mass man. Nobody is left out. There is a personal God . . . a reconciling power in the world," says Dr. Evans.

Proud Of Thornhill

He has been at Thornhill 10 years, and is thrilled and proud of the area's ecumenical spirit, although he is on public record as opposing amalgamation of the Christian churches denominations.

Thornhill, he says, presents the most exciting Canadian example of unity of the Christian Church.

In the joint services held, "If you didn't see the sign on the church you wouldn't know which church you were in. We've really



Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada this year is the Reverend Dillwyn Evans, minister of the Thornhill Presbyterian Church. Dr. Evans is shown above with his wife Lelia and family. The girls are, from left to right: Rhonda (Mrs. Murray Morrison), Judy and Glenda.

(Photo by Lloyd Magee)

got something here," he says. "I don't know of any other place in Canada where this is happening."

The joint services held on a rotation basis in Thornhill's churches are identical in order and format every Sunday. Participating through the Thornhill Ministerial Association are the Anglican, Baptist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and United Churches.

There is also a summer program in July where these churches join together to hold a daily Vacation Bible School in four centres. This school is jointly staffed by all the churches and is supported financially by all of them.

"Thornhill is the only place I know where this is happening, where all the churches go together for worshipping and teaching," says the new Canadian Presbyterian Church Moderator.

In the joint services that are held during the Lenten season, all the churches use the same order of service. The service is led by an ecumenical choir and is held in a different church each Sunday evening. Two clergymen from another church conduct the service.

On Good Friday there is a three-hour ecumenical service with clergymen from all six churches participating.

"We're really excited about this joint program," says Dr. Evans. There is also a church hockey league operating from October to March, and involving all the same churches.

To Travel Overseas

Looking at the year ahead, Dr. Evans says he will be visiting churches in Canada and overseas. He will be attending panels and ecumenical conferences, and working to renew the mission of his church.

"I have a real feeling that one of the things that are going to happen is that the church is going to rediscover itself for what it is," he says.

On June 7 at the opening session of the 96th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada at St. David's Presbyterian Church, Halifax, Dr. Evans was elected moderator.

He was the nominee selected by previous ballot from the various presbyteries across the county.

Dr. Evans' ministry, in addition to an extremely full congregation program, moves far beyond church buildings and church organizations. His work includes such widely diversified situations as dressing room chats with the boys in the church hockey league, to

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