

\$150 Annual Tax Loan Available For Seniors

At the recent meeting on re-assessment bills held in Don Head Secondary School, Regional Assessment Commissioner Kenneth Andrews was reported as saying that provision has been made for senior citizens to be relieved of a portion of educational levies each year. Mr. Andrews went on to explain that provincial legislation enables senior citizens (residential property owners over 65 years of age) to apply for and obtain an annual relief of taxation to the maximum of \$150. This legislation has been in effect for almost three years now. It does not mean that the relief is a gift, or that the municipality writes off the \$150. It is, in fact, an interest-free loan provided by the Ontario Government, which becomes a charge against the property. However, it is collected only when the property owner dies or when the property is sold.

The legislation was brought into effect to ease the tax burden on those living on fixed incomes such as pensions, who suffer the greatest from spiraling taxes. To date only about 25 taxpayers in Richmond Hill are receiving this annual consideration.

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Brotherhood Theme Of Catholic Board Crest

Last winter York County Roman Catholic School Board had an art competition. The assignment was to create a design for a crest for the new board.

About 100 students from 14 of the county's 18 schools participated, and winners were presented with five silver dollars at a special presentation in the board offices in Richmond Hill.

The designs were then submitted to Comart Studios in Scarborough where professional design artists drew from the students ideas to prepare a composite crest which will be used on board publications, certificates, letterheads, etc.



Based on a central theme of Christianity and universal brotherhood, the crest finally accepted by the board features clasped hands before a cross against a globe background, symbolic of the worldwide influence of the Roman Catholic Church.

The new crest is featured prominently, with the colors of gold and green predominating, on graduation certificates to be presented to 1970's grade 8 graduates.

Organizer Appointed For Canada Bond Drive

For the seventh year, Patrick O'Meara of Burlington has been appointed an organizer for the Canada Savings Bond campaign, payroll savings division.

His territory for 1970 includes the Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket area and extends to Midland, Penetang, Barrie, Gravenhurst, Huntsville and Orillia.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Canada Savings Bonds, and during this period a total of nearly \$5 billion in CSB's were purchased through the payroll savings plan across the country. In this area last year, 5,289 applicants purchased a total of \$2,340,450 worth of Canada Savings Bonds through payroll savings.

The 1970-71 series becomes available October 5, and will be sold at par until November 13. The new series provides an annual average yield of 7.75 percent interest if held to maturity in 11 years, with an annual rate of interest of 6.75 percent in the first year, 7.75 in each of the following three years, and 8 percent in each of the final seven years.

Thus a \$100 bond, if held until November 1, 1981, will pay \$227.50.

During the 1969 campaign, more than 215,000 employees in plants and offices in Ontario purchased a total of more than \$95 million worth of Canada Savings Bonds through payroll savings.

BOLTON — The local arena is unsafe for use, according to a report prepared for council by an engineering firm. The report states that risk of sidewall collapse must be removed before the arena is used again. Council will obtain an estimate of cost of repairs before making a decision on the future of the building. Some time ago cables were strung around the main beams of the 55-year-old structure and anchored to the ground to reinforce the building.

Milani Development Industrial Subdivision For Woodbridge Area

Approval of an industrial plan of subdivision in the Woodbridge area was given by Vaughan Township Council September 21 on the recommendation of the planning board. The subdivision will be developed by West Woodbridge Investments Limited and Dino Investments Limited, Milani companies, and will be on parts of Lots 6 and 7, Concession 8.

Plans call for a 12 block industrial subdivision on approximately 46 acres, located north and east of Highways 7 and 27.

The land at present is zoned "A" agricultural except for an existing concrete products plant and an undeveloped parcel of land on Highway 27, both zoned for industry. There are also two residences located on the Highway 7 frontage, west of the concrete plant, one being combined with a trucking and leasing business. Another dwelling is located to the east of the old Lower Ninth Public School (now used as a cottage display site). To the east and northeast is a HEPC right-of-way. South and west there are several residences and commercial uses on the east side of Highway 27.

The proposal has been under consideration by planning board and council for several months and on June 1 this year council passed a bylaw to amend the zoning to permit the land to be used for industry. This amendment is at present before the Minister of Municipal Affairs, awaiting his approval.

Council's recent decision will enable the clerk to sign the necessary "questionnaire" for the provincial department.

Councillor John Gilbert did not vote after declaring a possible pecuniary interest in the matter.

TOWN OF VAUGHAN

VOTE FIRST FOR COUNCILLOR FRASER



MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

Amalgamate Volunteer Brigades At Pine Grove And Woodbridge

Solutions of problems caused by the imminent amalgamation of the Township of Vaughan and the Village of Woodbridge into the Town of Vaughan under regional government are already being sought by Vaughan Township Council.

It was reported at the September 21 meeting of that body that negotiations have been held with representatives of the Ontario Hydro, regarding the purchase of the OHC's buildings located in the village. Village council has been trying to acquire the premises. It was also reported that Ontario Hydro has placed a present day value of \$95,650 on the building, but that Township Land Valuer Ed Higgins, after examination of the property, had not substantiated this value. The zoning bylaw permits only residential or a continuation of the hydro use.

Council decided that Mr. Higgins be authorized and directed to negotiate further with Ontario Hydro for purchase of the property.


FIRE DEPARTMENT

As of September 27 at 12:01 a.m., the Woodbridge and Pine Grove brigades of volunteer firefighters have become one functional fire department unit.

Senior captain will be Ross Cameron. Woodbridge's fire chief, with four captains, two from the Woodbridge and two from the Pine Grove Brigade. It was reported that it was not the intention to disturb or remove any of the firefighting equipment at present available in that area, but rather to add and provide better fire protection.

Details of this amalgamation were worked out by Vaughan Fire Chief James Davidson and Woodbridge Fire Chief Cameron and were approved by township council at its meeting last week.

ELECT BOB THOMPSON Councillor WARD 4



THE ISSUE:

Responsible representation on the Regional Council and Communication & Co-operation on the Local Council


To put it frankly: We live in a democratic society; to maintain such YOU must exercise your FRANCHISE

When you do:

VOTE

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MAYOR RICHMOND HILL



NOW IN EFFECT — EXPRESS SERVICE —

RICHMOND HILL TO TORONTO

Leave 7:10 a.m. Bayview Plaza

The new service will take on passengers at Bayview Plaza, and buses will travel down Bayview Avenue to Highway 7, then east to Don Mills Road and south to the Don Valley Parkway, west on the Gardiner Expressway, then north via York Street and University Avenue to Edwards Street and the Trailways Terminal at 627 Bay Street north of Dundas Street.

Toronto to Richmond Hill

Leave 5:05 p.m. 627 Bay St.

Mactaggart FOR MAYOR

EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED NOW

8 YEARS ON KING TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

MAY I SERVE YOU AGAIN

A VOTE FOR MACTAGGART IS A VOTE FOR KING TOWNSHIP'S OFFICIAL PLAN

Mactaggart, Ken


OCTOBER 5

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What does Regional Government mean to you?

Answers by Anthony Roman, Candidate for Mayor



Q. How does Regional Government change the present municipal structure?

A. Bill 102 replaces the historic 14 municipalities forming the County of York with a Regional Government. Nine local governments are created by boundary changes and all Police Villages are dissolved.

Q. What area makes up the new Town of Markham?

A. The new Town of Markham is comprised of the former Corporation of the Town of Markham and those portions of the Townships of Markham not taken into Richmond Hill and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Q. How does Regional Government affect our present County and local government representation?

A. The traditional 28 member County Council is replaced by a 17 member Regional Council comprising 16 elected members and the member appointed by the Government to serve as Chairman, Mr. Garfield Wright. Each Mayor of the nine municipalities is a member of the Regional Council, plus 7 additional members elected proportionate to population. The new Town of Markham will have a Mayor and two Councillors representing the town's needs on Regional Council. Six local Councillors will be elected by the ward system to form a nine member local Council.

Q. What will be the responsibility of the Regional Council?

A. Legislation re-organizes the responsibility for the Region to assume major water and sewage facilities, regional roads, regional planning, police, health and welfare, senior citizens and children's aid.

Legislation in Bill 102 gives the Regional Municipality the power to levy taxes against the area municipalities — sufficient to operate these regional services.

Q. What will be the function of our local Council?

A. Local Councils will be responsible for the other services such as local roads, planning, zoning, fire protection, parks, recreation, sidewalks, garbage removal, etc. The local council will of course have the important responsibility of representing and administering the local needs.

Q. Won't these changes cost a great deal of money?

A. Yes, but the Provincial Government is providing additional unconditional grants to the new Region plus major financial assistance to meet the costs of implementing the changes. However, the change over will be the responsibility of the Regional Council and good management and knowledge is essential to make certain that Regional Government is established at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer.

Q. Do you think this new system will be good for our area?

A. I have no choice but to work with the new legislation. However, if certain aspects of Bill 102 are not workable it would be my duty to press for change. There is, however, one major negative looming on the horizon. This is the intention of the Provincial Government as indicated in the Minister of Municipal Affairs address of May 6, to transfer lands from a line approximating No. 7 Highway and South of Metropolitan Toronto. This could jeopardize the financial stability of the area.

Q. What can we do about this?

A. Your new local council in co-operation with other local Councils and the Regional Council must do everything possible to discourage this transfer.

Q. What are the most important local problems resulting from the change?

A. The future character of the area will be formed in the next few years. It is important that the planning which has been done by Markham Town and Markham Township is co-ordinated to take the fullest advantage of the physical assets to create a unique, prosperous and beautiful community.

It is also important that the needs of the various parts of the new area be acknowledged with fairness for each one. For instance, the needs of a growing community such as Markham, Thornhill or Unionville, are quite different from those in the agricultural areas to the North and East.

Q. What other local problems do we have?

A. We must inspire and encourage desirable development in an orderly manner. This involves knowledgeable evaluation and negotiation to achieve the finest result for the area and co-operation to provide the services which are required.

We need a more comprehensive road and safety program.

We must work to establish a program to supply local water and sanitary services to the areas which are in need of these services.

We should be aggressive at all Government levels to obtain improved public transportation systems.

A major and pressing need of the growing population are improved recreational and cultural facilities.

We must protect the natural assets of the area. These include the natural recreational areas, the river courses, the historic buildings and communities.

There are opportunities to develop more imaginative planning, so as to allow practical and beneficial implementation of these services.

And finally, I believe that there is a need for closer communication between the council and the ratepayers. I firmly believe that the greatest assets of the area are the ideas and abilities of individuals and groups. There is a clear opportunity for constructive involvement of everyone in his own way to help assure that the new Town of Markham is the finest community in which to live and work, anywhere in the Province.

If you have specific questions about the new regional system I would be happy to hear from you. Call Anthony Roman — 887-5616.

The position of Mayor of the new Town of Markham will be a demanding one. We are moving into a much larger arena with more at stake than ever before. We need a leader with vision, understanding and proven experience in business and in Municipal Affairs. Tony Roman has these qualities.

On Monday, October 5th, help elect a Mayor who has the experience, understanding and ability to represent all of the communities in the new Town of Markham.

Vote Anthony Roman, Mayor, Town of Markham

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