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Recommend Manning Richvale Fire Hall

Richmond Hill Fire Chief Alf Stong presented two alternate proposals for fire protection in the new town of Richmond Hill which will come into being January 1, with greatly enlarged boundaries, to the special committee of the town's 1970 council and the 1971 members elect, October 27.

The new town, as set up by Bill 102, the provincial legislation establishing the Region of York, will reach from the proposed Highway 407 to the CFB Sideroad and from Bathurst Street to the proposed Highway 404. At present this enlarged area is serviced by fire departments located in Aurora, Richmond Hill and Vaughan Townships.

Whitchurch and King Townships, buy service from Aurora; Markham buys from Richmond Hill and Vaughan. Total costs for fire protection in the area of the new town this year is an estimated \$207,425. This includes the \$31,000 for the second storey on the fire hall located on Wright Street, immediately to the west of the municipal building.

The fire chief's first proposal is designed to provide the same level of protection in all sections of this new area municipally, with all full-time personnel stationed at Richmond Hill. The Richvale Hall would be used for storage of auxiliary (older) equipment which would be available at all times for use. It would also be the policy to seek volunteers — both in the Richvale area, where there are a fairly large number of experienced volunteer firefighters and in the north end, it was explained, with a training program.

This proposal calls for the hiring of seven new fourth class firemen and promotion of one present fireman to captain.

The chief explained that at present his department has nine full time men, working on shift. When a call is received the full time men take No. 1 truck out immediately and the volunteers follow as quickly as possible. The second, or stand-by truck is manned by volunteers until the return of the full time men. Most present volunteer firefighters are town employees — some in the municipal building, some in the works department on Pugsley and some out on the road maintenance equipment, in the daytime. At night they are augmented by other volunteers, summoned by an alarm bell in their homes.

A provision of \$30,000 for purchase of additional equipment was included, since a new pumper may be required.

Present equipment in the Richmond Hill Fire Hall, the chief reported, includes a 1967 pumper with a capacity of 840 gallons per minute and a 200 gallon water tank, a 1956 pumper with a 625 gal. per minute pump and a 500 gal. water tank, a 1946 pumper with a 420 gal. per minute capacity and a 200 gal. tank and a station wagon.

At present in the Richvale Fire Hall, located on Spruce Avenue, is a 1953 500 gal. pump and a 1953 International 1,000 gallon tank truck according to Councillor Lois Hancey, who with Councillor-lect Louis Wainwright and the chief are a committee to investigate availability of equipment and manpower in the town's neighboring municipalities.

Mr. Hancey also stated that the Richvale hall will be available for use by volunteers at night to be a backup and equipment kept there will be available for use immediately on the second or third fire call. It is only logical to keep the best equipment closest to the permanent men. The Richvale hall will be needed and will be invaluable when BAIF goes ahead.

The second proposal will provide the same level of protection and sell fire services to the (Continued on Page 3)



ALF STONG
Town Fire Chief

At a meeting of the organizational committee (composed of members of the 1970 and 1971 councils) of the Town of Richmond Hill, held Monday evening of this week, it was decided to recommend to the 1970 town council that Fire Chief Stong's second proposal, based on selling fire protection services to Markham, be accepted.

Five men will be hired to begin their duties as permanent firemen December 15 with another four men to be added when a satisfactory agreement is reached with the new Town of Markham. The chief had recommended addition of 11 men.

This decision will enable Richmond Hill to continue the service from the Richvale Fire Hall, as it is operated at present by Vaughan Township. It will be manned during the day by permanent firefighters and at night by volunteers. The Richmond Hill Hall will be manned round the clock by permanent firefighters, who will be augmented at fires by volunteers.

Deputy-Treasurer William Rice pointed out that with a permanently manned force, rates on fire insurance in the expanded area should show substantial reductions, particularly in the northern area which has been serviced by the volunteer brigade from Aurora. Even in the southern area, where the Richvale Fire Station will be backed up by the central station which will be manned by permanent men during the night, rates should be somewhat reduced. At present Richmond Hill (as it now stands) enjoys the lowest insurance rate possible.

Inquests Unnecessary Two Fatal Crashes

County coroners have ruled that inquests are unnecessary in the deaths of three people after two recent fatal accidents.

Dr. Jack Saunders of King City says there will be no inquest held into the August 25 deaths of two Willowdale youths in a single-car crash near Maple.

The two who died were Reid Loree, 18, of Bathurst Street and David Hendrick, 15, of Stafford Road.

There will be no inquest into the October 2 accident east of Stouffville that killed Garnett Littlejohn, 68, of Pickering, according to Markham Township Police Constable John McCague, the investigating officer.

Dr. Blair Mitchell of Stouffville ruled that an inquest was unnecessary.

Wanted - Hill's Young Man Of The Year

The search is on for Richmond Hill's young man of the year, and the Jaycees of the community are asking for the cooperation of all citizens, service clubs and other organizations in helping them to find the most deserving candidate.

The Jaycees are looking for a special young man, between the ages of 21 and 39, to honor and suitably award at a banquet on December 15. They are searching for a man who has unselfishly given his time and talents for the betterment of the community.

To be eligible a candidate must be a Canadian Citizen who has received most of his education in Ontario, or has been living continuously in the Richmond Hill area for three years.

Anyone knowing such a man or requiring further information and a nomination form is asked to contact Jaycee Dave Barrow at 889-0242.

Troubled Child Conference Lays Ground For Regional Social Planning Committees

By MARGARET LADE

Regional government was imposed on York County from above, but regional organization of professional agencies and community groups concerned with the mental and physical well being of its citizens is being effected at the grass roots level.

As a result of a recent conference on "The Troubled Child and the Community", about 100 people from all parts of the county agreed to establish a council for communication, co-operation and co-ordination of the numerous groups in the county that are concerned with the problems of the

community, and particularly the children.

Dr. John Denison, a general practitioner from Mount Albert, was unanimously appointed to set up such a committee, and last week Dr. Denison released the names of those who have agreed to serve with him on the 3C Council.

In a letter to those who attended the October 1 conference at the Anglican Conference Centre in Aurora, Dr. Denison recaps:

"It seemed to be the feeling of the conference that such a council was badly needed to make better use of the existing facilities, some of which are not widely

known, to determine what gaps there are in the caring services available to the people of the York Region. It was also felt that such a council would be able to determine some sort of priorities needed to minimize "muddling through operations."

Six people have been appointed to assist Dr. Denison on the interim executive committee. They are Maple housewife, Mrs. Pat Kantaroff; Mrs. Annabelle Black of Aurora, chairman of the troubled child conference; Richmond Hill Lawyer Neil Mann; Mario Bartolotti, director of the Family Life

A Dutch student speaks...



I am 17.
I was not born until after the war.
I am able to go to school.
I have a buzz-bike.
I have parents.
I have never gone hungry.
I don't know what war is!

What is hunger?
What is a concentration camp?
What is a razzia?
What is a bomb?
What is fear?

I know we are free!
I know who liberated us!
I know what they sacrificed!

Thanks a million for our freedom!

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old, Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We shall remember them.

This is the theme of the annual service of Remembrance of the Town of Richmond Hill which will be held this coming Sunday at 3 pm.

Guest speaker will be Lt. Col. R. J. Ford, CD, Canadian Forces Base, Toronto.

Lt. Col. Ford was born at Camp Borden and enlisted in the RCAF in February 1944. As an air gunner he served on instructional duties in Canada and in the United Kingdom. He has been with the RCAF regular force since 1946 and has served at bases throughout Canada as well as with the Canadian Joint Staff in London, England, and at NORAD Headquarters in Colorado Springs.

Since August of this year he has been base administrative officer at CFB Toronto.

Also participating at the service at the town's cenotaph will be Rev. James Dauphinee of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Rev. David Sproule of St. Gabriel's Anglican Church and Rev. Clement Schwalm of St. Mary Immaculate Roman Catholic Church. Mayor William Lazenby will speak briefly, former Councillor Wes Middleton will lead the singing of the traditional hymns. Trumpeter Ronald Robbins will sound the Last Post and Reveille and Councillor David Schiller will be in charge of the depositing of wreaths.

In case of inclement weather the service of Remembrance will be held in the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, Legion Court.

The parade will be marshalled at Allencourt Plaza at 2 pm and will proceed west along Markham Road to Yonge Street, and thence to the Cenotaph in front of McConaghy Public School. The service will begin at 3 pm.

Following the service Lt. Col. Ford will take the salute of the parading veterans.

The committee in charge of making the arrangements is made up of Chairman Frank Barrott, zone commander, Royal Canadian Legion; John Brown, Tom Robertson, Legion President Douglas Hopson and Mayor William Lazenby.

REMEMBER THEM!

Richmond Hill Mayor William Lazenby declared he opposed the appointment of Chairman Wright to the commission, and was strongly backed up in debate by the third Richmond Hill member of regional council, Donald Plaxton.

But the region council appointments of Wright and Lawrie were approved by majority vote, with Wright in effect nominating himself in the list of appointments he recommended.

Gordon Rowe, the other Richmond Hill member of region council, said he was disappointed at not being considered for the seat taken by Wright.

Mr. Rowe said he believed he was shunted aside because of his declared intention to support the appointment of a man from outside the region to be the founding head of the regional police force.

Mayor Lazenby argued that he and Mayor Garnet Williams of Vaughan Town were the only members of the region council with experience on a police commission.

"Putting it another way, I oppose Wright," said the Richmond Hill mayor.

Chairman Wright said he thought he himself should be

No Mail Service November 11

Richmond Hill residents, along with other Canadians, will not only be without mail carrier service on November 11, Remembrance Day, but there will also be no wicket service on that statutory holiday. "The Liberal" has been informed by the local post office.

In past years the wickets have been open on the holiday for a limited number of hours.

mission are as follows:
Gordon Cook, Warden of York County and Reeve of King Township;
Stewart Rumble, Reeve of Markham Township and 1969 county warden;
Garfield Wright, founding chairman of the York Region Council, 1968 county warden and former Reeve of East Gwillimbury;
Harold Lawrie, founding Regional Councillor for Markham Town, County Councillor and Deputy-reeve of Markham Town;

County Judge William Lyon, former member of the North York Township Council, unsuccessful Liberal Party candidate for Yorkview Riding in the 1963 provincial election.

Two Richmond Hill members of region council declared themselves available for appointment to the police commission.

Breath Test Appeal Being Heard Today

The appeal against the decision invalidating the compulsory breath test law was scheduled to be heard today (Thursday) by an Ontario Supreme Court justice at Osgood Hall in Toronto, according to Markham Township Police Chief Harvey Cox.

Provincial Judge Maurice Charles September 23 ruled that to require a drinking driver to take a breathalyzer test was an infringement of the Canadian Bill of Rights.

The case in question was a September 1 charge against John Curr of Locust Hill by Markham Township Police.

Drivers are still being charged and convicted of impaired driving and refusing to take breathalyzer tests. Police and other Ontario judges are waiting for the court to decide this appeal.

Only if a driver happened to be in a court where Judge Charles was sitting could he at present be sure of escaping conviction for refusing to take a breath test. Even then the Crown might appeal and finally obtain a conviction.

And like other provincial judges, Judge Charles moves from court to court from time to time.

Education Grants Up But Budget Tighter For County School Board

Hard times ahead for school boards were forecast in a letter sent from Education Minister William Davis to all school board chairmen last week.

Grant ceilings on "ordinary expenditures" will be increased to \$545 from \$500 for elementary schools and to \$1,060 from \$1,000 for secondary schools.

However boards were warned that they must restrict their budgets to the amount allowable under this grant structure. In the past boards have been permitted to spend more if the money was raised locally.

Mr. Davis explained that the grant increase is part of the program to bring all boards up to a 60 percent grant. At present the average grant is 51 percent but York County receives only 46 percent of its funds from the province while some poorer boards are getting considerably more than the 51 percent.

A hard ceiling applied to all counties will make the task of the York County Board particularly difficult, said Education Director Sam Chapman at a meeting of the board on October 26 when asked by Chairman John MacKay to comment on the letter.

"York County is on the fringe of Metro," Mr. Chapman continued. "Our teachers expect Metro salaries and working

Liquor, Drug Charges Follow Unionville Raid

Police from Markham Town and Township departments Friday night combined to raid a party in progress at 10:30 pm Friday at a Unionville house.

Marijuana and hashish possession charges were laid as a result of the raid. Markham Township Police Chief Harvey Cox said.

There were also 27 charges laid under the Liquor Control Act.

Some of the 43 people in the house were juveniles. Ages ranged from 14 to 26 years.

Those involved were from Unionville, Markham and Milliken.

Five township policemen and three from the Town of Markham were in the police raiding party.

Wright Wins Council Power Struggle

5 Named To York Police Commission

Christmas Shoppers' Special Supplement

Early Christmas Shoppers are getting an assist from Canadian Tire at 70 Yonge St., North in Richmond Hill.

In a colorful 48 page supplement in this issue of "The Liberal", the selection is almost unlimited — toys, firearms, telescopes, typewriters.

Sportsmen, too, will find many of their hunting and fishing needs in the bargain-packed catalogue. Outdoor types are offered skates and skis, snowmobile accessories.

Prepare for the rigors of winter with a snow thrower, windshield defroster, cozy fleecy car seat, anti-freeze tester and battery recharger.

Or for a comfortable winter indoors with a new stereo set, tools and accessories for the home workshop and innumerable household appliances.

The sale continues to December 24, or as long as quantities last, but you can avoid the last minute rush by picking up your realistic "Astrolite" Christmas tree, indoor and outdoor lights and floodlights in advance.

The biggest bonanza, however, is in the toy department where there are literally hundreds of items to choose from, so do Santa a favor and do your Christmas shopping early.

with available facilities in the township.

Representatives from Sutton, Keswick, Pefferlaw, Jersey and Georgina Island felt the greatest need in these communities is for family counselling services. It set up an ad hoc committee to organize an official group to look into the needs of the community services required to fill the needs uncovered by the research.

Markham, Stouffville and Unionville recommended that an "Education for Living" program be established, getting together small groups of parents, children, and

Huge Shopping Centre

A proposed 394 acres commercial-residential and civic centre complex immediately south of Maple Sideroad has Richmond Hill Planning Board members somewhat concerned.

The complex, a portion of the overall BAIF Subdivision, will be within the boundaries of Richmond Hill with the advent of regional government next January 1.

One of the main concerns to the board will be the large commercial shopping centre development on Carrville Road which will be "twice as big as the Dixie Plaza, and only 32 acres less than Yorkdale Plaza," according to Planning Consultant Max Bacon. He was speaking at a board meeting held October 27 in the municipal offices.

Mr. Bacon ventured preliminary comments to the effect that such a large commercial development could have "a most economically adverse effect on Richmond Hill's downtown area."

Also criticized was the civic centre proposal which was termed "very vague in detail."

It was also pointed out that the 39.5 person per acre percentage would mean an area with four times the present population of Richmond Hill which would almost amount to placing a new town beside the present one and detracting from it.

Planning Board Chairman Harry Sayers observed that the board had little or nothing to do about the BAIF proposal due to the fact that it was in Vaughan Township.

When Vaughan applied last summer to the Department of Municipal Affairs for approval of Amendment 18 to its Official Plan, Richmond Hill lodged a protest with the Minister and asked for an OMB hearing.

The town had based its protest on the premise that the development was premature.

Early this summer, after a presentation by BAIF principals and consultation with Vaughan, Richmond Hill withdrew the protest.

Vaughan's Amendment

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