

New York Central Mental Health Service

(Continued from Page 1) The psychiatrist, who is a medical doctor with years of post graduate training, advises, consults, prescribes medication where necessary and directs the course of treatment.

Before coming to Richmond Hill, Dr. Shaw was head of child psychiatric services at the Scarborough General and Scarborough Centenary Hospitals.

Dr. McTavish also worked in Scarborough where he was in charge of the youth division of the mental health clinic.

Two psychiatric social workers have joined the staff at the New York Central Mental Health Service, Miss Janet Inch and Stuart MacMillan. Others on the professional staff are Mrs. Dorothy Bradley, child care supervisor, and Mrs. Reva Fox, a parent education counsellor and family life educator.

The service's secretary-receptionist is Mrs. Faigi Kader, a graduate medical secretary.

Thornhill In Mood To Fight Metro Grab

(Continued from Page 1) Except for the negative vote of one teenager, all the citizens present voted to fight annexation.

Dr. Fotheringham says it is hoped letters will also go to the Minister of Municipal Affairs from the ratepayers associations, giving notice of the opposition to annexation as expressed at the recent meetings.

2 BIG REASONS

Dr. Fotheringham says he feels the two big things that are generating opposition to the Metro annexation are taxes and the threatened relocation of the education system.

The public schools are still in the settling down process after the switch to a new regional organization two years ago.

Leaders in Thornhill's ratepayers' groups have undertaken their own private surveys on taxes and on the cost of services, in their own area as compared with North York.

They have concluded that annexation would mean an average residential property tax hike of 44%.

Their studies have shown North York taxes varying from 18% to 70% higher than in the Thornhill area of Markham.

And Markham has already been re-assessed at market value, while North York has not.

They fear market value re-assessment in North York will increase the tax difference even more, making completely uneconomic the low density style of living widely enjoyed in Thornhill.

Dr. Fotheringham says he feels the citizens' next greatest reason for concern involves local government representation.

In Thornhill every 5,500 people will have an elected representative on the 1971 Markham Township Council.

In North York each councillor represents 42,500 people, says Dr. Fotheringham.

Each Thornhill trustee on the York County Board of Education represents 8,333 people, while a North York trustee represents about 42,500 people.

Of course, Thornhill's population will continue growing, but so will North York's, says Dr. Fotheringham.

OPPOSED ON BORDER

Interestingly enough, opposition to annexation seems every bit as strong and determined right beside Steeles Avenue on the very border of Metro, east of Bayview.

This area's residents are organized as the Bayview-Glencrest Ratepayers' Association. They held one of the three meetings which took place simultaneously in Thornhill Tuesday night, November 17.

This group has a history of fighting North York over high density development on the other side of Steeles Avenue. Earlier this year they succeeded in overthrowing a big North York high-rise development at Steeles and Bayview Avenues.

In the process North York Council, Planning Board and planning department were dealt a resounding repimand by the Ontario Municipal Board for doing business secretly.

Forty Bayview-Glencrest ratepayers met under the chairmanship of President Larry Nichols of 5 Laureleaf Road at Bayview Glen Elementary School, 42 Lincombe Drive.



Local officials were among those attending the November 12 official opening of a new addition to the Falconbridge metallurgical laboratories at Langstaff. Shown here looking over a new electron microprobe at the laboratories are (left to right) Falconbridge research scientist Dr. Gunter Springer, Vaughan Councillor Lou Wainwright, Mayor William Lazenby of Richmond Hill, Fred Archibald, Falconbridge vice-president, research and development, and Roly Bergman, laboratories manager.

Falconbridge Mines Opens New Laboratory Addition

By FRED SIMPSON

In addition to the new foundry area, the visitors were shown the new process development areas designed for research into ore treatment methods aimed at decreasing air and water pollution.

They were also shown a new electron microprobe, a highly sophisticated analytical instrument which Falconbridge will use to study the distribution of elements in ores, metals and intermediate products, to assist in ore exploration work, in the design of more efficient metal recovery systems, and in the improvement of alloys.

Laboratory Manager Roly Bergman said the new addition of equipment would allow the company to push ahead even more rapidly on development of new mineral products and processes.

He was speaking at a luncheon held to mark the occasion at the Honey Pot Ski Lodge near Maple.

"The metallurgical industry today," he said, "is faced with the depletion of rich ore bodies, the demand by customers for more consistent and purer products, rising labor costs, and increasing concern for the environment.

"These factors together demand that we produce purer metals from lower grade ores, and in a cleaner and cheaper way. One of the principle functions of this laboratory is to make this possible, through the improvement of existing metal recovery processes and the development of new ones. We concentrate of course largely on the production of nickel, copper, and cobalt, since Falconbridge is a major supplier of these metals to the world market."

The scope and value of the laboratories' work, Mr. Bergman said, is underscored by the fact that the diversified activities of the Falconbridge group of companies encompass more than 15,000 employees in 10 countries. In addition to nickel, Falconbridge and its affiliated companies produce some 30 other mineral products, from base, precious, and industrial minerals, to oil, natural gas, and manufactured products.

Mr. Bergman emphasized that the equipment in the new addition would not add to environmental problems in the area.

"Part of our capital expenditures for the addition have gone into further air and water pollution control systems. Our policy here is to strive to maintain and improve a clean environment, and reflects a policy that Falconbridge has followed for many years at all of its mines and properties," he said.

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LOSS OF IDENTITY

At the Bayview-Glencrest meeting, President Nichols said he felt the community would lose all its identity if it were swept into Metro.

"We've had a good few years up here, and I hope we don't lose it. We would lose our identity and character as it is now enjoyed in a smaller-based community."

"It would take away from our new regional government, and certainly weaken it," said Mr. Nichols.

Markham Regional Councillor-elect James Jongeneel, who travelled around to all four meetings, told the citizens, "Now is the time to act if you don't like annexation."

"If you don't take action now, in a year's time you may find yourselves in Metro and then it'll be too late to do anything but cry about it."

"We now have certain advantages I like, and I would like to keep them," said Mr. Jongeneel, thanking the voters for his recent re-election.

Markham Councillor-elect Bob Adams said that when campaigning recently, he had discovered an overwhelming feeling that people wanted to stay out of Metro.

"There is definitely a community feeling here. If we destroy it now, it will take years to be rekindled," said Mr. Adams.

He admitted that hydro is presently slightly more expensive in Thornhill than in North York, but he said it looked like the Thornhill rates were going to get comparatively better.

44% TAX HIKE

Mr. Adams said making a comparison of North York and Thornhill taxes were very complicated, but it appeared they were an average of 44% higher in North York.

He said he had a survey done by a real estate firm using actual sale prices of comparable homes during the last six months.

"But the big thing is the quality of living we have here, and the community feeling. We would get lost in the giant North York. We get more responsive government in a smaller municipality," he said.

Vaughan School Trustee Ross Jolliffe said the Metro boundary should stay at Steeles Avenue, or else go to the height of land and drainage divide at Oak Ridges, north of Richmond Hill.

NEW METRO BOROUGH

Moving the Metro line to Oak Ridges would allow formation of a new Metro borough, separate from North York, and make it possible for the local community to keep its character and identity," said Trustee Jolliffe.

"I can't see any man-made boundary as being any better than another. Highway 407 would have no advantage over Steeles Avenue."

"The real question is whether or not we're going to have a city state, a province of Toronto, like New York or Los Angeles. It is a political question of where Metro is to stop. Otherwise it will just keep getting bigger and bigger."

"What really cuts the mustard with Queen's Park is lots of letters, petitions and delegations," said Mr. Jolliffe.

He said many members of the York County schools staff in Thornhill had fled from the North York system, and have said they won't stay if they're taken back into North York again.

"The government has been treating the whole situation to date in a very cavalier fashion," he continued. "Youth gets the impression today that governments don't care. They just draw lines and use people as pawns."

12 SCHOOLS INVOLVED

Mr. Jolliffe said there are seven elementary schools and five secondary schools in the Thornhill area of York Region that would be taken into North York or Scarborough if the Metro line moved up to Highway 7.

Children cross Highway 7 both ways to attend school. The existing schools were built more cheaply years ago, and would cost more to replace.

"We just went through a very painful school reorganization two years ago. I wouldn't want to see it happen again next year, or the year after. It would affect the morale of the staff and students," concluded Mr. Jolliffe.

"I'm a great believer in standing up in numbers and hollering," said ratepayer President Nichols.

"You're elected representatives are only as strong as the support they get from electors and in the form of letters and petitions," said Councillor-elect Adams, warning the ratepayers they couldn't leave the annexation fight up to town council and county school board.

VOTE 37 TO 3

Dr. Fotheringham led the discussion at the Grandview-Highland Ratepayers' meeting. Also on the platform with President Clancy were York County Board of Education Chairman Jack MacKay and Mr. Jongeneel.

Dr. Fotheringham said approximately 80 people attended the meeting, some coming late and some going early.

When a vote was taken, 37 favoured staying in Markham and North York Region, three favoured joining Metro, and 18 were undecided.

Dr. Fotheringham presented the evidence as it was known on the topics of water, hydro, taxes, recreation and education. Also discussed were the reasons people like living as it is in Thornhill, rather than as in North York.

Mr. MacKay told the meeting how annexation was opposed by the region school board and most teacher groups.

Mr. Jongeneel discussed the opposition attitude in the present Markham Township Council.

VOTE 87 TO 2

There were 94 people at the Thornlea Secondary School meeting.

When it came time for the North Thornhill people to vote, all but two were opposed to annexation. There were seven abstentions.

The ratepayers agreed to prepare a petition against annexation and there were 20 residents who volunteered to take the petition door-to-door. They also agreed to take up a letter writing campaign to let Municipal Affairs Minister McKeough know about their opposition to annexation.

Platform speakers included Mayor-elect Roman, Councillor-elect Roy Muldrew, Trustee John Hoebinger, and Bob Nykor of 51 Romfield Circuit.

THUNDERING APPLAUSE

In the ratepayers' meeting at Markham District High School, even in an area far outside Thornhill and not immediately threatened with annexation, there was most interest in the annexation question.

When Markham Mayor-elect Anthony Roman said that as far as he was concerned the Metro border was going to stay at Steeles Avenue, there was prolonged and thundering applause, by far the longest and loudest during the meeting.

Region Councillor-elect Jongeneel, who attended all the meetings told "The Liberal" it was evident there is a real ground swell of opposition to annexation.

Discussion at the Markham Town Ratepayers' meeting was led by a five-man panel, with Ian Rafuse as chairman.

The panel included: York Centre MLA Donald Deacon; Richard Pickerak, head of the research section, Department of Municipal Affairs; Mayor-elect Roman; Councillor-elect Jongeneel; and Regional Assessment Commissioner Ken Andrews.

Jim Larock of the ratepayers group explained assessment problems, and council members Roman and Jongeneel explained what is happening with the formation of the new York Region municipal government.

The most frequent questions asked and the most extensive discussion, involved Mr. McKeough's statement on the possible Metro annexation of Thornhill.

Winds In Whitchurch Hit Power, Telephone

The Gormley area Sunday night went without electric power for five hours as high winds disrupted power and telephone services in a large part of Whitchurch Township. The power was off from about 6 pm to 11 pm.

The winds, reported as high as 90 mph over the Great Lakes area, seemed to hit especially heavy in Whitchurch Concessions 5, 6, and 7.

These especially heavy winds went on to cause more damage in Uxbridge, according to Whitchurch Police.

Telephone complaints were so heavy in Whitchurch that extra police officers had to be called in to handle the calls.

Available telephone lines were so tied up that police were delayed in calling in repairmen to deal with the power failure at Gormley.

Telephone wires were especially hard hit on Concession 5, while hydro lines suffered most heavily on Concessions 6 and 7, police said.

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