County Council Ends 120 Years Bayview Collects Service, Hands Reins To Region

The last official meeting of Cook, he had made many the last council of the County friends, and in council coof York took place in the coun-operation has been excellent. It cil chambers in the York County had not been an easy year, he Administration Building in New- continued, preparing for regional market, ending an era that be- government.

gan 120 years ago. He thanked his two commis-The council, which normally sioners, Reeve Albert Laidlaw sits for three successive days in of the Town of Markham and each month, wound up its busi- Reeve Stewart Burnett of ness in about two hours on the Township of Whitchurch, December 29 as it prepared to and senior staff of the county turn over the reins of gov- administration for their assisernment to the new York Re- tance in the past year.

gional Council which came into Regional Chairman Garfield Wright was presented, and the The business session conclu- warden transferred to him the

WM. HODGSON MLA

All Eyes On York Region

cipal or regional office.

a resident of King Township.

Mr. Hodgson took an op-

timistic view of the future

of York under regional gov-

ded with endorsement of a mo- warden's chain of office. tion by North Gwillimbury De- Mr. Wright, a former reeve of puty-reeve Wallace Donnell, the Township of East Gwillimseconded by Newmarket Reeve bury and a former warden, re-Clare Salisbury, that the coun-minded council that the chain cil "recess" and remain on call of office had been provided by at the discretion of retiring the Queen's York Rangers, and Warden Gordon Cook, Reeve of added that it was an honor to King Township. receive it. Mr. Donnell explained that "I will go back to what I said

the Municipal Act included a at the Warden's banquet in 1968. directive to retiring councils to York County has always had a sit until successors were fully council and a staff comparable organized and able to take over to any in the world."

all phases of administration. He termed his resolution "a resolution of immortality".

being on January 1.

There is some question, said Mr. Donnell, as to whether the retiring council is the 138th or the 120th. Although the County of York was not constituted as a unit of government until 1951, it was preceded by district councils with the same essential responsibilities. On adjournment, the council

dissolved into a mutual admiration society, with nostalgic remeniscing and backpatting.

Warden Cook observed that 17 of the 28 members of council, himself included, will not be returning as members of the regional council.

"It has been a most enjoyable year," said Mr. Cook, "It has been a real experience to be a warden of the County of York. "This has been a year that will go down in history, a year of

excitement and change. We have approved extensions to our two ed, and finalized completion of council present, reeves and de-York Manor and had its official puty-reeves of York County's opening. We should be very 14 municipalities, was given an proud of York Manor as a senior opportunity to speak, and each

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"No. sir."

vices?"

"Drink?"

20 Cars - Need More

Early in December, Bayview Secondary School appealed to the public for donation of old cars to be used in classes in the school's auto mechanics

By Christmas about 20 had been offered, and a local service station operator was providing free towing to get the cars to the school where they could be dismantled.

The holiday rush and cold and snowy weather slowed down the operation a bit the friendly service station man was kept hopping attending to business - but the school's Technical Director Don Frise reports that all of the cars should be at the school within the

More cars are still needed, however, and the school will accept cars of any make or model that have an engine that might be made to run. They will be responsible for disposing of the remains and surrendering of licence plates.

If you have such a car, contact shop Teachers Peter Rankin or Peter Davis at the school, 884-4453. They will be put to good use in instructing the boys in auto repairs and mainten-

Paterson Report Calls

the west side of Woodbine Av- minute."

... Until the (Metro) bound- Region of York. ary issue has been resolved, Metropolitan Toronto will have commented that it had been a cipalities in the county, said Mr. tional experience. Several who place in the (Thornhill) strip to a parkway corridor along the the 54 percent of Markham's than \$820,000. had been defeated in the Octo- between Steeles Avenue and the route of the proposed Highway assessment and 26 percent of ber municipal elections declared proposed route of Highway 407. 407 and probable transfer of the Vaughan's assessment. These

> ing again for election to muni- have to be worked out to meet way corridor to Metro. this concern.

the council and of the symbo- such possible variation," says Aurora Reeve Evelyn Buck, Since 12.5 percent of York's ganizations. lism that had led up to the the Paterson Report. selection of a restored litho- "... The Southern Six mun-committee, observed, "Not only Metro" lands, possible transfer cludes that the Region of York afternoons from 1:30 p.m. to graph of a pastoral scene, a icipalities of York (Markham are we losing this land, but has little effect on grants, sheppard leading a flock of Township, Markham Town, Metro is gaining it. It is the only graying sheep, as an appropriate Vaughan Township, Wood- area where they can be indus- The county's Road Needs gift for the farmer-warden. bridge, Richmond Hill and trial development. If this source Committee has indicated a need Three other former wardens Stouffville) have been included of potential wealth goes to to double the mileage of York

Rutherford of Vaughan Town- ception. ship, former Reeve Floyd Per-

ernment with a heritage of more than 100 years of Through advice to the Mincounty administration ister of Municipal Affairs, the which, he said, owed its success to the good judgeplans in the Southern Six mun- to protest the proposed Metro ment of the men and women that had made it work. icipalities are generally in con-

on the Region of York, said Mr. Plan. Hodgson, as it is the first region "And since the latter is transfer of land to Metro. to be formed without benefit of geared to either the availability The planning committee rea large city as a nucleus. He of Metro sewer and water serthe pressures for central city transfer on education, as preProvincial Treasurer Charles referred to the Ottawa-Carleton vices, or to upstream plants and the pressures for central city sented in a brief prepared by MacNaughton, also that copies I SERVICE WHAT I SELL! Region, and the Hamilton-Nia- ground water supplies approved growth place great stress on the York County Board of Edu- of the report go to members of COMPLETE STOCK OF PARTS gara Region. Muskoka Region, by the province, the local Of-man-made boundaries. The cation, he added, is "a different situa- ficial Plans are related to pres- Steeles Avenue boundary, es- "Traditionally Steeles Avenue"

Members of council, adminis- ities. Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. vided by the Town of Newmar- tegrated procedure for the pro- veloped.

> Metro Planning Board has over long term basis," states the reMoving the boundary will loAnswer: Your local Liberal the past years provided a con- port. siderable amount of planning "Do you smoke?" the em- advice and consulting service to ployer asked the young man a number of the Southern Six County Planning Office, no

"Then you must go out with

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County Council Fights Annexation

The battle to prevent Metro from annexing lands in southern Markham and Vaughan is not just a fight to retain land and people, it is a fight for economic survival, says Vaughan Reeve Garnet Williams.

Speaking at the last meeting of York County Council in Newmarket on December 29, Mr. Williams said it is important to Vaughan that the area south of the proposed Highway 407 be retained, but it is even more important to the region.

Mr. Williams was speaking to a York Region evaluation report dealing with the "to Metro" lands, prepared by the planning committee of council of which Mr. Williams is a member.

The Committee Chairman The assessment per capita in Anthony Roman, mayor-elect of the area is \$12,144, and the Markham, told the meeting the comparable figure for the concommittee had stayed away tinuing region is \$8,308 (about from projection of potential in two-thirds of the area figure). evaluating the effect of the loss Outstanding debt in the "To of the southern area. Metro" area of about \$5.1 mil-

"It is very difficult for any-lion represents 89 percent of one to put a figure on the pot- Markham Township's total debt ential," said Mr. Roman, "but and 17 percent of Vaughan anyone who is aware of the in- Township's total debt. dustrial potential of this area | Comparing these figures with can envisage what it might ulti- taxable assessment, Markham and government aid programs, mately become. It would defi- loses 54 percent of assessment which are largely different

nitely be a drastic financial loss and 89 percent of debt. Vaughan from what they were in the to the Region of York." County council's Planning and 17 percent of debt. Consultant Conroy Dowson ob- INVESTMENT FOR FUTURE It quotes from the board's served that in forming the re- The Markham debt is sub- brief of September 14: "It is gion the objective had been to stantially an investment in the the opinion of this board that 1970, when he indicated that a

municipal governments. "The continuing Region of full development would accure expense of York County. The established to create permanent York will be as well off as the to the benefit of the entire great price to be paid by York machinery for co-ordinating the County of York, but there is no township. A substantial portion County for the relatively small planning policies of neighborway the region can increase its of the debt is to service 700 gain for Metro is a denial of ing municipalities and the provpotential for industrial develop- acres of industrial land.

potential for industry is in the to industrial service, yet is a planning committee report.

Highway 404 will be a con-planning committee quoted from balance. Parkway and intersect with cipal Affairs Minister Darcy in expenditure in the "To A further \$4.1 million has staff level. hospitals that were badly need- Each of the 24 members of Highway 407 somewhere near McKeough in Richmond Hill on Metro" area, two-thirds is from been approved for capital im-

> SERIOUS LOSS It was in this speech that Mr. cent of the Vaughan total.

Deputy-reeve Donnell, a hum- "Indeed, insofar as the latter cil in September, the planning "To Metro" lands. Of an estiorous and eloquent orator, had (Highway 407) route might be committee was directed to pre- mated \$1,990,300 in grants to been selected as spokesman for varied as a result of the forth- pare a detailed submission out- York Region under Bill the council to make a presen- coming provincial-regional dis- lining the result of any boun- about 13 percent or \$262,200 covered that only relatively tation to the retiring warden, cussions, the Metro interest dary adjustment and its impact would apply to the "To Metro" He spoke of the comradery of would extend to the area of on the York Region.

also a member of the planning population are in the "To were present and were recog- in the Metropolitan Toronto Metro, we are left to provide roads in the "To Metro" lands nized: Deputy-reeve Albert Planning Area since its in- services for farms and residen- (an increase from five to 14

tial properties." "Consequently they are cov- Warden Gordon Cook observ- inventory) kins of Richmond Hill and Wil- ered by the Draft Official Plan that Markham Township has About 27 percent of the total liam Hodgson MLA, York North of the Metropolitan Toronto spent a great deal of money in York capital improvement bud-required regional plan, and \$1.25, children 12 and under Planning Area. However, this servicing land for industrial de- get for improvement to exist- there is no compulsion as yet 75¢, \$1 each for groups of 20 has never been formally ad-velopment, and this would all ing roads from 1971 to 1975 is in evidence that services must and over. All seats reserved. opted, but is used as a guide go to Metro, adding, "Markham required in the "To Metro" be installed in a given time Phone 727-6511 between 1 and in the processing of develop- Township is taking a great beat- lands, six percent of the York period (for example in service 9 p.m. or 727-9276.

Mr. Roman observed that 2.6 percent of the total maintthere have been a number of enance costs for the region. to assure that the local official ratepayers meetings in the area The eyes of Ontario will be formity with the Draft Metro percent of the people seemed to be strongly opposed to the

ently committed sewer capac-tablished over 120 years ago formed the boundary of school still provides reasonable separa- attendance areas," the report trative staff and guests were "The conformity of develop- tion of town and country, how- points out. "This, among other invited to remain to enjoy a ment applications has been en- ever, as only one-third of the factors led to a concentration 884-7716 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Daily lavish buffet and reception pro- sured by the adoption of an in- north Steeles frontage is de- of seven elementary schools

cessing of subdivisions, official "Moving the boundary north areas immediately adjacent to 12 YEAR OLD plans, zoning bylaws, and am- some two miles will not of itself the proposed Highway 407 in FINANCE CO. improve the separation of town the Yongo Street corridor." "In addition, the staff of the and country, particularly on a

NEED INDUSTRY

It states that 18,732 people areas. Further, the transfer a loan? municipalities. As with the York are located in the "To Metro" will create a serious loss in the lands or 12.5 percent of York's economics of scale, disrupting charge has been made for these population. This would leave a many specialized services now services," says the Paterson Re- population of 131,248 in the provided by the board. continuing region.

About 23,200 acres, or six per- interest rates, grant structures "Under the York Act, the cent of York's area is in the Metro Planning Area will be re- "To Metro" lands. Of this, over tracted to the boundaries of 74 percent, or 17,320 acres is Metro proper, effective January agricultural or undeveloped in the urban sense. Of the 5,980

> acres of residential." area. Further, the residentialfarm to commercial-industrial ratio of the \$277 million assessment is 77:23 whereas the comparable ratio of the continuing region is 82:18.



GARNET WILLIAMS Fight For Survival

ensure an equitable tax system future, that is, essentially a local the whole proposal is a politi- joint planning committee of the by re-organizing the structure of charge against undeveloped cal compromise designed to York Region, Metropolitan Torindustrial lands which under help the Metro giant at the onto, and the province will be

Also, in Markham \$845,000 of York Central Hospital, too,

ners had never considered the in anticipation of the future in- come from the "To Metro" bers of the effected governpossibility of this land being dustrial development markedly area. The length of stay of ments will have to be involtransferred to Metro. "This did contributing to the township's these patients represents about ved. The question arises as to of-way for Highway 404 along not come up until the last finances, not only writing off 20 percent of the total day care whether they should sit tothe general charge, but improv- provided by the hospital. York gether on a single liason comenue (formerly Don Mills Road). The 15-page report of the ing the residential-industrial County has an outstanding debt mittee, or sit separately on two for the two York County hos-liason committees, one at the tinuation of the Don Valley an address delivered by Muni- Of approximately \$2,049,000 pitals of about \$2 million." political level and one at the

May 6 outlining details of the Markham, one-third from Vau- provements to York Central cerns of the two groups, while government's plan for the new ghan. These expenditures repre- Hospital, thus about 20 percent strongly related, will seldom be sent 60 percent of Markham's of the \$4.1 million, plus an un-identical, it is concluded that total expenditures and 20 per- determined portion of the \$2 much time of both would be a legitimate concern for the kind of development taking McKeough made first reference This could be compared with "To Metro" lands — more regularly meet together. million is a charge against the wasted if they were asked to

they had every intention of try- "Referral procedures will lands to the south of the park- expenditures are estimated on a posed boundary changes on the ablishing two committees to Roman Catholic School Board, township per capita basis ap-At a meeting of county coun- plied to the population in the Department of Social and Family Services, York County Health Unit and York Manor

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appears as the loser in two 4:30 p.m. important respects: total wealth

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ment applications by the Metro ing in the proposed boundary area. Maintenance costs in the installations or road construcsame period would account for tion).

million, or 33 percent of the unanimous approval and encents.

total capital improvement pro- dorsement of the report, and directed that copies be subport includes the effect of land barts, Mr. McKeough and to the new York Regional Council

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(Continued from Page 1) | deal with matters requiring pro-"The role of the committees vincial-regional liason. s seen as purely advisory, and it "It is further recommended is considered unnecessary and that initially at least, the govundesirable that either com-ernments involved in addition mittee should hire any staff of to the provincial government. its own," said the Paterson Re- should be limited to those of

On the question of co-opera- jacent governmental regions. tion and communication between the province and region on planning matters, the Pater- "Turning now to the questson Report goes on as follows: |ion of specific membership, we

"In discussing provincial plan- come to the most difficult issue ning responsibilities . . . it was to be resolved. Considering the recommended that the province senior committee first, it is esconsult the affected regional sential to keep it small enough governments and discuss frankly to function effectively, even if with them the outstanding mat- four regions should become inters which have both regional volved. And the question which and provincial implications, arises is, where to stop if one even though ultimate respon- begins adding members beyond sibility for these matters must those who must obviously be in-"If such consultation is to be "To co-ordinate the activities New Queen's Counsel

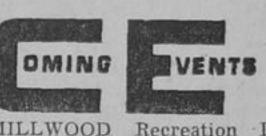
clearly rest with the province. | cluded. effective, it is felt that it can- of the adjacent regional governthe issues to be readily brought years," says the Paterson Re- Mr. Fraser is a resident of forward for discussion as nec- port on York Region planning. Concord.

"If this is to happen, however, it seems clear that some kind of loses 26.5 percent of assessment past, a financial loss is antici- organization for it will be repated as well", says the report, quired. This would seem to be what the Minister of Municipal Affairs had in mind on May 6,

"In considering possible com-Mr. Dowson observed that the the debt is directly assignable would be affected, says the mittee arrangements, it is imsouthern sections of Vaughan charge against the entire town- "About 15 percent of the pat- fective liason, both political and Markham, but county plan- ship. This method was adopted ients at York Central Hospital leaders and senior staff mem-

"Accordingly it is recom-

The committee also investi- mended that the Minister of gated the impact of the pro- Municipal Affairs consider est-



Open swimming at Slater's Indoor Pool, Don Mills Rd. at Van-In summary, the report con- dorf, Saturday and Sunday

is reduced, and potential future JANUARY 7. 8. 9, Thursday, wealth based on anticipated in- Friday, and Saturday evenings dustrialization is curtailed dras- at 8.15 p.m. and Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. Aurora Drama Issues of applying costs to a Workshop presents the childpercent of the total York road development plan are speculat-ren's pantomime "Aladdin", at ive because present develop. St. Andrew's College, Aurora.

JANUARY 9. SATURDAY -The committee recommended 2 pm. Library Club of Richmond that every effort be expended Hill High School presents film Capital expenditures for in opposing any transfer of "The Dragon of Pendragon roads in the 1971 to 1975 per- lands from the Region of York. Castle" also serial part 4. Ad-The County Council gave mission season tickets or 30

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not be left to the odd, infrequent ments and those of all prov- Vaughan Councillor and meeting called only when a mat-incial departments concerned Thornhill Lawyer David Fraser ter of acute concern has arisen, will prove one of the more de- was named a Queen's Counsel It should take place in a more manding tasks facing planning in the New Year's Honors List continuous manner, permitting in this area over the next few this year.

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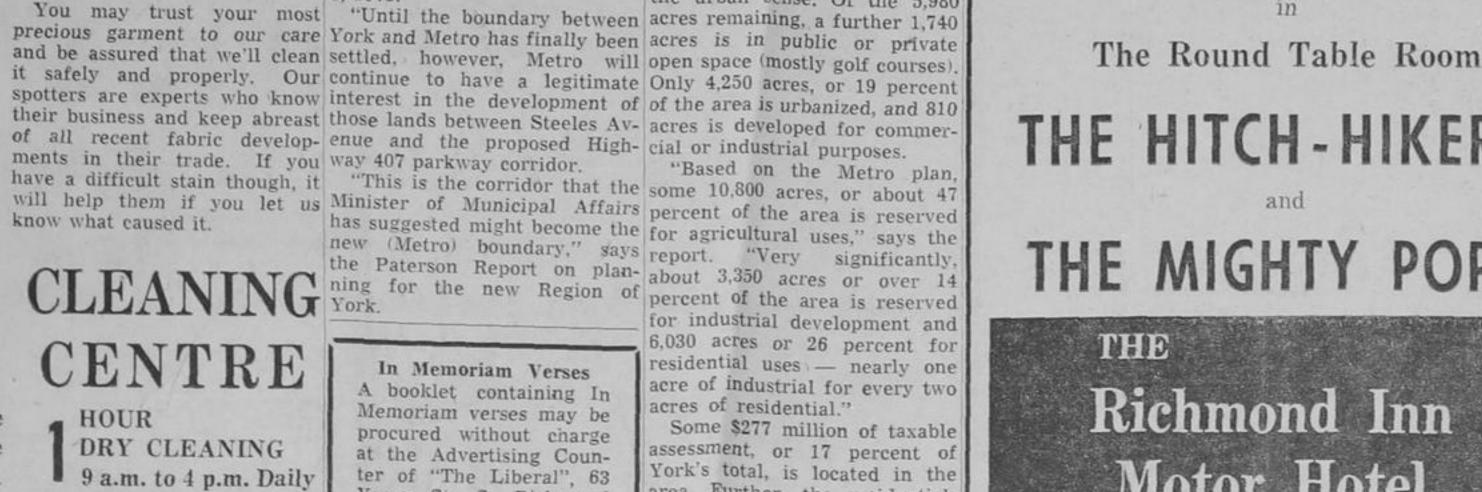
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