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Something Has To Be Done About Hill's Water Shortage Problem - Ratepayer

Why are people in Ward 6 of Richmond Hill under lawn watering restrictions and the people south of Highway 7, served by the same well, have no such restrictions? Both pay a minimum bill of \$10 for three months. This was the question placed before Richmond Hill Council Monday night by S. Zukotynski of Maryvale Crescent. Mr. Zukotynski is a research and design consultant and has an acre of land around his home.

Mr. Zukotynski suggested something be done about the minimum rate retroactive to January 1. "When other people in Vaughan do not suffer. We can't possibly use the minimum with these restrictions." He suggested slightly more lenient regulations in his area — perhaps late at night when the requirements of the hospital are minimal. "I want to know what the Town of Richmond Hill intends to do about water. I intend to organize the ratepayers in my area," he told council as he claimed the old town's water problem has been around for 10 years.

"This town has had little major development in the last 10 years," stated Mayor William Lazenby. "We've had a problem for five or six years. We do not have a water problem but a pressure problem. The Vaughan system has been hooked into our system for some years, which helps to keep the pressure up. We don't want to be parochial but we want everyone to feel that they belong to Richmond Hill. The lawn watering restrictions do not prevent you from watering your flowers, vegetable gardens, trees or washing your cars. You can even wash your car on your lawn."



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Kinsmen Provide Mobility For Villa Patient

The Richmond Hill Kinsmen Club has been active in our community since 1954 and during these 17 years has made many contributions to the municipality and its residents.

Thursday, June 24, the local Kinsmen, as another example of their community-mindedness, presented a wheel chair to Debbie Wilson, a patient at the Villa Nursing Home in Vaughan. This is only one of many ways in which they have met the needs of Richmond Hill citizens.

In the above picture are seen (left to right) Keith Sanderson, Tom Heatherington, Peter VanHoof, Debbie, Steve Mills and John Smith.

The Kinsmen, an all Canadian Service Club, is open for membership to any young man between the ages of 20 and 40 and the Richmond Hill club is anxious to have anyone interested in its activities contact Mr. VanHoof at 884-4145 or Mr. Heatherington at 884-2535.

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"The town's engineer has completed a study which this council has to study. It is the intent to forward this to the region. Provision of more water is now the responsibility of the region," contributed Ward 6 Councillor Louis Wainwright.

The mayor recalled that the OWRC was set up to provide water to the municipalities in a system similar to hydro, "but this never did come to fruition. A massive pipeline was suggested for this area," the mayor continued, "but we would have had to incorporate our system into theirs and pay 10 or 12 times as much for our water supply. We weren't interested at those prices. That plan is still hanging around but we can't depend on that system. We spent \$25,000 on seeking a new well and now we have a sixth well but it's at the corner of Dufferin and Vaughan Road."

"First we need a legal opinion. Can we legally refuse a building permit?" asked Councillor Lois Hancey. "We can't refuse to give services," answered the mayor.

"Would you be willing to take this council down to meet with the Energy and Resources Minister George Kerr?" Mrs. Hancey asked the mayor. "Anytime," was his reply.

"It's timely if not overdue," continued Mrs. Hancey. "The planning committee..." (Continued on Page 8)

90 Ontario Scholars In York Region Thornlea Student Tops List With 96.1%

When grade 13 results for 1971 were announced Dominion Day, secondary schools of York Region reported 90 Ontario Scholarship winners, an increase of 27 over last year.

Top student in the region is Calvin Harley, 19, a member of Thornlea Secondary's first grade 13 class, whose final average was 96.1 percent.

In second place was Peter Reiss, 19, of Langstaff Secondary with 93.3 percent, and third was Karen Perry, 18, of Bayview Secondary in Richmond Hill with 92.7 percent.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Harley, 14 Colonsay Road in Thornhill, Calvin will be going to the University of Waterloo in the fall, majoring in physics.

Described by Principal Arthur Murch as "an outstanding person in every respect," Calvin is top student in York Region is also winner of a Department of Education Carter Scholarship. He took his first year of secondary school in the United States, and his second year at Thornhill Secondary where he ended the year with an overall average of 92 percent.

Thanks to flexible time tabling he was able to complete grade 10 and 11 mathematics in one year.

When Thornlea opened its doors in 1968, Calvin was taking mathematics at grade 12 level, and the following year did extremely well in grade 13 mathematics A course.

In the school year just ended, Thornlea arranged for him to take a second year math course at York University. He did extremely well in this course also.

But he had a complete program in other subjects as well, and chalked up eight credits. He also took part in extra-curricular activities of the school and held down a part-time job. He was captain of the intermediate basketball team and top scorer.

In his fourth year Calvin was co-president of the student association. He plays the trombone, and played with a small group in the school for three years.

The second and third place Ontario Scholars are also all round students. Peter Reiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Reiss, 10 Orton Crescent, Thornhill, was editor of the school year book, plays the piano, and is a keen sportsman. He will be entering a general arts course at the University of Toronto and plans to study law.

Karen Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Perry, 19 Carter Crescent, Thornhill, is also going to the University of Toronto where she will study modern languages. She has won a U of T admission scholarship, played on the girls' basketball and volleyball teams at school, and was a member of the school band.

Thornhill Secondary topped the region with 13 Ontario Scholars. Ontario Scholars, who must attain at least 80 percent on seven grade 13 papers, receive an award of \$150 from the province whether or not they go on to further education. The majority in York Region are university-bound.

Thornhill winners are Randy Bagg 89 percent, Lynda Clarke 88.1, Grant Phillips 86.9, Marion Stubble 85.9, Christopher Palin 85.3, Michael Hinton 84.1, Joyce McCoy 83.9, Leslie McKay 83.1, Frank Johnston 83.1, Janet McCoy 82.6, Sharon Smith 80.6, Pamela Fox 80.4, and Heather Connell 80.4.

Thornlea came next with 12. Calvin Harley 96.1, Sandra Wright 91.6, Gwynne Leitch 87, David Baker 84.7, Brenda Wellman 84.6, Ray Leivo 84.1, Craig Marchant 83.1, Steven Halperin 83, Tom Vockeroth 80.4. (Continued on Page 3)



CALVIN HARLEY
Top for York Region

Mid-Summer Sale Canadian Tire

Holiday needs for boating, camping, cottage, and for your own back yard are among the innumerable bargains being offered in Canadian Tire's big mid-summer sale.

The sale insert in this week's issue of "The Liberal" also features special offers on a wide range of accessories for motoring safety and comfort.

There are some considerable discounts, too, on a wide range of appliances, tools, back yard pools and pool care-products.

The sale at Canadian Tire, 70 Yonge Street North in Richmond Hill, continues to July 19. There is a limited supply of some items, however, so do your shopping early!

Fire Hydrant Disappears

Would you believe a fire hydrant as a conversation piece for the living room? Somebody apparently does.

A \$400 fire hydrant was stolen between Monday and Friday last week from the front of 303 Yonge Street North in Richmond Hill during construction work, according to York Region Police.

Maybe it's the latest thing for every dog to have in his own back yard.

Legion Plans Move To New Ohio Road Site

Richmond Hill Branch 375 Royal Canadian Legion moved a step closer to realization of its plan to build new quarters in the Ohio Road-Elgin Mills area June 29 when the planning committee of Richmond Hill Council agreed to recommend to council that the plan be approved in principle, subject to a site plan agreement incorporating all requirements of the works and all other town departments. A delegation of 10 Legionnaires was present, but was not asked to make a presentation.

Location of clubrooms in that area will require a change in zoning from industrial.

Planning Director Hessie Rimon gave his verbal approval of the location, pointing out that the "Racket Club" and "Curling Club" are in the same area. "The Legion clubrooms definitely should not be on Yonge Street with its limited parking and not in the residential area, because of traffic and noise," he stated. Committee members (Councillors Lois Hancey, chairman, Andre Chateauvert, Louis Wainwright and Regional Councillor Donald Plaxton) agreed.

The site is located alongside the railway, fronts on the turning basin of Ohio Road and stretches northeast to back on Elgin Mills Road.

It was reported that the Legion proposes to sell its property on Yonge Street.

Markham Merchants Oppose New Shopping Centre, Petition Council

At their meeting June 29, councillors of Markham received a delegation from Victoria Square asking that the parking lot at the community hall be paved. It also received a petition from merchants in the old Town of Markham objecting to a proposed new shopping plaza in the area.

Decisions on both presentations were deferred for further study.

The delegation was made up of members of Victoria Square Lions Club and the community centre board, with Lions Past-President Frank Brummell as spokesman.

The hall, said Mr. Brummell, is a credit to the community, but so far has cost the municipality nothing. It serves many groups, individuals and organizations, and has been maintained by the people, but in spring people "splash around in mud" going to and from their cars.

Norman Tyndall, councillor for Ward 6, recalled that the hall, which was donated by Industrialist Stephen Roman, had been dismantled at Elliott Lake by members of the Lions Club, brought to Victoria Square, and reconstructed on the stone foundation of an old barn. He described it as the finest park and community centre in the municipality and recommended the parking lot be paved.

It was pointed out that the request should have been in much earlier so that provision could be made in the budget for the paving, which Mr. Brummell said would probably cost about \$8,000. He told council it was in last year's municipal budget, but was cut when funds were not available.

Mayor Anthony Roman agreed that the request deserved consideration, adding that this is the first year of regional government, a transitional period, and that no commitments can be made until the budget is reviewed.

Council approved a motion from Regional Councillor James Jongeneel directing the town engineer to get accurate cost estimates and come back with a recommendation.

Mayor Roman assured the delegation that council would have a report ready within a week or two.

The petition from the Markham merchants bearing 37 signatures objected strenuously to a new neighborhood shopping centre planned for a new subdivision in the Wooten Way-Highway 7 area about one mile east of Highway 48.

They pointed out that there are now 110 stores and a new plaza in the old town, serving only 9,000 people.

"We expect you to stop this project at once," declared the petition, adding, "We would like the opportunity to discuss this with you."

Planning Director Kuno Hidaka told council that the plaza was approved as part of a subdivision agreement that came to council a year ago, and at its last meeting the planning committee recommended approval subject to its complying with development standards of area bylaws.

In the view of the merchants' objection, however, he said it would be quite proper to leave it in abeyance until it could be considered further.

"At the time of approving the plan we were not aware of the opposition of the merchants," observed Mayor Roman. "They should be allowed to come before council before further action is taken."

It was agreed to set up a meeting of the merchants and the planning committee as soon as possible to deal with the plan.

Interim Tax Payments Will Be Due August 16 In Town Of Markham

The first instalment on Markham's second interim tax bill will be due August 16.

The town council met in special session on Tuesday to pass the necessary bylaw authorizing issuing of the interim bills. The finance committee had recommended a date of July 31, but it was agreed at council's June 29 meeting that this would not give ratepayers sufficient time, especially those who were taking vacations in July.

Finance Committee Chairman Roy Muldrew, councillor for Ward 2, pointed out that as of July 1, the municipality owes the York County Board of Education \$1.1 million and money would have to be borrowed from the bank at the going interest rate if it did not come in from property taxes in time to meet the school levy.

There were delays, however, when the meeting scheduled for June 22 was postponed a week to enable council members to attend the meeting with Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in Aurora that evening.

Councillor Muldrew observed that the blow of the tax bill would be softened somewhat, as rebates authorized by Bill 143 would be going out during the first week in July.

It was pointed out that only interim bills can be sent, as word has not yet been received from the region setting mill rates. The delay, it was explained, is due to a backlog at the provincial computer where municipal budgets submitted to the Department of Municipal Affairs are being processed. Introduction of regional government in January shifted responsibility for setting the mill rates from the municipality to the region.

Hill Scientist Reports Abuses Of Our Ecology

In Ottawa, Thursday, June 24, Dr. Douglas Pimlott, Department of Zoology, University of Toronto, and a resident of Centre Street West, Richmond Hill, presented a special study report he has written for the Science Council of Canada, entitled "Scientific Activities in Fisheries and Wildlife Resources".

Hosting the press conference, with Dr. Pimlott, were Dr. Patrick McTaggart-Cowan, executive director of the Science Council; Dr. J. R. Bider, Department of Woodlot Management, MacDonald College of McGill University; and Dr. C. J. Kerswill, federal Department of Environment, Ottawa. Dr. McTaggart-Cowan formerly lived in Thornhill.

The report is the result of two years of study across Canada conducted during 1969-70. Highlights of the 191-page report are the unabashed attempt by the authors to stress the fact that the perpetuation of fish and wildlife is important to man and to the world. It clearly establishes that maintenance of high-quality environments throughout the world is vital to man's continuing survival — that what is now happening to our fish and wildlife is a warning of what will happen to man too long in the future unless immediate remedial steps are taken. The report advocates adoption of "the proof before use" approach to the use of disposal of chemicals in the environment — that is that the onus should not be to prove they have detrimental effects AFTER they have been introduced, but to prove that they will not have detrimental effects BEFORE they are used in the environment.

"Fish and wildlife, when expressed in cash income terms, provide only a modest portion of the national income of Canadians, yet, if their full value is considered, they constitute one of the most valuable resources of the country. They should not be sacrificed on the altar of short-term economic gain, nor should the diversity of species be destroyed in a questionable quest to feed 50 billion people in an overcrowded world which would be unfit to live in," the report states.

Chapter X "Influence of Resource Development on Fisheries and Wildlife," draws a graphic picture of what industry (particularly mining and pulp and paper) and agriculture have done to the ecology of our forests and streams; the disposal of waste (including warm water from atomic power plants into the Great Lakes) and the effect it has already



DR. DOUGLAS PIMLOTT
Report And \$2,500 Grant

Dr. Pimlott has been awarded a \$2,500 grant by the White Owl Conservation Award Committee to be used to continue this study of environmental quality and research conservation across Canada.

Dr. Pimlott, a dedicated conservationist, is an active member of the Canadian Audubon Society, the Canadian Wildlife Federation and a number of other national conservation organizations. He has written on a variety of environmental topics and specializes in the ecology and population dynamics of large mammals.

Dr. and Mrs. Pimlott, who have three children, have lived in Richmond Hill since 1958.

Region Says "NO" To Car Allowance Plus Mileage For Planning Staff

York Regional Planning Committee's decision to increase car allowances for senior planning staff was over-ruled by the regional council at a meeting in Newmarket June 24.

Three senior employees had petitioned the committee for an allowance of \$25 per month plus the 14 cents a mile they are already getting.

In their submission they said "Experience over the last two months indicates that the present car allowance of 14 cents per mile is inadequate to cover the cost of running our private cars on regional business."

Average mileage, they maintained, will not exceed 300 per month, which at 14 cents a mile amounts to \$42.

"Having regard to the many miles of gravel roads in the region, many of them in poor condition, cars are suffering excessive wear, particularly to the steering, tires and body work. In our opinion the costs of maintenance and repairs plus the rapid depreciation of our cars, are not adequately or equitably covered by the present car allowance," said the employees.

At the time they were hired, they allege, they were told they would be receiving \$25 a month plus ten cents a mile.

Regional Administrator John Pettie pointed out that this was the rate paid by the old county council, and that at the time of hiring, regional policy on car allowances had not yet been established.

It was later agreed to pay all employees using cars on regional business a flat 14 cents a mile.

Markham Mayor Anthony Roman objected, "It would be wrong to fragment policy," he declared. Council could not pay some employees mileage and others a car allowance, he said. If policy is changed for a few,

Town Policy Will Bar Husband-Wife Teams

Richmond Hill Town Council has established a policy, effective July 1, whereby a husband and wife or other members of the immediate family shall not be employed at the same time in the town in the same department. This recommendation of the personnel, procedures and bylaws committee, chaired by Councillor Stewart Bell, was approved by council at its July 3 meeting.

When two employees of the town are married during their term of employment and are working in the same department, the policy of the town will be to take steps to transfer one of them to a different department.

The above policy is not to be applied to present members of staff and persons under recommendation as of June 28.

King Farmer Shot, Beaten In \$10 Robbery Fight

A King Township farmer Saturday night was shot in the arm and had a shotgun butt broken over his head in a desperate intermittent struggle with two robbers.

All the robbers got away with \$10. At press time, police were looking for a suspect, but no arrests had been made.

Grant Wilson Mather, 28, of Lot 35, Concession 12, is recovering after being treated at hospital in Alliston for the bullet wound. He also had stitches for scalp wounds.

The robbery took place at 10:45 pm a few miles from Palgrave where a local housewife was raped and shot to death a little over a year ago in a crime still not solved.

The farm is at the intersection of Concession 12 and Highway 9, west of Schomberg in the extreme northwest corner of King Township, and near the York Region boundary.

The farm house is about 300 yards off the road and concealed by trees.

The three occupants had no car or telephone when the two robbers drove into the yard. The robbers used the pretext of asking for water for their radiator, according to York Region Police.

Farmer Mather and a visiting friend, Richard John Burke, 25, of Rexdale, were overpowered the other robber, and there was a fight. The gunman then came back downstairs to assist his accomplice. During the struggle the girl escaped from the house and ran.

The gunman brought a shotgun downstairs with him and gave it to the other robber. The gunman then returned to his search of the house. Mather knew there was no ammunition for the shotgun and went after the second robber, again. The robber with the pistol returned and shot Mather in the arm after the struggle had moved into another room. The second robber hit Mather over the head with the reversed shotgun, breaking the butt as they fought some more.

This gave visitor Burke a chance to flee after the girl. Mather went and armed himself with a 22 calibre rifle, but by this time the robbers had fled and the other two occupants of the farmhouse came back.

Another resident, Sally Ireland, 25, then returned from a car trip to nearby Tottenham and drove Mather to hospital in Alliston.

The robbery is being investigated by two York Region police officers, Constable Clayton Aspdien of the King Division and Detective Douglas Trubbling of Markham Division.