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Should Freeze Development

Water shortage, evidenced by necessary restrictions on lawn watering and rumors that the water situation is more desperate than is being told, lead us to believe that an immediate freeze on development (even infilling) should be instituted by the Town of Richmond Hill.

and operate on septic tanks so it will not tax the present facilities of the town. Assessment will be high on the luxury-class homes, will serve to increase the tax base of the town, and help relieve the tax burden. Moreover, the development will not create a large number of children to crowd available school space.

Futile Cry In The Wilderness?

Outraged cries of being unfairly taxed by the powers-that-be are hardly new ones issuing from the lips of landowners but they keep happening nevertheless.

Sherman's part but an understandable one. After a while, you just give up. There was a suggestion that perhaps council should discuss Mr. Sherman's plight with the chief provincial assessment officer of the municipality and explain the situation.



Plaque Commemorates First Steam Train

On Dominion Day a historical plaque commemorating the first steam train in Canada West to travel from Toronto to Aurora was unveiled at the site of the CNR Station, Aurora. This plaque is one of a series being erected throughout the province by the Department of Public Records and Archives, acting on the advice of the Archaeological and Historic Sites Board.

Notes On An African Safari..

(Roy Smith, a teacher in Thornlea Secondary School, will publish weekly. Experience in educational travel, Mr. Smith, in conjunction with Ship's School, has been conducting trips for several years. It is suggested that students clip these articles for further use in school.)

The Sights And Sounds Of London

To continue our description of last issue, we are still in London and enjoying every moment. Our next planned tour includes Buckingham Palace and the watching of the famous Changing of the Guard. Buckingham Palace is known all over the world as the home of Britain's Kings and Queens.

Postponing The Tax Bill

(Hamilton Spectator) Ontario's planned assessment freeze is a moratorium; it's no more than that. But it will put money in the pockets of taxpayers who take advantage of it. The freeze — no new taxes in home improvements worth up to \$2,500 until 1975 — is the first real break a senior government has offered the home-owner through the assessment field.

Letters to the Editors

WATER SHORTAGE CRITICAL

Dear Mr. Editor:— The recent flood of letters to "The Liberal" regarding the ever present shortage of water in our town has prompted me to write you and ask the following question which I feel is directly relevant to the crisis.

- I would like to know how in the world we are ever going to supply water and treat the sewage created by the influx of new housing in our newly enlarged town, when we cannot, apparently, satisfy our present demands? The new housing I refer to is as follows:
• Housing for 30,000 people in the new BAIF Development
• 600 suite apartment building on the Bond Steel site on Markham Road
• 142 new luxury homes east of Bayview, with at least one acre lots to be watered.
• 153 suite apartment building near completion on Cedar Ave.
• High-rise and townhouse development suggested for the northwest corner of Elgin Mills Road and Bayview Avenue North.

These are some of the new projects that I am aware of. I am sure that there are more pending approval by our town's planning committee and council.

One other unfortunate aspect of this critical situation is the fact that we cannot possibly attract future commercial development to our area while our water supply continues as is. We have, I understand, already spent some \$1 million in services in the area north of Elgin Mills Road. We desperately need the industrial development and subsequent tax dollars to repay whatever debentures are needed to rectify the water supply problem. A vicious circle to say the least!

I would, in closing, like to raise one other point in regard to the study and resulting master plans obtained from the OWRC (Ontario Water Resources Commission), suggesting that we connect our water system into the Metro Toronto System. I know that the council under Mayor Tom Broadhurst and in particular Ivan Mansbridge, former councillor and deputy-reeve, put a great deal of hard work and effort into obtaining this master plan. I hope Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe will not (as he has stated he will do) pressure the OWRC too greatly to supply something that they have already supplied a previous council.

It is my sincere hope that the present council will put this critical water shortage problem at the top of its list of priorities for the balance of its term of office. Our town is fast becoming the most beautiful in the region and it is such a shame to carry with it this unnecessary handicap.

BRUCE VENN, 419 Crosby Avenue, Richmond Hill.
CHOOSING SENECA COLLEGE SITE QUESTION OF GREEN BELT
Dear Mr. Editor:— One consideration in choosing a site for Seneca College does not seem to have been mentioned in the reports of the debate on the matter in council. Which one will take out of circulation the least area of good farm land?

Business Reference Available At North York Public Library

A reference library in miniature for businessmen is now available at the North York Public Library. CANFIL (Canadian Financial Information Library) is an information bank recording in detail the financial affairs of nearly 2,000 Canadian companies. It is kept up to date with almost daily additions. The information is gathered in active collaboration with securities commissions and stock exchanges throughout Canada.

Raps Toronto-Centred Area Plan, 70-Lane Thornhill-Langstaff Parkway

BY HAL BLAINE Heavy criticism was levelled at the Ontario Government's Toronto-Centred Region Plan during the recent Central Ontario (York-Peel-Halton Counties) Regional Development Council conference in Mississauga by Bruce McLaughlin, president of the McLaughlin Group of Companies.

It should be somewhere north of the Ontario lake-shore cities. A communications and transportation corridor is intended to unite cities, not to split them. This is going to split the developing cities to the north," he said.

concept of transportation and population in the Toronto-Centred Plan is fundamentally wrong. He said planning for eight million people for the "Golden Horseshoe" of Ontario is silly, since the 60 million people of Great Britain could be put in the area.

to become a daily or even frequent focal point for the people of a large geographic region such as is dealt with under these design proposals, said McLaughlin.

domitory communities. "We must structure our first megalopolis to minimize transportation costs, tension, and pollution. We must defy unpleasant sprawl. The regionalized city is merely mechanized sprawl."

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