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Markham Okays 6-Acre \$86,000 Park In Principle

By FRED SIMPSON

Markham Town Council approved in principle Tuesday the development of a six-acre neighborhood park on Baymark Road. The preliminary cost of \$86,000 will be spread over five years.

At the same time, council agreed to consider the costs of the project in its 1972 budget.

The proposed park, as envisioned by the firm of Johnson Sustrook Weinstein Associates Limited, would adjoin the Stornoway Public School on the west. It's located south of Highway 7 and west of Bayview Avenue, and is in a new area encircled by Romfield Circuit.

The site is five to six acres of relatively flat land. With the exception of a few trees near Baymark Road and the remains of a hedge row in the north central portion, the site is open.

Approximately 160 feet of parkland fronts on Baymark Road on the east. The balance of the east side, as well as the north and south sides of the site, are bounded by single family residences.

The present park area equipment includes a climber, small slide, teeter-totter and two swing sets. A skating rink has been set up near Baymark Road in the past.

Envisaged in the plan will be a "well balanced park facility which will provide a wide range of age and interest group recreations, including passive and active areas."

The program of use areas and facilities includes:

- Children's play area with wading pool; pleasure skating area; sliding hill; craft centre with storage building;
- softball diamond and free play sports areas; multi-purpose court games area; hockey rink (natural ice); buffer area, grass areas; resting areas, overlook, lighted walkways.

Asphalt walkways are proposed to provide for sensible and direct connections from access points on the periphery to the use areas and school site.

A system of lights will be provided along the walkways to provide "morality level" lighting. The lighting level could be increased in the area of the multi-purpose court games and skating area through the use of floodlights mounted on walkway light posts. An additional light is indicated for the children's area to serve night skating.

Plans are to install a plastic water supply line from Baymark Road. This line would supply the wading pool and a drinking fountain in the area of the craft centre. It would also be used to flood the ice rinks.

A system of landscaping will be undertaken with grass, tree and shrub planting. The latter will provide a buffer zone to adjacent properties.

Picnic tables, benches and waste receptacles will comprise the site furniture. Allowances for these items have been made in the cost estimates.

A breakdown in capital costs for the various items is as follows:

- Water service including 2" diameter plastic waterline and connection to four hose bibs and water meter, \$5,100.
- Install lighting conduit for 17 lights and install 11 walkway lights including meter, \$14,300.
- Softball back stop and skinned infield, \$1,200.

Children's play area including paving, concrete curb, play equipment and wading pool, \$18,700.

Storm drainage for children's play area and future multi-purpose court games area, \$6,600.

Adventure play area, \$25,000.

Site furniture, \$1,500.

Multi-purpose court games area including paving, curbs, sleeves, line painting, \$7,800.

Install six flood lights, \$900.

Craft centre building (400 sq. ft.) including hydro (light and infra red heaters and meter), \$7,500.

Total capital cost would be \$86,000 or 17,350 a year over five years.

Council had requested its parks and recreation committee to come up with a preliminary plan for such a park and report back.

South Thornhill and Bayview Glen
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Bible Chapel Awards

At the Doncaster Bible Chapel's annual Christmas program awards are made to members of the Sunday school classes who have top attendance records.

The 1971 awards were presented this year December 19 to the following:

- In Fred Legiehn's class — Bruce Strain, first; Paul Barrington and Peter Naismith, second;
- Betty Bierma's class — Lorraine Dyart, third.
- Jim Strain's class — Gary Gollop and Robert Strain, first;
- Blair Lewis, third;
- Hal Phinnemore's class — Paul Wilson, first; Jeff and Derek Morris, third;
- Brenda Perks' class — Caroline LePage, first; Maureen Hunt and Janice Barrington, second;
- Elinor Strain's class — Jean Bierma and Glenda Hunt, second;
- Arthur Legiehn's class — Ernie Legiehn first and Neville LePage second;
- Betty Cunningham's class — Cathy Bierma, third.

Church Services

The Doncaster Bible Chapel has scheduled a short Christmas service for 10:30 am Christmas morning.

Carol and Communion Service for the Thornhill United Church starts at 11 pm December 24.

Christmas Eve services at Holy Trinity Anglican Church will feature gallery carols by the choir at 11 pm and Holy Communion at 11:30 pm.

Your correspondent takes this opportunity to wish all our readers a blessed, joyous and safe Christmas holiday.

East Richvale
 Correspondent:
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Neighborhood News

A very hearty birthday greeting is extended to Rudy Nikolaus of Duncan Road and Catharina Gutsch of Duncan Road who will be nine years old December 20.

A happy birthday is wished for Shieela Nikolaus who will be three December 21. Both daddy and daughter will be celebrating at about the same time.

Christmas Day Birthday Girl is Beth Tockoke of Duncan Road who will be seven. James Logush turns eight December 26.

Your Correspondent and family wish everyone a most joyous Christmas. May this holiday season be most memorable, in a happy way for everyone.

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Neighborhood Notes

Mrs. Lois Callum, Maryvale Crescent, was the hostess for the 3rd Richvale Golf and Brownie Mothers' Association annual pot luck Christmas Dinner. First prize in the Christmas draw, a turkey, was won by Mrs. Louise Wills, the second prize, a Christmas cake, by Louise Kendall.

A welcome to the community is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Orler, who are now living on May Avenue.

School News

The Ross Doan Public School annual concert, presented December 16, featured four numbers by the kindergarten class, 15 numbers by the primary classes and five numbers by the junior classes, including two Christmas plays.

Mrs. Dorothy Buckingham was in charge of the kindergarten presentation. Miss Brenda McCarthy of grade 1, Mrs. Elaine Wyles of grade 2, Mrs. Maureen Moore of grade 3, Mrs. Frances Cohen and John Williamson of the junior classes and Vice-Principal Bill Caldwell provided the piano accompaniment for the evening.

However, it was a community affair, with many parents assisting in sewing, making costumes and providing furnishings for the stage and the teaching staff is deeply grateful for this assistance.

More than 240 people attended the concert.

Your correspondent wishes everyone in the community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Richvale News
 Correspondent:
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Neighborhood Notes

The children of the grade 1 class of Charles Howitt Public School decided this year to go caroling to raise money for the hospital charity fund. Any donations for the hospital fund will be gratefully accepted. They are most thankful to the people of the area who donated.

Birthday wishes to R. E. White, Roosevelt Drive who will celebrate his 72nd birthday December 22.

Wishing all my readers, a very Merry Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Richvale Library

The Richvale branch of the Richmond Hill Public Library will close at 9 pm, December 23 and will re-open December 28 at 12 noon. The library will close for the New Year Holiday at 5 pm December 31 and will re-open January 4 at 12 noon.

PEPPERLAW: Murray Binions, owner of River Glen Nursing Home claims residents of the home are plagued with smell, pollution and water runoff, from spilled fuel oil and gas from bulk storage tanks of the Gulf Oil Company which are in close proximity to the nursing home.

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Building Up \$3 Million In Markham

\$200,000 Thornhill Parish Centre
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Total value of building for November in Markham was \$1,815,200 compared to \$1,184,200 the previous year.

The total value of building from January to November of this year is \$26,309,045. In 1970 it was \$22,312,205.

Public building permits issued included \$400,000 for a seven-room Roman Catholic School in Unionville; \$200,000 for a new Parish Centre as built by the Roman Catholic Episcopal Corporation for the Diocese of Toronto in Canada. Site of this building is the south side of Green Lane in Thornhill.

Commercial additions include an addition and alterations to the administrative building of Toronto Airways Limited at Buttonville for \$100,000.

Other permits issued saw a \$400,000 addition to Emerson Electric (Canada) Limited at RR 2, Markham; a \$23,000 addition to York Printing House Limited on Highway 7 East, Thornhill; a \$30,000 addition to G. M. Smith Limited, Unionville; \$14,000, Murray J. Acreman RR 2, Gormley; \$38,000 to Modern Railings and Metal Craft Limited, Milliken; and \$40,000 Ronald H. Winton and O. T. Hashimoto, Milliken.

Another \$37,000 building permit was issued for Custom Concrete Limited, Thornhill, for an industrial paint shop.

Permits were issued for 20 new single family detached dwellings in November at \$390,500; three new multiple dwellings (eight units) at \$102,000; eight additions to dwellings, \$25,900; three accessory buildings, \$5,800; three commercial additions, \$103,000; one industrial building, \$37,000; six industrial additions, \$545,000; two public buildings, \$600,000; five sign permits, \$6,000.

There was a total \$2,215 received from 52 building permit fees received, plus \$30 for five septic tank permits.

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