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Recommend More Planning Staff In Hill Work Program

In 1971, Richmond Hill Town Council determined that the town would continue its own planning program notwithstanding the fact that a regional planning system had been implemented in the Regional Municipality of York.

In presenting the 1971 report of the planning department's work to council March 13, Chairman of the Planning Committee Councillor Lois Hancey stated, "I believe this step to have been a very wise one and that you will agree. Without planning by our own council committee and staff, many unnecessary conflicts with the region might have occurred (as has happened in some of our neighboring municipalities). Many projects in our own town could have been neglected or delayed by the region playing the dual role of local and regional planner."

Mrs. Hancey's preamble to the report went on to say, "I think it has been clearly indicated to us again this year that the provincial government intends to honor the basic concept of the Toronto-Centred Region Plan and that without facts and figures from our own qualified planning staff, the town council could play only a minority role in deciding its own future. Its influence on the region and the province will be difficult as it is. Without the support of an effective planning department this would be impossible."

The Provincial Concept allocates numbers and general principles," Mrs. Hancey continued. "In the near future these will have to be transformed into living conditions for the people of Richmond Hill. In order that this can be achieved and the most benefit received by all concerned any planning decision that affects the town must be well considered, supported by fact and the people of Richmond Hill given a chance to participate."

Toronto-Centred Plan.

However, due to the limited supply of municipal services at this time, industrial development in 1971 was not very extensive.

ZONING BYLAWS

A comprehensive zoning bylaw, which, when approved, will replace bylaw No. 1000 in the former town. This bylaw is now being circulated to 5,500 property owners.

The BAIF zoning bylaw has been approved by the Ontario Municipal Board and the first stage of this project is now a registered plan. Its major features include a site of approximately 46 acres for a shopping centre, 275 residential lots (ranging from single family to four-plexes), 56 acres for schools and greenbelt and 48 acres for apartment buildings. Estimated population at the completion of this stage is about 7,000.

A total of 20 applications of amendments to the zoning bylaws were officially received. Six were approved, four refused, eight are pending and two were withdrawn. Eight applications were for commercial development, one of which was refused and two are pending. Nine applications were for residential development, one was withdrawn, three were refused and three are pending. Two were for institutional, one still pending, and one for the civic centre (part of the BAIF project) at the corner of Yonge Street and Vaughan Road is also pending.

Four applications for amendments to the official plan were received and processed. Two of

these were for rural residential estate type development, which had been approved by council and two were for commercial development north of Elgin Mills Road, which are still pending.

TWENTY PROJECTS

Twenty planning projects were initiated by the committee and approved for processing by council in 1971. These included Official Plan amendments 3, 4 and 5, summary of planning fees and municipal levies, planning administrative procedures, new planning application forms and fees, brief on the Toronto-Centred Plan, proposed assumption of local roads by the region, retail floor area needs study, population growth forecast, as well as projects already mentioned. Four of the 20 projects are still continuing. Sixteen projects were initiated and completed in 1971. Twelve were approved by council and four received. Three of these did not require any action and were for information purposes only.

A total of 13 proposed plans of subdivision (excluding BAIF) were dealt with during the year. Six were approved (in which case a planning report was prepared and its recommendations adopted by council). Three plans were refused, one is still in process since it requires an amendment to the Official Plan and three were withdrawn.

Three of the approved plans are designed to use full municipal services, two would have municipal water and septic tanks and one would use private wells and individual septic

And another week of exciting hockey is underway as Legion President Douglas Hopson drops the official puck. The scene is the opening game of the 1972 Tournaments Incorporated International Midget Hockey Tournament Monday Morning. Shown facing off is Dan Djakalovic (10) of St. Mike's and Dennis Acomb (7) of the Legion Midgets. The Legion boys won 6-2.

And They're Underway!

By FRED SIMPSON

It was the kind of day that turned you on.

The fifth annual Richmond Hill International Midget Hockey Tournament kicked off at 9:30 am.

Richmond Hill Legion Midgets against St. Mike's.

Final score: Richmond Hill 6, St. Mike's 2. Beautiful. It was also the first day of Spring.

Then came seven other games of do and die hockey which attracted a gate of 1,726 people.

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The final game saw Ottawa edge Detroit Little Caesars 2-1 in a first day of action-filled hockey which saw two overtime sudden death goals to decide the eventual winners.

First among the overtime decisions was the game which saw Niagara Falls edging Ottawa Rangers 6-5. Then came the 3-2 win by Toronto over the Hamilton Huskies.

But the big game was the beginner which saw a vastly superior Richmond Hill Legion crew overwhelm St. Mike's by the aforementioned 6-2 score.

Leading the win was Dennis Acomb with two counters with the rest being divided between Val Steffan, Chuck Lunau, Tom Sanlon, and Paul Baillie.

A question of just how many Richmond Hill would get.

The winning 2-1 goal by Steffan was a pretty play which saw him go right in on goal, pause, draw back, and then flip it home over the prostrate goalie.

Assists went to the same Mr. Acomb and Hughie Cutler.

Chuck Lunau's goal at 5:27, assisted by Kim Mabley, put the game on ice.

The rest of the games saw some close, exciting hockey with a promise of more to come. Opening ceremonies were

highlighted by the introduction of members of the 1972 world champion Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers.

Sandwiched between were the following games and results:

Richmond Hill 6, St. Mike's 2; Burlington 4, Kemplville 1; North York 3, Don Mills 2; Niagara Falls 6, Ottawa Rangers 3; Toronto 3, Hamilton Huskies 2; Levaack 6, St. Clair Shores 2; Toronto Marlboros 2, Oakville 1; and Ottawa 2, Detroit Little Caesars 1.

3 Youths Face Charges Car Hits And Kills Man

A Richmond Hill Works Department employee was almost instantly killed early Sunday morning when a stolen car slammed into a work crew on Carrville Road.

An indication of the decisiveness of the play came in the final minutes when Legion goalie John Clement took a frustrated swipe from a St. Mike's player and charged out to do battle.

The player he tangled with was Dan Djakalovic who, ironically, scored the only two goals against him. Djakalovic ended up on top in the struggle but it was a rather minor involvement over the long run.

For more news of the Tournament see story on Page 11.

speed. The street is a 30-mile zone area.

The car then passed a barricade bearing "proceed with caution" signs and approached the area where the water main break was located. Police said the site of the work project was well-lit with lanterns.

It then slammed full-tilt into a small-make car parked in the area and drove it back into a Vaughan work truck pinning Marchioni between the two vehicles.

The car continued on and into the side of the truck driving it back into a pumper which drove Thompson into an eight-foot ditch. The car then careened over for 74 feet before its three occupants.

Works department officials said the pumper fell on top of Thompson and into the ditch which a few seconds before had been pumped clear of water.

The officials said Thompson could have been "easily drowned" if we hadn't just finished pumping out the ditch."

The three occupants of the car received minor injuries and were taken to York Central Hospital before being charged.

Marchioni was dead on arrival. He had been an employee of the Richmond Hill Works Department since 1965.

Vaughan Interim Tax Bill 10 Mills

The Town of Vaughan will issue an interim tax levy for 1972, at a rate of 10 mills, payable in two instalments due in April and June.

The necessary bylaw was passed at the March 20 meeting of council.

Mayor Garnet Williams and Regional Councillor John Gilbert explained that regional council will not be able to set its budget until assessment figures are received from the province. The municipalities will not be able to set their budgets and establish a mill rate until they know what the regional levy will be.

Vaughan has rebated \$45,000 on 1971 taxes to owners of farms in the town, as a result of successful appeals against the assessment on market value, it was reported. However, Administrator James McDonald told council that the natural growth in assessment during 1971 just kept pace with the reductions in farm assessment.

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Planing Commissioner Murray Pound told council, "The plan for Whitchurch-Stouffville is temporarily frozen by the minister's order (Minister of Treasury, Economics and International Affairs Darcy McKeough).

Planning in the area, he said, has been stalled. He agreed that the regional municipality would be well advised to seek help in planning for the future of the area.

"We are getting a lot of changes thrust upon us, but we are not getting reciprocal grants," observed Newmarket Mayor Robert Forhan.

The resolution asked that representatives of the affected municipalities be able to participate in making decisions with regard to the airport and townsite, and that no further decisions be made in connection with these matters until such a committee has been established and is functioning.

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These and other municipalities will be greatly affected by the proposed development, said Roman and Jongeneel, particularly in regard to provision of sewer, water, waste disposal, educational, police, fire and other services.

The councillors were also concerned about possible relocation of municipal boundaries to accommodate the new development and about the introduction of high noise level zones. These could inhibit new assessment-producing growth and disturb and inconvenience people

Whitchurch Hashish Smugglers Face Israel Charge

Police officers from the international law enforcement organization Interpol may have relieved York Regional Police of the long, tedious and expensive job of prosecuting those believed responsible for bringing millions of dollars of the illicit drug hashish into Whitchurch-Stouffville last year in the hollow beams of construction equipment, YRP Detective Inspector Wally Harkness told "The Liberal" this week.

Inspector Harkness said the case has been referred to Interpol again involves drug exporting and trafficking in quantity. This time it was hiding illicit material in the shock absorbers of trucks, according to the information he has received.

"If they're going to get 14 years in jail, we'll just keep ours as 'keep-away' warrants," said Harkness. The warrants held by YRP have no time limitation and will stand against the accused for life unless they return to Canada and give themselves up. Acting on information received from York Region Interpol officers kept a watch on the suspects and made arrests on new offenses alleged.

A third man charged and arrested here last year was Michael Mizrahi, 38, of Bathurst Street, rotisserie manager and equipment mechanic. His recent trial ended in a hung jury and he faces a new trial.

YRP Inspector Harkness said the case has been referred to the federal Department of Justice for advice. Harkness has been authorized to go to Israel at any time if necessary, but may now send Detective Dave Findlay instead. Harkness said it was possible there may be an illegal exporting charge acted on in Israel that would involve YRP, but that he doesn't think he will now be able to get away to Israel himself.

Region Wants Meet With Province To Discuss New Town, Airport

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Suggest Paid Director Town Centennial

A recommendation to council by the Richmond Hill Centennial Committee that Mac Langton, Arnold Avenue be approached to act as executive director of next year's centennial program at an honorarium of \$2,000, will be considered by council's finance committee chaired by Councillor Andy Chateauvert.

Suggestions advanced at the committee's March 10 meeting for inclusion in the year's program included a mayor's levee, a Yonge Street mall, a perpetual flame, parade, musical ride, park bandshell, compiling history, homecoming week with street dance, minor ball and swimming events.

It was reported that the idea of a special town project was discussed and suggestions included a therapeutic wing at the hospital, fountain, sculpture, etc. Further suggestions will be considered at the committee's next meeting.

The 1972 Centennial Committee is composed of Councillors Louis Wainwright, chairman; David Schiller and Andy Chateauvert. It meets at the call of the chairman. Attending the last meeting was Stuart Casement, representing the town's Chamber of Commerce.



INSPECTOR HARKNESS Heads Investigation

The two Metro fugitives said to have been arrested last week in Tel Aviv for having hashish for the purpose of trafficking are reported to be Aharon Friedman, 45, and Moishe Savion aged about 30, both of Bathurst Street, Metro.

YRP hold warrants for two suspects they believe to be twin brothers. The first named Aharon Friedman, 45, was said to

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Region Rejects Proposed Cuts In "Bare Bones Budget", Sends Whole Package To McKeough

How can a municipality approve a budget when it has no idea what its income will be? This was the question facing York Regional Council when it met last Friday to consider reductions in draft estimates submitted by its various committees.

Following a two day meeting in committee the preceding week, council directed the various department heads to knock \$100,000 off their respective estimates and submit their recommendations to council in an open meeting.

Council had been assured that assessment figures would be available by March 15. When they met Friday, however, they were told that the assessment figures being prepared by the province would not be ready for another week.

Sitting as a finance committee, council hickered and squirmed for two hours before agreeing to table the entire budget until meeting had been arranged with Minister of Treasury, Economics and International Affairs (formerly

Municipal Affairs) Darcy McKeough.

In introducing the motion, Aurora Mayor Richard Illingworth urged council to show the Minister the original budget estimates, show him the efforts that have been made to cut them. It was a waste of time, he said, to discuss spending when they did not know the amount of assessment nor grant structures.

Estimates originally submitted totalled \$24.4 million, and increase of \$6.8 million over spending in 1971. Of this \$6.9 million would be levied against the regional property owner, an increase of \$1.6 million over 1971.

Revised estimates cut \$427,085 from the regions share of the budget. Since many departments—roads, health and welfare, assistance to the aged, day nurseries—receive substantial subsidies from the province the actual cut in revenue would total \$691,655.

To further reduce the 1972 budget, a surplus of \$334,200 left from

under-spending in 1971 could be credited to the current budget.

Mayor Illingworth objected to this. He pointed out that, although the increase of 1972 estimates was \$1.6 million over actual expenditures, it was just \$1.3 million over the 1971 budget estimate.

"We would not have had a surplus if all the projects planned had gone ahead," he pointed out.

Markham Mayor Anthony Roman, chairman of the engineering committee of council, said that addition of 250 miles of road to the regional system will add \$1.2 million to the road budget. This, he said, would mean a saving to the area municipalities that would be relieved of the responsibility of maintaining the roads.

Chief Administrator John Rettle agreed that it would be difficult to make a fair comparison of costs from one year to another in a new organization. The region has responsibilities this year that it did not have last year.

"We should go to the province

with these things in our budget," said Forhan, adding that it is the province that controls the budget.

Biggest cut was in the engineering committee estimates where a reduction of \$127,000 in the region's share of costs of engineering survey and design salaries, administration salaries and land purchases would mean a loss of \$237,600 in provincial grants.

"If we do not use all the money in the provincial subsidy," said Mayor Roman, "our grants may be cut back next year."

He protested, "I can't know how you can prepare a budget when you don't have assessment figures." There may, said Roman, have been a substantial increase in assessment in the region and this would have a direct bearing on what the property owner will have to pay.

Richmond Hill Councillor Donald Plaxton protested that grants of 80 percent are not of much use when the region cannot afford to pay the other 20 percent. The

shift of the burden of taxation from commercial to residential properties had increased taxes in Richmond Hill by 15 percent. Now the urban homeowner is faced with further increases because of a new formula in farm assessment.

Although it would be the urban resident who would bear the brunt of increases in taxes, said Plaxton, it was services to urban residents that would suffer from budget reductions. The fact that the government of the province had been re-elected was no excuse for raising costs, Plaxton said. "Having created the region, it is in the province's responsibility to come along with some assistance."

The whole discussion, said Richmond Hill Councillor Gordon Rowe, was "an exercise in futility". "How," he asked "can you budget when you don't know how much you're going to get?" Rowe said he was very much opposed to many of the recommended cuts in estimates, especially in health and social services.

Although the Health and Social Services Committee chaired by Georgina Mayor George Burrows had strongly supported all its programs in the previous budget discussions, it brought in a list of possible budget cuts totalling over \$300,000. Since many of the services—assistance to aged, day nurseries, family life centres, youth aid centres—are heavily subsidized by the province this would mean a saving of \$126,050 to the regional property owner and a loss of \$177,970 in provincial grants.

A \$100,000 reduction in proposed purchase of reforestation land would save the region \$50,000 and mean a loss of \$50,000 in subsidy.

A revised budget submitted by the York Region Council Commission would cut expenditures for 1972 by \$26,400 cutting back on estimates for repair and maintenance to buildings and vehicles, hiring of additional staff, and purchase of uniforms. The revised estimates also cut back on buildings.

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