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## Apartment Owners Protest Multiplication Of Water Rates

Concrete "apartments" sunk off-shore in Lake Ontario to increase the fish population have been recommended to the Metro Conservation Authority.

The authority's waterfront advisory board last week accepted a report from two biologists who propose construction of eight-foot-high hollow concrete block piers with entrance holes to attract the fish.

At levels of government should give increased attention to the development of shoreline fishing as a leisure activity enjoyed by many people, especially children, said the advisory board.

The board said Ontario Hydro should be asked to allow more public access to warm water areas around its Hearn, Lakeview and Pickering generating plants where shore fishing is best, until the fish piers are built.

"There is no happier sight than to see children fishing," said Frederick Wade, advisory board chairman.

He suggested service clubs should supply fishing equipment to children for organized trips along the waterfront.

## Opportunity For All Goal Of Baillie As School Trustee

Warren Baillie, a member of York County Board of Education for four years, is again seeking one of the three seats allotted to Richmond Hill.

A resident of Richvale, he has represented Richmond Hill on the board for the past two years, and prior to Richmond Hill, Baillie was a trustee for the Township of Vaughan.

He was a trustee on Vaughan School Board for five years, two as vice-chairman, and one as chairman. He was also chairman of the York South Regional Education Committee in 1966 and 1967.

As the father of five, Baillie says he is interested in all aspects of community life. He is a member of the Richmond Hill Centennial Committee, a member of the Social Planning Council's "Task Force on BAIFF" Committee. He is also a member of the board of directors of the York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded and has served as chairman of the school board's committee on the trainable retarded.

He is on the board of directors of Union Villa Senior Citizens Home, and was a founding director of the York Educational Credit Union.

For six years Baillie has served as a minor hockey coach and manager and is now secretary of the Richvale Minor Hockey Association.

A Presbyterian, Baillie is a member of the board of session at Thornhill Presbyterian Church and is a past president of the Vaughan Sunday School Association. He has served in the past as executive director of Integra Foundation, a summer camp for children with learning disabilities, and as a member of the advisory committee for York Education Clinic in Richmond Hill.

Baillie is a past president of the Concord Home and School Association and a former vice-president of the York-Simcoe Council of Home and School Associations.

He is no stranger to electoral procedures, having served as a federal returning officer for York North for nine years. He is now the provincial returning officer for York Centre.

The Baillie children keep him in touch with education at all levels from the student's point of view. Daughter Lynda is a grade 1 teacher, Cathy is in senior public school, Brian attends Langstaff High School, Randy is at Seneca College and Robert is a student in accounting.

"In education I want to see a system that gives every child the opportunity to proceed at the best level of his ability," says Baillie.



WARREN BAILLIE Seeks Re-Election

## Ex-Mountie Killed Crash Victim Dies

A former Mountie was killed in a car accident near Gormley Saturday, and a man who had been injured in a car-truck collision the week before, in which two others were killed, died Wednesday in Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto.

York Regional Police said that Benjamin Ewen, 48, a former chief instructor for the RCMP Musical Ride had been driving east on the Gormley Sideroad when his car swerved across the road and crashed into a hydro pole.

Police were unable to say what had caused the car to leave the road.

Ewen, who was dead on arrival at York Central Hospital, had been operating the Bayview Farms Riding School near Stouffville for the past several years. He retired from the RCMP in 1964.

Robert McIlwaine, 36, of Stroud, the second victim, had been riding in the rear seat of a car driven by John Clapham, 30, of Stroud, when it ran into the rear of a tractor trailer on Concession 6 in King Township, south of Highway 11, November 18, about 4:30 a.m.

Both Clapham, well known area stock car driver, and Bruce Brown, 26, of Willowdale, another passenger, were killed almost instantly.

McIlwaine was taken to York Central Hospital for treatment and then was later transferred to Sunnybrook, where he died.

He is survived by his wife, Gall.

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## John Belknap, King Dies In Car Crash

John Belknap, a 30-year resident of King Township, died from injuries received in a car accident November 16 on Keele Street South of Highway 7. The 61-year-old man was driving his car when it slammed into the back of a tractor trailer about 7 p.m.

The injured man was taken to York Finch Hospital suffering severe chest wounds and scalp lacerations.

Mr. Belknap, who led the fight against the widening of Keele Street through King City, resided at 165 Keele Street South and until last year operated his advertising agency out of an office in his home. He retired from his business last year and had plans to construct a house in Portugal.

He was an excellent pianist and had some of his musical works published. He also excelled at tennis and boating.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, sons, John of King City and Shane of Waterloo; and daughter, Catherine, of Waterloo.

His body was cremated and the ashes were buried in King City Cemetery.

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## More Traffic Tie-Up's Foreseen

## Speedway Asks Sunday Racing

The prospect of increased traffic tie-ups, more noise and the chafing of demolished cars left behind to whither away in the town, were some of the reasons presented by Vaughan Town Council for delaying any action on a request from Pincrest Speedway Limited for the chance to hold races on Sunday.

The request to council was made November 20 by Sybren Wassenaar, who requested the company, which is located at Highways 7 and 400 in Vaughan.

Mr. Wassenaar said the company was anxious to have racing on "occasional Sundays." In response to questioning from council, he said this might be about four times a year.

The town bylaw permits the showing of motion pictures after 1:30 pm on Sundays, but does not permit Sunday sports.

Councillor Robert Kirk said he thought the noise factor would be an "objectionable point" in allowing the racing cars on Sunday.

He said he lived two or three miles from the track and could easily hear the noise from it.

Councillor David Fraser thought the extra traffic would conflict badly with home-going cottagers.

"We're only asking for about four times a year," said Mr. Wassenaar.

Mr. Fraser said if the races were held on long weekends, he'd buy it. "I'm away then."

Councillor Gordon Risk moved that the request be refused until further studies were produced showing the effect it would have on traffic and noise in the area.

Councillor Kirk said he was also concerned with the amount of demolished cars from the raceway, which holds stock car races, that were left behind in the community. He said he would like some formal guarantee against it happening.

The abandoned cars were the fault of the drivers and not the raceway, Mr. Wassenaar said.

Council agreed that it would consider a new bylaw on Sunday sports, but not before it had received more information on the overall effects, as proposed by Mr. Risk.

Council also agreed to a request from Dr. Robert Alexander of Richmond Hill, chairman of the Richmond Hill and Thornhill Area Family Services, for a grant of \$200.

## King's Centennial "Park" Bush Five Years After Centennial

King Township has 50 acres of undeveloped "park land" to remind it of the heady days of Centennial Year 1967.

It was Canada's birthday and King's Centennial Park. Five years later the park is still a "monopark" and at least one councillor Monday night of last week was all for getting rid of it at least for another 100 years.

At least that was the impression given by Councillor Murray Sheardown who stated flatly that "we should dispose of the park site altogether. It's a nuisance and should never have been purchased in the first place."

Councillor Sheardown's outburst was prompted by fellow Councillor Leonard Osin's suggestion that the township should consider doing some maintenance work on the "Centennial" plaques on the 50-acre site, it's located on Concession 5.

He commented that the plaques were in a state of disrepair and should be refurbished.

Mr. Osin then went on to suggest it was time that the township consider doing something with the land area itself such as turning it into a playground for bicyclers and strollers.

"It could be turned into a nice bicycle trail for our residents along with paths for people who want to stroll or jog. In the winter-time it would be ideal for jogging or snowshoe walking."

He added that washroom facilities could be installed as well as luncheon areas.

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The work could perhaps be done under the Winter Works Program, he said.

"It seems a shame it should have been just left lying there for the past five or six years," he said.

Mayor Ken Mactaggart thought it could also be used as a snowmobile trail but this idea was quickly squelched.

"It would be too noisy," said Mr. Osin.

Councillor Sheardown then came on with his opinion that council should get rid of the land parcel.

"All bicycle trails would do," he said, "would provide yet another haven for people from Metro Toronto who would make it their playground at our expense."

"Our people here would use it for two or three times a week and the rest of the time it would be over-run by everyone else."

Mayor Mactaggart said that the previous council "had thought it was a good idea at the time. We got a grant for it and we didn't know what else to spend it on at the time."

Councillor Ben Rough tended to walk the middle ground stating that the previous council had seen fit to dedicate the land to Centennial Year and thought that it should remain as a "monument to Centennial Year."

He said that some refurbishing should be done on the plaques in the park to commemorate their reasons for being there.

Mr. Rough observed that the land wasn't costing the township money and thought it was of little use "worrying about it at the present time."

"It would always be there if ever the township decides to develop it," he said.

"There's no need to get overly concerned about it at the present time," he said.

Mayor Mactaggart said the township at the time had planted trees but "they died the next year because the soil was too sandy. The land isn't costing us anything and we can't sell it."

End of discussion.

## Hill Firm Retained For Day Care Centre

The Richmond Hill firm of Allen, Brown and Sherriff will be retained as architects for the proposed 65-student day care centre in Richmond Hill, it was announced last week by York Regional Council.

Several factors enter into whether the centre will be built, however. They include the provision of a site by Richmond Hill, the availability of funds as confirmed by the regional treasurer, plus the approval of a winter works program for day care centres.

The region still has to obtain the maximum site centre allowed by the province.

At a meeting earlier this fall, the region agreed to a recommendation from the health and social services committee that priority be given to establishment of the centres in area municipalities where the land is made available to the regional municipality of York through the area municipality at the latter's expense.

## Threats Of Violence Plague York Region

Threats of violence continue to plague Region of York residents.

Several weeks ago, Vaughan Mayor Garnet Williams, received a threatening phone call, and two weeks ago the manager of the Schomberg Arena received an anonymous call warning of a bomb planted there.

Both threats proved meaningless.

Last week Mrs. M. Jacques, principal of Holland Landing Public School in Holland Landing, told York Police that she had received a call telling her to clear the building, as a bomb was going to go off in 10 minutes.

The building was cleared and a subsequent search proved negative.

Police said also that Mrs. Giuseppe Rocca, King Township, informed them she had received a call threatening the life of her husband.

The caller told him to go outside and when Mr. Rocca did, a man was standing in the driveway. He repeated his threat, and then left, police said.

They were unable to get a description of the man.

## Council Votes \$15,000

## Emergency Temporary Move Saves Thornhill Public Library

An emergency temporary measure to keep the embattled Thornhill-Markham library branch on Colborne Street open for the foreseeable future came in Markham Town Council Tuesday last week.

The council approved expenditures of up to \$15,000 for a portable and suitably outfitted structure to extend the limited branch facilities now contained in a former residential structure. A few weeks ago the Markham Library Board decided to close the branch because of an intolerable situation. The branch was kept open after a loud outcry arose from the branch's thousands of users.

**YEARS OF STRUGGLE**

Thornhill has been struggling to get a new library for several years.

Markham Library Board Chairman Ken Bourrie of 42 Donalban Crescent, Thornhill, presented to council estimates for three possible portable structures and a trailer. Estimates were requested by council the previous week.

The money for the library board came on a motion from South Thornhill Councillor Robert Adams a week after council broke up in a shambles and over Adams' protests, failed to consider several items of business. In a final comment on the library issue, Adams urged council and library board to keep lines of communication open so it wouldn't take a threat of closing to get action.

**CAPITAL FUNDS**

Council took the unusual step of agreeing to take \$15,000 from the capital parks and works account built up from lot fees and Planning Act subdivision reserve payments in lieu of

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In a letter to council, the agency said it offered educational and counselling services to portions of Vaughan, as well as Richmond Hill and this year had counselled 14 people in Vaughan, some over an extended period. All told, they counselled 399 people in 1972.

Dr. Alexander said they had received a \$5,000 grant this year from York Regional Council.

The agency offered a counselling service to people of all ages with problems, Alexander said.

"I feel it's very necessary and we're going to go on somehow," he said.

He said the agency had been asked by the Region to enlarge its services, but after mid-January they would have to close, unless the Region underwrote their budget.

Councillor Risk moved that council approve the \$200 grant. His motion, which was carried, was seconded by Councillor Fred Armstrong.

Said Councillor Fraser: "They're doing yeoman service. There are all kinds of people who need it."

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# Council Approves 3 LIP Proposals

Groups and individuals who have ideas or proposals to submit for LIP Programs this winter are invited to submit them to Richmond Hill Council, on the suggestion of Councillor Lois Hancey. However, submissions must be made in the near future since Ottawa's deadline of December 31 is fast approaching, the councillor pointed out.

Council approved of three suggestions from the staff of how this federal program for employment could be put to best advantage in the municipality — providing employment as well as taking care of local needs with which the regular staff is unable to cope. These programs are described in this feature article.

### WINTER WORKS PROGRAM

The town will be prepared to take advantage of the federal government's Winter Works Program, if and when one is announced this year. If such financial aid is forthcoming council plans to use it to erect a fire hall and library at Oak Ridges, on the land transferred to it by the Oak Ridges Lions.

The almost two-acre park on the King Sideroad at Yonge Street, valued at \$46,000, was bought by the town for \$18,000 with agreement to give the Lions free use of the community centre room in the Bond Lake Arena for 10 years.

The Lions propose to spend \$17,000 of the cash received in the deal on the community room and in developing the surrounding Ozark Park. The town also agreed to provide a lighted ball diamond for the community.

Estimated cost of the new town building will be \$82,500 with cost of the site estimated at \$20,000, making a total of \$102,500.

At council's November 20 meeting three readings were given to a bylaw requesting OMB approval and the Region of York to issue debentures for \$102,500 to be repaid over a 20-year period. This request had to go to regional council by November 23.

It was stated that this action does not commit this council or the 1973 administration to proceed with the work, but will permit the town to take advantage of a winter works grant if one becomes available this year. Because the necessary steps have been taken before last year's deadline, the town was able to make full use of winter works subsidies in the construction of the Bond Lake Arena.

Regional Councillor Donald Plaxton pointed out that, "We have a commitment to provide a lighted ball diamond. I can see this as costing several thousand and would hesitate to put it on next year's tax bill. If we don't get this bylaw passed we can't get any winter works subsidy, as I understand it. I would like to see the cost of the new ball diamond included in this bylaw."

"The agreement was for a floodlit diamond in another location," said Councillor Shaun Beggs, chairman of

These crews would be responsible for cleaning up areas selected by the parks administrator, construction engineer and maintenance engineer. Work would include removal of dead trees, brush and debris from parks, creek beds and road allowances.

Total five month estimated cost per crew is \$15,300, with a LIP grant of \$14,000, leaving the town \$1,300 to pay.

### Rebuilding Catch Basins And Manholes

From February 19 to May 31. The staff report indicated that this is a project the maintenance engineer has been unable to initiate due to lack of manpower. Many catch basins and manholes are in poor condition and require attention. A five man crew (at \$3.50 per hour) for a 14 week period would complete a planned program. Rental of a truck would be required.

The estimated cost of this program is \$12,000, eligible for an LIP grant of \$8,200, leaving \$3,800 for the municipality to pay.

A third suggestion, to build—Recreation Hall On Wildwood Avenue—Lake Wilcox to replace the one torn down because it was declared unsafe, had a price tag of \$36,000 and an estimated LIP grant of \$9,000. This proposal will require regional and OMB approval. As this project would be under the parks and recreation committee, its endorsement must also be obtained.

An attempt by Councillors Stewart Bell and David Schiller to have this hall

Pointing out that little work could be done on the ball diamond by May 31, the cutoff date for winter works, Councillor Hancey noted that the parks and recreation committee has made provision for a new diamond in the capital forecast. "The commitment is still with this council and any new council."

"The people of the area who will use the new diamond are intelligent enough to realize they will have to wait for one to be built," claimed Mr. Rowe.

"We can build one in May, June or July," said Mrs. Hancey.

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