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Good Fortune Strikes Twice (Again)

John Ridder of Bayview Avenue South, Richmond Hill, knows that good fortune can strike twice in the same place since he won the weekly YCAMR "500" draw on November 9 and again on November 16. This makes him the second double winner of \$500.

Mr. Ridder is seen above with President Doug Hinchcliffe who holds some tickets on next year's draw which are still available. The signs indicate the former's double win of \$500 in two successive weeks. He is the second double winner this year.

Mr. Ridder commented, "\$1,000 in eight days is not hard to take." He has already purchased a ticket in next year's draw.

Markham Town Council Notes

Markham Town Council has yet to receive a formal application from Bluegrass Turf Farms Limited for a license to hold snowmobile races in the winter, but council has already been deluged with objections.

The matter was brought to light at a meeting November 29, when council was advised that Bluegrass had been circulating letters to residents of the fairground area telling them of their plans.

Council since received numerous objections by the telephone and mail, as well as a petition of from 30 to 40 signatures.

OWNERS RESPONSIBLE
Mayor Anthony Roman said regulations covering such an event rested with the owners of the land on which the races would be run.

Town bylaws only covered noise.

Roman suggested a meeting with the Bluegrass executive committee and council.

Council agreed to notify Bluegrass of the objections and to arrange a meeting with the fair board.

A plea for aid from Wind-

sor Mayor Frank Wansbrough on behalf of the Essex County Flood Relief Fund fell on partially-deaf ears, but council did decide to look at the request again at the start of the new year.

In a letter to council, Wansbrough recalled the storm that devastated the area November 13 and 14, causing an estimated \$5 million damage. Pelee Island sustained a \$1.5 million loss alone.

The severity of this disaster led the City of Windsor to initiate the Essex County Flood Relief Fund, to which it has made a donation of \$25,000," the mayor wrote. The county was also declared a disaster area by the province, which agreed to match contributions from other municipalities in the province.

Council was all set to "receive" the letter when Councillor Bob Adams suggested it be sent to council early in January.

Mayor Roman said that, basically the town's only source of revenue was from the taxpayers, whereas the province and federal government had other sources.

If relief were to be provided, it should be by the latter two, or the Region of York, with any contributions by individuals on a voluntary basis, he said.

ARENA MANAGER RESIGNS

The resignation of "Chuck" McCarthy as manager of the Markham Arena, which has been received by the Community Centre Board, had Councillor Roy Muldrew wondering why, because of an anonymous letter in an area newspaper hinting at some sort of intrigue.

Councillor Bud Bonner said McCarthy quit because of health reasons and there was a statement to that effect going to the papers.

UNSIGNED LETTER
Muldrew said council should be prepared to defend or refute the statement.

Mayor Roman said he was "personally satisfied" that the reasons for the resignation were for those stated in the letter of resignation. He did not elaborate on the letter.

Councillor Henderson said the letter in the paper had been unsigned and didn't deserve much consideration.

Council then decided to let the matter drop and argued to a request from the community centre for an additional maintenance man on a night-shift basis, and to hire a full time employee, who can be used by the parks and recreation department during the summer months.

Council also:
• Agreed to ask the recreation committee to pay Thornhill Minor Hockey Association \$2,800, plus \$4 per registered child, or a total of \$6,300 as a means of equalizing ice time throughout the community.

• Authorized the expenditure of \$6,589 for construction of a hydro substation for the Markham Community Recreation complex from the lot fee account.

• Agreed to a resolution by Councillor Muldrew that Markham Sand and Gravel reconstruct 14th Avenue, a site of their former activities, before council would consider their application for a quarry on Concession 4. It was agreed council would take legal action if the avenue were not reconstructed.



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