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York Board Seeks Co-Operation With Catholic Board On Schools

York County Board of Education has asked its staff to bring in a recommendation calling for its liaison committee with York County Roman Catholic School Board to expand its terms of reference to include planning with regard to future school construction.

The recommendation was prompted by a memo to the board from Thomas Wells, Minister of Education, informing it that the Ministry of Education would not approve any new school construction until "it has been shown that the need for new accommodation exists and is not available in the same geographic area."

The memo, which was sent to all Ontario School Boards, is part of a two-point program to ensure that the two boards consult each other on a regular basis regarding enrolment patterns and accommodation available within their areas, the meeting was told.

Mr. Wells said this might take the form of sharing schools, the sale of schools between boards, or by new construction.

He said it was essential that public and Roman Catholic school pupils retain their own identities and it was not his intention that they share the same classroom. However, the Ministry wasn't prepared to finance new

school construction when adequate vacant accommodation was available nearby, or where there was a clear indication that planning and decision making have not been carried out in the public interest.

The Minister also announced the establishment of a study team to consider the problems associated with the sharing of schools or the transferring of students from one system to another.

Co-chairman of the team, which is expected to have a report by the end of January, are J. A. Marrese, chairman of the Metro Roman Catholic School Board, and Dr. R. J. Christie, chairman of the York Board of Education.

The board at present has one trustee, Conrad Thompson of Richmond Hill, to represent the Roman Catholic population in secondary school matters in Richmond Hill and Markham.

John Raniowski of Schomberg will represent Roman Catholic school supporters in the rest of the region when the new board resumes operations in January.

The board's liaison committee with the Roman Catholic School Board is in the operation of elementary schools, as the Roman Catholic Board only has jurisdiction in Catholic schooling in York Region from kindergarten to grade 8.

Top Roman Catholic Teacher's Pay Raised To \$14,300 Annum

The recent one-year contract negotiated between the Roman Catholic School Board and York Region teachers raised the top salary from \$14,000 to \$14,300. This is for a teacher with 14 years experience and maximum education.

The top education level is a Masters Education Degree or other equivalent. There are practically no teachers in the top pay brackets, according to an association spokesman.

The first level starting salary with no experience remains at \$5,400. The percentage paid to religious teachers is raised from 85% to 90% of the lay teacher salary.

A salary level lower than first level with a starting pay of \$4,800 a year is eliminated from the new contract.

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"The agreement was battered out after nine months of tough bargaining and many meetings, approximately 20 in all," according to Superintendent Joseph Hodge. "The teachers threatened mass resignations but the board kept bargaining on the tracks. Relations were kept at a rather high level of decorum at all times in spite of slow progress," he said.

Hodge confirmed the teachers' estimate of an average 8% increase in the new contract, about one percent short of public school salaries.

Markham Trustee Gordon McMahon of 25 Donalbin Crescent, Thornhill was chairman of the board negotiating committee and the teachers' negotiating chairman was Aurora School Principal Larry Tadman.

PRINCIPALS' SALARIES

The estimated 3% increase for principals in the new contract gives a principal with over 400 pupils the same minimum of \$15,500 a year but a maximum up \$500 to \$19,000. Non-degree principals receive \$1,500 less. Vice-principals get an additional \$1,500 a year. Principal's assistants get an additional \$1,000 in a school with over 400 pupils.

Co-ordinators get an extra \$3,200 above their teaching pay, while consultants and supervisors get an added \$2,200 a year under the new contract, as they did under the old one.

Travel allowance remains unchanged at 15 cents per mile for the first 5,000 miles and 10 cents a mile thereafter. The school board pays 55% of the cost of Ontario Health Insurance and Blue Cross semi-private hospital insurance, up five percent.

No Lake Wilcox Meeting

The public meeting announced in last week's issue of this paper for tonight at 8 pm in Lake Wilcox School has been cancelled. The advertisement should not have appeared and "The Liberal" regrets any inconvenience it may have caused.

The meeting was to have discussed the final report of the Lake Wilcox Study Committee headed by Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe.

However, Councillor Lois Hancey told Richmond Hill Council Monday night that since members of the Region of York's Planning Committee and of the Richmond Hill Planning Committee had received the report only on December 6 they had not had sufficient time to study the recommendations of that report.

The Lake Wilcox Study Committee, set up in August 1971 completed its work in August of this year.

Task Force Study On BAIF Development Looking For Suggestions From Residents

By MARGARET LADE

For years we have been hearing and reading about BAIF, a community to accommodate some 40,000 people in the area south of Vaughan Road to Carrville Road, from Yonge to Bathurst Street.

And until very recently, when the crops were harvested, and the leaves fell from the trees, BAIF to most of us was a world of fantasy, like Alice's Wonderland or Dorothy's golden city of Oz.

The Township of Vaughan tossed the plans for BAIF back and forth for years and they were finally approved by the Municipal Board.

Then came 1970 and regional government, and BAIF became a part of Richmond Hill. For two more years promoters and planners worked over the nitty-gritty of phases and the conditions not clearly spelled out in the agreement with Vaughan, negotiating where it was possible to negotiate.

And now we can see the houses mushrooming in the fields west of Yonge Street. The sales office is there, and a

paved road in, and the people of Richvale are all too aware of what is happening as trucks and machines grind back and forth from early morning to the end of daylight. What they see at the moment they don't like. The lives of children going to and from school in the area are in jeopardy, they say, and the dust and the mess is sorely trying established residents of the community. What, they ask, will happen to Richvale when all those houses, and the apartments to follow, are completed and occupied?

Concern about the implication of BAIF reach beyond Richvale, however. Last spring, BAIF was the chief topic of concern at the annual meeting of Richmond Hill-Thornhill Family Services, and as a result a social planning task force on BAIF was set up. It is responsible to the Richmond Hill Social Planning Council.

Chaired by Social Worker Stuart MacMillan of York Central Hospital Mental Health Services, the committee is studying implications of the

BAIF development on the town as a whole, exploring ways in which it can be integrated into the existing community.

Committee members are all local people, including Trevor Pierce of the Ontario Welfare Council; Gary Felix of Lake Wilcox, a candidate for Ward 5 in the recent municipal election; Rev. George Young of Emmanuel Anglican Church in Richvale, president of the Social Planning Council; Gwen Halliday, program director for Richmond Hill YWCA; York County Board of Education Trustee Warren Baillie; Rev. James Dauphine, pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church; and Pauline Barrett, Dorothy Gummarsall and Pat Bedford—all very active in community work in the area.

Consultants to the task force are Ward 6 Councillor Lou Wainwright and Richmond Hill Planning Director Hesse Rimmon.

The task force has already done a lot of spadework at municipal and provincial level, says MacMillan, but they need ideas from citizens with special areas of concern.

In a formal statement of progress, the task force concedes that subdivision agreements related to phases 2 and 3 of the BAIF development were initiated by the Township of Vaughan, and that the Richmond Hill Council has been at a disadvantage in its negotiations with the developers because the plan has been approved in principle by the province.

Its chief concern is with social implications of the development, which will double the population of Richmond Hill within a decade.

The statement is general rather than specific because the task force has not yet been able to verify much of the information due to what it describes as "unco-ordinated nature of plans pertaining to social, educational and recreational facilities and services to be incorporated within the total plan."

It acknowledges provisions in the present agreement between developers and municipality for providing public utilities such as water, sewage disposal, streets, etc., for the develop-

ment area and the likelihood that these utilities are intended to meet, in part, at least, the needs of the established community in the area.

The task force also recognizes provision in the plan for the church sites and construction of a library as well as the setting aside of the parkland required by law. (Provincial legislation makes it mandatory for developers to set aside five acres, or the equivalent in cash, for park purposes.) Although the parkland designated in the BAIF plan exceeds the legal requirement, the task force finds that provision for recreation is limited to small park sites without consideration for indoor facilities.

One proposal of the committee's statement is that community centre and indoor recreation and cultural facilities be located in the shopping centres that are part of the plan.

Such facilities, say the task force, should include day care services for pre-school and school age children, services for senior citizens and community health information services.

"There is an urgent need for joint discussion with municipal departments and other bodies, including voluntary organizations and other bodies regarding specific services", the statement declares.

"For example the concept of a multi-purpose centre could provide for a variety of activities and programs, and at the same time contribute towards the development of a homogeneous community."

If development has reached a stage where such multi-purpose facilities are not feasible, the task force urges the town to negotiate with the developer for purchase of land at a price that is reasonable to both parties.

Recognizing that BAIF will have significant consequences on the whole town, the task force says, "Our major concern is that steps be taken now to make whatever amendments are possible in the subdivision agreement and that long term planning for services be integrated."

Their immediate objective, says MacMillan, is to involve the citizens of Richmond Hill in

planning for the larger community, thus providing a real opportunity for the community to identify.

The fact that many of the successful candidates in the recent municipal elections in Metro ran on a "save our neighborhood" platform may have some impact on planners and developers in York Region, said MacMillan. It may also help to bring home to the average citizen the dangers implicit in sitting back until "progress" has covered the landscape with concrete in the form of highrise apartments and high density townhouse developments without a blade of grass in sight and nowhere for the young people, and the old people, to spend their time except in the shopping centres.

Individual input at this stage is very important, MacMillan emphasizes, and all members of the task force and of the social planning council are willing and eager to translate the ideas of the citizens into specific recommendations to the municipality and to the developer.



No, it's not a travel ticket for a round-the-world trip that York Simcoe Conservative MP Sinclair Stevens is holding in the above picture. It is the Trudeau Government's income tax form (11 feet of it) which Canadians will have to use in 1973. Contained in the new form are many tax changes former Trudeau Finance Minister Edgar Benson announced last year.

Trudeau's Tax Form Bewilders Canadians

Mr. Stevens points out that the form contains 13 sections which the taxpayer will have to read through in order to see which ones concern him. These sections aren't labelled and Mr. Stevens believes they will be most confusing to most users. It will be rough on small businessmen, farmers, investors, partnerships and those making capital gains.

Ontario taxpayers will also have to fill out two pages to qualify for the province's new property tax credit which replaces the former basic shelter exemption of the last few years.

And all Canadian taxpayers will have less time in which to fill out these much more complicated forms. Because Bill C-222 (the May budget changes) was not passed, the

Marriage School In January For Couples In Richmond Hill

The Richmond Hill Ministerial Association has again arranged for a marriage school. All who are interested in looking at the Christian perspective of marriage in all its aspects are invited to join in the marriage preparation course the weekend of January 13 and 14 at St. Matthew's United Church, 333 Crosby Avenue near Bayview in Richmond Hill.

Sessions will continue from 2 to 7 pm each day, and the fee of \$6 per couple includes coffee break and supper.

On January 13, the program will begin with informal getting acquainted and introduction followed by discussion of "What do you expect out of your marriage? Input, sharing, common tasks, and the Christian perspective on marriage."

After coffee break a gynecologist will talk about physiological and emotional aspects of marriage.

Supper at 5 pm will be followed by a film on marriage and discussion.

There will be an informal warm-up at 2 pm January 14, then talks about budgeting with a visiting homemaker and a Victorian Order nurse leading off with their views of common hazards in this area of marriage.

After coffee break a panel of married couples, including

Honor Councillors

It was hail and farewell at Richmond Hill Council meeting Monday night. The four newly elected members were present and welcomed to the council chamber by Mayor William Lazenby. They will not take their seats at the council table until the inaugural meeting scheduled for 11 am January 8.

Recognizing the services to the town of the four retiring members the mayor presented Councillor David Schiller (three years), Regional Councillor Donald Plaxton (11 years) and Councillor Stewart Bell (two years), with cufflinks bearing the crest of the town. Councillor Shaun Beggs was not present for the meeting since he was confined to hospital with an eye injury suffered in the afternoon.

Mayor William Lazenby reported that Mr. Beggs already had cufflinks and so he would present him with the tie rack. Because of his decade of service to the community, Regional Councillor Plaxton was also presented with a tie rack.

Students Need Help Collecting Papers

Janet Hutchinson, organizer of the Richmond Hill High School paper collection, apologizes to anyone whose papers were not collected by her staff on the first Monday of December. At 3:30 pm, students gathered at the back door of the school to load cars, but not a single volunteer motor-car was visible.

She managed, by telephoning parents and way-laying teachers on their way home, to assemble enough cars to man most of the routes. By six o'clock, when the operation broke up for supper, nearly all the papers were collected. But if any were missed, she is sorry.

The roll-off box, which holds 10 tons, was nearly filled, for which thanks are due to the people who put out paper, or drove in themselves to deliver it.

Named To OISE

Eugene Jacobs of Woodbridge, chairman of the York County Roman Catholic School Board has been appointed to the Board of Governors of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, trustees learned at the December 5 meeting of the school board. He will represent the Ontario Separate School Trustees' Association and the Ontario School Trustees' Council.

In a letter Minister of Education Thomas Wells extended best wishes to Mr. Jacobs and expressed his confidence that the new appointee will make a full and valuable contribution to the work of the board of governors.

Gallanough Thornhill Benefactor

Thornhill's mystery \$200,000 benefactor has been named.

He is Frederick James Gallanough, a former Thornhill veterinarian and resident from before the turn of the century. The money is to be used for library, park or picnic ground facilities to be named after Gallanough in what was formerly the Police Village of Thornhill and is now part of Vaughan and Markham Towns.

Gallanough in 1959 will left the money in trust for any offspring of his son F. Harold Gallanough, who died recently in Florida without heirs. In the event there were no children, the money was to go to Thornhill.

The bequest is the largest ever made to one of the local municipalities, according to Vaughan Administrator James MacDonald. The mayors of Vaughan and Markham are to meet with the trustees to discuss the bequest.

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Robt. Kennedy Fire Chief

Captain Robert Kennedy was appointed permanent fire chief of Richmond Hill's Fire Department, at Monday night's council meeting. The appointment is retroactive to December 1.

Captain Kennedy will succeed the late Chief Alfred Stong, who died October 31, and has been the acting fire chief since Chief Stong became ill in September.

Council's fire committee, under the chairmanship of Councillor Lou Wainwright recommended his appointment as chief at a committee meeting November 14, and made him probationary fire chief effective November 15.

The recommended salary was \$13,000 per year.

The new chief joined the town's fire department in 1967 when the first permanent staff was hired. He has attended fire-fighting courses provided by the Ontario Fire Marshall's Department at Gravenhurst and passed them with high honors, it was reported to council.

Yonge Buses Show \$2,461.17 Profit

Increase in the fares on the TTC operated North Yonge Street bus line from 10¢ per zone to eight zone tickets for \$1, initiated July 1, is reflected in the report on operations for the third quarter of this year, Richmond Hill Council learned Monday night.

After two years of ever-increasing deficits, the line owned by the Towns of Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham showed a profit for July, August and September of \$2,461.17. This has been divided with Richmond Hill's share (61.28%) being \$1,508.21, Markham's share (27.95%) is \$687.90 and Vaughan's share (10.77%) is \$265.

Last year the loss for the same three month period was \$2,461.44.

This year 307,635 fares were collected during this period and last year 340,659 were collected.

Pool Room Not Legal

Errors on the part of two members of the municipal staff of the Town of Richmond Hill may well cost the ratepayers of the municipality a substantial sum of money, it was revealed at Monday night's council meeting.

Some months ago a billiard room licence and a building permit were issued for a billiard parlor in a reconstructed and enlarged building on the site of Allencourt Bowling Alleys, which was destroyed by fire several months ago.

Thornhill-Vaughan Residents Ask Why No Sanitary Sewers

Residents of the Thornhill area of the Town of Vaughan want to know why they will not be included amongst those who will be served by the new sewage package treatment plant located just north of Highway 7 on Bathurst Street.

The answer is that the capacity of the plant was allocated by John Roberts' Ontario Cabinet some years ago — the BAIF development, York Central Hospital and Don Head Secondary School and approximately 4,000 people on the west side of Richmond Hill.

Mayor Lazenby Reported to Council

Mayor William Lazenby reported that the planning department and Councillor Lois Hancey, chairman of council's planning committee, reported that the planning department's approval was for the structure only. "The use of the building was not stated and never considered," she maintained. "I don't want it construed that the planning committee was responsible for this mistake."

Town Solicitor Tom Fraser pointed out that under Bylaw 1000 (the towns zoning bylaw) a billiard parlor was a permitted use in that location, but that under Bylaw 6671 (which will succeed Bylaw 1000) it is not a permitted use. Bylaw 6671 was passed by council before the applications were received and is now before the OMB. It is customary, he noted, for a new bylaw to be declared effective on the date passed by council — and normal procedure is to hold up processing of applications until the OMB has dealt with the municipal application for bylaw approval.

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When council became aware in November of the intended purpose of the building, the owners, Elmo Trading were informed that any further work on the building would be proceeded with at their risk.

It was reported that the roof is on, electricity and plumbing roughed in and the shell is nearing completion. It is designed with four or

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five stores facing on Allencourt Plaza with the billiard parlor in the rear. Designed for a billiard parlor the rear section has a narrow frontage and it would be difficult to lease it for any other purpose, it was stated.

The lessee of the billiard parlor was reported to have a 10 year lease, to have paid eight months rent in advance (to start when the building is completed) and to have paid a deposit of \$4,000 on the \$20,000 cost of pool tables.

Mr. Fraser estimated it would be another three months before the OMB hearing on Bylaw 6671 and suggested that council entertain an application for an amendment to that bylaw and hold a public hearing to determine the reaction of ratepayers and businesses in the area. If public reaction is favorable, council could then present this amendment at the hearing. Mr. Fraser was instructed to draft the proposed amendment.

Mr. Fraser pointed out that if the building is finished, the municipality could seek an injunction to restrain its use as a billiard parlor. The owners, however, are free to appear at the board hearing and apply to have Bylaw 6671 amended. In the event such application was refused, it is possible an action against the municipality for damages could be laid because of the building permit. "The question would be what damages were suffered. Right now the municipality can do nothing?"

"What do we do in the meantime?" one of the principals asked, but council or Mr. Fraser had no answer for him.

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It all began about 10 years ago, when BAIF and the Township of Vaughan began negotiations for the large residential and commercial development which got underway this year. Working on the theory that this development should not cost other ratepayers in the municipality a penny, an agreement was hammered out through the years, which required BAIF (among other commitments) to build the sewage treatment plant.

The original site was to be at the corner of Carrville Road and Bathurst, but protests from existing ratepayers in the area brought relocation at the present site

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—so that at some future date they might be served from the plant.

With application for approval of this plant and for an extension of the Richmond Hill plant, which was servicing the hospital and the school, then in Vaughan Township, before it, the OWRK commissioned Gore & Storrie Ltd., a firm of consulting engineers, to conduct a study on availability of water and advisability of further sewage package treatment plants in the area. After a couple of years the consultants' report advised that the only permanent solution of an adequate supply (Continued on Page 3)