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The clock rolled back 100 years in Richmond Hill Monday evening as members of the 1973 council re-enacted the first meeting of the Richmond Hill Village Council in January 1873.

The 1873 council was portrayed by members of the 1973 council in authentic costumes of the period. It included Jacob Brillinger (Ward 6 Councillor Louis Wainwright), William Powell (Ward 2 Councillor Graeme Bales), Reeve Abraham Law (Mayor William Lazenby), William S. Warren (Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe) and David Hopkins (Ward

5 Councillor William Corcoran). These men are shown at the council table left to right as the oath of office was administered by a judge (portrayed by Judge James Butler) partially hidden on the left. Beside him was Matthew Teffy, the village's first clerk, portrayed by Town Clerk Russell Lynett. Mr. Teffy (also the village's postmaster from 1850 to 1909) served as village clerk from 1873 to 1904, a span of 31 years. Mr. Lynett, who will be retiring later this year, will also have served as clerk of the municipality for 31 years.

## 1873 Came Alive At Historic Council Meeting

The first bylaw passed by the 1873 council appointed Mr. Teffy clerk and treasurer of Richmond Hill at a salary of \$100 per annum, in lieu of percentages or allowances — but not to cover travelling expenses, postage or disbursements of any kind on account of the corporation. Reeve Law noted that since teachers' salaries in the area were \$360 and \$410 per year and since Mr. Teffy was also

postmaster, he felt the salary was adequate for part time work. Reeve Law also presented the village seal, which is still in existence and still in working order 100 years later. In spontaneous comments, Councillor Brillinger commented that it looked rather cheap and fragile and Councillor Hopkins thought that the blacksmith at Victoria Square could have done a better job. The reeve

reported the seal had cost \$3.50 and another source had quoted \$4.50. "I like it a lot better now," said Mr. Hopkins and "We got value for our money," said Councillor Powell. Council then passed bylaw 2, appointing George Barnard, merchant (Ward 1 Councillor Andy Chateauvert) and Robert Law, drugist son of the reeve (Ward 2 Councillor Charles Stewart) as auditors, for which

they were to be paid the sum of 25c each. Also appointed was Denis C. O'Brien, farmer, (Treasurer Mack Clement), as assessor and collector. His salary was to be \$16. John Brown, grocer (Assistant Treasurer Bill Rice) was appointed inspector of licenses, with a \$2 payment for services. John Vette, hotelkeeper (Lionel Hancey) was appointed poundkeeper, at the fee schedule adopted by the Township of Markham, until a scale of fees was established by bylaw for the village.

Carpenter Benjamin Davidson (Ward 4 Councillor Dave Stephenson) was appointed overseer of highways. Mayor William Lazenby pointed out that the home of Councillor Powell still stands at the end of Wright Street, the only residence of a member of the 1873 council to survive the century. The last item of business recorded in 1873 was a motion to pay \$8 per annum to Mr. Vette for the use of a room, supplied with fires and lights, as a meeting place for council. The room was known as the Division Court Room. The council chambers were filled with former councillors and honored guests, who thoroughly enjoyed the historic re-enactment, enlivened by the extemporaneous utterances of the actors, some of whom had apparently missed their calling and should be appearing regularly on the stage or on TV. It was a solemn occasion, conducted decorously, but spiced with humor to the delight of the audience. Council and guests then adjourned to the Black Hawk Inn for dinner and entertainment. The bar and dinner wine were provided by the Canadian Imperial Bank

## Britnell Opposed No South Appointees Police Commission

Despite a recommendation by York Regional Council last year that elected officials form the majority on the regional police commission, Council last week named Chairman Garfield Wright as one of its two members on the commission.

Mr. Wright was appointed to his post as chairman of council by the provincial government.

The other member of council named was Councillor Ray Twinney of Newmarket, who was also a member last year. The two will serve for the next two years.

Provincial appointees Judge William Lyon, chairman, Gordon Cook and Stewart Rumble, are starting the final year of their three-year terms.

The two regional appointments did not go unchallenged. Mayor Margaret Britnell of King, argued that there would be no elected representatives from the southern end of the region. Also, there should have been two new officers and both should have been elected.

She said she was making her objection to the meeting because she had been absent during the caucus meeting when the appointments were debated.

She said she couldn't understand why there hadn't been any objection from Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham.

## No Recount In Vaughan

A judicial review was held Monday, January 22, in the courthouse on University Avenue, Toronto, to reconsider the application of Milton Savage for a recount in the recent Town of Vaughan election.

The division court under the direction of Chief Justice Wells ruled that no recount should be held on the basis that Mr. Savage had not shown any grounds for his request. Therefore, the town council elected for Vaughan remains as originally proclaimed, namely: David Fraser, Fred Armstrong, Albert Hollingshead, Mike Bevan and James Cameron.

Mr. Savage requested the recount December 19 and it was scheduled to take place January 24 at 10 am in the Town of Vaughan offices at Maple, under the supervision of Judge Ray Stortini. Mr. Savage in the original count December 4, placed only six votes behind James Cameron.

## Former Deputy-Reeve

## Stan Tinker Died Suddenly Monday On Visit To The Hill

A visit to Richmond Hill to participate in the special historic council meeting and civic dinner Monday evening, brought sorrow to the family and friends of Stanley Francis Tinker, a former councillor and deputy-reeve of the town. Mr. Tinker and his wife arrived in Richmond Hill from their home in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia, Sunday, and in the early hours of Monday morning Mr. Tinker died suddenly.

Mr. and Mrs. Tinker and family moved to Richmond Hill in 1948 and lived here until 1967 when they moved to Nova Scotia. During that period, Mr. Tinker was active in community affairs, serving in 1957 and 1958 as councillor and in 1959, 1960, 1963 and 1964 as deputy-reeve. He also served Richmond Masonic Lodge in many offices, including that of worshipful master, was a trustee and chairman of the Richmond Hill Public School Board and served for several years as Akela of a Cub pack.

Born in Toronto, Mr. Tinker was employed by Toronto Hydro for 43 years until his retirement in 1967. He is survived by his wife, the former Patricia Jorred, a daughter, Delia (Mrs. M. Burgess) of Bridgetown, Nova Scotia; three sons, David of Victoria Square, Brian of Toronto and Donald of Annapolis Royal; five grandchildren and a brother, Fred.

The funeral service was held Wednesday morning at 11 am in St. Mary's Anglican Church, of which Mr. Tinker was a valued member.

The flag was presented by Mayor Lazenby to Trevor Schiller and Richard Krecker, who received it on behalf of their fellow students. The flag will be raised and lowered each day by another pupil, Gary Bell.

At MacKillop, the children also greeted the guests with song and Principal Nathan Davidson accepted the new flag on their behalf from the mayor.

STANLEY TINKER HEART ATTACK FATAL

## Schools Flying Centennial Flag

Involvement of the children of Richmond Hill from the south to the north and from the east to the west, is one of the main objectives of the committee planning this year's celebration of the town's 100th birthday.

One method of achieving this is the presentation of a Centennial Flag, which carries a replica of the town's crest, featuring the lion gardant and red roses of Richmond, to each school within the municipality.

January 15, Mayor William Lazenby and Centennial Committee members Floyd Perkins and Pat Hart and Chairman Bob Warner, visited McConaghy and McKillop Public Schools. These are the two oldest schools—the core of McConaghy School dating back to 1915 and McKillop School being built in the fifties.

At McConaghy School the entire student body, gathered in the auditorium, sang Gord Fleming's Salute to Richmond Hill's Centennial set to the meter of the old English song, "The Lass of Richmond Hill", which was sung by the children of the settlement's first school in 1816. This first school was situated on the same site as McConaghy.

Outdoors the youngster sang "Happy Birthday, Richmond Hill" and "O Canada" with great enthusiasm, concluding with three cheers for the 100-year-old municipality.

An autopsy showed that she died of multiple skull fractures and brain lacerations. She had also been sexually assaulted.

Three months prior to her death, Miss Leroux, who had been involved with drugs, had asked the Metro Drug Squad for protection because she feared for her life. Police had kept her home under surveillance for a brief time.

## Offer Reward Leroux Murder

A reward of \$2,500 for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons responsible for the death of Yvonne Leroux, 16 of Weston, was authorized Tuesday night by York County Board of Police Commissioners.

Miss Leroux's battered and semi-nude body was found about 8:30 am November 30, on 16 Sideroad, 3/10 of a mile east of Jane Street in King Township, lying in the centre of the road.

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## Curriculum Is Topic February 1 At Open School Board Session

Area parents concerned about their children spending too much time on candle making, archery and poetry in the future, will get a chance to air their views on these matters at a meeting at Aurora High School, February 1, it was decided at a meeting of York County School Board January 15.

And if they can't make it to Aurora, they'll get a chance to express themselves at three area meetings to be announced at a later date.

The meeting is a result of a position paper from the Ministry of Education, entitled "Cyclic Review: The Intermediate Years", which was presented to the board last November, and which outlined the Ministry's attempt to organize "common" and "elective" studies for students in grades 7 to 10, so that they might have a wider range of subjects to balance their learning needs.

The report stressed that educational programs should be based upon the needs of the individual students. In distinguishing between common and elective studies, the report said that the former represented "stability" and

the latter "variety". Common studies would consist of further development of mathematical and language communication skills, while elective studies would include poetry, music appreciation, archery, photography, candle making, Gregg shorthand, astronomy and film making.

These would take in one quarter to one third of total program time in grade 7 at the outset, and then rise to two thirds or three quarters in the next three years.

The paper expressed the hope of the Ministry that "a variety of local and regional committees will be formed to ensure that the views of students, educators, parents and the public generally, and of any concerned individual or group, will be solicited, collated and ultimately made available to the ministerial cyclic review committee."

At the November meeting, board members expressed concern over the government's paper and suggested a meeting with home and school associations.

On a motion of former Trustee Jack Hadfield of Newmarket, it was then

agreed to hold a public meeting instead. At last week's meeting, the board expanded the idea even further when it agreed to the proposal of Trustee John MacKay of Markham to have four meetings altogether with the February Aurora meet being the first.

The other three will be held in the various school areas. "We won't get the support of the public if we only have a meeting in one location," Mr. MacKay said.

His motion was seconded by Trustee Donald Sim, also of Markham.

Disagreeing with the idea was Trustee Ross Jolliffe of Vaughan, who said that the purpose of the meeting was to get "quality and not quantity."

He said that the chairman should make it mandatory to get four people in his area to come.

Trustee Craig Cribar of Newmarket said he was concerned there would be "a drag somewhere in between," and would like to see dates set for the area meetings. No date, however, was made for the area meetings.

## Determined Province Proposes Regional Municipality On East Side Of Ours

By HAL BLAINE

The fragmented and uncoordinated system of local government throughout much of Ontario isn't capable of efficiently meeting the challenges of a changing society. This key statement was contained in a recent official Ontario Government announcement.

With its recent proposal for an East of Metro Toronto (Ajax to Cobourg) regional municipal corporation of 1,168 square miles and 236,693 people, the provincial government has made it clear that municipal re-organization in Ontario is very definitely continuing.

Statements made at Oshawa December 18 by Cabinet representatives during the announcement also make it clear the government is convinced the old municipal regimes established 425 years ago in the province are completely unsuitable for late 20th Century conditions.

Intergovernmental Affairs. It even more clearly establishes the Progressive Conservative Government's determined policy on municipal reform.

And it is apparent this reform is going to continue to take the form of second tier municipal governments like that established two years ago here in former York County. The reform isn't going to come about as enlarged and strengthened single tier municipal arrangements as has been the case, for example, around the Alberta cities of Edmonton and Calgary or around the Nova Scotia cities of Halifax and Dartmouth.

It's quite a while since the second tier Metro system grew out of the troubled Toronto area situation here in Ontario. More recently this experiment in double level municipal government has been followed with a whole series of Ontario regional systems, here and at Ottawa, Niagara, Kitchener, Muskoka, Thunder Bay, Sudbury.

Establishment of double-tier

municipal government is happening here also in spite of the strong swell of opinion favoring the elimination of the Metro Toronto second tier. And there has also recently been the actual elimination of the Metro experiment at Winnipeg by a Manitoba government opting for a return to an enlarged and strengthened single tier urban municipality.

Municipal re-organization in Ontario obviously is going to continue to take the form of double level municipal systems for the foreseeable future. Only time now will determine whether second tier Metro-regional systems are going to endure as the best solution for modern day community operation or whether in the long run there will be a return to single tier municipalities.

The provincial government's latest regional proposal borders on our own York Region and changes York's composition a great deal. The Oshawa announcement contains major statements of proposed govern-

ment policy for our municipalities, both first and second tier.

Most affected are first tier Markham Town and the York Region corporation itself.

The original Ministry statement contained a major statistical error relating to our York Region. This has since been corrected.

York Region is to have its population increased by 9,729 instead of 18,676, to a total of 171,101. The land area is to increase 172 square miles to 817 square miles, according to the Ministry.

The major thrust of the provincial statements at Oshawa applying to our York Region seems to involve the placing of further emphasis on a future of limited urban development plus preservation of open space and rural character. Ontario's major future population growth, probably until the turn of the century at least, is to be channelled to the new East of Toronto Region along with the filling up of the Toronto-Hamilton corridor. It isn't going to come here in York Region.

It appears the development and fast population growth immediately in prospect for the Thornhill, Richmond Hill, Aurora, Newmarket corridor will take place and that will be the end of fast growing here.

The populations of Thornhill, Richmond Hill and Unionville urban areas will about double in the next 10 years and that will be about it. Only a relative-

ly small additional population growth and development appears to be intended here from 1980 to the year 2000.

York Region seems now to be about evenly divided politically between the urban and rural representatives, with a slight edge for the rural orientation.

The changes in boundaries and the addition of three northern rural townships now in Ontario County will give our region a pronounced rural political tilt that will be permanent at least as far ahead as the Toronto-Centred Region Plan seems to foretell, a matter of about three decades.

The December 18 Oshawa regional government announcement included statements by Provincial Treasurer Charles MacNaughton and his Parliamentary Assistant Donald Irvine M.L.A. Grenville Dundas. These statements were backed up by the 70-page Ministry proposal. The Oshawa documents indicate the major flow of provincial policy on municipal reform, plus the policies outlined for

changes in our York Region. The reform policy is stated as follows:

"A strong and responsive system of local government is an essential element in the democratic process as it operates in Ontario.

"Whatever the system of local government, it must be able to provide rational, area-wide planning in order to ensure a good quality of life for the area residents and to control urban pressures. The pressure is clearly on local governments to provide a high level of services in a co-ordinated manner at a reasonable dollar cost, and at the same time to conserve the quality of the natural environment.

"A multiplicity of local governments in one area, acting independently of each other, cannot provide the necessary cohesiveness for effective public policies. Small municipalities cannot afford to exist separately. It has become apparent to the provincial government, and also to many local leaders, that

## Region Councillor Hancey Wants

## October Date Local Elections

Regional Councillor Lois Hancey proposed to Richmond Hill Council January 15 that it respectfully request the provincial government to amend the Municipal Elections Act to permit local elections in October.

Mrs. Hancey suggested that the first Monday in October be declared election day and that the newly elected council be given the same privilege accorded to the councils in York elected in 1970 (the advent of Regional government) of being an advisory committee, with the existing business until the end of the year. She requested support be sought from the Region of York and municipal associations.

In view of municipal government becoming more and more important to the citizens of Ontario and to en-

courage them to take more interest in elections and in participation, Mrs. Hancey explained her belief that an October election date is preferable. The weather in late November and early December is more inclement, interfering with electioneering and voting, she maintained.

She also believes that her suggestions would be of help to the provincial authorities in that budgets would be ready earlier, that the new council members would be better prepared to attend to their duties, and that better planning and results would be forthcoming.

LAME DUCK COUNCIL Councillor Lou Wainwright disagreed. "We would be faced with a lame duck council from August on." He suggested that the motion be sent to committee of the whole for further study.

"I have other suggestions," said Mr. Wainwright. "I believe the new form of nominations is wrong. I much prefer the nomination meeting where a candidate goes on record as seeking office with an opportunity to speak publicly in a public place. I also strongly believe that candidates should be required to place a deposit with their nomination papers, so that we won't see 12 candidates seeking an office, as occurred last year in a neighboring municipality."

"I agree with Lou," said Councillor David Stephenson.

In reply, Mrs. Hancey referred to Bill 102 by which the council-elect in 1970 was by statute allowed to make decisions. "It worked well in Richmond Hill. I agree with a nominating meeting. We met this lack in Richmond Hill with a public meeting sponsored by the Civic Improvement Committee. During consideration of the reforms in the Elections Act by the Legislature there was very great discussion on the method of nomination and the one we now have was deemed to be the best. However, there was very little discussion on the date of the election. I have no objection to this going to committee."

"It was true that the council-elect committee worked well in Richmond Hill, because the majority of members were returning to office," stated Mayor William Lazenby. "But in other places there were problems."

"And another thing," added Councillor Wainwright. "We couldn't ask these new persons to serve three months without pay. In 1970 the provincial government paid them."

"We would be in a state of flux and uncertainty for too long a period," Councillor Stephenson believed.

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