

Determined Province Proposes Regional Municipality On East Side Of Ours

(Continued from page 1) some mechanism is required to determine the priorities over broader local areas.

• "The fringe areas surrounding a large urban area are often subjected to heavy development pressures as the urban centre continues to expand. It is important therefore, to include the urban area and the area around it within one system of local government. In this manner, the large urban area is often financially capable of providing services to the surrounding area. As the urban centre grows, the need for orderly planning of the surrounding area, in terms of providing parks, greenbelts, recreational areas, industrial lands, etc., will become more apparent.

• "Any system of local government must be able to respond to the needs of its residents. For an effective interchange between a resident and his local government, that government must not be too remote. At the same time the system must have a strong financial base to support a competent administration to deal with complex, modern problems and to implement its decisions.

Referring to the East of Metro Toronto Region proposal, the Ministry goes on to say, "It (the proposal) is founded on the knowledge that the present municipal systems in this area are incapable of meeting many of the serious and complex challenges that must be met."

Treasurer MacNaughton made a statement on the need for a better system of municipal government.

"In many parts of the province, the local government units are the same as those existing a century and a quarter ago. In the area east of Metro, the population has climbed from less than 60,000 to well over 200,000. The functions performed by municipalities have increased by a similar order of magnitude. In the mid-19th Century, municipal councils were clearing houses for local controversies dealing with roads, schools and a few other elementary services.

"Social security was unknown; pollution control was unheard of; water supply was a matter of individual concern and no one was yet catering to the 'horseless carriage'. In fact, the main criterion for local government boundaries was how far a man had to ride to the county seat.

"Think for a moment of the responsibilities that we have heaped upon a system of government designed for the horse-and-buggy days: community planning, zoning bylaws, capital borrowing, road building and maintenance, welfare, parks, recreation and a host of other matters which have a tremendous impact on how we live.

"Would our forefathers expect us to continue with their system after all the changes we have experienced? Can we expect our children to live under a system that wasn't designed to cope with these pressures? "All of us, however, tend to react to changes in the local government system. We have a nostalgic, emotional tie to our municipalities. We are reluctant to know what benefits we can expect if we sacrifice our traditional and familiar system of local government," said MacNaughton, going on to explain the advantages regional government offers in the fields of planning and servicing, responsiveness, administration and protection, and dealings with other governments.

Provincial Treasurer MacNaughton in his Oshawa statement went on to deal with the proposals for the northern Ontario County townships and villages that are being considered for inclusion in our York Region here.

"By any measure of community interest, Rama and Mara Townships aren't oriented to southern Ontario County. They are overwhelmingly oriented toward Orillia and Simcoe County. Similarly, the orientation of Brock, Thorah, Scott, Beaverton and Cannington isn't toward the south (of Ontario County). In these cases it is more difficult to be precise, but they have a much stronger orientation to

ward Orillia, Lindsay and particularly Toronto," he said.

Thus the two most northern Ontario County townships adjacent to Orillia are to be joined to Simcoe County. Being adjacent to our York Region and oriented toward Toronto, the middle - northerly Ontario County townships of Scott, Brock and Thorah are to be brought into our new regional municipality. With them come their urbanized village centres of Cannington and Beaverton.

The ministry statement explains the MacNaughton proposals for the northern Ontario County townships as being based on previous studies. These included the inconclusive Oshawa Area Planning and Development Study (OAPADS) begun in 1969 and terminated in 1971. OAPADS produced four discussion papers and a report by researcher Don Paterson recommending a two-tier region for Ontario County plus two westerly townships of Durham. The Toronto-Centred Region plan and the international airport-satellite city plan for Pickering-Markham came later and were used by the provincial government to modify the Paterson plan into the present East of Metro region municipality proposal.

The Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs December Oshawa statement discusses the Paterson Report as it applies to northern Ontario County areas now considered for inclusion in our region.

"All of Paterson's research and all public statements by township councillors and politicians from Oshawa, Ajax and Bowmanville make it very apparent that the townships of Rama, Mara and Thorah, Brock and Scott including the villages of Beaverton and Cannington, aren't a logical part of Oshawa region. By almost any measure of community, the orientation of these seven communities is toward Orillia (in Simcoe County to the north), Lindsay (to the east in Victoria County) or Toronto. They all have an economy based on agriculture and Lake Simcoe oriented tourism. Residents of all of them tend

to travel to Orillia, Lindsay and Toronto more than Oshawa.

"(Origin-destination studies show Orillia as the most frequent destination of traffic from the townships of Rama and Mara). Additionally, the Toronto-Centred Region (TCR) plan specifies an easterly growth in the south of Ontario County and a more limited northerly growth. This trend will accentuate the distinction between the rural north and the urban south.

"It should be noted that local opinion on Paterson's report reflects this apparent lack of community. Without exception, the seven northerly Ontario County municipalities expressed a desire to be included in a rural region rather than the urban south, Oshawa, Bowmanville and Darlington have asked officially that the north be excluded and other southern municipalities may share that wish.

"The major problem with excluding the northern seven municipalities from an East of Metro Region is that there are no immediate prospects for municipal reform in Simcoe or Victoria. However, because of common perspectives and a sense of community shared by Rama and Mara with Orillia, it is likely that their inclusion with Simcoe County wouldn't result in a loss of community identity.

"In the future, the area of Ontario County north of Uxbridge will be less and less oriented to the urban south. Almost without exception, the municipalities in this area have expressed strong opposition to inclusion in an Oshawa region. If the north end of Ontario County isn't to be forced into the East of Metro region, it is incumbent upon the Government to ensure that those municipalities aren't left in a state of suspended animation. The remaining area is neither large enough for planning considerations nor does it possess sufficient financial resources to support a two-tier structure of local government on its own.

"It is therefore suggested that the wish of the present

municipal councils in the north part of Ontario County, to remain in a rural county or region, be honored. This can be done while at the same time reflecting emerging communities of interest (ie. by joining them to our York Region and Simcoe County).

"In view of historical and emerging patterns of communities of interest, and given the Toronto-Centred Region plan, the municipalities of Rama, Mara, Thorah, Brock, Scott, Beaverton and Cannington shouldn't be included in an East of Metro region," concludes the Ministry statement on this subject.

The Ministry statement discusses the proposed changes for York Region and the effects these changes would have.

"It is proposed that the townships of East Gwillimbury (now in York Region) and Scott (now in Ontario County) amalgamate to form an area municipality in York Region. Scott has indicated a desire to remain in a rural county or region, which York is, and East Gwillimbury is the least populated township in York. Thus, their amalgamation will serve the interests of both municipalities. In view of local wishes, planning considerations and financial factors, it would appear that inclusion with York Region would be beneficial.

"The communities of Brock, Thorah, Beaverton and Cannington are clearly not oriented to the proposed Oshawa region. Their orientation is toward Orillia, Toronto and to an extent, Lindsay. Not only have these four municipalities indicated their desire to be united if amalgamations are going to take place, but they have also indicated an interest in remaining with a rural region. Additionally, they feel that inclusion with Victoria or Simcoe County isn't a tenable alternative. It is therefore suggested these four municipalities amalgamate to create an area municipality in York Region (to be represented by an additional regional councillor and have their own local council).

"The inclusion of this area in York would have several salutary effects. In the first

place, tax increases for the four municipalities will be less significant than if they were included in the East of Metro region. Secondly, they will be included in an essentially rural area as they desire. Thirdly, their services would improve considerably, as such things as regional police and regional welfare will be provided. Fourthly, the four municipalities will be amalgamated and won't be merged with any other area. And finally, all of the south shore of Lake Simcoe will fall within one region.

"It is further proposed that the extreme southwestern corner of Uxbridge Township and the extreme northwestern corner of Pickering Township, which don't form part of the airport and community land sites, become part of the York Region within the Town of Whitechurch-Stouffville.

"The amalgamation of East Gwillimbury and Scott to create an area municipality in the Region of York would result in an area municipality of approximately 11,500 persons (the second smallest in York). There would be no need for any change in representation on the regional council. On the basis of preliminary financial data, there would be a reduction in the taxation of Scott (approximately \$5 per capita) if Scott became part of York Region.

"The amalgamation of Brock, Thorah, Beaverton and Cannington would create an area municipality in York of 7,227, from which the head of the council would become a member of the regional council. If the four municipalities became an area municipality within the Region of York, the tax increase would be restricted to about \$1 per capita as compared with an increase of approximately \$27 per capita if they were included within an East of Metro region," says the Ministry statement.

The statement also explains the decision to propose the addition of the other two northern Ontario County townships to Simcoe County instead of York Region.

"It is proposed that Rama and Mara Townships be included as

municipalities in Simcoe County. There is clearly a shared community of interest between these two townships and Simcoe County. Like Simcoe County, both townships have an economy based largely on agriculture and both are largely dependent on Lake Simcoe oriented tourism. Orillia is the most common destination of traffic originating in Rama and Mara, and is clearly the only urban municipality with any significant impact on the area.

"The entry of Rama and Mara into Simcoe County will be the least difficult of any of the changes. It is clear Rama and Mara are closely oriented to Simcoe and that such an alignment is overdue. Representation from Rama and Mara would result in an increase of three members on the Simcoe County Council. Preliminary studies indicate that if Rama and Mara were included with Simcoe County, municipal tax levies would be reduced compared with what they are at present (a reduction of about \$9 per capita)."

The Ministry statement goes on to discuss the effects of the proposed East of Metro region on municipalities to the north. It emphasizes reform is yet to come for municipalities to the north of our York Region and to the north of the proposed new East of Metro region yet to be named. This probably leaves open the possibility of further future changes to the northern boundaries of our York Region as the adjacent Simcoe, Peel and Victoria Counties are municipally modernized.

(An even more complicated issue is the question of our York Region's southeast Markham Town boundary with Metro Toronto and with the proposed new East of Metro region, involving as it does the highly controversial federal-provincial scheme for a new international airport and satellite city on lands now mostly in Pickering Township and Markham Town. A future report in this newspaper will explore the provincial government's December Oshawa announcement on this Markham boundary issue—Editor.)

School Board Approves Book Of Blood Passions

While some people seek the pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, for a while Monday night it looked as if York County Board of Education might not even reach the beginning of it.

Only "The Rainbow" this time was the one D. H. Lawrence gave to an unsuspecting public way back in 1915, and which he was immediately prosecuted for.

Now, nearly 60 years later, the author of Lady Chatterley's Lover and other tomes, found himself on trial before the board, which had been asked to approve the book for an advanced grade 12 class in York schools.

It wasn't the book so much, as the way the staff had warned about its presentation, Trustee John MacKay of Markham, who moved that "The Rainbow" be sent back for another

look, told the meeting. Mr. MacKay said he was concerned about the staff rider, which stated that a study of the novel by a "highly sensitive and mature senior class, might result in a valuable literary experience for all participants."

"How often are we going to have all that?" asked Mr. MacKay.

He said he received a lot of calls from parents who were concerned about their children being "exposed to these books."

The students could read the book on their own, "but I don't think we should make it available," Mr. MacKay said.

The novel, which Lawrence is said to have considered to be his greatest work, is described in the staff report as a "complex study of the

dark, inscrutable nature of man," with penetrating insight into his "blood passions."

The report goes on to say that it "portrays the agonies and ecstasies abounding in the love affairs of one English family throughout three generations."

Trustee Donald Cousens of Markham who agreed with Mr. MacKay, said he had read sections of the book over the weekend, and felt it was more for university than high school.

Sam Chapman, director of education, said he was concerned about the board setting itself up as censor. He said he thought teachers should have the freedom to present the works they wanted.

Trustee John Honsberger of Markham agreed with Mr.

Chapman, and wondered if the board would now have to read the shorthand book, which had also been recommended, before it could approve it.

Trustee Margaret Coburn of King, felt the staff should have been more explicit in saying why it wanted the book.

Trustee Douglas Allen of Richmond Hill, said he supported the purchase of the books involved, but wondered if more time couldn't be given so the board could read them.

"I don't think we should be making a decision after we read the book," said Mrs. Coburn.

Richmond Hill Trustee Robert Houghton, said the board had "gone over this road before." Committees had been set up by people

who knew the books, besides, the board didn't have time to read them all.

Censorship was the wrong word to use in discussing the board's role with the books, Trustee Donald Sim of Markham, said.

The board was being asked to approve the book on the basis of the warning issued by the staff.

"I don't think this book is one the board should put its imprimatur on," he said. "It should be deferred."

Mr. Cousens asked that the book be referred back to the committee. However, Sam Chapman said that such a move would only result in the teacher involving writing a report designed to win the board's approval.

Trustee Doreen Quirk of Markham said that one of the reasons that the recommendations were made this

way was that there was no approved list of textbooks from the Ministry of Education anymore.

Mr. Cousens said that he wasn't trying to come out as a strong left or right winger, but had felt a "fair amount of concern" about Rainbow.

He said it was a beautiful book and could be "edifying" if well used.

His amendment to have the book referred back to the committee for further information was lost.

The original motion to approve the Lawrence book was carried 9 to 6.

The other three books recommended by the staff were: Walden by Henry Thoreau; Pitman Shorterhand (correct) and Writing and Transcription Skill Development.

They all passed without discussion.

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