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MAPLE

Markham Town Taxes Turn Up

3 Years Of Tax Cuts Come To End

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THE FOUNDING OF RICHMOND HILL pered as a way station for travellers. Known as Moun. w the Governor-in-Chief of British North America, the Duke Richmond Mills along the Don River preceded the establish ment of tanneries and carriage works. The first church, erected by Presbyterians, opened in 1821, the post office in 1836. b. 1853 a railway station was located nearby. A County By-law. passed in 1872, incorporated Richmond Hill as a village and its council first met in 1873. Town status was achieved in 1957 and its boundaries were greatly extended in 1970.

(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Clerk Russell Lynett, who has served Richmond Hill in that capacity for 31 years and the town's First Mayor William Neal unveiled Centennial marker.

Province Honors Centennial Town

ed the establishment of tan- plaque erected in front of field Wright of York Region. of York minutes of June 17, village, actually residing THORNHILL LUCKY

OLD TOWN

Boat's Sunk

Pitches Paddles

ice Charles had no success

last week trying to dis-

suade a Richmond Hill

husband from pressing a

The wife stood before

the judge in court here

Thursday to face a cheque

forgery charge. The hus-

band was called to the wit-

The judge questioned

how it would do any good

in the marriage for the

husband to have the wife

convicted. The husband

explained the wife had

been away living with an-

other man for a month.

While away she signed the

"She doesn't have to

she needs to do is come

home for the money and

"Are you sure you want

go ahead with this?" asked

might as well throw in the

cheques totalling \$35.

criminal charge.

ness stand.

husband.

the judge.

band.

Provincial Judge Maur-

Duke of Richmond. Mills greatly extended in 1970. extended by Mayor William Centenary this year. along the Don River preced- This is the text on a Lazenby and Chairman Gar- Excerpts from the County of the inhabitants of the rates are additional.

neries and carriage works. the Richmond Hill Municipal | Chief Librarian Mrs. Patri- 18, 19, 1872, when the bylaw within its limits and to Generally speaking this | With the annual budget final voting. Richmond Hill Tax Rate Varies From 22.530 To 30.748 Mills

mond Hill's finance commit- porters on residential prop-The unveiling duties were tee approved by council at erty on the average assess- shared by William Neal, first breakdown of the mill rate on the same assessment will as clerk of the town since for all areas in the town. pay \$540, a commercial pub- 1942 and is retiring at the

1975 the target date when supporter \$614. formed by Rev. Earl Gerber there will be only four rates FORMER MARKHAM AREA of St. John's Anglican - public school residential, When the new town was Church, which this year is public school commercial, formed in 1971 the area celebrating its 125th year of separate school residential coming in from Markham and separate school commer- had the lowest mill rate and still remains two mills below the council chamber where the highest rate, which is in Mayor Lazenby read a per-Within the boundaries of the old town The rates in the former Town of Rich- that area will be: public mond Hill the mill rates will school residential 22.530 be: public school residential (\$450), public school com- being able to participate in 24,530, public school com- mercial 25.965 (\$538), sepa- the weekend's activities and mercial 27.965, separate rate school residential 25.034 school residential 27.034 and (\$500), separate school comseparate school commercial, mercial 28.748 (\$574).

This will mean a tax bill of FORMER VAUGHAN AREA FORMER WHITCHURCH AREA

In 1971 mill rates in the areas which came into Richmond Hill from Vaughan and Whitchurch were practically the same and this year are the same-just one mill lower than in the old town. The 1973 rates in these residential 23.530 (\$470), public school commercial 25.965 (\$538), separate school residential 26.034 (\$520), 29,748 (\$594).

FORMER KING AREA Public school residential in 1972. owners in the area of Rich-Township will pay in 1973 school commercial 26.865 (\$536), separate school residential 25.934 (\$518), separate school commercial husband's name to three 29.648 (\$593),

Total amount to be raised in 1973 is \$6,053,106.16 on a write the cheques. All total assessment of \$238,857,-367 (\$218,418,834 for public school supporters and \$20,she can have it," said the

supporters). The levy for town general last year. purposes is \$2,050,263.93, for paddles," declared the hus- \$1,424,011.77, for separate trial fire area. school purposes is \$183,069.31 The wife was remanded and for regional purposes

to have a date set for trial. \$877,130.66.

A Year Of Celebration CENTENNIAL EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

June 30-Squirt Boys' Softball Tournament -Official Opening Legion Hall 1:30

July 1-Six-team Soccer Tournament

The final report of Rich- \$490 for public school sup- board.

There were 16 mill rates lic school supporter \$558 and end of the month. in town again this year with a commercial separate school The dedication was per-

> service to the community. The group adjourned to sonal letter from Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Markham Road and provide of and adjoining the Sumexpressing regret at not recorded the fact that he had received letters of regret from Ontario Premier Wil-

slight increase over last ondary school students. year, it was disclosed at a Meeting Monday evenings Charge 2 Hill Men

mond Hill formerly in King ditures will be as follows: modate the expected in- Satan's Choice Motorcycle on the basis of the following \$76,446; elementary schools, tion. mill rates: public school res- \$1,640,394; secondary schools, idential 23.430 (\$468), public \$1,463,899; general purpose, \$826,345; roads, \$760,200.

rate is 21.000, the same as last year, while the commer- and Palmer Neighborhoods. cial mill rate is 23.987, down .009 from 1972.

Separate school supporters mill rate of 8.143 mills residential and 9.048 mills com-438,533 for separate school mercial, compared with 7.369 and 8.188 mills, respectively

The rates, however, do not secondary school education include special area levies "The boat's sunk now . . . costs is \$1,414,718.14, for for services of water, sewpublic school purposes is ers, garbage and the indus-

said that, "In holding the line, council has met with However, the revised am- a police car being almost hit

passed on to the people. Said Councillor Ab Hol- The board also agreed with a house in the area, where lingshead: "Another lesson a staff recommendation that they were met by members to show that development a school site was not requir- of the Satan's Choice, who just means more taxes." ed for a proposed 46-acre tried to drive them off the council and staff treat de- Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Settlers came to this dis- | The first church, erected by Building by the Archaeolog- liam Davis and all members | ence, commented, "It's obtrict about 1794 after the Presbyterians, opened in ical and Historic Sites Board, of his Cabinet, from local vious they didn't get it. The construction of Yonge Street 1821, the post office in 1836. Historical Museums Branch, representatives in the profrom York (Toronto). The By 1835 a railway station Ministry of Colleges and vincial and federal houses, dition." A copy of the by- for all residential and one used last year was a \$120,000 settlement prospered as a was located nearby. A Coun- Universities, and dedicated from representatives of law, handwritten, was also for all commercial property. surplus not available to offway station for travellers. ty Bylaw, passed in 1872, Monday afternoon, June 18. neighboring ridings and from provided for each person These only vary according to set this year's expenes. Known as Mount Pleasant, incorporated Richmond Hill Centennial Committee mayors of Burlington and present. This bylaw appoint- school board supported. the community was renamed, as a village and its council Chairman Robert Warner Kingston. The former town ed William Trench Junior as From now on there is to some tax increase is necesfollowing a visit in 1819 by first met in 1873. Town presided over the 2 pm cere- is also celebrating its the commissioner whose duty be only four general rates sary from time to time in a the Governor - in - Chief of status was achieved in 1957 monies, attended by about Centenary and the City of it was to take a census of applying equally throughout growing municipality. The British North America, the and its boundaries were 150 citizens. Greetings were Kingston is celebrating its the village. His duties were the new regional town, in- increase set for this year is

> versity, representative of the money to improve the county ber. Britnell, seated in the audi- council session.

wasn't required providing

Two Richmond Hill men

with obstructing and assault-

Wayne Kelly, 25, of 30

Benson Avenue, president of

counts each on the two

with dangerous driving.

Tortolana also is charged

Also faced with six counts

of obstructing and assaulting

police are Gerald Waring,

21, of Scarboro; Wayne Hog-

an, 28, of Willowdale; David

Nelson, 25, of Thornhill; and

The charges resulted from

Police chased the buggy to

charges.

been complied with.

its meeting Monday afternoon revealed the following school residential supporter sell Lynett, who has served 2 Elementary Schools Needed In Hill If Adopt Official Plan

in Richmond Hill if a pro- Reviewing the plan earl- year get a little larger tax ing. His resignation will receive \$400 annually, plus Stouffville 14.257, East Gwilposed amendment to the lat- ier in the year, the board increase than public school ter's Official Plan is adopt- commented that a school site supporters.

The amendment, which the parklands dedicated to dustries north and south of ed immediately to the south residential zoning in their mitview Public School site, place, is now before York which would accommodate Regional Council for ap- K-7 pupils. That has since

The areas formed would Also, assurance has been be the Town Park Neighbor- received from the town counhood, with Centre Street as cil that the parklands will be its northernmost point and improved with an under-Markham its southernmost ground sewer, and the gully point; and Palmer Neighbor- will be filled, graded and hood, south from Markham seeded to make an accept-Road to Hillsview Avenue. able play area to be used in

The amended areas would conjunction with the Sumconsist of 420 acres, and if mitview School. developed to their maximum | Grade 8 students would be Estimates for the levy of capacities, would provide an accommodated at Stouffville funds in the Town of additional 1,154 elementary District Secondary School. areas will be: public school Vaughan for 1973 show a pupils, and about 523 Sec-

> meeting of council June 18. York County Board of Edu-Council approved estimates cation said that neither M. in the amount of \$5,970, L. McConaghy or O. M. Mac- Satan's Choice Raid 137, compared with \$5,738,216 Killop Public Schools — the two schools in the attend-Broken down, the expen- ance area - could accom- were among six members of region, \$1,202,853; library, creases in student popula- Club, who have been charged

As a result, it approved ing police, following a brawl the staff recommendations between the members and calling for eight-acre elem- York Regional Police, June The total residential mill entary school sites to be es- 22, about 10 pm. tablished in the Town Park

It agreed also that temp- Ontario Satan's Choice, and orary accommodation would John Tortolana, 23, of 99 be provided for secondary Crosby Avenue, face six have an elementary school pupils, who would be in the Richmond Hill School and Bayview Secondary School attendance areas.

Clifford Grant, assistant superintendent of planning and development, told the meeting that, when the amendment was first before the board in 1971, it was recommended that two elementary schools Robert Cadewell, 22, of Whit-Councillor Mike Bevan and one secondary school church-Stouffville. site be acquired.

the highest approval of the endment showed a decrease by a dune buggy being drivprovincial government," and in density over the first pro- en without any lights on had become eligible for a 6 posal, so the recommenda-percent grant, which was tion for the high school site Stouffville. was dropped.

"It depends on how subdivision in the Town of property. Reinforcements were called velopment," answered Mayor An estimated 153 elem- and the members were taken entary students and 45 sec- into custody.

to take the names and ages stead of 12. Area service a reasonable one made neccia Hart, historian of the of incorporation was being verify these names before a year the public school sup- presented. Mayor Anthony

Centennial Committee, read passed were read by the justice of the peace by porters in Thornhill get the Roman thanked the staff and head said he felt the increase a short resume of the town's mayor. One item concerned Dominion Day. This census smallest increase. Their the town's committees and was "justifiable," while Treasurer Barton reporthistory and professor Wil- a petition of James Fuller showed more than 750 in- taxes go up 1.772 mills. This boards for all the hard work Councillor David Fraser said ed to council during budget liam Ormsby of Brock Uni- and others for a grant of habitants, the required num- is 85 cents a week or \$44.30 and co-operation necessary in that his calculation in rais- study some very interesting Historic Site Board, spoke line between King and Al- Refreshments were served sessed at \$25,000.

RATE FIGURES

The new regional town includes that portion of Thornhill postal area north of Steeles Avenue and east of Yonge Street. It also includes Victoria Square, Buttonville, Unionville and the areas east to the Ontario

"For the past three years we have prudently and regularly reduced taxes," Town Treasurer Alex Barton told council recently as the annual budget was made public.

After three years of decreasing property taxes, Markham is having

TREASURER BARTON

County boundary.

a tax increase this year.

Brings In Budget growing population. Gener- bage collection. ally, taxes this year will be Thus the owner of a house man Muldrew approximately at the level assessed at \$25,000 will pay

Actually, the tax rates school supporter and \$547 if over the past three years a public school supporter. vary by area and category ing and garbage collection ities and school areas. Dif- mercial property they are Vaughan's turn. ferent tax areas existed be- 0.360 mills, 0.300 mills and Meeting June 18, council

NEW COMMON RATES But this year the geograph- PROVINCE CUT GRANTS ical differences in the rates Treasurer Barton in his \$5,500. within the town have been budget explanation pointed

for the year on a house as- the budget preparation.

Catholic separate school sup- Councillor Roy Muldrew, cents." porters in the Old Town of chairman of the finance com- The meeting also approved Markham. Their increase is 2.952 mills. This is a tax increase of \$1.42 per week or \$73.80 over the year for a house assessed at \$25,000. Inspector Resigns Hit almost as hard are Buttonville, Victoria Square public school supporters. his resignation as building ings, making a total of \$1,250 Two new elementary ondary school pupils were Generally, separate school inspector to Richmond annually. school sites will be required shown for the development. supporters in Markham this Hill Council Monday even-

The 1973 separate school capacity for the past 19 would phase out several in- the municipality were locat- supporter Markham residen- years.

tial rate this year is 24.262 | mittee, explained some points mills. The public school in the budget.

Barton said it has been supporter residential rate is "We have a real capital necessary to increase taxes 21.880 mills. For commerc- works program in parks this on a minor scale this year ial property the rates are year where previously we to pay for the additional 27.622 mills and 24.976 mills really had only maintenance. recreation, parks and fire respectively. These rates With a parks budget double protection services being pro- are for properties paying last year's, we should see an vided for the town's fast for sewers, lighting and gar- instant improvement in parks," said Finance Chair-

they were in many Markham annual Markham property taxes of \$606.55 if a separate Up Pay V'ghan have been a complicated These figures are for those "mixed bag" of figures. They receiving sewer, street lightaccording to type of prop- services. Sewer, lighting Raise Your Own Pay Week erty, school board supported and garbage levies are 0.310 has been recognized by most and area services received. mills, 0.260 mills and 0.600 municipal councils from here They also vary according to mills respectively for resi- to Metro during the past location in former municipal- dential property. For com- year, and last week it was

fore the recent organization 0.690 mills. These rates approved increases that of a single county-wide quoted include property tax- would give the members school board and regional es for all purposes including \$7,000, retroactive to Januschools, local and regional ary 1, 1973, and \$7,500 effecmunicipalities. tive January 1, 1974.

eliminated. There are com- out the town this year has will see his \$10,000 salary from a large inequity in this January 1, 1974.

essary by reason of increas- guidelines in such matters, ter off than the (Metro) mun-

MULDREW EXPLAINS

Building

Jack Hollowell submitted be effective June 29.

Mr. Hollowell has serv- total of \$1,000 annually. ed the municipality in this received \$600, with the chair-

walks in areas previously ignored and catching up in areas where they are needed," added Muldrew. He also explained that the town's provincial grants in three years have decreased from \$421,000 to \$250,000.

"We are supplying side-



"reasonable and necessary"

"This budget is a good budget. Our taxes are much lower than in North York and Scarboro," said South Thornhill Ward Councillor Gary Kay,

ADAMS CRITICAL Markham Regional Coun-

cillor Robert Adams 0 At present they receive Thornhill was critical of the provincial grants cut. Mayor Garnet Williams said the town is suffering jump to \$11,500, retroactive regard because the provincto January 1, 1973, with an- ial grant system penalizes other \$1,000 increase starting rapidly growing municipalities like Markham that have While there was some dis- been well managed financpute between Councillors ially and held the line on

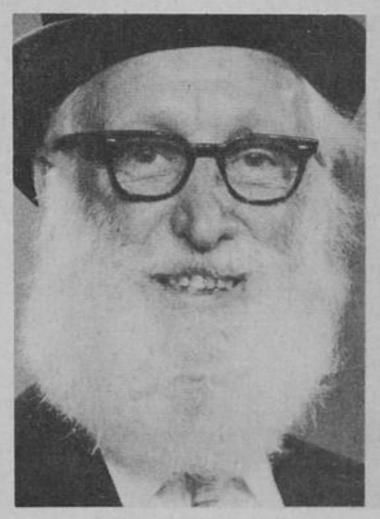
Mike Bevan and James Cam- taxes over the years. eron as to whether the in- "Especially when water creases were above or below and hydro rates are taken the 8 percent of government into account, we are far betneither opposed it in the icipalities south of Steeles Avenue," said Regional Councillor Ab Hollings- Councillor Adams.

ing the salaries was that the figures on comparative tax members had gone up from levels in the various munic-

briefly of the duties of that bion. King Mayor Margaret at the close of the short | Hardest hit are the Roman | North Thornhill Ward 2 "55 cents an hour to 70 ipalities in this area. TAX COMPARISON According to the Treasury, Economics and Intergoverna change in salary rates for the chairman and members mental Affairs Department, of the Vaughan Hydro Com- the provincial equalized mill rate comparison for various municipalities, with Mark-The chairman will receive ham lowest and about half

\$650 a year, plus \$50 for of North York's level, are as each of the monthly meetfollows: Aurora 19.732, Markham 12.761, Newmarket 19 .-333. Richmond Hill 16.942, The six commissioners will Vaughan 14.916, Whitchurch-\$50 for each meeting, for a limbury 15.047, Georgina 16.-066, King 15.722 and North In 1972 the commissioners York 23,985.

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man receiving an extra \$250.



(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Six Months Of Centennial Growth

The Gentlemen of the Bush who grew luxuriant crops of facial foliage in honor of Richmond Hill's Centennial Year had their hour of glory June 22 when prizes were awarded in two classes. Taking top honors in the full beard con-

test was (top row, left to right) Norman Stephenson with his pure white beard giving him the appearance of a most benign Santa Claus. Second place in this division went to

Dr. Bernard Granton and third to Vic Palmer. King of those with neatly trimmed beards (bottom row left to right) was judged to be Everett Baker, with Dale Kenzie in second place and Gil Mercer in third.

The five judges were Bruno Markhoff of Bruno's Hair Stylists in Toronto, Tony Magaletta and John Duni of Thornhill, Eric Basiano of Allencourt Barber Shop and Regional Councillor Lois Hancey.



