

Markham Town Taxes Turn Up

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Of these figures Barton said, "In my opinion we can be justifiably proud of the reflection."

Barton outlines the full impact on Markham of the provincial tax relief said in news reports to be being transformed to the municipalities by the increased sales tax. "You will note from this outline that the picture painted by the recent reports doesn't exist as far as our municipality is concerned for the year 1973," he said.

NEAR \$12 MILLION

Markham Town's total expenditures this year will total an estimated \$11,768,915, up from \$10,390,520 last year and \$9,988,259 in 1971. The major areas of increase or decrease are as follows:

- General administration up 6½% from \$491,000 to \$522,000;
- Engineering department up 17% from \$145,000 to \$170,000;
- Planning department up 98% from \$73,000 to \$144,500;
- Fire protection (not including capital costs) up 76% from \$235,000 to \$328,000;
- Building inspection department up 69% from \$68,000 to \$115,000;
- Roads department down 7% from \$1,332,000 to \$1,236,000;
- Parks expenditures (not including major capital costs) up 13½% from \$185,000 to \$210,000;
- Recreation up about 100% from \$117,000 to \$233,000, including an added \$67,000 to start operations at the new Markham Centennial Arena;
- Library expenditures up 33% from \$121,000 to \$161,000;
- Museum expenditures up 235% from \$7,700 to \$25,800;
- New transit service subsidy of \$28,000.

MORE PLANNING STAFF

Most of the planning department spending hike is for salaries, up \$30,000 to \$96,000. The department has recently moved into rented premises in the Don Mills industrial area and will cost \$7,000. But this move has freed space for other departments in the overcrowded Markham Municipal Building until the planned new addition is completed. An additional \$19,000 will be spent on planning consultants, one of the jobs being a study of the Buttonville Airport area where the operators are seeking to expand.

Most of the engineering services increase is due to more spending on salaries, up about \$17,000 to \$138,500. Most of the fire department increase goes to the enlarged new permanent firefighter staff, wage spending being up about \$86,000 to \$269,720 this year.

IMPROVING PARKS

Capital expenditures on parks this year are up about \$26,000 to \$86,000. Parks staff wages are up about \$42,000 to \$88,000 a year. Recreation spending on wages, full time and part time, is up about \$33,000 to over \$63,000. A new item is \$58,700 for operation of the Thornlea Swimming Pool. But capital expenditures in this department are down about \$20,000. This department also will generate about \$30,000 more in program revenue and grants this year to a total of \$71,400.

Library board debt charges rise about \$40,000 to \$161,620 in Markham Town this year.



(Photo by Fawn)

Langstaff Collision Proves Fatal

One man was killed and three other people injured in this motorcycle-truck collision on Yonge Street at Garden Avenue Sunday at 12:15 am.

Killed was James White, 19, of Roosevelt Drive, Langstaff, who was a passenger on a bike driven by Kim Adams of Birch Avenue, Richvale. The latter was in collision with a

truck driven by Terry Kirbyson, 19, of Millard Avenue, Newmarket.

Adams is in St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, in serious condition. Both Kirbyson and his passenger, Debra Beames, 18, of Nisbett Drive, Aurora, were treated at York Central Hospital for injuries. Richmond Hill Fire Department attended at the scene.

Fear Vaughan Garbage Deluge

A group of alarmed Vaughan Town Ratepayers are expressing fears that a deluge of garbage from Metro will be dumped on their heads any day now.

The ratepayers presented a resolution to a committee of Vaughan Town Council Monday evening urging council to strongly oppose any such proposal.

It reads: "Whereas Metro Toronto is actively seeking landfill sites for the disposal of garbage, and whereas such disposal methods cause considerable environmental damage, and whereas other methods of disposal are technologically feasible, be it resolved that the Maple Ratepayers Association are opposed to the disposal of Metro Toronto garbage in the Town of Vaughan.

"The Maple Ratepayers Association urges Vaughan Council to support this resolution."

The resolution was drafted at a recent meeting of the ratepayer's association at St. Stephen's Anglican Church which was attended by 60 citizens.

Councillor Jim Cameron warned Monday night that a Toronto-based group with a disposal service operation in the Maple area "is actively engaged in getting Metro Toronto to consider an alternative plan whereby garbage would be hauled into Vaughan."

"Time is simply running out on us," he said. "This group has already applied to the province for a license to operate disposal sites in this municipality."

"I'm afraid we may be caught just sitting around here watching the world events pass us by when the ratepayers of this municipality are obviously not happy with what's happening."

Councillor Fred Armstrong noted that the province "just might tell us that we lost out on this deal."

Councillor David Fraser objected to Councillor Cameron's suggestion that "we're just sitting around."

He also observed that the problem was a complicated one and agreed with Councillor Armstrong that "this matter of garbage isn't entirely in our control. The province might decide that there is no way the garbage is not going to come in here."

who made known his opposition to any Metro garbage dumping operation in Vaughan at the recent ratepayer's meeting.

He stated that the present "Mount Goodhead" operation is completed and then gave details of recent proposals for expanding the existing dump area.

(Norman Goodhead, the former reeve of North York, is one of the persons involved in Disposal Services operation working out of a dumping site just north of Maple. The continued shuttling of garbage trucks to and from the site through Maple has resulted in numerous complaints from the residents.)

Councillor Cameron told the group that two large garbage disposal groups with substantial American financing and ownership are pressuring Vaughan Council for agreement to re-zone large areas for four major northern dumping areas. Councillor Cameron stated his opposition to such expansion plans.

Ratepayers Glen Noreliffe and Ian West spoke of the long range problems involved in such expansion, including water, air and noise pollution.

The continuing waste of natural resources was commented on and re-cycling was suggested as one major alternative.

It was also stressed that Metro Toronto would continue to dump its garbage forever unless pressured into alternate methods which are now technologically feasible.

Many questions asked about the existing landfill operation and the proposed schemes. One member commented that the past performance of the Disposal Service Operation was poor.

Councillor Cameron said the company had operated without a licence for some time.

"Trucks travel to and from the site at all hours. The resulting traffic, in conjunction with the large number of sand-and-gravel trucks, causes intolerable nuisance to the residents of Keele Street and Major Mackenzie Road."

Another Maple ratepayer, Bill King, expressed disapproval to "The Liberal" over the apparent reluctance of council to support the citizens.

"You'll find that in any municipality which has successfully fought off Metro garbage that the councils have been one hundred percent behind them.

"It doesn't seem to be happening that way and we find ourselves battling a billion dollar operation on our own."

Mayor Garnet Williams told "The Liberal" that council had been approached by interests "regarding dumping garbage in the municipality but we've had no firm application. That's the way the situation is at the moment."

He added that it was his understanding that if any garbage operation was started up in Vaughan it "would be strictly industrial waste. I haven't heard anything about us receiving Metro's garbage."

He noted that the province was the one that issued licences for garbage disposal site operations and it was up to council to rezone the areas

It was pointed out that a works committee report on the situation was being prepared with Councillor Mike Bevan terming it an "excellent guideline for the problem that is facing council in this matter."

Councillor Cameron said he didn't expect council to "deal with this problem overnight. I'm all in favor of waiting for the report just so long as it doesn't reach us six months from now when it might be too late."

He also disagreed with the comment by Councillor Fraser that the garbage problem might be out of the municipality's control.

"It certainly isn't out of our control in the short run," he said. He added that council did control the zoning bylaws on disposal pits and should strive to work as effectively as possible from that viewpoint.

Councillor Fraser explained he wasn't stating he was "for or against the garbage situation at the moment. I'm only saying we've got to sit down and use an entire evening to study the pro's and con's of the entire matter."

"It's not simply a matter of supporting or opposing such an eventuality at this time."

Councillor Ab Hollingshead took a "realistic" viewpoint stating that if "this Metro garbage deal is imposed on us we should be prepared to make a fantastic deal as regards bypass roads and royalties in order to overcome the objections of the ratepayers of Maple."

He concluded by stating emphatically unless "such 'fantastic' arrangements are forthcoming I am prepared to support the ratepayer's resolution later on. And those arrangements will have to be better than anything they've come up with yet."

Council decided to accept the resolution for further study before considering any action.

It was Councillor Cameron

Girl Historian Faces Thornhill Bulldozer

History, oblivious Thornhill and national historians and the religious, crashed head on with progress in the form of a looming bulldozer last week.

And the roof fell in Tuesday night on Markham Town Council.

It was Gibson House and Fort York all over again.

Town planners and builder Steven Baron found an historic and religious building and pilgrim's miracle well smack in the centre of an \$8,000,000 blueprint for six storeys of stacked condominium townhouses that unbelievably has been five years in reaching the construction stage.

Residing in that historic building dating back to the early 1800s, a building said to be one of the most important such structures in Ontario, is a sweet young Thornhill lady teacher of Canadiana at Seneca College. She has been spending thou-

sands of dollars on restoration, building preservation and antique furnishings.

The bulldozer bought the land and didn't know Miss Elizabeth Smith was there. Miss Smith thought she had years to make her plans and arrangements for a permanent preservation of the site at 16 Elgin Street, Thornhill.

After nearly two months hearing about it all in council, nobody seemed much further ahead. The builder says economics of operations mean construction must start in three weeks at most. Miss Smith says it just can't.

"We were just totally amazed. Now all of a sudden we're confronted by petitions from a great number of prominent people. This council is faced with a real dilemma that I don't know how to resolve," said Markham Mayor Anthony Roman.

Miss Smith, builder Baron and the mayor were gingerly moving toward a meeting

in question to permit dumping.

"Of course, the province has the authority to over-ride any municipality," he added.

The ratepayers plan to carry their fight to Pollution Probe, Metro Conservation Authority, York Regional Council and ultimately... maybe even the courts.

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Jewellers Play Steady Ball Defeat Winston Park By 4-1

The Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers struck early and late Tuesday night as they put down the Winston Park Caterers 4-1 in a Toronto and District Major Fastball League game at Winston Park.

Bob Domik and Wally Dick shared mound duties for the Jewellers with Domik going five innings and getting credit for the win. He allowed two hits, walked three, and struck out 11. He allowed the only run. Dick tossed the final four innings

allowing three hits while striking out seven and walking one.

The Jewellers tagged Starter Clive Gregory for two runs and 10 hits in his seven innings. He walked one and struck out seven. Al Griffin replaced in the eighth and allowed two runs, two hits, a walk, while striking out one.

Domik ran into some early trouble as he walked Larry Rodgers, Keith Gray singled and then he walked Ray O'Quinn to load the bases. He settled down to strike out the next two batters but walked Frank Laverde to force in a run. He retired the side on a force-out.

The Jewellers moved ahead 2-1 in the third inning as Bob McLellan tripled and then came home on a perfect sacrifice bunt by Mickey Hancock.

Richmond Hill scored its final two runs in the ninth inning as Bruce Staughton tripled, Dick walked, and Hancock singled both of them home.

Eckman Passenger In Crash Vehicle

Two Thornhill residents were killed when the car in which they were driving, was in collision with another vehicle on Bathurst Street in Richmond Hill, June 13.

Killed instantly was Steven Rowley, 17, of 110 Oak Avenue, driver of one of the cars, while Donald Eckman, 36, of 119 Romfield Circuit, his passenger, died about two hours later in York Central Hospital.

Police said that Rowley had been going at a high rate of speed south on Bathurst Street near Elgin Mills Road, when he lost control and was in collision with a northbound car, driven by George Goulding, RR 2, Maple.

In an earlier story, "The Liberal" inadvertently reported that Mr. Eckman was the driver of the other car.

Mr. Goulding sustained slight injuries, and his wife, Rita, and their daughter, Tracey, 11, suffered multiple injuries and were treated at York Central Hospital.

COMING EVENTS

JUNE 28, THURSDAY, 8 pm
—Richvale monthly euchre, 31 Spruce Avenue. Refreshments. Admission \$1.00. c2w51

JUNE 29 AND 30, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY—5th Annual Highland Games, Uxbridge Park, Friday 6-12 pm. Ceilidh and Beer Garden. Saturday 11. Piping and Band Competitions, games, Highland Dancing Championship. Massed Bands at 2 and 5 pm. Evening entertainment. Admission \$1.50 per person. c2w51

JULY 1, SUNDAY — 10-6, Antique show and sale, Lions' Hall, 106 Centre Street East, Richmond Hill. Furniture, china, glass, silver, jewellery, brass, pictures. Bargains galore. Sale held first Sunday every month. Donations to Leukemia Fund. c1w-48

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