northern part of the town.

asked his fellow councillors

to take a position on the is-

LAND BANK STUDY

lic land needs may be com-

Debate on Moran's motion

in council Tuesday of last

look at public land policy.

new Director of Park and

Recreation Danny Costea

said terms of reference for

an overall study are being

discussed with Brad Johnson

of the planning consultant

firm Johnson, Sustronk,

Weinstein and Associates

Limited, 819 Yonge Street,

BY YEAR'S END

hope of having a report be-

providing the right person-

nel are immediately avai-

North Thornhill Council-

lor Roy Muldrew of Ward 2

roves the study there

Costea says if council ap-

pleted before year's end

Markham Town Council,

sue in a recorded vote.

meeting Moran noted the vor. We should study it first,

town's growing public land though," said South Thorn-

payers.

GLASSES

"Fitted to your Eye Doctor's Prescription" 34 YONGE ST. S. - 884-1955

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HOME PAPER OF THE DISTRICT SINCE 1878

Asks 50-Acre Ward 6 Park

Says Nobody Is Planning Century Ahead

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(Left to right) Director Walter Armstrong of Antigua-Bermuda Information Office in Toronto, Selwyn Walter, Minister of Trade, Industry and Commerce, Antigua;

(Photo by Susan Samila) Centaur General Manager Donald Hamilton; Economic Adviser to the Minister Ralph Francis examine product of local manufactur-

Local Product Goes To Antigua

sitors September 13.

mic advisor to the Minister, trucks which will give 50,- bean. The men came from the They arrived shortly after | 000 miles of service without | Centeur General Manager State of Antigua, formerly four pm and left after seven a tuneup) and a little elec- Donald Hamilton has been a a British colony, in the West pm, after looking at the tronic ignition computer, stamp collector for years Indies and were Selwyn firm's products and placing The visitors were particular- and has in his possession se-

Walter, Minister of Trade, an order. 800 Hill Properties

About 800 residents and businessmen in

Richmond Hill will acquire new addresses March

1, without having to move, as Richmond Hill

Council agreed September 10 to take the first

step toward elimination of confusion in street

numbering in the new town. This first step will

include the renumbering of premises on Bathurst,

Yonge and Leslie Streets and Bayview Avenue,

starting at Highway 7 the town's southern

boundary and ending at the Gormley Sideroad.

To Be Renumbered

A Richmond Hill indust- Industry and Commerce; Centaur manufactures a ducts which might be manury, Centaur Manufacturing Walter Armstrong, director capacitive discharge electro- factured in Antigua for Co. Ltd., 57 Newkirk Road, of the information office nic ignition system (an elec- marketing throughout the received three important vi- and Ralph Francis, econo- tronic package for cars and West Indies and the Carib-

ly interested in the former, veral Antigua stamps dating believing that it will prove back to 1860. He had them very popular in the West at the plant to show to his Indies and Caribbean is- guests, who were quite inlands. On receipt of this ini- trigued, particularly since it tial order, they will conduct was the first time they had a market and technical sur- seen the very early postage vey and if the results of this stamps. They were particuare favorable will take out larly interested in the Nela manufacturing license. son commemorative stamps, This was their main ob- since that British naval hero jective in visiting Canada was stationed on their island

Student Smoking May Be Bad For Teachers

mitted by the Ontario School used Trustees Council, apropos of The York Board will disa recent incident in British cuss the matter at its next Columbia.

Municipalities

Found Wanting

An important report on

vernment level in the pro-

on Page 12.

Although not elaborating on the incident, the B.C. School Teachers' Association, as a result, advised its Waive Study Fees members of the federal statute covering the matter, Senior Citizens way 7 and the old town li- Road on the west and Marand subject to a fine or immits will retain their pre- kham Road on the east. prisonment if found guilty. tained legal opinions on the a \$3 registration fee.

> "who merely designates a Aurora. UNIQUE SYSTEM

been posted making the de- ses themselves. ment, waterworks depart- numbers running north and the rule, it was not felt the fine department byd- south of that point and the rule, it was not felt the English for new Canadians, should consider the idea of ficit in the operation of the now. Farm land prices are was born in Bristol, Eng- came into being. He had sometiment byd- completed 55 years of ser-

carried out this summer for Residents were not happy the town by John Cottrill, at the time with this duplia local university student, cation in numbers on both then and still does, but have

His study also revealed ation.

about these changes, was point.

12,250 range.

About 500 of those affected are on Yonge Street. Planning committee had that there are 20 street recommended the starting name duplications in Richdate for use of the new num- mond Hill and that there bers as January 1, 1974, but is a lack of adequate council decided that more mapping for the Oak Ridges notice was necessary, espe- area, where, particularly on cially to give businesses time | the east side of Yonge, lack to use up present stocks of of street numbers creates stationery, so set the later problems in deliveries, and for the fire and police de-The Vaughan system of partments. A further probnumbering, which ties in lem was found in the names with the Metro system will of major arterial roads east be used, with one number and west of Yonge Street allotted for every 20 feet of for instance Carrville Road frontage. Properties on on the west and 16th Ave-Yonge Streets between High- nue on the east, Vaughan

sent numbers, since they al- Because of these problems ready follow the system used the committee agreed to dein Vaughan. Top numbers lay the renumbering of the in the north will be in the streets involved until the duplication of street names LETTERS, NEW NUMBERS has been eliminated. The Individual letters of noti- work will be continued next fication to owners and te- summer, with the hope that nants will be sent out in it can be completed then.

the near future, it was reported, and a list of the new | Old Richmond Hill's street numbers will be sent to the numbering, a renumbering Assessment Branch of the carried out more than two Department of Municipal decades ago, is rather Affairs in Newmarket, the unique, with the even num-Bell Telephone Company, bers on east-west streets on Consumers' Gas Company, the south side and on northlocal postmasters, the town's south streets on the west building department, clerk's side. Centre Street was chodepartment, treasury depart- sen as the dividing line with ro and the York Regional Yonge Street was the other dividing line with east-west The study, which brought numbering starting at that

who had done the same type sides of the dividing lines, of work last year for Vau- which created confusion 20 NAME DUPLICATIONS had to live with the situ-

A Year Of Celebration CENTENNIAL EVENTS FOR THIS WEEK

September 21-Richmond Hill Firefighters' Smoker

September 22-Juvenile Girls' Ball Tournament

School principals who al- | The second opinion stated low smoking by students un- that a school principal der 16 in areas under their "should not allow any area control, may be contributing | under his control to be used juvenile delinquency, as a smoking area, which York County Board of Edu- persons under the age of 16 cation was informed last are permited to use."

It added that the principal The information, in the should use strong measures form of a warning, was sub- to see that the area was not

meeting September 24.

Senior citizens in York Both the B.C. Association Region will now be able to and B.C. school board ob- take night classes for only

matter, and these were also The new policy was agsent to the Ontario Associ- reed to September 10 by York County Board of Edu-The first one was of the cation following a motion by opinion that a principal Trustee Norman Weller of

smoking area for students | Mr. Weller asked that secould be said to have aided, nior citizens of 65 and over abetted or connived at the be allowed to attend conticommission of a delinquen- nuing education classes in the board's adult education However, in a senior high program for \$3, without any school, where signs have further charge for the cour-

for a driver education course.

cost \$6, plus fee.

Paul Hickey, a long time | board.

finds much room for im- geared especially for senior land need provisions. provement at the local go- citizens.

to the municipalities here | Schools.

two schools. said.

revealed the study was being contemplated when he was stating his position on Councillor Moran's park land purchase motion. The council backed away from passing Moran's motion but got the Dickson Hill councillor to agree to introduce a more general motion calling for purchase of park land wherand Canadian manufactu- for some years in the early ever practical and fearing firms to look for pro- part of his career. sible. This motion passed by unanimous vote with

> Moran in his bulletin to ratepayers appealed for property owners who would donate or offer for sale land sites of 50 acres or more for public ownership. He told council he already has two offers from interested land-

all members of council

QUALIFIED SUPPORT

A council representative on the town recreation committee. Councillor Muldrew wanted Moran's suggestion referred to the committee. Muldrew pointed out the large amounts of money recently spent on land in the built up southern parts of the town were for building sites and not for parks, something which should be taken into account when Moran listed the large sums being spent and criticized the lack of parks in Ward Sr. Building

Regional Councillor Ro-Regional Councillor Ro-bert Adams of Thornhill Starts Soon said he was prepared to support Moran's motion. Adams,

MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

hind the Moran motion, other two buildings.

in the Department of Mu- that a course might even- hadn't assumed the respon- preference.

MAYOR IN FAVOR

\$635,000

says Markham's Victoria Square-Dickson Hill Ward 6 Councillor Ron Moran who has started member of council recom- lance of the capital budpushing for a 50 to 60 acre municipal park in his park. In 1903 Parks Board 000. planning accomplishments over 50 years or more took up the issue and in total, Markham isn't spen- landscape, he said. at the municipal level in Winnipeg and Toronto, 1904 the City of Winnipeg ding the 10% or \$133,000 in Moran points out the town purchased 283 acres of Ward 6. Rather all Ward 6 has paid \$60,000 and \$10,000 Councillor Moran recently introduced the park woodland and prairie along is getting this year is \$1,330 an acre recently for arena land acquisition idea in a bulletin to Ward 6 ratethe south side of the Assi- for work and equipment at sites in Thornhill and Old niboine River for \$39,963. At the last town council, "I'm sure we're all in fa-

Wants Park Planning

NOW 375 ACRES

shell, picnic grounds, eating

shelter, palm house. And fi-

nally further land was do-

"Today it is worth \$51

waste of money. Who will

doesn't warrant it." Well

"What has this got to

do with Ward 6, or Mar-

kham? Plenty. Because no

long plans were made for

the Thornhill area of Mar-

kham, council recently

had to pay \$900,000 for

less than 15 acres. Of

course, we all have to pay

our share of this in our

value of long range planning

is the Prince Edward Via-

duct. In 1912 engineer Tho-

mas Taylor did some real

bridge to carry subway

trains under the road sur-

face. This did cost money.

millions because of this fore-

sight. Where, oh where, are

our dreamers today?" asked

Councillor Moran in his ra-

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

The Markham councillor

went on to ask his consti-

tuents if they were aware of

"As of January 1973 there

were 42,861 residents in the

Town of Markham, That

there are about 4,300 resi-

dents in Ward 6 (10% of the

population occupying half

the town's area). That there

is about 22,800 acres in

Ward 6 (the area north of

16th Avenue). That Ward

6 has only one park, five ac-

res at Victoria Square, That

the rest of Markham has

267 acres of park land and

still is short of it. That

Ward 6 should have another

262 acres just to be equal

"Victoria Square (our on-

ly Ward 6 park) has a hoc-

conservation park at Bruce's

(based on area).

tepayer bulletin.

the following facts:

taxes!" said Moran.

shortage, particularly in the hill Ward 1 Councillor Gary Thornhill area. He intro- Kay. duced a motion calling for Councillor Moran repapproval in principle of the lied, "With an (Ward 6) 50 to 60-acre park idea and area of 40 square miles with one five-acre park, there is obviously a need. I'm looking for a major park, not some 15 acres."

Questioned on what would however, is awakening al- be a major park, Parks and ready to the park, recreation Recreation Director Costea and public land need prob- replied that anything over lem. There is hope a con- 50 acres could be considesultant's study of town pub- red a major park. ASKS REPORT FIRST

"We're doing it backwards. We should have a report of professional staff week revealed the town is and consultants before vo-"setting the wheels in moting. We have the powers tion" for a comprehensive (to take land). I want to look and make sure we're Questioned Thursday, the getting the best piece land before I do anything," said Councillor Muldrew.

nated and purchased bring the park up to its pre-Northern Markham Counsent 375 acres! cillor Moran presented the park land issue to his consmillion! Originally it was tituents as follows: miles from town. But today

"Once upon a time a man had a dream. Happily this dream came true. It was in 1892 when Winnipeg had

fore the end of the year, No Steam Engine use it? Our population So No Color Tour fortunately a man had

In a statement released Friday, Richmond Hill Mayor William Lazenby announced, with regret, that the Centennial '73 Train Color Tour scheduled for the weekend of October 13-14, has had to be cancelled. The major purpose and theme the railway trip was to revive the nostalgia of steam locomotive buffs of a nearly extinct method of transportation. Coupled with this was to be an opportunity for Richmond Hill residents to view the glorious fall colors in the areas to the north. However, no steam locomotive But today Toronto has saved was available for the trip.

The mayor paid tribute to the efforts and co-operation of CNR Manager Robert Doty of Toronto Area and Supervisor Passenger Sales Fred Rowell in attempting to provide the steam locomotive. He also publicly thanked Dr. Bernard Granton and Shirley Gurney who composed a sub-committee to arrange the tour, Norman Stephenson of the Richmond Hill Senior Citizens Club and Chairman Robert Warner of the Centennial Committee for personal involvement in the project.

An early start can be ex- key pad, a ball diamond, chairman of the council's pected on the new senior ci- picnic area, slide, etc. But town planning committee, tizens apartment building to 4,300 people living in . . . said it was quite refreshing be erected next to the exis- say Unionville . . . would neto hear the kind of propo- ting apartments on the ver settle for one park! Yes sal being brought forward south side of Dufferin I know there is a 270-acre

Wednesday evening of last Mill, just north of (Old) week in a hastily called Markham. This is used by Adams said he was quite special meeting of Richmond many Metro people and the A resident of Richmond The seal of the Toronto land "because they're not the contract to R. Reusse Councillor Moran. making it any more." He Construction Limited, Eglin- MORAN PROPOSAL

students under 16, with a pay from a low of \$4, plus have a long term plan for Richmond Hill taxpayers council should acquire 50 to fore he would have celebra- August 31, 1921, as the Toteacher on hand to enforce registration fee, to study a public land bank and will pick, up 7% of any de- 60 acres in Ward 6 right ted his 96th birthday. He ronto Transit Commission principal could be held li- to \$55, plus registration fee, developing a municipal golf building. which will, how- as low as they will likely land. ever, pay full municipal ever be again. The provin- Mr. Plewman served Rich- vice with transit in Toron-Regional Councillor Harry taxes. This is the same ag- cial government has indica- mond Hill United Church in to at the time of his retire-The majority of courses Crisp threw his support be- reement in force with the ted our area as a green belt. many capacities, being the ment in 1947.

The first term begins Oc- Former town clerk Crisp All suites in the new buil- "A member of council told dent for a decade, and also tober 1, with the second said the idea of buying a ding will be one-bedroom, me that farmers and estate serving as elder and recor- Lillian (Mrs. Eric Warringterm starting January 7. big chunk of land was tried living room, kitchen and residents have open space. ding steward for many ton) of England, Margaret At present, neither North out as a Centennial project, bath units, whether occupied I replied that a field of corn years. He was the first preadministration standards York or Simcoe County but there was too much op- by a couple or by a single isn't park. And if residents sident of the Richmond Hill toba and Mrs. May Metcalfe and effectiveness in On- charges a fee to senior citi- position to spending money tenant. Rents will be geared of Ward 6 are paying their Senior Citizens and the contario municipalities was zens, Ron Hall, acting di- on it at that time. to income with the OHC in share for parks, they too can tinued growth and interest recently completed by rector of education, told the Regional Councillor Adams charge of selecting the te- expect to enjoy a park with- of this group is a tribute to interjected that it was too nants. Applicants with the out having to drive for mi- the firm basis established assistant deputy minister | Mr. Weller also suggested bad the former council greatest need will have the les," said Moran.

In a memo distributed

the Victoria Square park LACK BIG PARK

doesn't have a major town than \$3,000 to \$7,000 an park and should have one. acre when nearby land ex-A 50 to 60 acre park would propriated recently for the provide adequate grounds new international airport for large pienies of church, sold for as low as \$2,000 an community or service orga- acre. At the same time, land nizations. At the same time sites will soar in Ward 6 afit would provide more ade- ter the airport is built, he quately for local residents. Control of the park would

New Bell Formula

"Later a zoo was added, legislated by the Ontario prices are still low. then a pavilion, formal gar-Government. dens, cricket grounds, band-

Bell Canada will be paying the town \$116.344 in 1973 taxes, according to the new formula.

The gross receipts tax is a unique form of municipal tax paid only by telephone and telegraph companies in Ontario municipalities. It is paid to cover the value of it is in the very heart of poles and lines and outside a city with a population of plant and is levied in ad-517,000. Yet when it was dition to normal real estate first proposed critics cried, and business taxes. "We don't need it. It's a

paid the tax to each municipality in which it operated by applying the local mill rate to the gross receipts taken in that municipality, up to a maximum of 5% of gross receipts.

Under the new legislation | Road when it was struck and new formula the tax by a northbound vehicle, will be computed on the number of telephones in service in a municipality at each year's end, multiplying this by 5% of the company's gross receipts in Ontario, and then dividing "Another example of the by the total number of Bell phones in Ontario.

It is expected that 825 municipalities will receive tax increases this year and dreaming and designed the 22 municipalities will be affected adversely under the new formula

"Where, oh where, are our dreamers today?" | a population of 29,411 that | is approximately \$166,000. | be in Markham's hands. It George Carruthers as a Added to this is the ba- wouldn't be controlled by the conservation authority or mended that a large tract of get of \$118,000, for a to- private owners. All Markham land be bought for a city tal for the year of \$533,- residents could enjoy nature Listing outstanding examples of long term | Chairman H. Sandison again | In contrast to this town nic areas and tree-covered trails, flower gardens, pic-

Markham-Unionville areas. Land bought now in Ward 6 Moran says Markham shouldn't cost any more

maintains. TIME TO ACT The northern Markham councillor urged in his memo that now is the time for the town to act, when the Brings Hill \$78,099 land is zoned agricultural, while the minister's order A substantial \$78,099 in- freezing the land is in efcrease in municipal taxes | fect in the airport vicinity, will be paid to Richmond while the provincial govern-Hill by Bell Canada this ment looks upon the area as year as a result of a change green belt, and while land

Port Credit Couple Killed

A Port Credit couple was killed when their car was involved in a collision with another vehicle at Highway 11 and Gormley Stouffville Road, Monday night about 6:50 pm.

Dead are Jack Partridge, 52, and his wife, Evelyn, Under the old system Bell 49, of Oakwood Avenue

According to Provincial Police at Oak Ridges, the Partridge vehicle had been proceeding south on No. 11 and was making a left turn onto Stouffville driven by a Michele Pat-

No other details were available.

This intersection is at present the subject of public controversy. Citizens have complained after a number of fatal and personal property accidents since it was recently rebuilt. York Region Council has asked the province to reconsider the design. (See story Page 5).



ALBERT EDWARD PLEWMAN

Dies In 96th Year

What better way is there? Sunday school superinten-

and the recreation budget removed from service.

prepared to see the town be Hill Council approval was authorities don't allow any Hill since 1920, who made Railway Company was afpoor because of spending on given for the OHC to award organized sports there," said many contributions to life in fixed to the document that this community, Albert Ed- brought to termination the ward Plewman, died Sep- franchise of the TRC after signated area off limits to At present, students can suggested the town should ton Avenue East, Toronto. "What I propose is that tember 15 just 10 days be- 32 years of operation on completed 55 years of ser-

grandchildren and six greatgrandchildren.

His ties with transpor- The funeral service was nicipal Affairs. Hickey tually be set up that was sibility for making future R. Reusse Construction is to council before the mee- tation in Toronto date back held Tuesday afternoon in the firm which built the 67- ting, Moran pointed out to 1892, when as a lad of 15 Richmond Hill United suite senior citizens building the town is spending he began to work with the Church with Rev. Robert In Richmond Hill, courses Mayor Anthony Roman at 76 Dufferin Street. The about \$1,375,000 on the Toronto Railway Company Smith officiating. Interment vince. An extensive story are held at Bayview and favored Moran's intention new building will be a dup- Bullock Drive arena and on the day the first electri- followed in Mt. Pleasant Ceon the report as it applies | Don Head Secondary but said he opposed putting licate of this and connected about \$3,500,000 on the cally-driven cars went into metery. Toronto. Pallbearers any figures in the park land to it by a one-storey wing Thornhill community cen- service on Church Street. were three grandsons, Herbie in York Region has been Registration dates are purchase motion. "I'd be a which will house common tre, John and Bayview Two years later these cars and David Plewman and prepared by this newspa- September 24 and 25, bet- lot happier if there was no facilities. Cost of the new Avenue. The 1973 parks served the whole city and Michael Metcalfe and three per. It appears this week | ween 7 pm and 9 pm at the figure on it now," the mayor building will be around \$260.000 | the last horse-drawn car was nephews. Dayton, George and Gordon Plewman.