

# Annswell Gone, Restoration Cost Too Much

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"It has been asserted that the house was owned by Sutton Frizzell in 1837 and that it was from there that his son Richard set out to warn the authorities in Toronto of the coming of the rebels. The records show that Frizzell did own the property in question but that this was a full 20 years before the feat ascribed to his son and almost certainly long before any house was built there. Further, it must be pointed out that the credibility of the tale of Richard's heroics is not above question since it is based only on reminiscences recorded years after the event in Robertson's 'Landmarks of Toronto'.

"It has also been stated that the house was built in 1810-20. Again the records examined do not substantiate the claim. Throughout the 30 years following the land's alienation from the Crown it was owned by land speculators. Based on this fact and the absence of any sudden substantial increase in the value of the property which might reflect an improvement such as the building of a house, it is highly unlikely that any house was built before John Griffith purchased the 75 acres in 1833. As indicated above, Griffith sold a one-acre lot in 1837 to Thomas Harris and judging by the price he must have put a house on it before the sale. It was this property, located immediately north of the present house, Annswell, which was purchased by Dr. Reid when he came to Thornhill.

"When Reid made his purchase from the British America Fire and Life Assurance Company there was already a house on the property. The deed lists the properties concerned in this transaction including 'the lot also fronting on Yonge Street upon which the dwelling and other buildings are erected and on which the said John Griffith resided'. This lot is further described as immediately north of Lot 3 on the north side of Elgin Street and it is the only unnumbered lot on the plan enclosed with the indentures.

"As the location of Griffith's house and Annswell correspond, it seems safe to assume that they are one and the same, and that Dr. Reid moved to Griffith's former home when he purchased the property. This assumption is the more likely since it is clear from Reid's will that the years before his death he was living on land acquired from the Assurance Company and not on the lot purchased in 1843. Also mentioned in the will is the fact that Dr. Reid spent \$100 on his dwelling house shortly after purchasing it from the Assurance Company.

"On the basis of the above it appears that Annswell was probably built by John Griffith, although it was later enlarged by Dr. Reid. The date of construction was after 1833, probably about 1840 or so.

"The claim for the historical significance of the house also rests on its association with Holy Ann Preston, who since her death in 1906 has gained

wide recognition through the distribution of a short biography, 'An Irish Saint' by Helen Bingham.

"Ann Preston was born in Ballinacally, County Armagh, Ireland in 1810. She was one of six grandchildren born to a poor family, her father being a herdsman. She received no formal education and at an early age was taken into the household of a deeply religious woman called Mrs. McKay. It was during her sojourn in this strong Irish Methodist household that Ann Preston underwent a violent conversion which seems to have cured an early inclination towards whiskey. Shortly after her conversion she became a servant with another Methodist household, that of Dr. John Reid.

"When the Reids decided to emigrate to Canada Ann accompanied them. They just settled at Toronto but later moved to Thornhill where the doctor purchased a house from Thomas Harris. Ann probably accompanied them when in 1848-49 the family moved to the former Griffith homestead, now known as Annswell. The death of Mrs. Reid about this time made Ann responsible for the whole family.

The death of Mrs. Reid also caused Ann to undergo another conversion which further strengthened her religious nature. It became her custom to address God familiarly and to discuss all matters with him. So devout was she that a term of derision chalked upon Dr. Reid's door by some neighborhood boys remained with her for life

and it became a matter of earnest endeavor to her that she live up to the name 'Holy Ann'.

"A number of miracles are ascribed to Ann. Although without education or the ability to read anything else, she could read the Bible fluently and constantly amazed people by her intimate knowledge of it. She is also said to have refilled Dr. Reid's well when it went dry during the summer months.

"In her old age members of the Reid family established her in a small house on Yonge Street in Thornhill. Later she spent time with friends in the area and at the time of her death was living with a friend in Toronto.

"During her lifetime she appears to have established a considerable local reputation and numbered among her friends and admirers the mayor of Toronto who said after her death: 'I have had two honors this week. It has been my privilege to have an interview with the president of the United States... and I have been pained to have to bury the latter most.'

"Since Ann Preston's death her reputation has spread considerably, chiefly through the publication in 1907 of a short biography. This book has been printed in six languages and has gone through 28 editions. It is claimed that numbers of people have come over the years to visit the well and the buildings, particularly a prayer house built for Ann, mentioned in the book."

# Another Council Look At Vaughan Dump

Despite protestations by Councillor James Cameron that council was straying far from its original resolution, Vaughan Council Monday afternoon agreed to take another look at Disposal Services Landfill operation in the town.

The company, whose lease was up in June, was the subject of a recommendation by the works committee, headed by Fred Armstrong, calling for the town solicitor to apply for an order of possession of the lands being used by the company, or alternatively, for an injunction to prevent such use.

The company has operated the landfill operation on Concession 3 in Vaughan for the past 20 years.

Monday, Murray Chusid appeared before council with his client, Norman Goodhead,

owner of Disposal Services, to offer a few proposals.

He said he had sent a letter to council saying that the company was prepared to cease all operations on the Maple landfill site on or before December 15, 1973.

Mr. Chusid said it would take until that time to round out the contours of the site to bring it in line with the formations of the surrounding area, an observation that later prompted Councillor Cameron to remark that the irregular contours were the result of faulty dumping in the first place.

**PROPOSED CONDITIONS**

Mr. Chusid asked council to give the company the right to go onto the Avondale site, just north of the present operation, so it could continue its operation.

He said the company was

producing several conditions for the municipality to consider. The company would not remove the fire tower it had on the property; it would pay a royalty based on the tonnage disposed of; it would accept residential waste, so the Vaughan dump could be closed up; the company would enter into an agreement that would give Vaughan effective controls of the site. The latter would ensure that "what we say — we'll do"; the company was prepared to discuss a change in zoning, of 20 acres of land that it owned nearby, in order to give the town the assurance that it wouldn't be used for dumping.

Mr. Chusid asked that the agreement be made for six months, during which time it hoped to have some kind of answer from the Department of the Environment on its application for a permanent operation.

He said also that the new disposal operation would all be conducted by rail, with the garbage brought in in bales.

This would not only eliminate all trucks, but would help cut down pollution. It would be the first such operation of its kind in North America.

**NOT IMPRESSED**

Councillor Cameron was still not impressed, lease expiry was June, 1973, and the company was still there. Why should council now believe it would vacate in De-

ember?

"That doesn't mean we will transgress forever," said Mr. Chusid.

He said landfill was a big business and it wasn't the intention of the company to violate the rules "Willy Nilly."

"It hardly behooves us to break the rules left, right and centre," Mr. Chusid said. "We have a tremendous amount at stake."

Councillor Cameron said council had been remiss previously for not enforcing the bylaws where the dump operation was concerned. It was time it took a stand. Also, the company's change of heart had come "late in the day."

Mayor Garnet Williams said he resented Mr. Cameron's allegations; nobody had more rights served against him by the town than Mr. Goodhead.

Councillor Jack Gilbert also termed Councillor Cameron's remarks, "irresponsible."

When asked by Mayor Williams if the company planned any recycling, Mr. Chusid said they wanted to recycle everything they could. It was a "dollars and cents" proposition.

Councillor David Fraser, in reviewing the situation, said Goodhead had previously lived up to his agreement, and moved that the matter be tabled until council could meet with its engineer.

Council agreed.

# Hungry Vaughan Nats Spoil Debut Of New-Look Hill Rams

**BY FRED SIMPSON**

The Vaughan Nationals were the opportunists Tuesday night and the Richmond Hill Rams weren't.

Result: The Nats skated away with a 5-2 Provincial Junior A hockey league victory spoiling the home debut of the new-look Rams in the process.

Vaughan scored no less than three goals with Rams' players cooling their heels in the penalty box, for good measure, scored another one while the Rams had a man advantage.

Story of the game. The inexperienced and youthful Rams did manage to outshoot the visitors 25-21 but a number of their shots were from a considerable distance out and were easily blocked by Nats' goalie Kevin Walton.

**TOP NATS SCORER**

Brian Burch led the Nats with two goals while Brian Wilton, Ray Koopman and Bob Osborne added singles.

Returnee Jim Clement and newcomer Steve Glover scored for the Rams.

The Nats opened the scoring at the 2:22 mark of the opening period when Wilton shot from the side and found the netting behind Richmond Hill starting goalie Brian Stankiewicz.

**RAMS PULL GOALIE**

Stankiewicz made some good saves during his tenure in the nets but couldn't come up with the big saves which the Rams needed. He was removed after the Nats scored their fifth and final goal with 11:50 left in the third period and was replaced by Doug Brummell.

The Nats made it 2-0 at 9:26 when Richmond Hill's Mike Hartman walked into a high-sticking penalty with Burch finding the corner behind Stankiewicz on a low shot.

Richmond Hill gave the home fans something to cheer about at 13:06 when Mike Hartman shovelled the puck to Clement at the side of the Vaughan net. Clement's swipe found the puck deflecting off Goalie Walton and into the nets.

**NATS STRIKE AGAIN**

Vaughan was at it again with less than two minutes remaining in the period when Richmond Hill was again playing a man short.

Burch got a clear breakaway, went in on Stankiewicz and again found the corner on a 10-foot shot. There were no Ram defenders near him at the time.

Richmond Hill finally capitalized on a Vaughan penalty in the second period with Glover going right in to pop the puck home on a goalmouth play. The Nats were two men short at the time.

**SAD FIGHT DISPLAY**

The same sequence saw Rams' Hartman and Goalie Walton end up in a fist fight which was the only sign of any violence throughout the somewhat tranquil contest. Both got five minutes.

Vaughan put the game on ice at 12:28 of the period again with a man advantage as Koopman put the puck home from a scramble in front of the Richmond Hill goal.

The Rams didn't have much steam going for them in the final 20 minutes and

it was all over at 8:10 as Bob Osborne scored the final goal with the Rams again playing shorthanded.

Pick of the Rams was defenceman Jack Guest who covered his side ably most of the game.

Richmond Hill plays host to Downsview Sunday night at 7:30 pm at the arena and Wexford Tuesday night at 8 pm.

# Region Wavers On Thornhill Slash

York Regional Council isn't that happy with environmental consultant, Bruce Howlett's proposal on the best route for Ontario Hydro's proposed power corridor, but it's not too sure what to do about it.

Howlett, who was appointed to make an independent study on the recommendation of Dr. Omond Solandt, who conducted the original study, suggested that that 500 KV power transmission line from Middleport to Pickering be run through the parkway belt.

If accepted, the 610-foot wide corridor would run from Middleport, south of Hamilton, across the Niagara Escarpment to Halton substation; from Halton through Woodbridge and Parkway to Cherrywood substation, with connections to the north from Kleinburg and Newmarket.

Howlett has also scheduled additional hearings in October for those wishing to present briefs with respect to his report.

Notice of this intent should be received by the Howlett group by October 5. Hearings dates are October 15, 17, 19, 22 and 24. Richmond Hill will present a brief on the latter date.

Last week, the York councillors debated for about an hour as to what sort of stand they should take on the report, before finally deciding that they would send a letter to the Solandt Commission informing it that they might want to make a representation at the hearing.

Whether they will or not will depend on what kind of a report they get back from their planning and engineering committees, which will re-study Howlett's proposal.

In its letter to council the commission stated, among other things, that anyone wishing to reiterate the argument of a previous submission should simply notify the committee that the original submission still stands.

**RECOMMENDED PARKWAY**

In the only brief it submitted to the Solandt Commission — October 12, 1972 — the region recommended the parkway belt route.

However, last week, Councillor Jack Gilbert of Vaughan, who was on his feet most of the meeting, said he wasn't in favor of the submission and felt council should withdraw it.

Mayor Robert Forhan of Newmarket said he didn't see how council could withdraw its brief; it just shouldn't support it.

Mayor Forhan said it was up to council to make a decision from staff reports. If left at the local level and the corridor was put in an area not acceptable in the over-all regional plan, they would be at a crossroad.

Mayor Anthony Roman of Markham thought otherwise. He said the area municipalities should make their own submissions, as the province had taken the matter out of the hands of the region through its appointment of a commission.

Councillor Gilbert said he felt the Region hadn't been given the right information. For example, it hadn't been told that the parkway substation would require 200 acres.

**SQUAWKS HELPED**

Mayor Evelyn Buck of

Aurora said the decision hadn't been made on the basis of parochial interests, but on planning concepts.

Mr. Gilbert said council didn't recognize that there was going to be a corridor running north and south through Vaughan.

"We didn't have all those alternate routes until people started to squawk," he said.

Mayor Gordon Rateliff of Whitechurch-Stouffville, said the region had good planners; council should abide by their submission.

Said Mayor Roman: "So long as it isn't located in Whitechurch-Stouffville."

Mayor Gladys Rolling of East Gwillimbury, said: "I think if we had the Hydro shut off for a day, we'd soon make up our minds."

She also wondered if the Parkway belt was wide enough as constituted at present.

Planning Commissioner Murray Pound later produced figures which showed the belt to be about 1,200 feet at the Yonge Street - Bayview Avenue section, and from 450 to 800 feet at its most narrow points.

Councillor Lois Hancey of Richmond Hill, said it was council's responsibility to

look at the matter from the regional point of view. "If the parkway was considered good planning, then 'we must be prepared to pay the price for it.'"

Councillor Gilbert suggested that more study be made on the matter and that it be referred back to the planning and engineering committee for a report.

This motion, with the proviso that a letter be sent to the Solandt Commission pointing out that region may have more to say on the subject, was carried by the meeting.

With regard to the second part of the proposal to smash the housing crisis, Chairman Wright said the question of municipal land banking is something that has to be discussed and agreed upon.

**LAND BANK MONEY**

"I really don't know what the attitude of the region council and the local municipalities will be about land banking. It's a new venture for both. No municipality has done any great quantity of it before. And it involves a large amount of dollars," said Wright in a telephone interview with "The Liberal".

Treasurer White says the province will probably fund the municipal land banking if the federal government doesn't.

White at last week's meeting saw no objection to participation by the province in providing the regions with money for the necessary planning staff required for the transfer of powers. He has directed provincial staff to report on this possibility.

**LAND BANK LEGISLATION**

Asked if there was any legislation contemplated to allow municipalities to purchase land for development, White said he'd taken the matter up with the Cabinet and it saw no objection to an amendment to the Municipal Act to permit this.

Arthur Meen, parliamentary assistant to Treasurer White, said there will be a review of the legislation presently in effect for the various regional governments applicable to Committee of Adjustment and Land Division Committees. He said it may be advisable to standardize such legislation.

The York Region planning staff has maintained in the past that the regions must have some powers over committees of adjustment which operate now at the local municipal level. Otherwise the regional planning operation threatens to be nullified.

**AVENUE OF APPEAL**

White indicated he prefers to have the Municipal Board, rather than himself, be the judging authority of any conflicts between regional governments and area municipalities which fall under planning legislation. However, the Ontario Economic Council recently received a major report calling for the opposite tack to be taken and for curtailment of OMB responsibility in community planning.

The provincial treasurer said draft legislation covering all areas in which the government was ready to transfer authority would be available for discussion November 2. The agenda of that meeting is also to provide for bilateral discussion between provincial and regional representatives

# Crisis Move Pleases Wright

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required, according to the chairman.

Following last week's meetings, Metro Chairman Paul Godfrey indicated in press interviews that Metro is ready to co-operate in providing services to adjacent municipalities like York Region in the effort to eliminate the housing shortage. But there'll be a price tag.

**IT WILL COST**

"Metro will provide any additional services it has, like water and sewers, to help the regions. We won't do it for nothing. But if we assist them, they can help us by taking the pressure off Metro," said Chairman Godfrey.

"Streets will be less clogged and if you provide an inter-regional transit authority such as proposed by the province, it solves the transportation problem," said Godfrey.

for the purpose of producing a more positive timetable for approval of the Official Plan for the various regions.

Discussion November 2 is also to cover proposals for starting approval of subdivisions and zoning bylaws at the region level, options concerning reform and improvement of land division legislation and a special item on land use objectives (particularly in respect to agriculture), says the York Region press statement.

**REGIONS OPPOSED**

At last week's meeting many region chairmen opposed White's idea that transfer of powers over Official Plan matters and other planning responsibilities would have to wait until new regional Official Plans have been prepared and approved by the province.

Chairman Wright and Godfrey of Metro and York Region expressed confidence they were ready to proceed immediately with further planning responsibilities which would require, in most instances, staff increases to handle the expanded work load.

**IMMEDIATE TRANSFER**

White didn't hold to the provincial position of delay of powers transfer being necessary. He suggested the authority should be transferred immediately as long as procedures can be worked out between the ministries involved. He said he expects his Cabinet colleagues will be co-operative.

Last week's provincial-regional conference was held at the town of Dwight, about 16 miles east of Huntsville. The regions represented were York, Metro, Ottawa-Carleton, Durham, Peel, Halton, Hamilton - Wentworth, Niagara, Waterloo, Muskoka and Sudbury.

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