

Councillors Clash Over Roads Sheardown Lashes Out At Van Luyk

A one mile strip of road in King Township Council resulted in one councillor taking a verbal strip off another one Monday of last week.

Object of their disaffection was the unlikely named Pump-house Road in the Holland Marsh.

Councillor Jack Van Luyk, who represents the Marsh, went at lengths to chide the roads committee (of which he is a member) of dragging its heels with regards to paving the one-mile strip. The road in question is presently privately owned which means the township has no authority to move in and

maintain it.

Mr Van Luyk indicated in his comments that the roads committee was neglecting necessary construction in the marsh area and particularly on the Pump-house Road despite numerous petitions from the residents.

He charged that considerable money had been spent to ascertain whether the municipality could pave it when "a third of this money spent in investigation could have paved it."

Councillor Van Luyk didn't think the fact that the road was privately owned was an insurmountable obstacle stating that "a similar situation had existed in a neighboring municipality and had been solved." He didn't explain in detail.

SHEARDOWN ANGRY

This brought Councillor Murray Sheardown, who is chairman of the roads committee, to the fore in somewhat angry and exasperated fashion.

"We've gone over this at least six times before in committee and I don't intend to go over it again," he said. "I'm damn well sick and tired of you accusing the roads committee of doing nothing about the Pump-house Road situation when you know very well our hands are tied."

Slightly red in the face, Mr. Sheardown pointed out that "you're a member of the roads committee and you go right ahead and do it. You live in the area and it's very simple. You carry the ball and we'll sit back and applaud."

Councillor Sheardown continued on in an angry vein accusing Councillor Van Luyk of not understanding the situation and also condemned him for apparently accusing the committee of "being slinkers on the job. This isn't so and I don't intend to sit here and take it."

STILL ANGRY

A little later on he interpreted one of Mr. Van Luyk's remarks as indicating that "we're dishonest here in council and I won't take that either."

Councillor Sheardown did explain the major hold-up was that the road was a private one and that council had not received permission from all the residents to enable it to assume it. A township-assumed road must have a 66-foot allowance in order to make it eligible for

federal grants.

Councillor Van Luyk suggested the township should take over the "road and then find a solution."

"You can't assume a road when it's on private property," asserted Mr. Sheardown.

Councillor Sheardown said there was one alternative and that was to have the municipality expropriate the necessary road allowance but that would cost money.

AGAINST EXPROPRIATION

Councillor Bill Long objected to this alternative stating that "spending money for expropriating such road allowance wouldn't be fair to the rest of the citizens of King Township and I'm not in favor of it."

He concluded by saying the township shouldn't assume the road unless the residents agreed to turn over the road allowance.

Councillor Ben Rough moved that Mr. Van Luyk be

appointed as a committee-of-one "to talk to the residents and get them to come to some kind of agreement."

The controversy reached a head via a letter from the Township Solicitors Plaxton and Mann of Richmond Hill which read:

RATHER RIDICULOUS

"The situation with respect to the Pump-house Road acquisition is becoming rather ridiculous in that having prepared all the deeds and contacted all the parties, except one or two which we are unable to contact, nobody has replied other than one party... who requests, apparently some sort of compensation for the taking."

The discussion ended in council when a still perturbed, still exasperated Councillor Sheardown observed that "the only thing that makes sense right now is to adjourn for our coffee break."

That's what council did.

Waldorf School

Official Opening Festival Seminar On Human Values

The new building of Toronto Waldorf School at 9100 Bathurst Street, north of Highway 7, is now completed and occupied, thanks to numerous work bees with parents of students providing much of the manpower.

The official opening festival is scheduled for Saturday, and a seminar on human values in education will follow on October 27.

The dedication ceremony will take place at 2:30 pm Saturday, and there will be an open house from 3:45 to 5 pm. The day-long seminar, 9 am to 4 pm, October 27, includes a program of lecture, workshops, discussion and luncheon. Keynote speaker will be Alan Howard, faculty advisor to the school.

Nine workshops are planned, and participants may select any two to attend, one in the morning, one in the afternoon. Topics are "Number as Quality", "Writing Into Reading", "Man in Nature", "Fairy Tale To History", "Science And Reality", "Water Color Painting", "Eurythmy", "Handwork", and "Pre-School".

To achieve academic excellence and at the same time nourish the needs of the inner human being is the challenge of Waldorf education, says the introductory paragraph on the registration form. Just how the Waldorf teachers present their lessons and select the content of those lessons will be described in the workshops.

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To register, one must apply no later than October 17, mailing cheque and registration form to Waldorf School Association of Ontario Incorporated, Box 220, 9100 Bathurst Street, Thornhill. No registrations will be accepted the day of the seminar.

A bus to the school will be available from York Mills Subway Station, or Yonge Street and Steeles Avenue, and persons wishing to avail themselves of this service should specify when they register.

For further information, phone Mrs. Mieke Cryns, 491-7354, evenings.

Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Eric Chapman

Air Cadet Dance Saturday, General Meeting Monday

Well, it looks like Branch 375 finally succeeded in what it has been trying to do for more than six years—win one of its own tournaments. Admittedly, the first annual Legion Softball Tourney wasn't a very big one; but neither was the first annual Legion Hockey Tourney when it was held back in 1968.

Somebody said the Fuddle Duddle Softball Team was started as a joke. But they didn't look like jokers when they were burying the East Metro Police Team 12-0 at the town park in the semi-final game September 30.

They won that one with 12 runs off 20 hits. Pitcher Oly Oliver allowing the policemen only one hit in the third inning. Later the Fuddle Duddles defeated Aurora Legion 9-3 to win the championship final.

It was disappointing that more people were not out to witness the Sunday finals. Not only was there a bright blue sky with a hot sun, the play and the cheerleading was something to get hot under the collar with. To this observer (who was watching the first ball game of his life) it was indeed an exciting day—even though a little difficult to understand at times.

Shifting on the wooden, sun-bleached benches in the town park can become a problem to the rear end after a while, but even harder to understand was the plausibility of a visiting supporter of a competing team. This young red-faced lady seated on the adjacent bench spent the afternoon vociferously explaining the qualities of a gentleman who appeared to be refereeing the game. She claimed to know the gentleman quite well, because she maintained the referee at third base was both crossed-eyed and blind at the same time, he had no ethics, and his parents were not married. Luckily for the lady, the gentleman also appeared to be deaf.

As a newcomer to the noble art of ball, it was explained that the object of the game is to hit the ball as far as possible and then run "round three bases back to where you started. This constitutes a run. Something like a game called "cricket" played at Eton College, England; and something like the game "rounders" played at government approved schools and reformatories in the same country.

Unlike cricket, however, we found the fuddle duddle bowler pitched the ball in such a low, underhanded way that the guy holding the bat wasn't given much of a chance to take a corresponding swipe. Another gentleman, a sticky wicket-keeper

There are several mystifying terms to be explained pertaining to a ball game, such as why there are tops and bottoms of innings. And why players don't run but sometimes walk while zipping up a sacrifice fly after making an error. To a newcomer, it makes one wonder if the game is decent.

However, there is no doubt that all present enjoyed the proceedings, and the general hope is that there will be another tournament next year. As Legion President Douglas Hopson commented later when the giant tournament trophies were being awarded by the Brothers Smith of N.S. Realty, "If there's more of these to come, we'll have to build more shelves in Richmond Hill Legion."

In connection with the Legion Report of September 27, Fuddle Duddle Teamster Danny Kelly states that he was not responsible for the naming of his team. That honor goes to the other cohorts, or earlier Legion warriors. Apologies go to Danny for the static he received.

Members and their guests are reminded that an Air Cadet Dance will take off Saturday evening at Legion Squadron 778 headquarters, namely the banquet hall. And that the branch October General Meeting will convene next Monday at 8 pm.


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