



DAN COSTEA

Stadium For Markham?

A new stadium-like facility, which would attract football, track, concerts and other activities, is the kind of thing Dan Costea, Markham's new director of parks and recreation, would like to see eventually come about in the town.

Mr. Costea, 37, was appointed to the \$18,000-a-year job last August from a list of 22 applicants.

The potential stadium is his own idea — a long range one at that — but it is the kind of thing he has been able to visualize since coming to the rambling Markham area from his home town of Windsor.

Right now, however, his immediate plans call for studying park development for the area, a natural concomitant since he spent 19 years in parks and recreation in Windsor.

He's also, as he says, "getting my bearings". There are several priorities, but right now it's just a matter of keeping up to the new parklands in the new subdivisions.

Mr. Costea started with the Windsor parks department as a junior clerk and while there took extension courses at Guelph and Windsor Universities, resulting in diplomas in horticulture and public administration.

He said the job in Windsor "sort of fell into line" with his high school interests, which included athletics, choir and drama.

The new Markham director is married with four children.

Acting Mayor Stewart Votes To Waive Daybreak Agreement

Acting-Mayor Charles Stewart had to cast the deciding favorable vote Monday evening on a motion to waive a site plan agreement for a planned residence at Daybreak, a home for retarded adults located on North Yonge Street. The motion to waive the site plan agreement was made by Planning Committee David Stephenson and was seconded by Ward 5 Councillor William Corcoran. Mr. Stephenson said council's favorable consideration would speed construction.

At the planning committee meeting September 26, a representative of Daybreak reported that the new building would permit moving several residents from the main building, thus making available needed room for expansion of the administration area. The new building does not require town services of water and sewerage. It was explained, and will be set back from Yonge Street a considerable distance. Since it must be built to specifications of the Ministry of Health, design and construction will be controlled, it was stated.

HEATED ARGUMENT
This council action followed a lengthy and heated discussion on a motion by Councillor Stephenson to have referred back to planning committee a resolution he had moved September 26 to recommend to council that the planning director, at his discretion, be authorized to dispense with a site plan agreement where a use is permitted by the existing zoning bylaws. His reasoning was that this would expedite the processing of applications for building permits for buildings that conform to the zoning bylaws.

THREE YEARS
For the past three years it has been town policy to seek a site plan agreement for all industrial, commercial and multiple residential (apartments) buildings. The agreement, prepared by all town departments involved, sets forth the works for which the developer is financially responsible — such as paved parking lots, storm sewers, curbs, sidewalks, landscaping — and requires a letter of credit to

ensure that such work is carried out. In the three year interval only one applicant for a building permit, where the proposed building agreed to the zoning, has refused to enter into a site plan agreement, it was reported. And in this case the resulting building was quite a disappointment.

Regional Councillor Lois Hancey, who was chairman of the planning committee when the policy to seek a site plan agreement was adopted, asked council to defeat the motion rather than sending it back to committee. She described it as a very backward step and said, "It is abdication of the authority given to this council. The policy was adopted by the 1971-72 council by bylaw and it has brought about considerable improvement in the town's environment." She cited Allencourt and Oxford Square plazas and apartment buildings throughout the town where improvements had been achieved through site plan agreements.

"We had been years trying to correct these problems. A great deal of thought and money has gone into the bylaw. We were not elected by the construction industry but were elected by the people of this municipality and must act in their best interests. This attempt to sidestep our policy is abhorrent to me. Every progressive municipality in Ontario has similar legislation. Through site plan agreements we can ensure proper maintenance, improve parking lots and landscaping and this is the only piece of legislation by which we can have control. I for one want to have a say in what happens in Richmond Hill."

WILL NOT AGREE
"Under no consideration will I agree to waiving the site plan agreement," stated Councillor Andy Chateaufort. "I was on the planning committee when the policy was adopted, and I feel very strongly about it. We have accomplished a great deal by its use and you can see the results throughout the town."

Councillor Louis Wainwright stated that he had voted against the motion September 26 and "I'm prepared to speak just as strongly against it when it gets back to committee."

The motion to refer back to committee was supported by Councillors Graeme Bales, Stewart, David Stephenson, William Corcoran and Wainwright. Mayor William Lazenby and Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe were absent since they are attending an international convention on roads in Munich, Germany.

Funeral service was held at Maple United Church, Tuesday, with interment in Maple Cemetery.

Maple Dump Fighters Use Rats

A total of 135 up-tight Maple ratepayers plus four or five dead rats turned up at Vaughan Town Council's Committee meeting Monday night to continue the garbage controversy in the municipality.

In a word: The ratepayers were there to inveigh against garbage dumps in general and in particular the continuing operation and possible extension of the Norman Goodhead-operated site (Disposal Services) north of Maple.

The rats were produced to buoy the Maple Against Dumps (M.A.D.) Committee's contention that the present dump was anything but desirable and would even be less so if allowed to continue to expand as projected by Disposal Services.

What resulted was council's committee-of-the-whole voting to refuse Disposal Services' application to extend its present dumping sites — known as "Mount Goodhead" — by 10 acres to the north.

Official refusal will have to come at next Monday's council meeting. The same councillors will be voting at that time.

The ratepayers didn't succeed in convincing the committee to authorize its solicitor to apply for an injunction to stop Disposal Services from operating out of the present site which is owned by the municipality and therefore private property.

Council's decision as a committee-of-the-whole brought a somewhat exasperated Murry Chusid, council for Mr. Goodhead, to his feet in an outburst of agitation.

Mr. Chusid said that the committee's decision would very likely result in "my clients washing their hands of the proposed 10 acre extension to the north and using the 20 acres we own to the south as a site. This, I think you'll agree, is a far less desirable place for a disposal site."

The 20 acres are located near the Teston Sideroad and are presently zoned industrial and allow the area to be used for dumping garbage.

ENTER THE RATS
The "rats" entered the scene during a verbal presentation by Bill King, a member of the M.A.D. Committee and a Maple ratepayer.

Mr. King climaxed a speech against garbage dumps by pointing to the dangers of water pollution, truck noises, and rodents by holding up a bagful of dead rats caught near the site of the present dump.

"Here is an example of our legacy as caught on the Norm Matthews' property on the east side of Keele Street opposite the dump."

Mr. King said the Matthews' well was also contaminated by wastes from the dump "to the point where it is unsafe for use. I am suggesting to you that to entertain an application to permit more rodent breeding areas is to act against promoting a healthy community."

He concluded by stating that it was Vaughan Council's "opportunity to gain control over a bad situation, and not to press in this direction is to endorse Disposal Services' disregard for responsible operation."

Another ratepayer, Tom Connolly of Keele Street, vice-chairman of the Maple Ratepayers' Association and co-chairman of M.A.D., continued on in the same vein.

May Dump Garbage On 20-Acre Site

Disposal Service Solicitor Murray Chusid told "The Liberal" Tuesday of this week that Vaughan Township Councillors had made a grave miscalculation when they allowed in committee to refuse an extension of his firm's garbage dumping area.

"The ratepayers simply frightened the council into not agreeing to the extension when it definitely was in the best interests of the municipality that they do so."

Mr. Chusid said that as a result "my clients are considering other alternatives and this probably means dumping on the other 20 acres we own."

He was referring to a 20 acre parcel by the Teston Sideroad which "we had agreed not to dump on but we apparently now have no other alternative. It's a much more undesirable area for dumping Aesthetic-wise but we'll probably start dumping there next week."

Mr. Chusid said he couldn't understand why Vaughan was opposed to its 10 acre extension proposal north of the present garbage site.

He said that Disposal had agreed to pay royalties to the township for the site, was prepared to sign an agreement where by dumping would only take place for six months, and also to allow council to re-zone the other 20 acres which would effectively prohibit any future dumping there by Disposal.

"The 20 acres is presently zoned industrial which allows the dumping of garbage without having to seek permission from anyone," he said.

STILL DUMPING

He said that Disposal Services continued to dump on the north slope of "Mount Goodhead" in conflict with an agreement on January 28 that it would cease to do so at a date long since expired.

Mr. Connolly noted that the Goodhead operation had been granted a provisional permit from the Ministry of Environment to continue dumping waste until August 31 on the municipally-owned site.

The license stated that no waste be accepted at the site after August 31 because the site would have reached its full capacity by that date, and in order to prevent harm or material discomfort to any person, and for the conservation of the natural environment.

He said that the deadline had come and gone and dumping was still taking place.

Council, he said, had authorized its solicitor on September 10 to "obtain an injunction against Disposal Services to stop it from using the site as a waste disposal area."

The authorization was never given the official stamp of approval from council and Monday night the committee voted against doing so until a full report was received on the matter from its engineer.

Councillor Jim Cameron agreed with the ratepayers and pointed out that the committee "should refuse the 10-acre extension because every small step we allow Disposal to take will lead to another. We have here the opportunity to bring the situation under control and show we are opposed to any extension of any sort at this present site."

50 MILLION TONS

By mentioning "other steps," Councillor Cameron was referring to an application by Goodhead before the province to launch even greater dumping sites on land owned by Disposal and referred to by the ratepayers as the area where "50 million tons of Metro garbage will be dumped in the future."

It was Mr. Cameron's motion that prompted the vote against extending the present site and which was opposed only by Councillors John Gilbert and Fred Armstrong.

Councillor Gilbert referred to a recent questionnaire circulated among ratepayers indicating that it was "about 50-50 for and against the garbage site."

He said he represented more than "just the people here at this meeting and I want to hear from the town's engineer before making any firm decision."

He was also referring to Cameron's second motion which would have seen committee recommending to council that it carry out an injunction to stop Disposal from dumping on its present site immediately. This motion was lost.

Mr. Chusid also informed the meeting that Disposal had agreed to cease operations on the present site and "be right out of it" by December 15 and also to only use the proposed 10-acre extension site for six months as was to be drawn up in an

COMING EVENTS

DUPPLICATE BRIDGE — 3 sessions, Mondays and Fridays 8 pm, Wednesdays 1 pm. Oak Ridges Plaza, Marie Cole, 773-4280. tcf13

OCTOBER 19, FRIDAY — Richmond Hill Naturalists will meet at 8:00 pm in St. Mary's Anglican Church Hall. Speaker: Mr. Bruce Stephenson. Topic: (Otter Nonsense). clw16

OCTOBER 20, SATURDAY, 1:30 - 4 pm — Our Lady Queen of the World bazaar. Christmas gifts, home baking, jams, pickles, etc., tea court, toy box booth and fish pond. c2w15

OCTOBER 20, SATURDAY — Rummage Sale, 9:30 am to noon. Richmond Hill United Church Auditorium for 5th Richmond Hill Scout Auxiliary. Free coffee. clw16

OCTOBER 21, SUNDAY — Antique Sale, fine graphics, 4700 Bathurst Street, Willowdale 12 to 5:30 pm. Sponsored by Downsview Study Branch, National Council of Jewish Women. Admission \$1.00. clw16

OCTOBER 24, WEDNESDAY, 4:30 - 8 pm — Hot turkey supper, vegetables, salads, home made pies, beverage. Adults \$2.75, children under 12 \$1.50. Carrville United Church, Rutherford Rd., west of Bathurst c2w15

OCTOBER 25, THURSDAY, 8 pm — Richvale's monthly euchre, 31 Spruce Avenue. Refreshments. Admission \$1. c2w16

OCTOBER 27, SATURDAY — Richmond Hill Senior Citizens Club Bazaar - gifts, home baking, white elephant and tea room at the new Club Room, 71 Centre Street East at 1:30 pm. clw16

OCTOBER 27, SATURDAY — Rummage Sale from 1 pm to 2 pm and Auction Sale from 2 pm to 4 pm, Thornhill Baptist Church, 8018 Yonge Street. c2w16

Hartman 4-Goal Man, Dump Aurora 9-4

Mike Hartman's second loss in a row after going unbeaten in their last six games. Local product Jimmy Clement also scored twice with single goals going to Rick Febo, Jack Guest and Dave Stuart.

All the Aurora scoring came in the second period. The goals went to Doug Counter, Kelly Smith, Dan Atkinson and George Berger.

It was the Tigers second agreement.

RAPED BY GARBAGE

In his dissertation to the committee, Mr. King said that "over the past eight years the residents of Maple have been unmercifully raped by garbage vehicles traveling through this small community . . . many senior citizens are afraid to use our sidewalks on account of this particular type of traffic."

He accused Disposal of violating the following laws regarding dumping at the Maple site:

- Operated without a provincial license for the greater part of the past 18 months with Vaughan council apparently powerless to do anything about it.

- Continued dumping after 4:30 pm in violation of the agreement with council. Starting before 6 am and of a more serious nature running 24 hours a day leaving garbage uncovered for a long period of time.

- Failing to maintain rodent control.

Mr. Matthews described how his farm had been overrun by rats who regularly killed his chickens and gnawed their way through the pens.

Wants No Part Of Dump!

Glen Norcliffe called for total rejection of any dump in the Vaughan area pointing to increased pollution, loss of vital farmland by piece-meal rezoning, etc.

He said Disposal would "Have us believe their new dump proposals would be the cleanest dumps in the world. Why, if you believe Mr. Chusid, you could put cream on them and eat the stuff. This is a very devious argument."

The creation of a vast dumping area would simply compound the present problems of fires, smells, rats, and the incidence of contaminated waterways and wells.

He said there was evidence available of serious water pollution caused by the dumps.

He warned that council should not get involved in any long-term dumping proposition without first getting evidence as to how the environment would be affected.

Mr. Norcliffe said it was not up to Vaughan "to bail Metro out of its garbage problem."

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