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We Will Remember Them And Their Sacrifice

The sacrifices of their comrades in World Wars I and II and the Korean War were remembered by the Royal Canadian Legion Richmond Hill Branch 375 at an annual Vets Night and Banquet on the eve of Remembrance Day. Honored guests, all veterans of the first of these conflicts, are seen above (left to right): Edward Turpin (Queen's Own Rifles), Judge James Butler (Royal Canadian Engineers), Bill MacPherson (220 York Rang-

ers), Chris Bridport (3rd London (English) World Fusiliers) and Jack Sanders (220 York Rangers). They and members of the Legion participated in the traditional remembrance ceremony and affirmed their intent to take up the torch, pursue the fight for peace and to remember always those who died that Canadians might have the opportunity to live in peace.

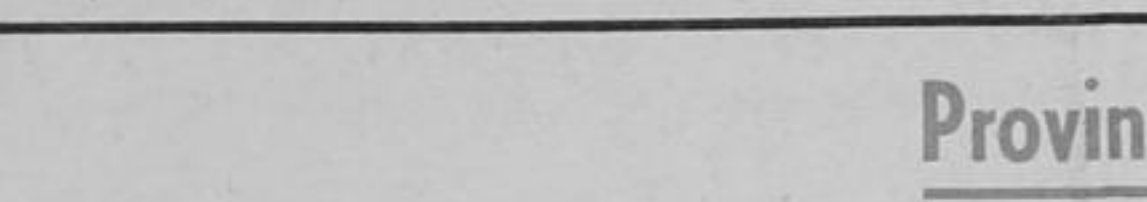
Richvale Arts School Approved

A new school for the "underprivileged" in York was agreed to by a meeting of York County Board of Education Monday night, but not without a lengthy and far from one-sided debate. In fact, it took a recorded vote — requested by Trustee Craig Cribar of Newmarket — before the motion by Trustee Doreen Quirk of Markham to build a school of the arts in the BAIF Subdivision in Richmond Hill, was approved. The vote showed 10 for and eight against. The term "underprivileged" to describe those who will attend the school, which is supposed to serve the entire region from Richmond Hill to Sutton, was used by Trustee John Honsberger of Markham. Mr. Honsberger said there were underprivileged students at both ends of the scale; only at present, it was these at the bottom end that the system was concerned with. The lame and the halt were taken care of, but the very intelligent, bright and talented — the ones who wanted to do something with their lives — were being shortchanged. "To be elite is a dirty word around here," said Mr. Honsberger. "We need these schools."

Trustee Robert Houghton of Richmond Hill, said he always felt the school should be for the whole region, but warned how much it would cost to run approximately five school buses. "BEAUTIFUL IDEA" Stephen Bacsalmasi, superintendent of planning and development, said the average cost was \$35 a day, or \$40,000 a year. Trustee Margaret Coburn of King, speaking against the motion, said the idea was "beautiful," but it possibly should be a private enterprise. "I'm more concerned about quality than the innovative," Mrs. Coburn said. She said also she felt the proposed school would deplete the system, with staff members fighting to join it. Trustee John MacKay of Markham said he was for it, but wasn't sure the timing was right. The

McNeil Laboratories (Canada) Limited, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson, will build a \$1,000,000 plant in Whitechurch-Stouffville, it was announced this week. The 35,000-square foot plant will cover 31 acres west of the town on Highway 47 on the south side of Concession SE in the former Village of Stouffville. About 100 people will be employed in the plant, which will manufacture ethical pharmaceutical specialties, such as tranquilizers, anesthetics, analgesics and sedatives. Construction is expected to get underway in the spring, with completion slated for December, 1974. Services for the plant will be supplied by the Town of Whitechurch-Stouffville. Mayor Gordon Ratcliff termed the project a welcome addition to the town and said he hoped it would "add to other prestigious companies coming here."

Trustee Warren Baile of Richmond Hill, said he felt the BAIF location was the best one geographically for the region. "I'm pleased to support it," he said. Speaking to her motion, Trustee Quirk said the only way not to lower educational standards was to have different types of schools. Trustee Marianne Gillan of Georgina Township, said it was "a great thing, but it was foolish to ask people from all over the region to vote on it." When the vote was taken, Mrs. Gillan voted against it. SHOP AREA, TOO Trustee Douglas Allen of Richmond Hill, speaking for the motion, said that only about 10 percent of the area was devoted to special uses. Speaking against it was Trustee Norm Weller of Aurora. The board will now submit a preliminary proposal to the Ministry of Education. Purpose of the school of the arts, as defined by the board, "is to educate talented young people in this chosen field of the arts and give the liberal education necessary in any walk of life." The needs of artistically talented young people are not met by the public school system, and there are important secondary occupations and skill areas related to arts which are becoming increasingly important and necessary to develop," the board said. The school would include a shop area, which will focus on such things as prop design and making, metal casting, small instrument making, costume design and making, lighting technique and others.



STEPHEN BACSALMASI BAIF School Planner

Hill Council Again Passes Study Of Modular Homes

An effort by Regional Councillor Lois Hancey and Councillor Andy Chateauvert to have an application for an amendment to the Richmond Hill Official Plan to permit modular housing on 19th Avenue east of Bayview, in an area zoned agriculture, deferred and the planning director consider such housing as a component part of the official plan, was defeated at Monday night's meeting of Richmond Hill Council. A similar battle had been lost at council's planning committee meeting October 31. The decision of the majority of the committee was to receive the application and refer it to staff for comments and recommendations.

DECISION PREMATURE Councillor Chateauvert told council that at the committee level he had stated that he felt the application was premature, that the location was not proper. He had also said that, regardless of location, because the application had been submitted on behalf of a member of council (Ward 5 Councillor William Corcoran is the principal of Bayview Estates which made the application) their rights in criticizing proceeding on an isolated basis because he is in a position to influence such a decision, even though he has declared a conflict of interest and is not participating in discussions or votes. "In my opinion he is ill-advised to submit this application while a member of this council. I am not against modular homes."

CONFLICT OF INTEREST "I'm not against the concept," added Councillor Lou Wainwright. "I feel we need this type of housing. My biggest concern is conflict of interest. This councillor was elected by the people of the area where he proposed to place his development. Suppose 100% of the people in that area are not in favor of it, how can he represent the people who elected him when he is not participating in the discussions. I have spoken to builders who claim they can build modular homes by conventional construction methods if the town's bylaws would allow a square footage of 900 to 1,000. Maybe we should be asking if we want a permanent type home as opposed to the modular."

OTHER AMENDMENTS "This is an Official Plan amendment. We have passed other such amendments — for a shopping centre, for rural estates, for the town park area — how come all of a sudden it is so immoral to pass another? I am waiting for staff advice on this matter," said Councillor Charles Stewart. "At committee I thought it worthy of consideration," stated Councillor David Stephenson, chairman of council's planning committee. "It shouldn't be prejudged. We haven't said in committee we are in favor of it." At the request of Mrs. Hancey, Mayor Lazebny asked Planning Director Hesse Rimon for his opinion on the matter.

PLANNER'S OPINION Stating that he would confine himself to professional advice, Mr. Rimon said "Regardless of what's decided tonight, planning department's duty is to prepare an official plan and as part of it we will be looking into all types of housing, surveying the existing housing stock, and looking at any breakthrough in technology. He said that the first phase of the official plan would probably be brought to council for its consideration in the near future."

DRASTIC CHANGE He pointed out that the nature of the project is quite a drastic change and quite a departure from the normal method of servicing. He reported that he had requested substantially more detailed elaboration of the proposal since it has all kinds of unknowns. "The proposal is for fairly high density in the middle of the countryside. When a proposal of this size comes in we invariably ask the developers to prepare a secondary plan of the whole area to attempt to establish road pattern and density for future development in the area. "I am not knowledgeable enough in the area of modular homes to really comment as to procedure to be followed. It's awfully difficult for staff to look at this in isolation, since we will be looking at developing a residential area about a mile and a half from the serviced area," the planner said.

DRAMA "I'm being very cautious in my remarks, because I am not knowledgeable enough to give council advice — not yet," he went on. "We will be studying them, but it would be easier to first look in general at the concept and determine wide policies before treating individual applications. It would be difficult if council directs us, at this time, to follow a course of direct response to the application for official plan amendment. We will have to look at it in the broader sense." "You are saying you would rather establish a policy than deal with a particular case," summed up Mayor Lazebny. He then went on to note that the provincial government is advocating that municipalities accept this type of housing. "We have been criticized because we don't plan ahead. But we are never in a financial position to do so. I can't see why you can't do both jobs at the same time," he told the planner.

LIVE WITH DECISION "The town has to live with our decision," cautioned Mr. Rimon. "This is quite a serious responsibility."

SMOKING "Maybe it's a good thing an application has come forward so we can look at this new approach to housing," suggested Mrs. Hancey. "But council adopting policies and proceeding on those policies premature to do this with this application now."

SMOKING "If this application was for 430 permanent homes, would we deal with it in isolation?"

SMOKING "I don't believe in discriminatory legislation," said Councillor Andy Chateauvert. "I am man enough to refrain from smoking if I am requested to do so."

SMOKING "Smoking doesn't bother me, although I haven't smoked in 20 years," said Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe. "This is a public place and smoke does affect some people more than others. I think it is up to the stores themselves to make this decision. My place of business bans smoking and signs to that effect have been posted."

SMOKING "Earlier in the meeting council had considered a letter from Mrs. Ellen Bellach, 147 Elgin Mills Road West asking for a bylaw to prohibit smoking in supermarkets and food stores and perhaps also in department and clothing stores."

SMOKING "Mrs. Bellach had noted in her letter that many merchants and store managers realize the unpleasantness and damaging effects to their merchandise from smoking but are hesitant to offend a customer. "It needs public action to regulate and enforce No Smoking rules in all establishments concerned."

SMOKING "A smoking ban should come under the jurisdiction of the provincial health department. Regional Councillor Lois Hancey suggested, "I recommend this request be forwarded to that department. If smoking is injurious to the health of the majority of people, then that department should ban it."



LOIS HANCEY Regional Councillor

Mr. Rimon was asked by Councillor Wainwright. **ANOTHER PROPOSAL** Mr. Rimon noted that another application in the north end of town for 276 homes on 1,500 foot lots has been received. "The official plan permits this type of development in that location. When the application was referred to staff we met with the applicants in order to report back to council. We have asked them to look at the whole 1,000 acres to try to establish road patterns, population patterns and commercial patterns. Either development will never stay in isolation. They will generate more development in their immediate area. It is our policy to request the applicant to prepare a secondary plan, a refinement of Official Plan (Continued on Page 3)

Salary Offer Not Final, Honsberger York Cty. Teachers

York County Board of Education's present salary offer to its secondary school teachers, is not a final position, even though the board would find it difficult to justify the teachers' present demands, Trustee John Honsberger, chairman of the board's negotiating committee, said last week. The teachers and trustees have been locked in a salary dispute since May, with the board offering — and paying on at present — an average increase over last year's grid of \$875 per teacher. "Every teacher is getting at least \$700 more than last year's grid figure and some are getting as much as \$1,300," said Mr. Honsberger. The teachers' negotiating committee is asking for a grid which would result in an average increase of \$1,798, with individual teachers getting increases from \$1,300 to \$2,250. "Even with the fast-eroding dollar of today, the board would find it hard to justify to the taxpayer a salary increase of \$2,250 to a teacher who is now getting over \$15,000," Mr. Honsberger said. The board's salary grid would give a novice teacher 1 year's experience, category 1 \$7,200 — no increase — while a career teacher (13 years' experience, category 4) would receive \$16,850, a raise of \$850. The teachers would like \$8,000 in the first category and \$17,800 in the second.

Province Offers Meagre Subsidy Less Than 50% Pay Full Counselling Cost At Richmond Hill-Thornhill Family Services

By MARGARET LADE Queen's Park may be less than 20 miles away from Richmond Hill, but as far as the Family Services, Family Life Centres, and York Regional Committee on Health and Social Services are concerned, it could be 1,000 light years away. William Hodgson MLA, York North, recently approached Rene Brunelle, Minister of Community and Social Services, asking for provincial assistance in financing the four family services agencies operating in York Region (Thornhill and Richmond Hill, Markham, Aurora and Newmarket, and Georgina). When the region drew up its budget earlier this year it allotted \$70,000 toward payment of salaries for the four services. The agreement was that the local communities, through grants, fees and donations, would pick up the tab for office rentals and other operating expenses. At that time, says Dr. Owen Slingerland, Commissioner of Health and Social Services for the Region, the region was led to understand that the province would provide subsidies of up to 50 percent, as it does for construction and maintenance of regional roads, sewers, etc. They could not have been more mistaken. By the end of the summer the regional grants had been exhausted, and as a stop-gap measure, regional council approved an additional grant of \$15,000 to help keep these services going to the end of 1973. In his reply, dated October 30, to Mr. Hodgson's appeal, Mr. Brunelle said: "I am informed by Mr. Jack Spence, Director, Family Services Branch, that negotiations for purchase of services (50 percent of cost shareable by Ontario) are currently being undertaken between the Family Life Centres and the Regional Municipality of York. "Such negotiations, once concluded, will permit the province to share in funding services to recipients of assistance (e.g. General Welfare Assistance and/or Family Benefit Allowance). This should result in substantial financial support to these Family Life Centres."

On enquiring of the Richmond Hill Family Services, Executive Director Dr. Frank Fidler reports that from February, 1972 to July, 1973 just 7.4 percent of the cases that came to his office were receiving welfare, family benefits, unemployment insurance, workman's compensation or other public assistance. Fees charged to clients for counselling services for marital, family or personal problems are charged on a sliding scale according to the size of the family and family income. Of those who are working, said Dr. Fidler, 33 percent fell below the recognized "poverty level" and paid no fee. Another 19 percent paid less than \$5 per counselling session. Commissioner of Health and Welfare, Dr. Owen Slingerland said this is fairly typical, that for some areas the numbers of paying clients may be even below that of the Thornhill and Richmond Hill agency. Regional representatives have had several meetings with Mr. Spence, said Dr. Slingerland, hoping that some type of reciprocal agreement might be forthcoming. Chairmen of the four regional agencies met last Thursday with the region's health and social services committee chaired by Richmond Hill Mayor William Lazebny to discuss needs and prepare recommendations to be presented to Queen's Park. Chairman of the volunteer board of directors for the Thornhill-Richmond Hill Social Services is Dr. Robert Alexander of Richmond Hill. In the minds of the regional committee there is no question of need. The demand for services has amply proven this. In an article in the November issue of the "United Church Observer" it was reported that at Markham Family Life Centre alone, since 1970, counselling has increased 500 percent. The centre was established on a half-time basis in 1968, and in 1970 the Thornhill-Richmond Hill service was established, also on a half-time basis. The Markham Family Life agency has provided full time service since 1970, and "The Observer" wonders when Queen's Park is going to "cough up" and give family services financial assistance as well as its initial blessings. When the Markham Family Life Centre was formed in 1968, with backing from 11 churches in the Markham and Whitechurch area, it received a grant from the province to help finance a special research project for the Department of Community and Social Services, but these funds were exhausted and the research project completed over a period of about 18 months. The Newmarket and Aurora Family Services agency was formed in mid-1971, and when Georgina learned of the services being provided by the three established centres, it too, appealed to region for assistance in establishing a family services agency. Locally, the Richmond Hill and Thornhill centre is now sponsoring a series of workshop sessions on "Marriage and Parenting In

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