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New Region Powers Get Grants

By HAL BLAINE

Unconditional per capita grants are to be made available to Ontario's new regional municipalities as early as January 1 to pay the costs of taking over certain planning and housing responsibilities, York Region Chairman Garfield Wright told this newspaper this week after returning from a provincial-regional conference at Toronto.

Chairman Wright said consideration is to be given here immediately to the offer made by Inter-governmental Affairs Minister John White and a report will go to York Region Council at Newmarket for consideration November 29.

Provincial Treasurer White has called a third provincial-regional meeting at Toronto December 7, to include the ministers of housing, environment and agriculture. Wright proposes to present York Region's requirements for financing of as many as 38 specific transferred powers on that date.

AMOUNT OPEN

Wright said the amount of money to be made available wasn't discussed with White at the recent meeting. The region staff and council must consider its expected further personnel requirements and other costs, as well as the timing of the powers transfer.

Region representatives were to go back to their councils and do some homework on staff and office

Teacher Pay Talks Continue

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problem as it appears to the other side of the table if the fairest and best solution is to be found.

"It is as unhelpful for teachers to say, 'That's the board's problem' as it is for trustees to say, 'If you'd rather be in Peel, go there,'" he said.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING

In refuting charges that in planning to build a new administration building, the board is weakening its argument that it cannot afford more than the seven percent plus increase it has been paying the teachers since school opened in September, Honsberger replied on November 20 as follows:

"We are unable to renew the lease on our present building beyond 1976." (The board has been renting an old schoolhouse from the Town of Aurora since the county board was established in 1969).

"The cost of building an administrative centre (like all other capital projects) is not considered an extraordinary expenditure and, as such, does not come under our cost ceiling," Honsberger declared. "In contrast, when we lease space as we are doing now, a substantial fraction of the rent is considered to

proper attitude."

The York Region chairman said the established regions at the recent meeting were ready to start the transfer of powers and the only reluctance came from the new regions that aren't operative yet and where it is difficult for them to even assess the situation.

"There will be a tremendous amount of paperwork and research involved at the regional level. We are doing a lot now, but nothing like it will be," said Chairman Wright.

REGION PROPOSALS

Regional governments are expected to table concrete proposals for the administrative powers transfer at the December 7 meeting, White told the November 29 meeting, emphasizing the province is anxious to expedite the delegation of self-government authority to the regional governments.

Treasurer White urged the regional chairmen to go back to their respective councils for an in-depth discussion of the legislative transfers he proposed and to be back December 7 knowing the attitudes and intentions of their councils.

White noted it was evident the various regions will most probably be ready for the takeover at different times, and this will be all right with the province.

Throughout the November 2 meeting White emphasized the desire of the provincial government to divest itself of legislative and administrative powers it now holds but which, he contends, could be the responsibility of the regional governments.

PROVINCIAL MONEY

Provincial financial assistance would be available to the regions to cover the additional administrative costs through the availability of unconditional grants from the provincial treasury, White stated.

He said he was prepared at this time to authorize such assistance for the balance of the current government fiscal year, and he would make available in his 1974-75 budget estimates additional monies for this specific purpose.

He stressed that the grants would be "unconditional". This generated a general response from all regional chairmen that they would take advantage of this assistance, indicating a readiness to assume new legislative responsibilities at an earlier date than anticipated, now that this provincial assistance with takeover costs was assured.

FASTER ACTION

This new attitude expressing a more expeditious approach to these new responsibilities could, in some instances, influence the completion date of respective

Official Plans.

One particular impediment to an earlier implementation expressed to White was the difficulty some regions were encountering in obtaining qualified planning and administrative personnel and physical property to accommodate expanding Regional operations.

The chairmen were in accord with White's statement that he could see no reason why a few responsibilities should be turned over to the regions at the same time. He indicated that he, and his officials, were prepared to meet with the regions individually to work out the mechanics.

Subdivisions Would Generate 13,000 People

Hill Planners Swamped With Applications

If it were possible to give a green light to all subdivision applications now in the hands of Richmond Hill Planning Department, the town would grow by 2,750 homes on municipal water and sewage disposal (about 10,000 people), an additional 45 homes to be served by individual wells and septic tanks.

This would mean a total of 3,189 additional dwelling units, generating a population of almost 13,000 people.

Such was the startling announcement of Planning Director Hesse Rimon at the November 14 meeting of the council's planning committee.

TREMBLOUS PRESSURE

He reported tremendous pressure on his department to complete processing of these applications. "In many cases some financial commitments have been made by the developer which causes him to bring pressure on staff," he said.

He went on to report that 12 applications are being processed at present in the category of applications to

Thornhill Main Blew Richvale Taps Dry

A fire hydrant blew off a major watermain in Thornhill at about 4:30 am Tuesday, spreading water supply problems north into Richmond Hill.

Southern Richmond Hill and the Thornhill-Vaughan areas were at low pressure or without water for a number of hours as York Region, Richmond Hill and Vaughan staff worked to make repairs.

Vaughan Town Engineer Dick Kraft said earth movement and frost were blamed for the hydrant breaking away from a 12-inch watermain on Yonge Street near the south entrance to the Toronto Ladies Golf Club. Kraft said the first report of the break came at about 4:30 am.

"A 12-inch main can make an awful hole in the ground," said Kraft.

EMERGENCY ACTION

Vaughan standby works crews are on half-hour all night call, but it would take a few hours to locate the proper valves and it would take two men to operate the valves to isolate the break and stem the loss of water, he said.

The broken main feeds all the streets to the south in

and study in haste, so that they can look at larger areas and thereby indirectly assist in the preparation of the town's official plan.

The alternative would create a great deal of pressure once servicing problems are solved and result in not as good planning.

A third alternative would be to leave everything to the provincial Ministry. The proposals would then come back to the municipality for planning input. But this would put pressure on the government to supply the needed services.

SUGGESTS FORMULA

Rimmon suggested a formula be established to determine what and where developments will be permitted when services are available. "The basis should be on rational considerations such as the availability of parks, schools, etc."

The formula would establish guidelines to control timing phasing and clearly set out that the town is not obliged to approve plans on a first come basis, he said.

Regional Councillor Lois Hancey said she was prepared to endorse these recommendations to council.

"I would like to see a report on the financial ability of Richmond Hill to absorb so many developments. I would also like to see a policy established on severan-

Spring Tavern Brawl Ends In Jail Term

A man who claimed to be Jesus Christ after a prolonged drinking bout in the Richmond Inn last spring, and then offered to take everyone or in the house, was given a jail term of one and a half years when he was sentenced last week in Toronto.

Judge Walter Martin gave George Adjutor Lenneville, 25, of Oak Ridges, two concurrent terms of 18 months in reformatory on charges of assaulting York Region Police Constables Fred McNeil and Larry Wall. He was convicted by a jury last week.

Court was told that the 215-pound Lenneville took off his shirt in the lounge of the Inn, got up on the bandstand and challenged the gathering. It took four policemen finally to subdue him, as other patrons threatened to hit the police with chairs.

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