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Imperial Oil Donates \$10,000 To Hospital

Imperial Oil Ltd. has made a \$10,000 donation to the building fund of York Central Hospital which serves the heavily populated area of Southern York Region. Imperial Oil's Ontario Corporate Manager W. H. Shea (left) is seen presenting the cheque last Friday after-

noon to former Board Chairman Graham Walter of Maple while Trustee Mrs. Reginald Howden of Thornhill looks on.

The hospital hopes to raise a million dollars in the next five years as its share towards the cost of constructing the 403 bed addition.

Throng Opposes Hydro Route Inside Langstaff Parkway Belt

Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill municipal councils, ratepayers associations and citizens last week at public hearings in Unionville and Woodbridge made it abundantly clear to the Solandt Commission they don't want Southern Ontario's major Hydro corridor through the proposed Parkway Belt here.

The Markham Town and Thornhill ratepayer opposition was clear at the hearing Thursday night of last week where nearly 70 people turned out.

But the opposition became really obvious Monday night at the Woodbridge hearing where Vaughan Town advertised the issue widely and heavily circulated information to property owners by mail.

Large numbers of people were turned away from the hearing at Woodbridge Arena. More than 300 people crowded the arena auditorium. Speakers carried the proceedings to the equally crowded lobby and halls. During all the proceedings only one citizen voiced an



NORN GARRIOCK
"Biggest Meeting Ever"

opinion which could be considered open to favoring the idea of the hydro corridor Parkway Belt route.

UNPRECEDENTED TURNOUT

"This is one hell-dammer of a meeting," former Woodbridge reeve and former planning board member Norn Garriock told one-man public inquiry Commissioner Dr. Ormond Solandt, former chairman of the Science Council of Canada.

Garriock wanted to be sure Commissioner Solandt understood the seriousness of the Vaughan grass roots opposition. Garriock explained that even when the citizen's water was cut off and even when the biggest tax increase in years was levied, there'd never before been one-tenth the number of people out to a public meeting in that hall.

The Woodbridge hearing was the public inquiry's fourth evening session. There have also been 17 days of hearings since Dr. Solandt's appointment last year after the Cabinet stopped Hydro's imminent start of construction across King and Whitechurch - Stouffville between Aurora and Newmarket.

The hydro corridor will run 144 miles with up to five rows of towers rising as high as 160 feet from Nanticoke on Lake Erie to Pickering power station on Lake Ontario at 500,000 volts to begin with.

VAUGHAN POSITION
Vaughan Solicitor Tom Fraser of the Toronto legal

firm of Grant, Grant and Fraser, 12 Richmond Street, made the opening submission on behalf of the town at the Woodbridge hearing.

Town Solicitor Fraser and Vaughan Council won't accept proposed hydro corridor route "Q" (along the Parkway Belt through Vaughan and Markham) and insists on the middle route favored by Ontario Hydro across King and Whitechurch-Stouffville. Fraser made a verbal submission on the basis of a detailed written brief prepared by the town.

Criminal Negligence Truck Driver

A charge of criminal negligence has been laid against the driver of a truck which struck and fatally injured Richmond Hill Ward 3 Councillor Charles Stewart Tuesday morning of last week.

Steven Rucifitti, 25, of Midland Avenue, Toronto, appeared briefly in Richmond Hill Provincial Court Friday morning of last week. Mr. Rucifitti was also charged with dangerous driving following the two-vehicle crash at 11 am on Concession 5 at 16th Avenue in Markham.

He was remanded by Judge Clare Morrison until February 8 to set a trial date.

York Regional Police said the accident occurred as Mr. Rucifitti was going west on 16th Avenue and was attempting to turn south on Concession 5 when he collided with the Stewart vehicle proceeding north on the road.

Mr. Stewart was alone in his car at the time.

"No route has a minimum of environmental damage. The choice is simply a matter of opinion of the one making the decision," he said.

KING ROUTE BETTER

The Vaughan solicitor said the middle route through King is obviously the better one from the point of view of time, since Hydro can start buying land at any time. On the other hand the permanent final location of the Parkway Belt is undetermined and unknown so Hydro won't be able to start acquiring land on that route for some time. Vaughan actually plans to seek changes in the Parkway Belt proposal when the time for public hearings on it comes about.

Fraser said the cost of the middle route is estimated at \$297,800,000 while the cost of going across Vaughan and Markham along route "Q" through Langstaff is estimated at \$364,000,000. He said there is also no guarantee the Parkway Belt area reserve is large enough to allow the hydro corridor to be engineered within it.

Solicitor Fraser said the \$364,000,000 estimate is the cost of regular construction and that the cost of route "Q" will be astronomical if the line must be put underground past Malton Airport. He said the engineering feasibility of route "Q" is questionable.

DESTROYS PARK BELT

If it should prove feasible, it destroys the intended open space and recreation potential of the Parkway Belt, Fraser said. It also shouldn't be forgotten that Ontario Hydro did have concern for the environment and had the use of very experienced and expert people when it picked the King-Whitechurch route.

Mr. Stewart was alone in his car at the time.

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Stage I, Phase II BAIF Plan Recreation Complex, Pond, Richvale Sewers

Although the Town of Richmond Hill acknowledges that BAIF is entitled to any excess capacity in the present North Don Sewage Treatment Plant, for which it paid, the new agreement for the land use of the lands between the Don River watercourse and Bathurst Street to be known as Stage I, Phase II, provides for servicing of present residents of the area by that plant.

The agreement recommended to council for approval by its planning committee, meeting in committee of the whole Monday evening provides that, if the capacity is increased above 1.4 mgd by means of process improvements (by chemicals) and not by an extension, then the residents within the area bounded by Yonge Street, Bathurst Street, Vaughan Road and Langstaff Road at the time of such improvements, other than residents within a plan of subdivision registered subsequent to the registration of Plan M-1435 (a previous BAIF plan), shall be entitled to 30% of such increase without any charge by BAIF in respect to the construction of the sewage treatment plant and sanitary trunk sewer. If the capacity is increased by an extension to the plant then the said residents shall be accommodated without any charge in respect to the construction of the original plant and trunk or any extension to the plant and any extension must be designed to accommodate them.

RECREATIONAL COMPLEX
Also provided for in the agreement are a contribution by the developers of \$530,000 for a recreational community centre complex, now well in the planning stages; a \$100,000 contribution for library purposes; fencing and park improvements to the value of \$155,000 to be done within two years; a walkway and bicycle path of asphalt not less than 13 feet in width with a wooden dividing barrier and three footbridges in the green belt area along the Don River, west branch, from Carrville Road to Weldrick Road, which will be extended eventually northward to Vaughan Road and perhaps to the south.

SMALL POND
Also in the agreement is construction of a small pond of approximately two acres in area just south of the fork in the river and north of Castle Rock Drive. It is hoped that this pond will offer similar recreational facilities to those at the Mill Pond in the old town, such as open air skating, model boat sailing, a nature walk,

etc., Planning Director Hesse Rimon said. The greenbelt itself will be landscaped and trees planted to the satisfaction of the Works Commissioner. The walkway and bicycle path, pond and footbridges are to be completed within one year after the first building permit in Stage I of Phase II is issued.

FOUR PARKS
Phase II contains four small parks — 2.5 acres, 3.3 acres, 3.1 acres and 3.9 acres, a 3.3 acre commercial site on Bathurst Street, a two acre church site and an eight acre school site. The agreement requires the owner to erect a chain link fence around the school site before occupancy of all abutting buildings or two years after registration of the plan whichever is earlier.

STAGE I
Phase two provides for single family homes and semi-detached homes seven

RECEIVE TEACHER RESIGNATIONS
A total of 667 resignations have been received by York County Board of Education from its approximately 840 secondary school teachers.

The resignations were handed in Friday at the board offices in Aurora by James Bethune, executive assistant of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation.

The teachers, in an 89.4 percent vote a week ago, voted 95.6 percent in favor of turning in the resignations.

Marvin Hunter, chairman of the county board of education, said that letters of acknowledgement were being prepared for individual teachers, but none of the resignations had been dealt with as yet, as they could only be officially accepted by the board.

"The resignations aren't effective until December 31 and I remain optimistic that the two negotiating teams, which are still meeting, will be able to work something out before that time," Mr. Hunter said.

Will Issue 10-Year Debenture School Administration Centre

York County Board of Education last week agreed to a recommendation of its finance committee to finance the cost of its proposed administration building with a 10-year debenture issue.

The recommendation was one of three submitted by the committee.

The other two called for the building to be financed over a three-year period, and to pay the total cost from the reserve for working funds.

No site for the building, which is expected to cost \$1,500,000, has been selected as yet.

Two weeks ago, York Regional Council turned down a joint resolution by Newmarket Mayor Robert Forhan and Councillor Ray Twinney offering the board approximately four acres of land on the site of the old York Manor in the Town of Newmarket for \$1.

Council felt that a planning study being undertaken for the over-all development of the site, should be completed before any commitments were made for it.

Trustee Robert Houghton of Richmond Hill, acting chairman of the finance committee for the building, listed five advantages and three disadvantages of the 10-year plan.

The advantages: It would provide an interest rate about 1/2 percent less than the board's present minimum borrowing rate, and would be protected for 10 years against any increase in interest rates.

The assessment will increase significantly over the next 10 years, thus spreading the annual levy over more ratepayers and reducing the cost per house.

Repayments are fixed at today's dollar value and tend to be less of a burden in future years because of the

inflationary effect on the dollar.

It does not affect the ordinary expenditure ceilings. There is a uniform cost per year.

Disadvantages: Total dollar cost is 38 percent more than if paid for from levies over the years 1974 to 1976.

In interest rate over the 10-year period, the board would be locked into the higher rate.

If funds became available in any year, the board would be unable to pay off any portion of the debenture.

Al White Staying Till Spring

Richmond Hill Council learned through a report of its fire and personnel committee, chaired by William Corcoran, presented at its November 26 meeting, that Parks and Recreation Administrator Al White has withdrawn his letter of resignation and will continue in his position until the spring of 1974.

Mr. White tendered his resignation during the summer to become effective this fall and the position was advertised. It was reported at council meeting November 26 that several applications for the post have been received and Chairman Shaun Beggs, Russell Tilt and Glen Philip were named as a committee by the parks and recreation committee to examine the applications and select those to be considered by council's personnel committee.

The committee also reported that Secretary-Treasurer Barry McKinnon of the Committee of Adjustment will continue in his position until early in the new year.

quodrexes and townhouses, and apartment buildings on the Bathurst Street frontage. Stage 1 will bring development of 212 singles, 98 semis and 278 townhouses.

The apartment houses planned for the Bathurst Street frontage will not be built until it is determined if they can be accommodated in the existing sewage treatment plant.

QUADREXES STAY
Councillor Andy Chateauvert repeated earlier criticism of quadrexes he had voiced at planning committee and council, claiming that in at least one case a tool shed and barbecue had been built outside the privacy fence. "I think quadrexes should be taken out."

However, they remained in the plan since William Schwartz, representing BAIF, said the firm had received no complaints. Councillor Lou Wainwright stated the only complaint he had was that residents in the rear of the quadrex had found they had to leave a parked second car in the drive by the passenger door because of the neighbor's privacy fence.

Planning Director Hesse Rimon stated that this occurred only where two quadrexes are abutting and could not happen in the proposed development because the quadrexes are located singly.

WIDE VARIETY
He went on to comment that the stage under discussion would provide for as wide a variety of housing as possible. "It is proposed that at least 50% of the town houses should have garages or underground parking."

Regional Councillor Lois Hancey, who chaired the meeting of the planning committee of the whole, pointed out that the inclusion of the quadrexes in the first phase of development had brought about a compensating lowering of the density in the proposed apartment buildings along Yonge Street. Mr. Rimon confirmed

this, saying that the highest density permitted under the governing bylaw is 60 persons per acre and the BAIF-Cadillac submission is for less than 50 per acre. The BAIF representative noted that the reason no apartment buildings have been started yet is because the demand for apartments has not yet come.

He also answered criticism of the appearance of the first town houses built in the BAIF development by reminding council members that these units sold at \$10,000 less than the amount for which the town houses now

under construction will be marketed.

STREET NAMES
Streets in the new development will be named Shaw Boulevard, Mayvern Crescent, Drumern Crescent, Law Crescent, Sanderson Crescent and Ayr Road, names associated with the history of Richmond Hill and of that area.

The agreement requires the owners to construct paved roadways with concrete curb and gutter, street lights, sidewalks and paved walkways provided to give access to the school site and to park areas, sodded boulevards, watermain, sanitary sewers, storm sewers and drainage. Besides these interior works the owners have agreed to contribute to the town \$600,000 for repairs and reconstruction to boundary roads.

ALTERNATIVES
Meeting of water requirements is also the responsibility of the owners with three alternatives suggested — modifying the Uplands well, developing a new well or connecting into a supply from an outside source or a combination thereof.

\$500 FEE
A fee of \$500 for each dwelling unit is required as a contribution for municipal

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Arrest Man Again On Further Weapon, Marijuana Charges

A Richmond Hill man out on bail on drug, weapon and counterfeit money charges was arrested here again last week and charged again on drug and weapon charges.

Mickey McLennan, 29, who gave York Regional Police his address as being a local hotel, was arrested Tuesday at 301 Markham Road by YRP Detectives John Moorhead and Douglas Strong. McLennan appeared in custody Friday at Richmond Hill Provincial Court to face his new charges.

These new charges were November 27 possession of 14 pounds of marijuana for the purposes of trafficking and possession of an unregistered firearm (a revolver). McLennan was previously free on bail awaiting judge and jury trial in York County Court on a Holland Landing charge of having 15 pounds of marijuana and a later local charge involving counterfeit \$50 bills, police said.

The accused man is also on bail from a Toronto court on a prohibited weapon charge.

Fill Seat In January

Any decision on filling the vacant Ward 3 seat on the Richmond Hill Council will not be made until January, council decided on the suggestion of Mayor William Lazenby at a meeting Monday evening.

In the meantime, Ward 3 ratepayers will not suffer from lack of representation at the council table, the mayor said and suggested that they contact either Regional Councillor Lois Hancey, who formerly represented the ward, or him with their problems.

The mayor also reported that Town Solicitor Tom Fraser had advised him that council has two alternatives to fill the vacancy. An election may be held or an appointment may be made. The appointment may be, but does not have to be, a candidate in the most recent election. Ray Gemmill, a resident of the ward, was the runner-up to Charles Stewart in last year's election.

Mrs. Hancey suggested that the ratepayers of the ward be given an opportunity to express their opinions by holding public meetings and council agreed to consider this when the matter comes up in January.

The mayor asked members of council to let him know of any possible appointees, so that he may get in contact with them and obtain their written agreement to accept the position if appointed, a necessary step according to the solicitor.

Hill Council Approves 180-Day 133-Acre \$750,000 Land Option

An 180-day option to purchase 130-plus acres at the corner of 18th Avenue and Leslie Street at \$5,700 per acre was approved by Richmond Hill Council in special session Monday evening. The present owner of the land is Rugged Construction Limited, represented by agent Harrie Wertheim, 3311 Bayview Avenue, Toronto. The expiry date on their offer was 11:59 am Tuesday of this week. A deposit of only \$2,000 is required.

At the November 26 meeting of council, staff had been instructed to negotiate an option to purchase. Clerk Mack Clement reported that negotiations had begun with the town offering \$5,500 per acre, but in order to get the 180-day option the higher price had been necessary, which would be approximately equal to the interest for six months at 9%.

The land is being acquired as a new site for the town's works yard and of the Spring Fair.

"I can endorse that figure," stated Mayor

William Lazenby. I have information that much higher prices are being asked in that area."

"The question of quicksand was raised at the last meeting," stated Councillor William Corcoran. "I talked to the man who farmed this land for years and he knew of no quicksand. The only soft spot he knew of was around the spring."

Mr. Clement reported the position of the tenant in the house is covered in the option and his agreement will be honored up to October 1974. The tenant on the land has been assured he would be able to get his crop off next year, the clerk reported.

Councillor Lou Wainwright wanted to know if there was any chance of getting the option extended. "Not at this price," replied the clerk.

In a recorded vote, 75% being required, only Regional and Town Councillor Lois Hancey voted in the negative.



Santa Comes Saturday

Santa Claus is coming to town this Saturday at 10 am. In keeping with Richmond Hill's Centennial Year, Santa will arrive at Richmond Heights Centre on a fire truck, the traditional vehicle in this community for more than a quarter of a century.

On arrival at the Centre Santa will proceed to his trailer headquarters where he will welcome young visitors every weekday until Christmas. Monday to Friday he will be on duty from 1-4 and from 6-9 and on Saturdays from 10-5.

He will have a free surprise gift for every youngster visiting him and an added feature this year will be his coloring contest which appears in the Centre's advertising supplement in this issue. All his young visitors are invited to color the picture and take it with them when they visit Santa. Prizes will be awarded for the best efforts.