

Region Family Services Seek Provincial Aid

York Region's four family service centres have the uneasy feeling that they are living on borrowed time. Will their doors be open in January or will they not?

Over the past year the services have survived with the aid of regional grants and fees and donations from the public after an assurance of a grant of 50 percent of cost of salaries was withdrawn by the province.

In an attempt to get the agencies back on the provincial budget estimates for 1974, Donald Deacon MLA, York Centre arranged a meeting with provincial Minister of Community and Social Services Rene Brunelle to take place at Queen's Park December 20.

Representatives from the Richmond Hill-Thornhill Family Services, Markham Family Life Centre, and family service agencies in Newmarket and Georgina were invited along with William Hodgson MLA York North and Dr. Matthew Dymond MLA for Ontario Riding.

But the planners had not consulted the department of meteorology, and on the day set, the region was in the throes of its biggest blizzard of the season.

Mr. Deacon and Mr. Brunelle along with two officials from his Ministry were there, and there were representatives from

the Markham Family Life Centre, from the Newmarket agency, but the delegation from Georgina was not able to make it to Queens Park. Nor were Messrs. Hodgson and Dymond.

The Richmond Hill-Thornhill Family Services was represented by its Board Chairman Dr. Robert Alexander, Board Members William Dodds and Judge James Butler, and Executive Director Dr. Frank Fidler.

Dr. Owen Slingerland, York Region's Commissioner of Health and Social Services, and Richmond Hill's Mayor William Lazenby, chairman of the committee of health and social services started out from Newmarket, and after a 45-minute drive through the heavy storm, stopped at the mayor's Richmond Hill office for a breather. Weather reports were warning motorists against going into Metro, and the mayor had a meeting of the local council scheduled for 7 pm that evening. They had received no confirmation that the meeting with the provincial representatives was to take place, so they decided not to continue further south, the mayor said in an interview December 22.

The day after the meeting Dr. Fidler reported that the delegation had been given a sympathetic hearing with assurances that another meeting would be called

early in the new year. Meanwhile, he said, all they can do is to keep hoping for the best.

When the region drew up its budget last spring it provided \$70,000 as a grant to the agencies on the understanding that this amount would be matched by the province.

However when the province's tight money budget was brought down, the family service agencies along with the hospital commission and the Ministry of Education, found themselves in a financial bind. On October 25, when all available funds had been exhausted by the agencies, the region authorized another

\$15,000 to meet salary obligations to the end of the year.

The communities they serve are expected to provide funds for office space and operating costs other than salaries.

When it agreed to put up the additional funds, regional council directed its committee to meet with Dr. Brunelle and report back to council before December 1 with recommendations on regional funding. A number of councillors were opposed to providing further funds if the province was not prepared to share the cost.

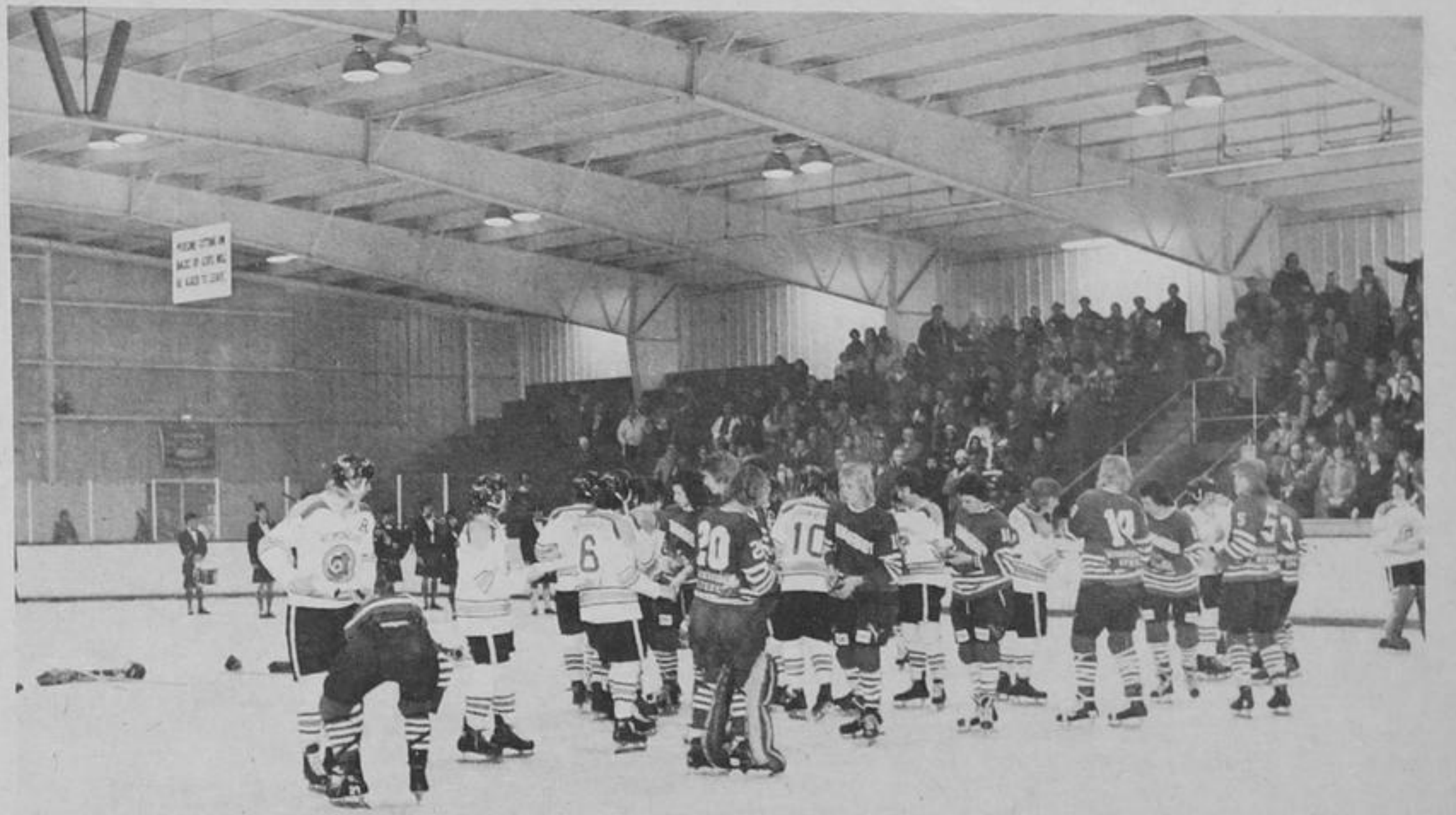
However when the council met December 13, Mayor Lazenby said that no meeting had yet been arranged.

That same week, Mr. Deacon met with the Richmond Hill-Thornhill Family Services and set up the meeting for December 20. And in the absence of the commissioner, the committee chairman, the Georgina representatives, and two of the members of the Legislature who serve the region, the delegation made the best presentation possible.

Meanwhile the agencies are continuing to provide personal and private counselling and are carrying on with plans for a number of family life education programs to take place in the new year in the areas they serve.



RENE BRUNELLE
Minister of Social Services



(Photos by Ron Fawn)

Friendship Hands And Hot Competition

Members of our Richmond Hill Legion Midgets and Sweden's Hammarby squad give it the "big handshake" in traditional fashion in the top photograph following Friday night's 4-4 exhibition tie. Both teams put on an exciting display for the edification of the 1,700 spectators in attendance who found plenty

to shout about as play ranged up and down the ice. The action got intense on occasions as can be seen in the lower photo as a Legion player and one from Hammarby shove at one another as the linesman pushes them apart. See story Page 11.

Weekend Marriage School For Matrimonially Minded

Encouraged by the overwhelming popularity of past programs, the Richmond Hill Ministerial Association is again sponsoring a Marriage Preparation Course of talks and talk-backs during the weekend of January 12 and 13.

The first session will begin at 1:30 pm January 12 in St. Mary's Anglican Church at Yonge Street and Vaughan Road and continue to 7 pm with tea or coffee break and supper and chatting included.

The following day, Sunday, at 2 pm, there will be an informal warm-up before the group gets down to dis-

ussion of finances and budgeting. A panel of married couples will talk about and answer questions on the topic, "What makes a marriage?"

Topics to be covered on the first day will be "What do you expect of your marriage?", "In-put, sharing, common tasks", "The Christian perspective on marriage", "Physiological and emotional aspects of marriage" — the latter to be introduced by a gynecologist, and questions will be encouraged.

On Sunday there will be an informal warm-up before the group gets down to dis-

Information and registration forms are available at the churches in Richmond Hill, or interested parties may get further information by writing to "The Richmond Hill Marriage School" Box 224, Richmond Hill, L4C-4Y2.

The ministerial association has already made plans for future courses to include the Richmond Hill and Thornhill areas. Dates are April 27 and 28, 1974; October 19 and 20, 1974; and January 18 and 19, 1975. Cheques for registration should be made payable to "R. H. Marriage School".

Hill Juveniles AAA Champs North American Silver Stick

Mr. Transmission Juveniles were placed in the "AAA" Division of the North American Silver Stick Tournament, while other teams from this area, Thornhill and Barrie were placed in the "AA" Division. The local boys rose to the occasion and knocked out the best and strongest to take the top championship in this top tourney. On the way to the top they defeated London, Dixie Bee Hives and Sudbury in three straight wins.

Mr. Transmission 4, London 3
In the first game against London, played December 28, Mr. Transmission struck hard and fast with four unanswered goals in the first period. Three of them were of the unassisted nature by Brad Campbell, Bill Dysart and Tom Lamb. The fourth goal was by Paul Baillie in a setup by linemates Mike Wood and Rick Sackfield.

London came on much stronger in the second and third, but fell one short of tying it up. Mark Edwards played stellar goalkeeping to keep London from taking over.

Mr. Transmission 4, Dixie 3
The Hillers then tangled Saturday morning with the highly-touted Dixie Bee Hives, who were expecting to win all the marbles. The game was a real cliffhanger and left the Hill supporters in a state of animated shock for the rest of the day.

Dixie counted first and notched the only goal in the first period. Mr. Transmission picked up the tying goal early in the second by Lamb assisted by Tom Sanlon.

The Hillers went ahead in the third on a goal by Dysart aided by Campbell. Dixie then counted two to go ahead 3-2.

With only two minutes to go in regulation time we wrapped home the big one to tie it up, when Dysart slipped the puck to Kevin Brillinger who made no mistake.

This forced the game into sudden death overtime. With only 45 seconds to play in the 10-minute overtime, Lamb broke up the middle, was in the process of being hooked out of the play but kept enough control of the puck to literally slide it behind the very disappointed net-pinder. This same Mr. Thomson was truly outstanding as he robbed the locals many times, especially Sanlon, who was in at least four times, but came away completely thwarted.

Bill Woods was a real standout between the posts for the locals.

Centennial Year Ends

Richmond Hill's Centennial Year came to a close quietly at 10 pm New Year's Eve when Mayor William Lazenby and Norm Bielas, manager of the local branch of the Consumers Gas, turned out the Centennial flame which burned all year in front of the municipal offices. The mayor spoke of the successful celebration of the 100th birthday of the town and thanked all who had participated.

Among those attending the brief ceremony were Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe, Ward 4 Councillor David Stephenson, Elgin Barrow, Dalt Hicks and Mrs. Patricia Hart, members of the Centennial Committee and Miss Nancy Stoness, Miss Richmond Hill Centennial, and her parents.

STOUFFVILLE: During 1973 an addition to the sewage disposal plant was completed which will accommodate a population of up to 6,200. New watermains have been installed, a new fire truck purchased and a new public library planned. Three residential developments are nearing completion and a fourth (130 homes) will be approved early next year.

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Rams Tie Tigers 3 To 3 In 4th Place 3-Way Tie

By FRED SIMPSON
Richmond Hill Rams' Goalie Doug Brumwell had a hot hand going for him Tuesday night as he stopped 42 shots to spark his teammates to a 3-3 tie with Aurora Tigers in a Provincial Junior "A" hockey game in Richmond Hill.

Brumwell was particularly spectacular during the final 12 minutes of the wide-open contest taking several seemingly sure goals off the opposition.

The tie bolstered the Rams into a three-way tie for fourth place with Wexford Raiders and Seneca Flyers, just five points from front-running Vaughan Nationals.

Pen Mightier Than Wire Fence

The pen is still mightier than the sword, or the wire fence.

When Ben Bourget, 112 Benson Avenue, Richmond Hill, had trouble with snowmobilers cutting across his corner lot in their big machines, his action was more informative than obstructive.

Instead of erecting a barricade, Mr. Bourget erected a sign with the following message: "Snowmobile Maniacs. Keep Off Our Property."

That was three weeks ago and Mr. Bourget hasn't had any trouble from either the snowmobile maniacs, or just the ordinary kind ever since.

GREAT STOPS
The final 12 minutes saw

Brumwell at his spectacular best. He literally robbed Aurora's Gord McFarlane on two close-in drives after the latter broke in all alone. The second effort saw McFarlane sail right in, attempt to do it himself, only to have Brumwell get a piece of the puck and deflect it over the net.

The Hill goalie performed the same acrobatics with Danny Atkinson who also walked right in and appeared to have Brumwell at his mercy.

The Rams thought they had the winning goal with nine minutes left in the game when they scored only to have it disallowed. Some of the Rams thought the puck was over the line as Goalie Brown grabbed it and fell backwards. No go.

ANOTHER SAVE
Brumwell's final great save came with less than two minutes remaining when Mark Priddy's low shot just ticked off his skate and by the corner as he went right in alone.

The game was a rugged contest most of the way and saw fights between John Jalasevac of the Rams and George Berger of the Tigers; and Berger again with Bob Bangay.

Richmond Hill fired 34 shots at the Tiger's Brown.

MARKHAM: John Edwards, 7, received a letter from Buckingham Palace last week. It was in reply to a letter he had written to Prince Edward, the Queen's youngest son, after seeing him on TV at Princess Anne's wedding.

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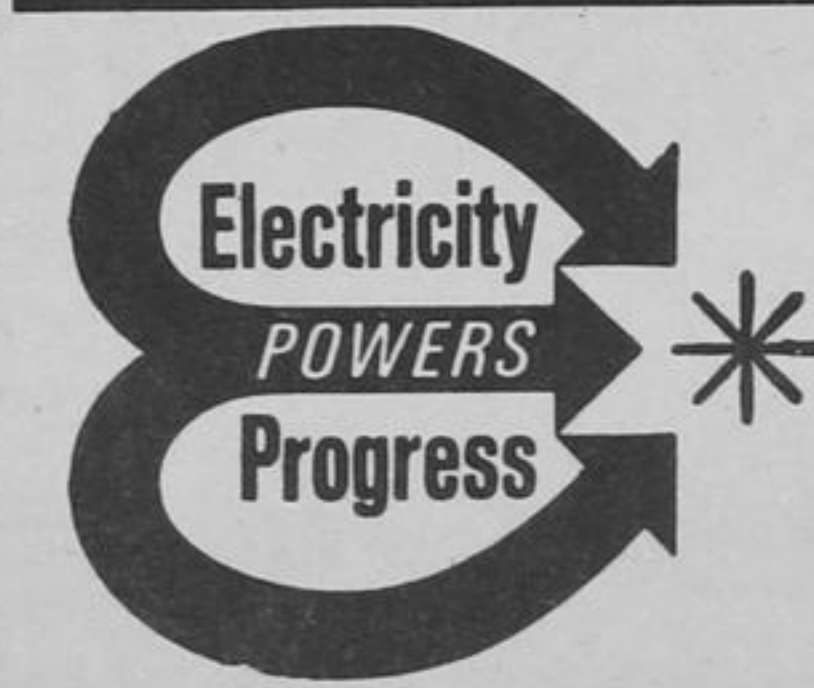


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