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\$Millions For Richmond Hill, Thornhill Rail Transit

Many Community Benefits, Higher Property Values, More Development Pressure

By HAL BLAINE

Substantially improved property values, greater development pressures and happier neighborhood living conditions are in Southern York Region are expected to result from Monday's federal-provincial announcement of a new commuter rail service for Thornhill and Richmond Hill terminals within two years.

This according to the transportation chairmen of Markham and Richmond Hill Town Councils in interviews Tuesday. "The Federal Government will provide \$10,000,000 for the purchase of rolling stock for a three-train peak-period rail service between Richmond Hill and Toronto Union Station," said the Monday federal - provincial - municipal announce-

ment. The trains will be operated for about a \$1,000,000 annual deficit by the Ontario Government as part of its expanding GO Transit network. GO buses from Barrie, Newmarket and Aurora will be rescheduled to tie into the Richmond Hill end of the new rail commuter service.

Ward 3 Councillor Roy Muldrew of Thornhill, Markham transportation chairman, says the new rail service is the greatest thing that could happen to the Thornhill community. Muldrew predicts a whole series of major transit improvements here in the coming months, with talks and studies already under way.

Muldrew says Markham's recently inaugurated local transit service has revealed an unexpected potential for commuter service connecting Unionville and the Highway 48 - Old Markham Village

area into the Yonge Street traffic corridor.

Details regarding plans for commuter stations at Richmond Hill and Thornhill aren't yet available.

The new Markham Centennial Centre is already being used this year for hockey leagues throughout the town, including Thornhill area. It is intended to provide a focus for recreation and cultural activity in the town. Discussion of future expansion and use of the balance of the 12-acre land site has included proposals for swimming pool, curling rink, tennis courts and other recreation facilities. But these items remain to be finally decided.

Future plans for increased community activity at the Centre include Guy Lombardo in Concert, Duke Ellington Presents and other celebrity programs to fill in between hockey and figure

skating activities during the year. Being considered for summer recreation activity are hockey school and figure skating classes.

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Hurrah! New Markham Arena

Achievement of the biggest recreation project in a municipality's history usually calls for a major civic celebration to mark the occasion. And Markham Town is no exception to the rule.

Saturday the newly re-organized Town of Markham, a York Regional local municipality now for three years, officially opens the new \$1,400,000 Markham Centennial Centre Arena. The name of the new building this season just swinging into operation was chosen to remind residents of the 100 year history of the old Markham community that was recently celebrated.

PUBLIC INVITED FREE

There will be a reception for about 200 invited municipal and community leaders at 5:30 pm. But all residents of the town are invited to come and enjoy the festivities starting at 7 pm. Admission to the arena before 7 o'clock for the hockey, official ceremonies, figure skating and music program is free. The arena is located east of Unionville on the Concession 7 road, about a block north of Highway 7 East.

Most of the Thornhill postal area here is included in the new regional Town of Markham. The town includes the former Markham Township area north of Steeles Avenue, east of Yonge Street, south of Highway 7 and north of Highway 7 along both sides of Don Mills Road (Woodbine Avenue) to the new Whitchurch - Stouffville Town boundary.

Fill Ward 3 Seat January 16

The vacant Ward 3 seat at Richmond Hill Council table will be filled by appointment at a special meeting January 16 at 8 pm, it was announced at Monday night's meeting of council.

The seat was won in December 1972 by Charles Stewart in a two-way battle with Ray Gemmill and became vacant when Mr. Stewart died in a highway accident November 27.

The outcome of a special council meeting December 20 was that no election would be held and that the seat would be filled by appointment.

At Monday night's meeting Regional Councillor Lois Hancey asked that two letters supporting the appointment of Mr. Gemmill to the seat be recorded in the council minutes.

THORNHILL PARTICIPATION

Many Thornhill young people belong to the Unionville Figure Skating Club which is featured in the 7 pm Skating Extravaganza which starts the public portion of the official opening celebrations. The figure skating show will include 200 pretty young ladies and handsome young men, says Unionville Ward 3 Councillor Mrs. Carole Bell of 12 Tuscany Court. She is in charge of arrangements for the official opening events.

Markham professional skater Frances Allan will lead the Markham Skating Club and Unionville Skating Club professional Hans Ahlgrun of Metro will lead that club's skaters. The figure skating show will last 40 minutes.

The Thornlea Band and Choir from Thornlea Secondary School under the direction of well known Canadian musician Ellis McClintock will provide the opening music and perform at all intervals in the program.

OFFICIAL CEREMONIES

Then comes the official ceremonies with Reverend Robert Ball of Central United Church, Unionville, giving the official blessing. Markham Mayor Anthony Roman will preside at the introduction of special guests, unveiling of a plaque and ribbon cutting.

The master of ceremonies will be Johnny Esaw, a television personality and local town resident.

Markham Museum Curator John Lunau, an old Markham hockey figure, will do the hockey introductions and be commentator for the hockey game. The game features members of the old community senior team the Markham Millionaires, playing against the well known NHL Oldtimers. Lunau is a former Markham Millionaires trainer and now is trainer of the NHL Oldtimers. (See further story

on the hockey game in the Sports Section).

CULTURE AND RECREATION

The arena building includes The Penalty Box Lounge, an attractive mezzanine facility providing accommodations for parties, private meetings, wedding receptions, etc.

The operating and management committee of the Markham Centennial Centre includes four town council members and five local residents. The council representatives are Mayor Anthony Roman, Regional Councillor Robert Adams of Thornhill, Regional Councillor Harry Crisp of Thornhill and Ward 3 Councillor Mrs. Carole Bell of Unionville.

The community representatives are Doug James of Thornhill, Bruce Sage of Old Markham, Dennis Harvey of Old Markham, Bud Lunney of Unionville. The committee chairman is Barry Nicholls of Thornhill. Manager of the Markham Centennial Centre is Cecil Nobes.

Name Jackman To Committee

Howard Jackman, a resident of Richmond Hill for more than a quarter century, received the unanimous support of Richmond Hill Council at its meeting January 7 as the municipality's representative of the new York Region Land Division Committee.

The region has decided to set up a committee of nine members, one from each of the municipalities. In proposing Mr. Jackman's name, Mayor William Lazebny questioned the propriety of this region's decision to establish the committee, since it does not take into consideration the great differences in assessment and population among the municipalities which make up the Region of York.

The mayor noted Mr. Jackman of Roseview Avenue has served on the town's committee of adjustment for 14 years, most of that time having been its chairman. He also told council that the committee of adjustment would continue to deal with minor variances but that all future land severances will be handled by the new land division committee.

Regional Councillor Lois Hancey said each member of the regional council was asked to nominate an appointee to the land division committee, "but I would prefer to appoint a nominee supported by this council". The mayor agreed with her.

RC Board Inaugural McDermott Chairman

BY MARY DAWSON

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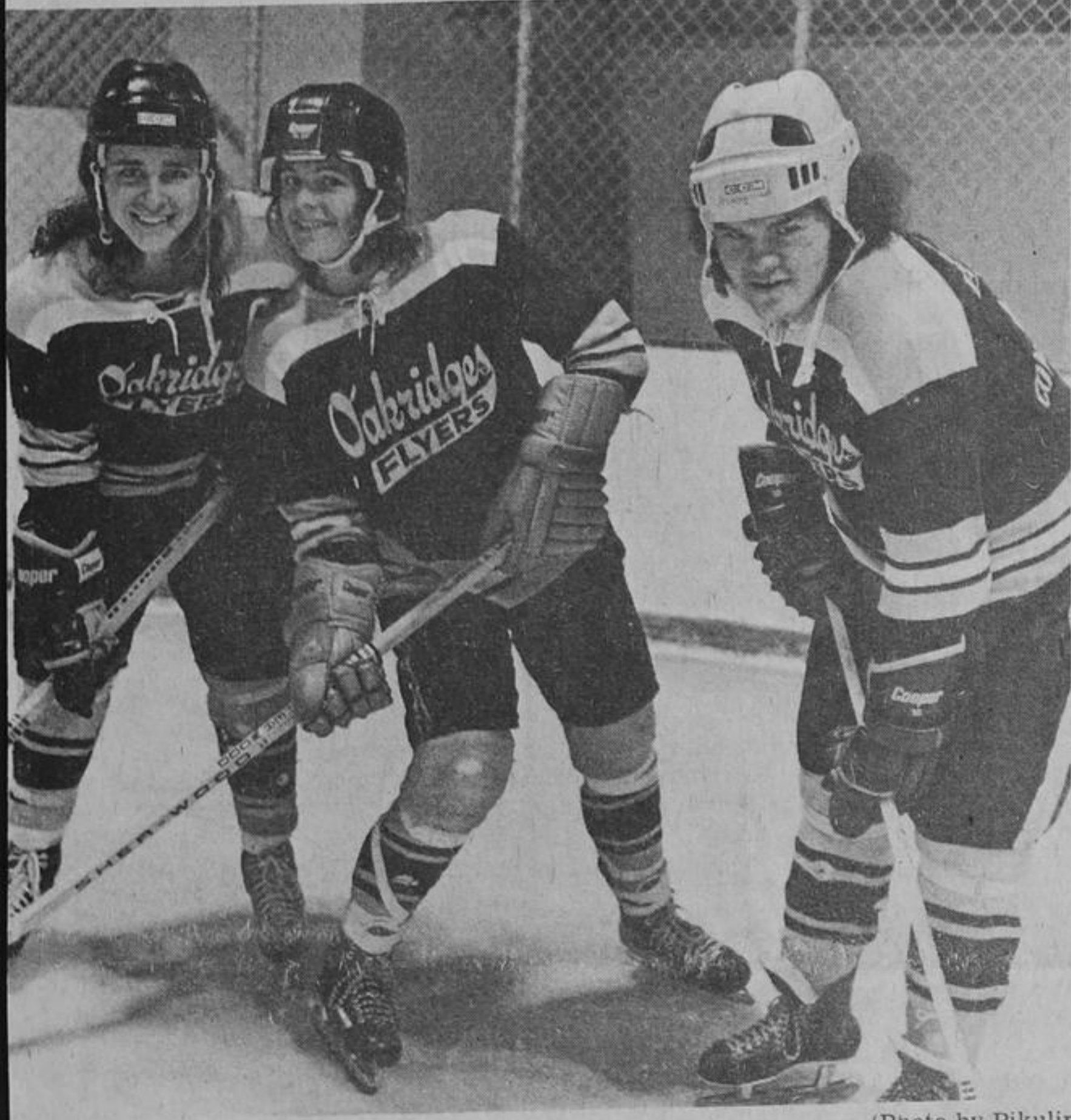
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(Photo by Pikulin)

Look Out, Switzerland?

They may be larking it up now but they'll be deadly serious come Monday night. The "they" are (left to right) Oak Ridges' Alex Brockton Midgets Bill Metcalfe, Peter McConachie, and John Lenneville. That's when the big exhibition game with the Walliseillen Switzerland Midgets takes place at 7:30 pm at Bond Lake Arena. The above fellows will likely form one of the Oak Ridges lines who are looking to turn back the visitors.

Read story on Page 13 for full details of Monday's contest.

Mink Stole(n)

An evening at the Board of Trade Country Club in Woodbridge is proving to be expensive in more ways than one.

For the second time in the past two months, a woman has had her mink fur stolen from the premises.

Sunday night, it was Greta Barrill of Toronto, whose \$1,600 mink stole was taken from the cloak room between 1 am and 1:15 am.

On December 16, Mrs. Doris Henderson, also of Toronto, reported the theft of a knee length, natural mink, valued at \$3,000, from an upstairs room at the club which was later recovered by police.

Firefighting Expansion Coming

Preparing for future needs, Richmond Hill Town Council is seeking a deputy fire chief at the present time. The whole town from Highway 7 north to the Bloomington Sideroad and from Bathurst Street east to the proposed Highway 404 is provided at present with firefighting services from the central fire station at the rear of the municipal building.

The fire station is manned round the clock by a force of 20 men, working in two shifts. Two of these are captains and the whole force is headed by Fire Chief Robert Kennedy.

The town's fire department is equipped with five pumper trucks, two tank trucks and a station wagon, the latter used

for administration and fire prevention purposes.

An elevating platform has been ordered and delivery is expected in April. It will be housed in the Richvale Fire Hall on Spruce Avenue. By the time it is delivered the roof of the structure will have been raised to accommodate the new apparatus for fire fighting and rescue work and that fire hall will be manned.

The town is calling for tenders for the construction of a combined fire hall and library building at the corner of Yonge Street and the King Sideroad in Oak Ridges, on a site acquired two years ago from the Oak Ridges Lions for \$20,000. It is planned to man this fire hall, at least at first, by volunteers.

Parent Effectiveness Course Starts January 16 In Hill

Have you ever wondered what to do when a child refuses to do his homework, practice the piano, stop fighting, tidy his room or go to bed on time? If so you're a typical parent in the 70's who often senses that something is wrong but not what or how to cope.

The Richmond Hill-Thornhill Family Services is offering a Parent Effectiveness course beginning Wednesday of next week, based on Dr. Thomas Gordon's book "Parent Effectiveness Training" which will provide parents with greater insights into themselves, their children and the communication process between them. It is Dr. Gordon's contention that parenthood is a highly skilled job, and that most people would handle it better if they were trained.

LIMITED REGISTRATION

The course will continue for six weeks each Wednesday from 8 to 10 pm and registration is limited to ten couples or 20 people with a fee of \$10 per person, or \$20 per couple, plus a copy

of the book that provides the background for discussion.

Tapes and visual materials will also be used to demonstrate the questions and answers to such topics as how to listen so the children will talk to you, how to talk so they will listen to you, how to change unacceptable behavior and how to avoid being "fired" as a parent. In the six sessions the group will explore the permissive way of bringing up children, the authoritarian way, and the effective way. (This one works, says Dr. Gordon). The family services office is located at 25A Yonge Street North, Richmond Hill, and for information interested persons may call 884-8822 or 8231.

Through the various discussions the course will deal with the 12 typical responses to children's problems — ranging from threatening, name-calling, preaching or sarcasm to praising, reassuring and offering solution. Each of these responses can have undesirable effects upon the child; some are put down which can make a child feel worthless or hurtful. Solutions rob the child of the growth experience of developing his own, while praise tends to make the child dependent upon the parents opinion rather than his own.

NEED FEED-BACK

"Active Listening" is another skill which the course teaches. It is the process of listening to the child when he comes to you with a problem and checking your impressions by feeding them back to him without criticism, judgment or new material. It leaves the child feeling comfortable, understood and free to go on talking. It often enables him to solve his own problems through the clearer understanding this kind of exploration allows him. Often, however, the child will behave in a way which creates a problem for the parents. When this occurs, parents are urged to send an "I" message. "I" messages according to Dr. Gor-

don, should consist of a non-blameful description of the child's unacceptable behavior, a statement of how that behavior makes the parent feel, and the tangible effect of the behavior on the parent. This technique, over a period of time, can often do

more to encourage a child to change without hurting him or the relationship, than the rewards, punishments and screaming battles most of us engage in without too much success.

FOUR METHODS

The techniques of "Active Listening" and "I" messages are the essential tools for the no win - no lose problem solving approach which Dr. Gordon refers to as "Method III Problem Solving". Method I is the authoritative way in which conflicts end with the parent winning and the child losing. Method II is the permissive way in which children win and parents lose. Method IV involves setting up a conference between parent and child at which both sides of the conflict are clearly stated, the solutions called for and written down, and the one solution which seems satisfactory to everyone, chosen for a trial run.

REALLY IN TOUCH

Parents who have taken the course in the past stated



YETTA NASHMAN Discussion Leader

Stay Away From \$50 Bills

York Regional Police reported two counterfeit \$50 bills in the area last week.

In Richmond Hill, a money bill turned up at R. F. Mott Sheet Metal, after a cash payment from the Bank of Commerce, Allencourt Plaza.

Serial number was A/H-2449667.

The other bill, which was believed to have come from the Bank of Commerce in Willowdale, was deposited in the Bank of Montreal in Aurora.

Serial number was A/H-3984029.