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## At Elgin-Bathurst Vaughan Add 1,800

"The cat's out of the bag now as to how extensive a development is expected," commented Regional Councillor Lois Hancey at the January 9 meeting of Richmond Hill Council's planning committee when she learned of a Town of Vaughan Amendment to the Official Plan which would see a population of 1,800 people established on 395 acres on the northeast corner of Elgin Mills Sideroad and Bathurst Street. This is a Milani development.

Vaughan Amendment 39 has increased the 162 acres rezoning from rural to residential first introduced in 1969 to 395 acres and the potential population from 1,300 to 1,800. The minimum lot area has been increased from 15,000-18,000 to 20,000 square feet.

**R. HILL'S DOORSTEP**

"This would in effect create a small community right on the boundary of Richmond Hill (Bathurst Street is the boundary line between Vaughan and Richmond Hill), which would be functionally related to this town," stated Planning Director Hesse Rimon. "Presumably these 1,800 people would use the town's recreation facilities, such as the swimming pool, the parks, the rinks and the library, without contributing one tax dollar towards the provision of these services. At the same time their custom may help the merchants of this town at a time when such help will be needed badly. It's a two-edged sword and has its pros and cons."

**SEPTIC TANKS, WELLS**

Mr. Rimon continued, "This could bring real pressure to

develop more land in Richmond Hill and Vaughan on the basis of septic tanks and wells." He found the proposed development in direct controversy with the residential policies stated in Vaughan's Official Plan and stated he felt the development should be allowed (if at all) only at a density of two persons per acre rather than the proposed 3.3 persons per acre.

He also noted that there will be a problem of storm drainage into the Mill Pond and developing of the area will increase the runoff into that body of water. He pointed out that the second phase of development in the area presumes connection with the Richmond Hill water and sewage disposal systems, rather than the wells and septic tanks called for in the first phase.

**YORK REGIONAL PLAN**

Mrs. Hancey thought that in light of the new proposal council could well change its attitude to this development recalling that it had entered no objections to the first proposal since there was no question of services (except firefighting since the Richmond Hill fire hall would be much closer than any in Vaughan). She also recommended that the development should have no entrance from Bathurst Street and only one on Elgin Mills Road Sideroad West. She also felt it unwise to proceed with these plans until the Region of York's Official Plan has been approved.

On motion of Chairman David Stephenson the matter was referred to town council.



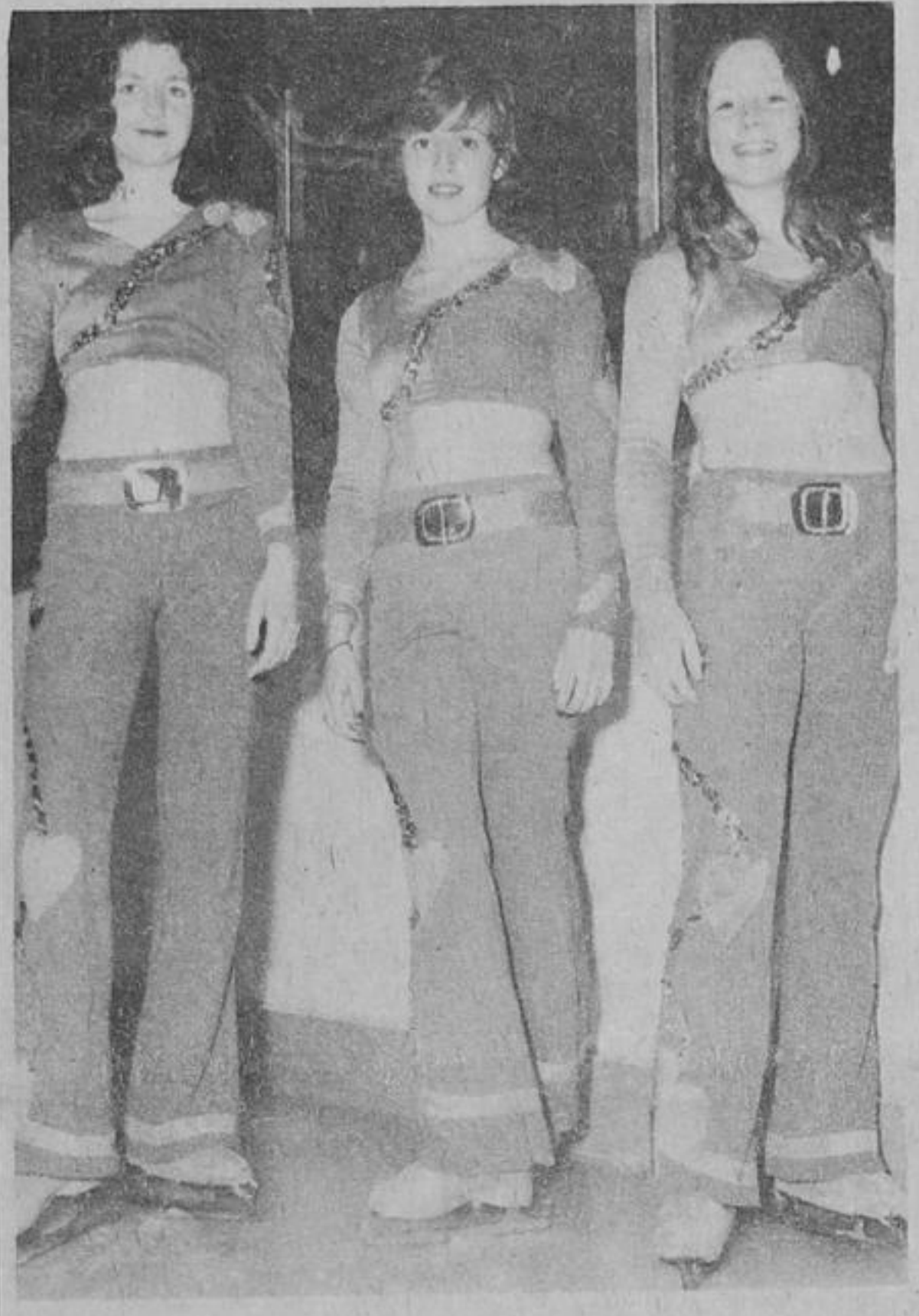
(Photos by Barbour)

## Markham Centre Is Open

Markham Centennial Centre Saturday night was a very special peoples' place as citizens from near and far gathered in their thousands to celebrate the official opening of their grand new sports and cultural facility. It was standing room only at the arena, with total attendance including figure skaters and other performers estimated at close to 3,000.

Mayor Anthony Roman (top photo) at centre ice in the midst of the night's celebrations unveiled an official plaque for the occasion. Watching are the members of the last two town councils who were involved in the decisions which brought about the new town centre. They are (left to right) former Ward 5 councillor Murray Henderson who is partly hidden behind former Ward 6 councillor Norman Tyndall of Gormley; Ward 6 Councillor Ron Moran of Dickson's Hill with Ward 4 Councillor Bud Bonner and former York Regional councillor for Markham Harold Lawrie almost hidden; Ward 5 Councillor Mrs. Alma Walker; Mayor Roman; Ward 3 Councillor Mrs. Carole Bell who was chairman of the official opening committee; Ward 1 Councillor Gary Kay of South Thornhill; York Region and Markham Councillor Harry Crisp of Thornhill, clerk of the town when the project was started; Ward 2 Councillor Roy Muldrew of North Thornhill; plus York Region and Markham Councillor Robert Adams of Thornhill.

Among the more than 100 dazzling colorful figure skaters from the Unionville and Markham Figure Skating Clubs who put on a thrilling display were the three young ladies shown in the lower photo (left to right) Lorna Cox, 14, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cox, Gormley; Cathi Wilkes, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilkes, 3 Laureleaf Road, Thornhill; and Cathie Church, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Church, 27 Daffodil Avenue, Thornhill.



## To Add 3rd Storey Church St. Building

A substantial addition including a third floor for the office building at the northeast corner of Markham Road and Church Street was approved by Richmond Hill Council's Planning Committee January 9 and a site plan will be prepared by the planning staff.

Dalton Hicks and George

Chasie represented Woodlane Developments Ltd., owners of the building. Mr. Hicks reported that when the building was erected in 1968 future expansion was envisaged and some provisions, such as an elevator shaft to serve a third floor, were made. Since that time the company has bought the two houses and properties to the east of the building. To make seven more parking spaces available than are required the second house will be razed, Mr. Chasie reported. There will be 41 parking spaces, all behind the 25 foot line from Markham Road.

## Refuse To Build Bayview Summit Pool, Arena, Ball Park, Trustee Sim Charges

## Markham Blocks Thornhill School Campus

Markham Town Council was taken to task by Trustee Donald Sim at a meeting of York County Board of Education Monday night.

Mr. Sim said that the "attitude" of council where the Bayview Summit Subdivision in Thornhill was concerned was "one of the greatest disappointments I've had in 1973."

He said he had attended many meetings with council trying to get it to put in a swimming pool, arena and ball park in conjunction with the Bayview Summit School complex site.

However, Markham's only concern was to put in day-care centres, as encouraged by provincial legislation.

In the meantime the board was holding up the school until it got a decision from Markham on the co-operative use of land, Mr. Sim said.

A staff report on the site showed that a master plan was developed to provide for the joint use of lands owned

by the board, the town and York County Roman Catholic School Board, which was subsequently approved in principle by the board.

An elementary school was next approved for the site and sketch plans were drawn up for it. Council objected to the proximity of the school to the street line and suggested it be built farther back on the site.

**SEPARATE BOARD DEMURS**

The Roman Catholic School Board representatives said that the proposed site for the separate school was not in the location of that shown on the master plan, and indicated that they wanted the school in its original position where soil tests had already been taken.

The Catholic Board said it was not prepared to place a permanent structure on non-owned lands, or to have a permanent structure placed on its lands. But it was

## Police Salary Meeting Jan. 23

York Regional Police, who recently turned down a purported offer of \$13,500 a year for first-class constables, will hold their next meeting with York Regional Police Commission January 23, Commissioner Ray Twiney of Newmarket said this week.

Mr. Twiney would not confirm the \$13,500 figure, but reliable sources have indicated it to be the amount offered. At present, Peel Region, with a recently-settled rate of \$13,400, pays the highest.

In Metro first-class constables are paid \$12,295, but are negotiating for an annual pay of \$14,508.

York Regional Police are seeking \$14,272 annually, plus an option on overtime now paid on a time-and-a-half basis in money or time off.

Its new contract will be on a one-year basis, instead of the usual two.

## Macfarlane Faces New Charges

John Macfarlane, 23, of no-fixed abode, who last month received a one-year sentence for wounding a King City youth, now faces charges of theft following an investigation by York Regional Police.

Macfarlane was originally charged with attempted murder following the beating of a young hitch-hiker whom he gave a ride to, but a jury later found him innocent of the charge.

While he was on bail for the latter charge, a man used a stolen credit card to obtain \$300 worth of gasoline in the region.

It was as a result of that matter, which investigation police completed January 9, that Macfarlane will be subsequently charged.

## Objections Of Residents To Present Policy Spark Action

## Student Fund Raising Projects In York County Schools Under Review By Board

**WORK TOGETHER**

Another amendment proposed that principals of schools serving the same geographic area develop ways of working together to prevent fund raising activities involving the public from overlapping and becoming "burdensome" to the community, keeping reasonable the number of projects involving the same community.

Young people cannot learn too soon that they should be expected to put forth some effort to gain the things they want or need, that they have a responsibility to the community at large, and if the schools can make this a part of the overall learning process so much the better.

**WORTHY CAUSES**

To the best of our knowledge the public has responded favorably to the annual Hallowe'en UNICEF drive which relies on the co-operation of schools and principals.

Telephone calls to principals of the schools involved revealed that none had received any adverse

comments on the annual blitz conducted by their students — the door to door sale of Christmas Cards for ARC Industries in Richmond Hill to raise funds for the sheltered workshop for mentally retarded adults.

While the amended policy was tabled until student councils could be heard from, schools we have contacted seem to be quite satisfied with the present arrangement. Some things, such as dramatic presentations and school year books sometimes break even, or even make a small profit, but more often they have to be subsidized by student council funds. But since all students benefit, and public presentations enhance the image of the school in the community, the student body in schools of South York Region is prepared to assist with in-school activities and services to the community such as car-washes, leaf raking blitzes, and newspaper collections.

If a small group, such as a school band, wants blazers for each member, they give concerts,

music nights, public performances, Principal George Domina of Richmond Hill High reports.

**BOARD SUPPORT**

The budget crunch has not so far affected board support of such activities as music and sports. Musical instruments and equipment for gymnasias and team sports are considered capital expenses, and principals interviewed feel that the public does not appreciate just how much the board has done to encourage these activities.

Each school has a per pupil allotment for these activities, but most find that these funds do not cover all expenses, such as referees, transportation of teams to inter-school games, etc., and so rely on funds raised by the students. School proms, clubs (such as a camera club) also often need subsidy, and according to our own findings, are cheerfully supported by the student councils.

**GOOD CITIZENS**

Students are encouraged through such programs as Richmond Hill's Bayview Secondary School

KAP campaign to become responsible world citizens, says Bayview Principal Arthur Martin. For several years now they have supported seven Korean orphans at a cost that has increased from about \$1,700 to about \$2,000 a year, and for this they all chip in, with each class responsible for its own project — walkathons, car rallies, car washes, baby sitting, a bridge and euchre party, (always a tremendous success, thanks largely to the support of local merchants who give "tremendous support" in providing prizes, etc.)

The campaign has gained momentum from year to year, even to a telethon on local cable television last spring and proceeds range from \$4,000 to \$5,000. But the spirit of giving is still the cornerstone. At commencement each year, the KAP Committee in co-operation with the student council, gives the surplus to local services such as York Central Hospital, Big Brothers of York, Daybreak House, Blue Hills Academy, etc.

**DISSERVICE TO STUDENTS**

While no one wants to see students turned into neighborhood pests, always with their hand out, the trustees who approved present board policy felt it would be a great disservice to them and to the community to forbid them to exercise their energy and enthusiasm in giving of their time and initiative in raising money in the school and in the community for themselves and for the community at home and abroad.

One student council even maintains a fund which provides needy students with such essentials as shoes so that they can stay in school and complete their formal education. Learning to give gracefully and quietly and without applause is as essential as learning how to determine the radius of a circle or the formula for water, or the exploits of the discoverers and pioneers, is even more important. And no less important is learning to work for the extras, even the essentials of living — a skill that seems unhappily to be losing popularity in recent years.

**Dates To Remember  
Month Of January**

- 17 — South Yonge Corridor Study, Don Head Secondary School 8 pm
- 21 — Richmond Hill Council 2:30 pm
- 23 — Richmond Hill Planning Committee 7 pm
- 28 — Hearing on extension of Sussex Avenue 8 pm
- 31 — South Yonge Corridor Study, Roselawn Public School 8 pm