

Committee Meetings

**Councillors May Participate
But Not Vote If Not Member**

That all members of council have the privilege of voting at all committee meetings, whether a member of that committee or not, was a proposal presented to Richmond Hill Council at its January 21 meeting by Councillor Andy Chateauvert. His motion was seconded by Regional Councillor Lois Hancey who also proposed an amendment that such a visiting member of council also form part of the quorum. Neither motion passed.

Mr. Chateauvert maintained that if a councillor has done his homework and has taken time to attend a committee meeting on which he does not sit, he or she should be allowed to vote. "That's the reason the agendas of all committee meetings are circulated to all council members, so he or she may be present and participate in the discussion of matters of particular interest."

"I am against their voting," stated Councillor Lou Wainwright, "but I can't see any harm in you (the mayor who is an ex officio member of all committees) delegating someone to vote on your behalf."

Mayor William Lazenby pointed out that if the motions carried it could lead to all-day committee meetings with all councillors present, as is the case in Vaughan.

"The committee system is fine as it is," declared Councillor David Stephenson. "I believe the members present

should vote." I thoroughly believe in the committee system," stated Mrs. Hancey. "I have worked with it for 11 years and firmly believe there should be a committee system. Everyone is welcome to come and sit in. I believe that if each councillor did his or her research there would be a minimum discussion on committee reports at the council table. There will always be discussion here since there is often a division of opinion on committee. In many cases additional information may be produced which will help council arrive at a decision."

Mr. Wainwright thought the mayor should call a halt to lengthy discussions of committee recommendations and send them back to the committee to arrive at a more acceptable decision. However, the mayor explained, "I can do all the recommending to council I want, but I can only get action when I get the support of the majority of council."

The Ward 6 Councillor thought the mayor should have the authority to put an end to lengthy discussions. "I saw 200 items go through council in Cincinnati in less than two hours," he said.

"That could be very dangerous," noted Mrs. Hancey. "This is a democracy. There are nine members of this council and their points of view should be heard. We are responsible enough to assess whether a matter should be discussed or not."

York Bd. Of Education

York County Board of Education briefs:

Despite a budget of \$10,000 for such things, York County Board of Education last year spent only \$2,545 on conventions and \$751 on workshops, and it was revealed at a meeting of the board last week.

Largest sum spent by a trustee was \$489.85.

The board also agreed to a motion by Trustee Craig Cribar of Newmarket that there be no change in the fee structure for the use of schools by outside bodies, despite the fact the board only recovered 25 percent of its costs for their use.

It had been planned to increase the fees this year so that 75 percent of costs could be recovered, but a staff report showed that reduced revenues and increased costs resulted from greater uses by continuing groups and more caretaking time than anticipated.

No attempt had been made to forecast revenues in 1974, but it was anticipated that costs would be higher because of increased charges for labor, fuel, power and supplies.

D. A. Kirk, chairman of the Ministry of Education's Task Force on Driver Education, praised the driver education program at Don Head Secondary School, in a letter to the board.

Said Dr. Kirk: "We did have a preconceived notion that we would see a first-rate program, given the reputation of Phil Rendall in the field of driver education. Our every expectation in that regard was fulfilled. Our group had already discussed and will remember for some time the entire tone of the Don Head School. The friendliness of Mr. Seath and his staff to us seemed only a natural extension of the staff-student rapport that we felt while in the school."

"On our way home, several students said goodbye to us in the school yard and hoped that we enjoyed our day. I don't think I am making too much of this when I say it doesn't happen everywhere, nor do I think it happens by accident. It has to reflect credit to the school staff. I wish the education critics would visit Don Head. I am certain they would be as impressed as we were."

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Weekly planning should turn left overs into Planned over. And yes, you can make valid savings. Planning menus is not old fashioned. Planning menus will guarantee:

- a balanced diet for everyone
- savings on food shopping
- anyone can start dinner because the menu and foods are available
- no waste—all left-overs fit the pattern.

Here are a few ways leftovers pay dividends:

- Extra Egg Whites
 - use as a meringue topping for a cream or milk pudding pie.
 - refrigerate until you have enough for a chiffon cake.
- hard cook the whites and use as a garnish for salads. (HERE'S HOW! Bake in a well-greased shallow baking dish for 10 minutes in a 375°F. oven)
- Left over mashed potatoes become tasty potato patties—season with salt, pepper and grated onion and form into patty shapes. Brown on both sides in butter, margarine or bacon fat.
- Bits and pieces of salad dressings offer new and exciting flavours when mixed together.
- Left over hot vegetables make interesting and flavourful vegetable salads when drained, mixed and tossed with mayonnaise.
- Extra Egg Yolks—are a natural for many home uses:
 - (1) 2 Egg yolks—1 whole egg in cakes and pudding recipes.
 - (2) Egg yolks beaten with milk are excellent for French toast.
 - (3) Add to your scrambled eggs.
 - (4) Add to a cream sauce.
 - (5) Hard-cook, chop and use in sandwich fillings or salads.
 (HERE'S HOW! Place on a strainer and lower into simmering water until firm.)
- Catsup and chili sauce bottles can be used to the last drop. Add a little water, a little vinegar or wine—shake and
 - pour over a pot roast
 - add to a gravy
 - add to a salad dressing

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