## Question Hill Parks And Fun Organization

Decision on the membership of Richmond Hill Parks and Recreation Committee will be delayed two weeks, council decided Monday night of last week.

Councillor Andy Chateauvert suggested the time has come when parks and recreation should become a major committee of council and chaired by a member of council, The committee could be augmented by the knowledgeable citizen volunteers who have donated their time in previous years.

Mr. Chateauvert was a member of parks and recreation before being elected to council three years ago. Recent membership has included two council representatives and seven citizens.

However, Chateauvert said the appointed members are not answerable to the public and yet have one of the biggest committee budgets, after the works department He feels council should have more control.

So the burden on council members would not be unduly increased, Chateauvert also suggested that with more staff in the works department, the transportation and parking committee's duties might be assumed by the works committee. This tion committee to serve on parks and recreation along with the usual two council representatives and a number of representative citizens.

BUDGET CONTROL Agreement was expressed by Councillor Lou Wainwright, "When I see a budget in excess of a quarter of a million dollars come in, I believe council should be in control. The opinion I get from staff is that parks and recreation should be a commitee of council."

Regional Councillor Lois Hancey said she always was extremely appreciative of the volunteer assistance given by the people who serve on council-appointed boards and commissions.

"I don't want to discourage them. Without them we would be in a poor way because they augment council. However. I am anxious to get an overall parks and recreation facilities plan as a part of the town's Official Plan and haven't had any success. We need to know where we are going."

Mr. Wainwright noted that the parks and recreation budget for this year calls for an expenditure of \$65,000 on a park in the north end of town and of \$40,000 on a park in the south end of the town, "When I asked for an itemized list of these expenditures, I didn't get it. If parks and recreation was a committee of council.

Mayor William Lazenby said the town's voters will have the opportunity this fall of voting on the question of whether a board of parks management should be established. Mrs. Hancey felt council should be responsible for informing the public what a board of parks management will mean.

Other members of council wanted more time to consider the suggestion, so decision was deferred until the next council meeting.

OTHER COMMITTEES Committee of Adjustment

Since the Committee of Adjustment will no longer be dealing with land severances, but only with minor variances, it was decided to cut the membership from seven to five. The terms of Howard Jackman, who will represent Richmond Hill on the Region of York Land Severance Committee, and of Alan Peck had expired. The remaining five members: Doug Higgins, William Ruttle, John MacDiarmid, Tom Graham and Vern Plant will be the continuing com-

Library Board Mrs. Ann Goodin of Oak Ridges was named to the library board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Ruth Biggin (two years). Mrs. Barbara Cox of Mill Pond Court was elected for a term of three years. Mayor Lazenby announced he will be representing himself on this board this year. Mrs. Hancey has been the mayor's alternate for 11 years.

Civic Improvement Named to the Civic Improvement Committee were Sam Hall, Mrs. Dorothy Price, Karl Tsafaroff, David Fayle, Sig Langhammer, Jack Blyth, Harold Forster, William Mirrlees, Judge James Butler and former Town Clerk Russell Lynett. Architect Doug Allen, who has served on this committee for several years, had sub-

mitted his resignation. Fred Bovaird was again appointed weed inspector subject to ministerial appro-

Norman Stephenson, Cliff Twidale and Arnold Mortson will be the fenceviewers for another year.

Councillor Jack Major will be the council represen-



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