

York Central Hospital Request

Suggest Detoxification Centre Regional Police Station Here

A request by York Central Hospital that space for a detoxification centre be included in the plans for York Regional Police's new police station in Richmond Hill, received little encouragement from a meeting of York Regional Board of Police Commissioners, February 5.

The request was made by James Hepburn, executive director of the hospital, in a letter to the board.

Consensus of the meeting, however, was that a police station didn't provide the right kind of environment for treating alcoholics. "I think the whole idea is to take alcoholics away from a police environment and into a medical one," said Chief Bruce Crawford.

NOT POLICE MATTER
Commissioner Ray Twinney said he didn't think it

was a matter for the board. Also, York Regional Council had looked into the prospect of setting one up, but had abandoned the idea in December of 1972.

The Health and Social Services Committee suggested such a centre be installed in nursing homes, but under the Liquor Control Act, nursing homes are ruled out.

At the same time, both York County and York Central Hospitals said they were too crowded to undertake such a venture.

Hospital Question
Judge William Lyon chairman of the board, said he wondered if the hospital would be providing the medical staff for such a centre.

Said Mr. Twinney: "if they (the hospital) think it's such a necessity, maybe they could set aside a couple of

beds for it."

Said Judge Lyon: "On the face of it, it's not a proper function of ours, but it puzzles me why they ask." He suggested Chief Crawford look into the matter and report back to the board at the next meeting.

The board also received a letter from the Town of Newmarket saying it was asking the police department to enforce the parking meter bylaw in Newmarket, as of February 5.

The meters previously were covered by the bylaw enforcement officer. However, it was felt the job required additional supervision.

York Police have been looking after the meters in every place in the region, but Newmarket.

Gormley Woman Objects

Concrete Firm Wants Addition

An application for a site plan agreement with General Concrete of Gormley which would permit the firm to close in a 14x20-foot overhang was up for discussion formally during the February 7 meeting of Richmond Hill Council's Planning Committee. It was also discussed informally afterwards.

The firm's representative, Al Chapman, told the committee the company is installing a prototype automated cubing machine, something new to the industry. The blocks would be coming out to the yard through this small addition. He assured Regional Councillor Lois Hancey the plant will be operating the same hours as now.

"We can't operate 24 hours a day — because we don't have the kiln space. We don't elevate after 10 pm," he said.

A year ago the company was in court charged with a violation of the town's anti-

noise bylaw which prohibits disturbing noises between 11 pm and 7 am, and found guilty.

Chairman David Stephenson gave permission for public discussion, although this is not normally the practice of the committee.

ASKS QUESTIONS
Mrs. Anne Gold, who lives across the road from the plant, asked, "As this is a legal non-conforming use, how can this committee even consider this application? We have watched the plant being expanded in the past under the guise of repairs. The land is zoned agricultural. The purposes of your Bylaw 103 73, which will amend Markham Bylaw Number 2325-68, passed November 12, is to prohibit — the erection or addition to a building — if it results in a contravention of the zoning bylaw."

WAS GRANARY
Mrs. Gold said the General Concrete property was a designated area under a Markham bylaw which amended Bylaw 2325-68. She maintained that its zoning remained agriculture and that the building had been erected originally as a granary and that the current use is a legal non-conforming one.

Planning Director Hessie Rimon contended it is a legal use under Markham Bylaw 14-42 an earlier document.

"If it is indeed a legal non-conforming use, then this application should not go to council. It should go to the

committee of adjustment," said Regional Councillor Lois Hancey.

However, committee members agreed to have the site plan agreement prepared and placed directly before council February 18 with a request to the mayor that the public be permitted to comment.

Newmarket Minister Objects To YRP Double Wedding Arrest

Some York Regional detectives, who went to church in Newmarket a couple of weeks ago, have incurred the wrath of the minister.

Commissioner Ray Twinney told a meeting of the Police Commission Tuesday night he was informed by Newmarket Mayor, Robert Forhan, that Reverend Bruce Sutor, of Trinity United Church, had taken exception to the way police apprehended two men outside Trinity Church, just after they had participated in a double wedding ceremony.

The two bridegrooms, Wayne Taylor, 21, and Arthur Burgin, 23, both of Willowdale, were whisked off to jail by police in connection with a break and enter charge in Richmond Hill November 30.

STRENUOUS OBJECTION
Commissioner Twinney said the minister "objected strenuously" to the fact three plain clothesmen would enter the church during a religious

ceremony, sit there while the ceremony was going on and then apprehend the principals outside the church afterwards.

He said Rev. Sutor since called at the police station to see Chief Bruce Crawford about the matter, but had been informed that the chief was too busy to see him.

"Why doesn't he come to us, or write us a letter?" asked Commissioner Stewart Rumble.

TOWN UNHAPPY
Twinney said the minister was poorly treated once and didn't want a repeat of the matter.

He said the "town wasn't happy" about the incident, and if it were felt Mr. Sutor had been treated badly, an apology should be forthcoming.

Judge William Lyon, chairman, suggested the chief look into the matter and report back to the commission. The meeting agreed.

Milani Says Council Action Delays Development 3 Years

Cam Milani of Millview Investments of Thornhill and his solicitor, Ross Hitch, appeared before Richmond Hill Council Monday evening, asking for a reversal of a committee of the whole recommendation on the proposed Amendment 39 to Vaughan's Official Plan.

Hitch said the company was in accord with all but one of the recommendations of the committee, that one being that the development not proceed until the Region of York Official Plan has been prepared. He said information received from the region's planning staff is that the master plan will not be ready by the end of this year, but probably by the end of next year. Then a year could well be consumed by public hearings and another year in necessary revisions.

"This recommendation negates the approval you have given and prevents the development for at least three years," he charged. "We are in a position to start as soon as final approval is granted and would like to aim for some development in 1974. All financing has been lined up."

500 PEOPLE LIMIT
The solicitor said the company was in accord with the other recommendations — that the outlines of the development be clearly defined on the map, that the development be limited to a maximum of 500 persons, that the rural appearance along Bathurst Street be maintained and that Richmond Hill be a party to the subdivision agreement.

"As far as we are concerned, we have further holdings we would like to develop on the same basis but would be willing to hold back on them until the regional plan is ready. It is our submission nothing would appear to be gained by waiting three years."

Mayor William Lazenby said that as a regional councillor he wished the region's planning staff "would give us the same information they gave you. We have not had that information."

OAK RIDGES MORAINÉ
Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe brought to the attention of council that a motion was passed by the regional council January 24 adopting the rural residential policy of the planning department. The motion requires all municipalities to examine all proposed developments in the Oak Ridges Moraine in the light of this policy. "According to the map we received this subdivision is included in the Oak Ridges Moraine."

Councillor David Stephenson said he had no objection to the last clause being deleted and Councillor William Corcoran said it did not mean a freeze.

Regional Councillor Lois Hancey said the regional planning department's interim report on rural residential development had not been supported by some municipalities, including Richmond Hill. "However, all rural residential applications are being assessed against it at present and has been ever since it was adopted," she said.

ONLY A REQUEST
Mayor Lazenby summed up by explaining to the developer and his solicitor the clause in question was only a request and means only until the end of 1974. "I think council should support it. We haven't had time yet to assess the full impact of this proposal on our municipality," he said.

Council decided to retain the clause in their approval of the committee of the whole recommendations.

Milani had the last word as he told council their decision "made it much more difficult for us. We have been negotiating with Vaughan for the past five years and now have won their approval."

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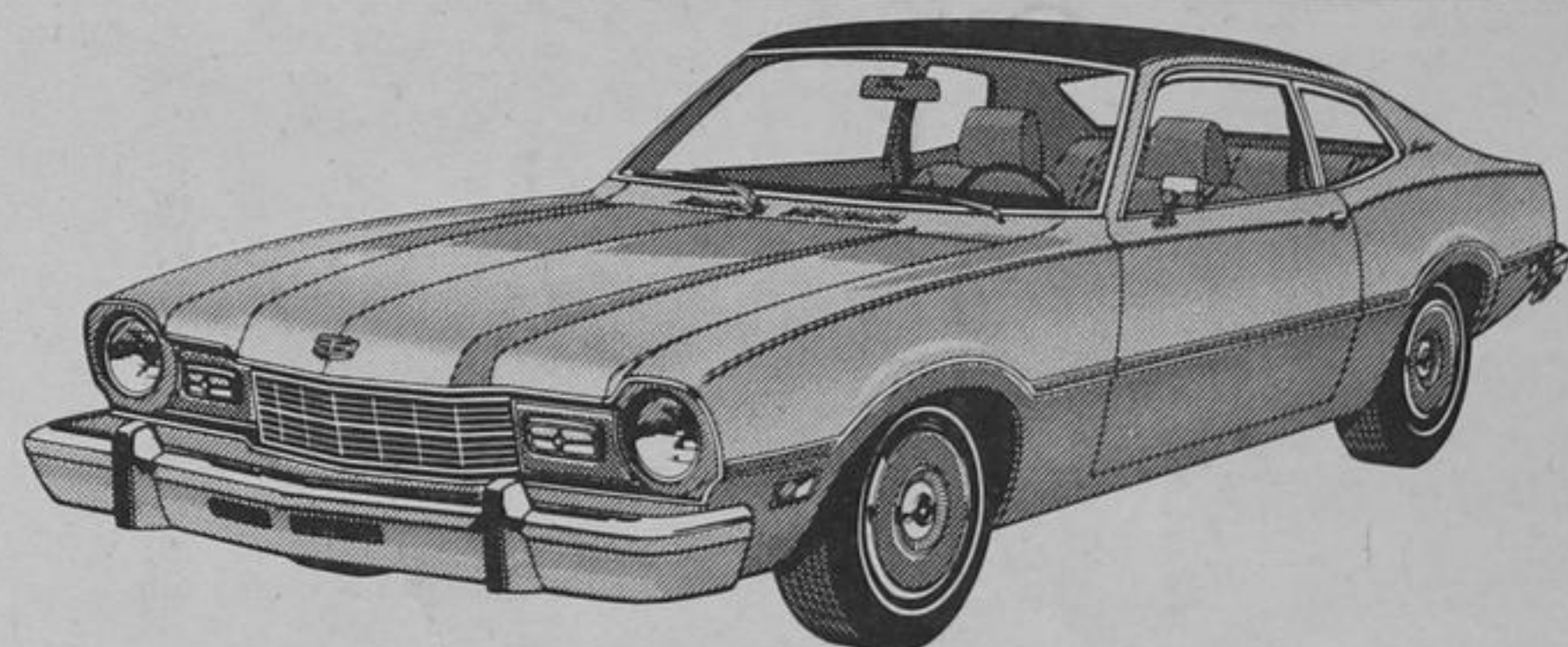
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