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Pensioner Tax Credits

Ontario pensioners still have time to beat the rush on income tax returns and to take advantage of the new pensioners tax credits. The busiest times for processing tax returns are the end of February and the end of April.

Under Ontario's expanded tax credit programme as well as property tax credits, Ontario Citizens can now take advantage of sales tax credits. Old age pensioners qualify for all three tax benefits. The provincial plan will distribute \$300 million to residents of Ontario, about \$150 million of it in the new sales tax and pensioner tax credits.

The pensioner tax credit is a flat \$100 and applies to ANYONE 65 years of age or older as of December 31, 1973. A single pensioner paying \$300 in property tax or \$1,500 in rent would receive a total of \$246—\$120 property tax credit, \$26 sales tax credit, \$100 pensioner tax credit.

For a married couple, the tax credit must be claimed by the spouse with the higher taxable income or, if they both have the same or no taxable income, by only one spouse.

The new sales tax credit is available to anyone who is not claimed as a dependent by another person. Sales tax credit is calculated as 1% of all personal tax exemptions and must be totalled in the income tax return first.

A married pensioner who claims a spouse as a dependent and has total personal exemptions of \$4,000 can claim a sales tax credit of \$40. Neither the pensioner tax credit nor the property

tax credit can be claimed by residents of a home for the aged, nursing home or charitable institution that did not pay property taxes.

One question that I am asked frequently is why the Ontario Government taxes us on one hand and gives it back through tax credits on the other. The answer to this is quite simple — tax credits are the only way to make sure that the citizens who need tax relief get it. Pensioners, for example, often wonder why they pay education taxes when they have no dependents in school. Property tax credits and the other tax credits that pensioners can claim, reduce their taxes so that, in effect, they do not pay any school taxes.

The Ministry of Revenue has set up an information centre for anyone with questions or problems with their income tax forms. It is located in the Ministry's Offices, 801 Bay Street in Toronto. Out-of-town residents can call free of charge at ZENITH 8-2000.

Ontario's tax credits are designed for you. Only Ontario has instituted this broad direct distribution to its citizens. Make sure you get your "fair share".

Perkins, Jongeneel Advisory Chairmen For Conservation

Floyd Perkins of Richmond Hill was elected vice-chairman of Metro Conservation Authority's Don Valley Advisory Board which is chaired by True Davidson of Toronto, recently.

James Jongeneel of Aurora will chair the authority's Conservation Areas Advisory Board. Jesse Bryson of Woodbridge will be chairman and Mrs. Lois Hancey of Richmond Hill vice-chairman of the Historic Sites Advisory Board for this year.

Also representing the Regional Municipality of York on the authority are Robert Adams of Thornhill, Harry Crisp of Thornhill, Gordon Ratchiff of Stouffville, Garnet Williams of Vaughan and Grant Henderson of Woodbridge.

Henderson was elected vice-chairman of the board. The chairman is Fred Wade of Toronto who is appointed by Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor-In-Council.

Wm. Neal

Local License Office Ready For Late Rush

"We have an excellent augmented staff of six and we can handle the expected crowds of people who have waited to the last minute to renew their car licenses," License Issuer William Neal, 40 Elgin Mills Road East, told "The Liberal" this week. "However, we can't do a year's work in two days. We try, but it just isn't possible. We have had no lineups yet." February 28 is the last date for driving with 1973 plates.

Application forms for this year's license stickers are available at Mr. Neal's office and at liquor stores, and Mr. Neal is providing help for those who have difficulty in filling in the forms.

Mr. Neal's office is open from 9 am to 5:45 Monday to Friday and from 9 am to 11:45 am Saturday.

He pointed out that instructions are that the sticker must be applied only to the rear license plate and has some amusing anecdotes about this. "You'll see them on bumpers and on windshields and one chap was just about to apply his to the rear plate when a gust of wind took it out of his hand and carried it on to the trunk of the car. It stuck immediately and so fast he couldn't get it off, so it cost him \$2 for another one."

Mr. Neal also told of a professional man driving a leased car who complained that the sticker on his plate had fallen off. However, he had looked at the front plate only — and the sticker was quite firmly attached to the rear plate.

Another incident concerned a woman who purchased a sticker for the plate on her car, took it home, handed it to her husband, and he stuck it on the rear plate of his own car. Another \$2.

VICTORIA SQUARE NEWS

CORRESPONDENT: MRS. W. SANDLE
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Neighborhood Notes
The WI held its annual pot luck supper in the community hall Tuesday evening of last week. Following the delicious supper, euchre was played.

The 1st Gormley Guide Company and the 1st Gormley Brownie Pack attended the morning church service at the Melville United Church Sunday morning.

It was the annual "Thinking Day" service, which is to celebrate the birthdays of the founders of Guides and Brownies-Lord and Lady Baden-Powell.

The 1st Gormley Guide Company and the 1st Gormley Brownie Pack are sponsoring The Merry Men of Markham in the community hall March 29 at 8 p.m. Circle your calendar now. Further particulars at a later date.

Another euchre party will be held in the community hall on Friday evening, February 22nd, at 8:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. Ladies please provide lunch.

Master Corporal Neil Donnelly of Petawawa, who is taking an army course at Camp Borden, called on Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hart and Wendy Monday evening of last week. Neil lived with Mr. and Mrs. Hart before joining the Canadian Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Richardson (Pat. Williams) have moved from Markham to their new home in Stouffville; Dr. and Mrs. Tilo Hoffman (Heather Williams) have moved from Thornhill to their new home in Maple.

Birthday greetings to Marilyn Ashton, 16 years, February 21; Mrs. Joe Step-

henson, February 22; Marnie Ashton, nine years, February 25; Lawrence Ashton, February 25.

World Day of Prayer
The annual World Day of Prayer service will be held this Friday, at Union Villa, Unionville. This is an invitation to all ladies to join with eight neighboring churches to an afternoon of worship and fellowship. Someone from each church will take part, and the guest speaker will be Mrs. Hilde Toll, immediate past president of the Toronto Conference U.C.W. Baby sitting will be provided and a social hour will be held in the main lounge of the villa at the conclusion of the service.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHERS

IN THE Estate of George W. Ross, of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, deceased.

ALL persons having claims against the Estate of George W. Ross, late of Richmond Hill, Regional Municipality of York, who died on or about September 6th, 1965, are hereby notified to send particulars of same to undersigned on or before March 15th, 1974, after which date Estate will be distributed with regard only to claims which undersigned shall have notice and undersigned will not be liable to any person of whose claim they shall not then have notice.

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NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION

to The Ontario Municipal Board by The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill for approval of a by-law to regulate land use passed pursuant to Section 35 of the Planning Act.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to apply to the Ontario Municipal Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 35 of the Planning Act for approval of By-law No. 101-73 passed on the 12th day of November, 1973. A copy of the by-law is furnished herewith. A note giving an explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law and stating the lands affected thereby is also furnished herewith.

ANY PERSONS INTERESTED MAY, within fourteen (14) days after the date of this notice, send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill notice of his objection to approval of the said by-law, together with a statement of the grounds of such objection.

ANY PERSON wishing to support the application for approval of the by-law may within fourteen (14) days after the date of this notice send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill notice of his support of approval of the said by-law together with a request for notice of any hearing that may be held giving also the name and address to which such notice should be given.

THE ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD may approve of the said by-law but before doing so it may appoint a time and place when any objection to the by-law will be considered. Notice of any hearing that may be held will be given only to persons who have filed an objection or notice of support and who have left with or delivered to the Clerk undersigned, the address to which notice of hearing is to be sent.

THE LAST DAY FOR filing objections will be the 7th day of March, 1974.
DATED AT THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL THIS 21st day of February, 1974.

L. M. Clement, Clerk
Town of Richmond Hill
56 Yonge Street North
Richmond Hill, Ontario

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL BY-LAW NO. 101-73

A By-law to amend By-law No. 39-71 as amended.

WHEREAS the matters herein set out are in conformity with the Richmond Hill Official Plan which is approved and in force at this time.

AND WHEREAS there has been no amendment to the Richmond Hill Official Plan proposed by the Council but not approved at this time with which the matters herein set out are not in conformity.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- That By-law No. 39-71 as amended be and is hereby amended by:
 - deleting Section 6.1.11.1 (a) thereof and substituting therefor the following: "6.1.11.1 c) in the rear yard or in the least four feet (4 ft. in height);"
 - deleting Sections 6.1.11.1 c) and d) thereof;
 - deleting Section 6.1.11.1 e) thereof and substituting therefor the following: "6.1.11.1 c) in the rear yard or in the side yard, or in the case of a corner lot, in the rear yard or in the side yard not adjacent to the street."

READ A FIRST AND SECOND TIME THIS 12th DAY OF November, 1973.
READ A THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 12th DAY OF November, 1973.

William C. Lazenby
Mayor
L. M. Clement
Clerk

EXPLANATORY NOTE TO BY-LAW 101-73

The lands affected by By-law 101-73 which amends By-law 39-71 are situate in Phase 1 of the BAIF Subdivision. The purpose of the By-law is to improve the design specifications of the play areas which are required in multiple family residential areas. The changes are proposed in order to enable increased design flexibility. The existing by-law requires a chain link fence to enclose the area, this is changed by clause (a) which will permit a variety of materials to be used in the construction of required fence surrounding the play area.

It has been found that it is not always possible to design a functional block with the play space "accessible to the building without the necessity of crossing a parking lot or driveway" and "in one location" as required by the existing by-law and these requirements are deleted. Finally, the play space areas will be permitted "in the side yard", so that they can be located "in the rear yard or in the side yard, or in the case of a corner lot, in the rear yard or in the side yard not adjacent to the street".

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