

King City Hearing For Township Zoning Plans

The proposed King Township Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw and "what's it all about" went through its fifth public hearing Thursday night of last week.

A relatively light turnout of 30 to 40 ratepayers were on hand at King City Memorial Centre to listen to official explanations and to view a series of zoning maps lining the walls. The comprehensive bylaw is a spin-off of King's Official Plan passed in 1970 designating the type of development (if any) to be allowed in certain areas of the municipality. The bylaw will make "law" what the Official Plan broadly designates for certain types of usages.

King Township Planning Committee Chairman Councillor Bill Long explained to the audience that "the bylaw under discussion is only a preliminary document."

"All documents will be considered carefully and any changes considered necessary will be made before the bylaw is approved by council."

After the bylaw is approved by council it will be printed and distributed to every ratepayer in the township who may then comment within 14 days either for or against the bylaw or any section in it.

It will then be submitted to the Municipal Board who may call a hearing to hear any objections and then approve, modify or reject the bylaw.

Councillor Long noted that "there are areas of disagreement within council as to certain specific sections of the bylaw and we have to iron these out as we will hear objections or suggestions from you ratepayers."

A further public meeting will be held in the council chambers at an as yet unspecified date. King's Official Plan and comprehensive zoning bylaw will operate under the umbrella of the province's Toronto-Centred Region Plan as well as the York Region Official Plan now in a state of being prepared.

Mr. Long explained that the "philosophy behind an Official Plan and subsequent comprehensive zoning bylaw is to protect residents from undesirable development next to their properties as well as to let them know what could happen in the future."

In essence it will assume that a factory won't suddenly spring up beside an expensive residential area, etc.

Mr. Long termed the bylaw a "vehicle for orderly development" pointing out that it didn't mean such and such an area would remain zoned that way forever.

"There will be proper channels to go through for requested changes and the Official Plan and zoning bylaw will be constantly under review and there will undoubtedly be amendments made as

situations change in the future," he said.

He said the Official Plan and bylaw "are only making law the type of usage which is already in effect in the township. We aren't changing anything."

Mayor Margaret Britnell told "The Liberal" that the township is basically designed for agriculture and open land under the Toronto-Centred Region Plan with some "in-filling to be done regarding residential areas in the various hamlets."

The bylaw, she said, and the Official Plan are designed to prevent an uncontrolled surge of undesirable development from other municipalities when water and other services are not available.

There was some concern among the audience that the public meeting hadn't been properly publicized.

Mr. Long explained that notices had been placed in area newspapers two or three weeks before "as well as in local stores, the post office, and arena."

He agreed that in the future any zoning bylaw changes could be possibly publicized to a greater extent.

"There was one comment to the affect any property owner wanting a zoning change should be made to post a sign on his property stating his intentions. This seems like a logical point

and it will be considered by council along with other pertinent proposals."

An explanatory summary was distributed to the audience explaining the comprehensive zoning bylaw prior to the meeting.

The bylaw in most cases, although not all, recognized and apply requirements which are compatible with the present use.

"However, where development has occurred in the past of a different type or in different general locations than is being encouraged in the Official Plan these uses will become legal non-conforming uses in the zoning bylaw."

Legal non-conforming uses which do not meet the requirements of the particular zone in which they are located, are protected both under The Planning Act of Ontario and in the written portion of the zoning bylaw to insure that all uses legally in existence previous to the bylaw may continue in the future.

The meeting also saw the presentation of illustrated slides depicting undesirable developments in certain areas.

Also on hand for the meeting were King Township Planning Technician Gary Wilson; Ted Phelps, York Region Planning Area Services and Mel Lyons, King Township Deputy Clerk.

Legion Reports

Branch 375, Royal Canadian Legion
By Eric Chapman

Quality Of Life In Our Communities Of National Concern

Meeting in Legion House, Ottawa, recently, the Legion's National Executive Council approved the 1974 budget and discussed programs and policies which it would recommend to the 1974 Dominion Convention in St. John's, Newfoundland, in June.

Of particular interest at the executive council meeting was a report by Past Dominion President Robert Kohaly on how the Legion might undertake a national program to give leadership in communities in certain areas that affect the quality of life in Canada.

Mr. Kohaly had been asked by council to form and chair a special Law and Order Committee and this was the label tentatively given to the program which council will recommend to the Dominion Convention. However in the meantime it is hoped that a more meaningful and dynamic name will be suggested so that it will have immediate impact and not be dated for future use.

The areas of concern in which it was suggested the Legion should make its views known and give leadership in improving for the good of the country include drug use and abuse; the attitude of the public towards our police forces; the need for legislation to protect citizens who become involved in the maintenance of our laws; the freedom of the news media and its responsibility as a power over public opinion.

Other areas of concern are the parole system; the federal government's handling of the whole question of capital punishment; the quality of justice in the courts; civil liberties vs. national interests; the decline of the work ethic; the decline of the family structure; environmental pollution; national unity and the Canadian image abroad.

National Vice-President Doug McDonald reported at the meeting that membership in the Legion as of December, 1973, totalled 323,376. These figures include life, ordinary, associate and honorary members. In addition there were 64,448 fraternal affiliates. He said that the national membership committee had forecast last July that over the next few years more than 30,000 sons and daughters would join as associate members. Already, more than 9,000 had joined in the last six months.

Legion members are advised that the March general meeting will be held next Monday at 8 p.m. The date has been advanced one week due to the Legion Hockey Tournament opening the following Monday (March 18).

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Neighborhood Notes
This week birthday wishes go to Susan and Scott Steekley who will be eight March 7; to Karen Kennedy who will be nine and to Russell Dennie who will be 12 March 9.

The finalists in Jefferson Public School's public speaking competition were heard March 5. Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 had all worked on this aspect of the English program. There were 13 speakers and awards were presented. Items produced by the students in Jefferson's elective program were on view.

Walt Disney's film "Million Dollar Duck" will be shown at Jefferson Public School this Friday evening from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be a craft bazaar, bake sale and white elephant table. Plan to attend this evening of entertainment, to support the community club. Funds will be used for public speaking trophies, grade 6 graduation and hopefully, some playground equipment.

Jefferson Public School report cards will be issued to all pupils April 5.

The Area 4 Science Fair is to be held March 28 from 1 to 9 p.m. in Markham District High School. Jefferson teachers are assisting the students in completing a good exhibit by giving each all the time available and by giving some instruction. All Jefferson exhibits should be brought to the school by March 25. All are welcome March 26 to see the school's own science fair. Judging will take place and some exhibits will go on to the area fair.

The 1st Jefferson Cubs won the Tara Lynne Bullen Memorial Trophy at the York Summit Hobby Show again this year February 23. Congratulations.

Church News
Sunday at St. John's Anglican Church there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday at St. John's there was a family service. Angela Eliot read the first lesson and Billie Locke read the second. "The Mixed Blessings" sang a medley of songs and the film, "Martin Luther - Part 1" that was to be shown was unavailable at the last minute. Richard and Douglas Chase served as sidesmen.

Sunday evening there was a folk mass at 7:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Richvale with Newtonbrook Baptist Young People hosting. Tuesday evening of last week there was an advisory board meeting at 8 p.m. in the upper room and Wednesday morning there was a celebration of Holy Communion at 10 a.m. and a Bible study period following. This fellowship is held every Wednesday morning at St. John's. Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. there was an ACW executive meeting.

Friday evening St. John's Junior Young People will be hosting the Emmanuel Richvale Young People at a skating party at "Daybreak" pond at 7:30 p.m., weather permitting. Film and refreshments will follow at St. John's in the upper room.

Saturday evening the married couples will have a bowling party in Aurora. At 9 p.m. they will gather at the home of Norm and Barb Rumble on Glenview Drive. They will bowl at the Aurora Bowl-drome from 10 to 11 p.m. and then return to the Rumbles for refreshments.

Monday evening there will be a men's meeting at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall.

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What can I do?
My kids are all in school now. What should I do.

UXBRIDGE: The new Township of Uxbridge in the new Regional Municipality of Durham March 1 opened for business in the former Uxbridge Town premises. Former municipal offices at Goodwood and Sandford were closed.

APRIL AID

The income tax help system and how to make it work for you.

As you know by now, we changed a lot of things last year. We gave you a new return, a new Guide, several new deductions and a few new rules. And quite honestly, we were more than a little concerned about your reaction to it all. (And very, very interested in your opinions.)

Well, now that we've had time to really look back at it and assess it honestly, it appears that most taxpayers did not seem to find it too difficult. The error rate did not accelerate greatly or change drastically from former years. Generally, most taxpayers seemed to handle their new returns fairly well.

However, Income Tax will never be the easiest or most enjoyable thing in anyone's life. And it will always present problems in some areas, for some people. That's expected and understandable.

So, what we want to do now is really work on those problem areas. And the best way to do that is to work with you, individually, on whatever part of Income Tax that causes you difficulty.

And that's what April Aid is all about. It's a help system and its primary objective is to ensure that whenever or whatever you need help with, you can get it. And know how to get it.

Also on hand for the meeting were King Township Planning Technician Gary Wilson; Ted Phelps, York Region Planning Area Services and Mel Lyons, King Township Deputy Clerk.

Second. If you're still confused or something just doesn't seem to work, phone. The number of your own District Taxation Office is below and at the end of that number there are people whose only job is to help taxpayers with problems, by telephone. And on Mondays and Tuesdays phone lines are open 'til 6 p.m. So don't hesitate.

If you live outside the office area, call the Operator and ask for Zenith 0-4000. She will automatically connect you to your own District Taxation Office. Remember, all calls are free, all questions are answered, and if you have queries, we want you to call.

Third. Some people prefer to talk things over in person. If you're one of them and have problems, drop by for free help. Anytime. The address of your District Taxation Office is below.

Fourth. Write. To the address below. Explain your problem as clearly as possible and include all information. (And your return address, please.) In return, we'll answer all letters as quickly and clearly as possible. Remember—if you need help, it's there. (And free.) And all you have to do is ask.

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