

Offering Town Olympic Domed Stadium If Toronto Will Sell Langstaff Jail Property

Pamarta Holdings, who are proposing to build a domed stadium complex for major sports, conventions and trade shows on the Langstaff Jail Farm, returned to Richmond Hill Council Monday evening, bearing a gift.

The gift will be an Olympic type stadium west of the CNR tracks with parking for 2,000 cars and room for 3,000 to 5,000 spectators. In the 450 by 700 foot structure provision will be made for football, soccer, baseball (soft and hard), boxing, wrestling, basketball, volleyball, field events, a 400 meter running track and an Olympic size indoor 50 metre swimming pool. On completion, this sports facility will be turned over to the town, Norman Similas, representing the developers, told council and the numerous ratepayers in attendance at the meeting. "We are trying to learn by other people's mistakes," he said, "and believe Toronto has overlooked the necessity of providing for amateur sports."

Mr. Similas asked council to set up a public meeting for a complete presentation of his company's proposal,

which would include scale models of the facilities. The meeting would provide a forum for citizen participation to assist Pamarta in the development.

At the request of Mayor William Lazenby Town Treasurer William Rice reported he had had a meeting with a chartered accountants firm representing two of the principals of Pamarta and is in the process of preparing a report. He agreed when the mayor suggested that his findings were that they have a satisfactory financial background.

Mr. Similas reviewed the proposed domed stadium which will have a span of 750 feet and seat between 35,000 and 60,000 people depending on the event. It will rise about 10 feet above the ground, sealed to an adjacent hotel building, but will be sunk 85 feet into the ground. "We don't even know if the property is for sale," stated Regional Councillor Lois Hancey. She advised making that the first step, then assess the need for the facilities before going to the public. "I'm of two minds if

the municipality should act as a go-between between the developers and the city."

"The jail farm property has been sitting dormant for many years. If the city will not make a move we should. We are presenting a site for a domed stadium. I am looking at the financial angle the sports angle and the housing angle. Maybe we can make them all jell and act as a catalyst," stated Mayor Lazenby. "We've got to get this thing moving. If the land is not for sale, I will be very surprised."

Councillor Lou Wainwright suggested Toronto might not be willing to sell for a stadium which would be "in direct conflict with what they are planning. We're not in a position to provide services."

"It would take two years to build and services could be available by that time," said the mayor.

"I'd like to have some details of population forecast so I can decide more intelligently," stated Councillor Andy Chateaufvert.

"With our blessing and the blessing of our people. Pa-

marta will have a much stronger case to take to Toronto," said Councillor William Corcoran.

Councillor David Stephenson promised support for calling a public meeting but said he had a lot of things he would like answers for. "It's a big enterprise and I want to understand all the facts before I reach a decision"

Mr. Similas promised to deliver a statement to the town Tuesday and noted that there is a degree of urgency as far as leases of the domed stadium are concerned. Since it was estimated that a study of the financial implications of the whole project including the residential areas would take two or three months, Mr. Similas said that "If desired, we could leave that area as green belt until further studies can be made."

Planning Director Hessie Rimmon pointed out that if the provincial government decides to move the hydro line, some changes in the proposed plan may be necessary.

Council agreed to hold a public meeting later this month.

Not Concerned Who's At Fault

Parents Want Schools Opened

While not taking any sides in the matter, parents in York County are more and more demanding that the schools be opened to their children, either in York, or in the surrounding area.

With this in mind, two public meetings were held this week, the first was Tuesday night at Thornlea Secondary School in Thornhill.

The second was held Wednesday night at Crosby Memorial Arena in Unionville. In Sutton, a group of 350 parents meeting last week, presented four options to Education Minister Thomas Wells, calling for the government to authorize sending their children to schools in other districts, suspend the York School Board, insist the board accept the

teacher resignations, and force the teachers back to work.

The parents said that, if they didn't receive an answer by Wednesday noon, March 6, they would rent buses and lead a march on Queen's Park with their children to protest government inactivity.

In Scarborough, although the school board offered to accept three Markham students last week, it has since decided to refuse any more transfer applications from York secondary students until its next meeting Monday night.

The Markham Family decided against transferring to Scarborough because of a difference in the semester system between the two areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Paton of 190 Driscoll Avenue in Richmond Hill, who own a chalet in Huntsville, enrolled three of their children in the high school there more than a week ago.

Parents can transfer their children to another school jurisdiction legally by four methods.

If a student wants a program not available in York, he can apply to transfer to another school board which carries it and which has room for him. The board in the student's home area will be billed for the cost by the receiving board.

If the York Board isn't providing a program, it is

legally bound to buy the children an education elsewhere.

Margaret McLean, communications officer for York County Board of Education, said, however, that under the present circumstances, she didn't know if that held true.

She said the board did have programs for the students at school, so the point was a legal one that would have to be investigated if in dispute.

Another option is to transfer a non-resident student, which would mean paying a special fee to the receiving board. In Scarborough, the charge would be about \$85 a month, while Etobicoke charges \$86 and Simcoe County about \$50.

The latter, although accepting four York County students, has now stated that it won't accept any more unless they plan to stay for the rest of the school year.

The third option is to transfer as a resident student. If over 18, a student may take up residence in another community and the local board of education must admit him. If under 18, a student may have a relative or a friend who lives elsewhere become his legal guardian.

However, parents forfeit all responsibilities toward their children if they appoint a legal guardian.



DON REID

The Management of Don Little Ford Sales, Inc., are pleased to announce the appointment of Don Reid to the Sales Staff. Don is widely known, having been born and raised in Richmond Hill, and as Service Manager of Don Little Ford for 20 of his 28 years with the company.

He has sold many cars and trucks during this time, on an occasional basis. Most recently he has been extensively involved in customer relations and sales promotion in both New and Used Car Departments. He will now utilize this extensive background to service his many friends and acquaintances in Richmond Hill and vicinity by offering them his much deeper and personal knowledge of service and sales on their next vehicle purchase.

We are sure that the readers of the Liberal will join the Management and Staff of Don Little Ford in wishing Don every success in his new position.

Danson Proposes Aid Abandoned Families

Establishment of a federal and provincial government fund providing guaranteed alimony and child support payments on court orders to divorcees, separated or abandoned partners in an estranged marriage is urged by our local House of Commons representative Barney Danson MP, York North in a press statement issued last week.

The responsibility for collecting money from delinquent husbands or wives would be taken over by the government, according to MP Danson's proposal.

\$1,000,000 DAILY
In urging government support in the enforcement of court alimony awards, the Danson press statement notes the Canada Law Reform Commission estimates the cost of welfare for abandoned families runs to \$1,000,000 daily. The process of payment from a government fund and government collection is almost certain to be less costly while at the same time being more fair and humane, says Danson.

Our local MP's proposed procedure is designed primarily to protect wives and children where the husband defaults and moves away, frequently to another province or country. The estranged wife is in a particularly vulnerable position and must take lengthy and costly legal action which frequently results in failure.

CHILDREN NEGLECTED
In the process children are sometimes neglected, as the mother must go out to work. Or, if she is working, she often must leave her job to pursue her legal case. In many instances she ends up on welfare.

Purpose Face To Face Talks

After almost five weeks of off-again, on-again negotiations, representatives of York County Board of Education and the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation may finally get together across the table, instead of dueling with each other from separate rooms.

The proposal was made this week by Vince Mathewson, chief OSSTF negotiator, to John Honsberger, chairman of the trustees' negotiating committee, as one of four suggestions he had for bringing about a solution to the walkout.

Mr. Mathewson proposed the two sides meet "as soon as possible on a face-to-face basis to resolve the issues that have kept us apart."

"As you know," he wrote to Mr. Honsberger, "the mediating process has meant that the two groups sit in separate rooms, connected by the interchange of the mediator. That interchange has been more infrequent than not."

Mr. Mathewson also asked that the two groups explore the feasibility of talks without the assistance of the mediator; the talks not be delayed for the lawyers; the talks be held in the county rather than in a "Queen's Park labor ministry setting."

Mr. Mathewson suggested the Black Hawk Inn in Richmond Hill with both sides splitting the costs. "For several weeks the public has had an incorrect impression that the two sides have met for several hours a day across a table. Since February 1, that has not happened. I urge you to agree that it is time that it did," Mr. Mathewson wrote in concluding his letter to Mr. Honsberger.

"This is a soul-destroying and costly process which we can eliminate," said Danson. "Under the procedure I propose, the wife and mother is assured of the payments awarded (by the courts). It is then up to the Crown agency to keep track of the delinquent husband in co-operation with other jurisdictions. This is something that can be better done by an arm of government than by an inexperienced and distraught mother," said our local York North MP.

Tutorial Centres Secondary Students

Tutorial centres in York Region are helping some students bridge the gap during the present strike of secondary school teachers.

The centres, which are being offered by the striking teachers, provide assistance for senior students needing help with their subjects.

Two students, who have taken advantage of the centres, are Harvey Beckwith, 18, and Cathy Lemmon, 18, both grade 13 students at Markham High School.

Although Beckwith opposes the strike, and Cathy supports it, both are concerned about the month they have lost since the walkout began.

Harvey, who plans to go to university next year, said his stance wasn't a popular one, as "most of the kids agree with the teachers". However, he agreed with the board that pupil-teacher ratio wasn't a matter for negotiation.

The teachers have claimed that the disagreement on this as the main stumbling block in reaching a settlement.

Cathy said she enrolled in the centre at St. Andrew's Church in Markham because the teachers were there. Prior to that she had been studying at home, she said.

So far, about 500 students have enrolled at the nine centres across the region, with attendance at the Markham one reaching 80 to 85 daily.

The centres aren't soliciting students, but are definitely available for those wanting to take advantage of them.

Poll Would Take Resignations

An opinion poll taken at a public meeting at Thornlea Secondary School in Thornhill Tuesday night, showed that 73.1 percent of those queried and commenting, favored accepting the resignations of the 667 York secondary school teachers who have been away from their jobs since January 31.

At that time the teachers resigned en masse, but should the York County School Board hire new teachers in their place, both board and teachers will be subject to a pinklisting by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation.

That the meeting was pretty well evenly divided on the other issues, was shown in the answers to the other three questions.

A total of 49 percent favored the teachers' argument, while 51 percent voted against it.

Voting for the school board were 53 percent, while 47 percent thought they were wrong. A total of 69 percent was in favor of compulsory arbitration, with 31 percent against.

Environmental Board Maple Dump Hearing

Maple Against Dumping ratepayers have expressed concern that a provincial environmental hearing called for next Tuesday morning at 10 am may be a "preliminary step in a process leading to massive long-term garbage dumping in the town."

The public hearing to be held at Maple Community Hall will have a two-fold purpose.

It will consider an application by Disposal Services to dump on a new 20-acre site adjacent to a 43-acre one north of Maple which has been closed.

Disposal Services will also be asking the environmental hearing board to consider whether a bylaw passed by Vaughan Town Council to prohibit dumping on that 20-acre site is a valid one.

A committee for the Maple Against Dumping (MAD) Association charges that the company has already been dumping "on the site for over two months."

RESIDENTS FRUSTRATED
The MAD association issued a release stating that "Maple residents continue to be frustrated by Disposal Services being permitted to continue dumping garbage in the town."

"This operator, one of Metro's largest garbage disposal firms, was evicted by an order of the Court from a 43 acre site north of Maple on January 7, 1974. The company immediately moved to a new site in opposition to the findings of an Appeal Board, and in conflict with the bylaws of the town."

"Residents of Maple feel they have been thwarted in every effort to bring a stop to garbage dumping in their community by government

disposal. The 20 acres are owned by Disposal and are zoned for the dumping of waste but MAD maintains that the firm has never received a provincial certificate required to use the property for that purpose.

Another letter sent to Environment Minister J. R. Auld states that "it is particularly disturbing to citizens Disposal Services, having been evicted from their previous Maple site in the Town of Vaughan by the Sheriff acting on the instruction of the Court, continue their dumping on the adjacent 20-acre site."

BYLAW CONFLICT
"This operation continues in opposition to the finding of the appeal board, in conflict with the bylaws of the Town of Vaughan and without the sanction of an Environmental Hearing Board."

"Your recent action to permit the solicitor of Disposal Services an additional four weeks to prepare his second appeal to the Ministry, knowing that dumping continues on this illegitimate site, is difficult to comprehend."

The letter goes on to document what it terms weeks of frustration brought about by continued "provincial aid to garbage dumpers."

● The Minister extended dumping right to Disposal Services from the closure date determined by the town council, June 30, 1973, to August 31, 1973 without consulting with the town. A 9 week extension of dumping.

● Even though the operator appealed immediately, the Minister failed to convene an Appeal Board Hearing until November 5, 1973. An additional 10 weeks of dumping (19 more weeks than determined by the town).

● The Minister's Appeal Board Hearing then agreed to the operator's suggested closing date of December 15, 1973. An additional four weeks of dumping (23 more weeks than determined by the town).

● The Minister did nothing to enforce his Appeal Board's decision and only the town's action, enforced by the sheriff were effective in dislodging the operator from one of his sites January 7, 1974. Another extension of four weeks (27 weeks longer than determined by the town).

● Even though the operator lodged an appeal December 7, the Minister waited to reply until January 28, 1974 and then outlined a two month procedure. An additional 12 weeks of dumping (39 weeks longer than determined by the town).

● Notwithstanding eight weeks preparation time, when the solicitor of the operator complained that he could not be ready with his arguments on time, the Minister immediately granted him another four weeks. An additional four weeks of dumping (43 weeks longer than determined by the town).

The letter continues on to accuse the Minister of appearing at "no time to have taken any substantive steps to curtail any dumping in Maple and, in fact, you do not appear to be discharging the very clear responsibility that you have under the Environmental Protection Act (1971)."

FLAGRANT ABUSE
"In truth, your actions so far have had no effect other than to consume large amounts of taxpayers' money for legal fees and support a number of devices which permit totally unauthorized garbage dumpers to continue as if the Act was never passed. They flagrantly abuse the spirit of the Act and because you and your Ministry do not appear to be able to enforce the law, they are left free to ignore the wishes and the laws of local communities."

"You made an initial decision to curtail dumping as of August 31, 1973. It appears now that you will not be able to implement this decision until May of 1974 at the earliest. Nine months of garbage will have flown into Maple while this decision goes unenforced."

"We would urge you to reconsider your most recent delaying decision. If this is not possible, we sincerely hope that you will ensure that there are no further incidents where Ministerial prerogative is used in such a way as to circumvent the spirit and the meaning of the Environmental Protection Act and the responsive bylaws of a local municipal council."

The letter was signed T. Connolly, J. Becker, Maple Ratepayers Association.

Present Bilingual Scriptures To Hill

Representing the Canadian Gideons (York Region) Harold Heise of Gormley presented Mayor William Lazenby with a bilingual copy of the New Testament, at Monday night's meeting of Richmond Hill Council.

Mr. Heise said the presentation commemorated the placing of the 10 millionth Bible by the Gideons, that copy being presented to Lieutenant-Governor Louis Robichaud of New Brunswick at Moncton.

He said the Gideons distribute Bibles in 98 countries in the world and that a million copies of the Scriptures are distributed by their workers every 28 days.

Similar presentations have been made to the mayors of Markham and Stouffville-Whitchurch.

MARKHAM: Three Girl Guides recently received their Canada Corda here at a ceremony in St. Andrew's United Church. They were Cathy Perkins, 15, of 8 Willowgate Drive; Sharon Kerr, 14, of 6 Lakevista Avenue; and Sandra White, 13, of 105 Robinson Street. Harold Schroeter received the Queen's Venturer Award.

Big Skating Show Saturday, Sunday

It'll be a "Land of Make Believe" this Saturday and Sunday at the Richmond Hill Arena as 250 local skaters take to the ice.

Members of the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club will be staging their production this Saturday at 8 pm and again on Sunday at 2 pm.

The production will comprise a number of skits including characters out of the comic strips such as Daisy Mae, a Rock Ballet, and numerous other features.

Participating will be local skating members of the club ranging from three years of age to 18-years.

Choreography on the production is being handled by club pros Rick Stephens and wife Barbara, Miss Marion Start and Rolf Adomeit.

Chairman of the event is Mrs. Barbara Levi. Admission is \$1.50 for adults, 75 cents for children 16 or under.

Has your Hydro account got you a little puzzled because it's a little higher than usual?



Your Hydro Account Will Vary Month to Month

Any number of conditions can cause changes in your Hydro accounts as rendered every two months on the average. Greatest use of hydro is generally experienced during the Winter months. Winter has its longer periods of darkness and the heating season. Sustained hot, dry weather during the Summer is generally reflected in increased water use.

Here Are Some Conditions That Can Cause Changes In Your Accounts

- LIGHTING** — Artificial light is used more in Winter than in Summer.
- HOUSE HEATING** — Electricity is used to operate associated forced air systems, burners, circulating pumps, controls, supplementary heating, and so on. The colder and more prolonged the Winter months, the greater use of both electricity, and fuel.
- ADDITIONAL NEW APPLIANCES** — Such as a television, range, dryer, refrigerator, freezer, radio, hi-fi, air conditioner, etc., will generally result in the increased use of Hydro.
- ENTERTAINMENT AND COMPANY** — The greater use of electricity for cooking, lighting, washing, drying, ironing, television, and so on.
- CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS** — Preparations and festivities are usually accompanied by the increased use of electricity.
- ILLNESS IN THE HOME** — Heat lamps, heating pads, and supplementary heating can be the cause of increased electricity use.
- THE FAMILY** — An increase in the number is generally reflected in an increase in Hydro.
- UNNECESSARY USE** — Lights and appliances left on when not required can cause changes in accounts.
- BILLING PERIODS** — Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, inability to obtain meter readings and so on will cause variations in scheduled meter reading dates.
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