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All To Have Full Say On Maple Garbage Dump

By FRED SIMPSON

Environmental Hearing Board Chairman David Caverly told Maple ratepayers present Friday morning of last week that his five-man body will continue their sessions "until everyone has had the fullest opportunity to present their cases."

With that he adjourned a hearing — which had consumed 16 hours since opening Tuesday morning of last week — until tomorrow (Friday) at 9:30 am in the Maple Community Centre.

The board is hearing an application by Disposal Services to be granted a provincial certificate to dump garbage on a 20-acre site located on Keele Street just north of Maple.

Also scheduled to be heard is Disposal's opposition to a Vaughan Town zoning by-law prohibiting any further dumping on the controversial site.

Chairman Caverly said that the hearings will also be heard, if necessary, on March 26 at 9:30 am at the community centre and March 27 and 28 in the council chambers.

The present hearing opened Tuesday morning of last week on a somewhat contradictory note with Disposal garbage trucks continuing their trips to the 20-acre site outside while the hearing rumbled on laboriously inside.

TECHNICAL NATURE
First day evidence was generally of a technical nature with William Pinkerton, chief sanitary engineer with the company hired by Disposal to do a soil study on the 20-acre site, on the stand.

Mr. Pinkerton outlined what he termed a "conceptual design" for operating the proposed dumping pit which included a series of 100-foot long trenches, eight feet deep, where the refuse would be deposited.

The trenches would be filled daily thereby maintaining a fairly aesthetic appearance at all times. This appearance would be enhanced by the creation of earthen walls which would block out the actual dumping operations from the main roads surrounding the acreage.

He also stated that the company would construct a drainage system and install a storage tank to prevent leachate (unsanitary sludge) from filtering through the sandy soil.

Once the topsoil was excavated, the pit would have a capacity for 185,000 tons of garbage and would likely be filled to capacity by late fall.

DUMPING ILLEGALLY
The defence's main contention as outlined by Thomas Pratt, solicitor for the ratepayers and Tom Fraser, solicitor for the town, centred around two points on the first day.

They maintained that the company had been illegally dumping on the site since January and should be stopped immediately. Mr. Pratt charged that the dump was (Continued on Page 3)

Winning Streak



Streakers of the world unite, you have nothing to lose.

In fact, the police just can't seem to get a thing on them.

Monday morning in provincial court in Richmond Hill, Judge Russell Pearce dismissed a charge of committing an indecent act against Michael Martin, 22, of Weston.

According to police, Martin had raced down Woodbridge Avenue in Woodbridge, March 15 in the buff, shouting: "Streaker."

He didn't streak fast enough, however, and was arrested by a fully-clothed policeman.

Martin pleaded guilty to the charge, but after hearing the evidence, Judge Pearce withdrew the guilty plea. The charge should have been laid under some other section, Judge Pearce said; it didn't fall in the category of an indecent act.

Elementary Teachers' Salary Talks Next

Attempts are being made to arrange a meeting between York County Board of Education negotiating team and the Elementary Teachers salary negotiating committee for March 26 or 27, it was announced at a special board meeting last week.

The board said it had held "three very productive" meetings with the teachers, January 31, February 5 and 7, but two other scheduled meetings since had been cancelled by the teachers.

The last one had been tentatively set for March 20, but as it fell during the mid-winter break, the teachers said it wasn't suitable, the board said.

Taxpayers save \$1.24 million in teacher's salaries.

Deacon Forsees More Problems

Despite the end to the six-week strike of York County Secondary School teachers, the problems in York's education system are far from solved, Donald Deacon MLA York Centre, said this week.

"There is little question that public apathy of the past is gone and the trustees will find real interest and concern is taken as they strive to correct defects and rebuild morale," Mr. Deacon said.

Just prior to the last stages on the strike Mr. Deacon and Ontario Liberal Robert Nixon had advocated that the trustees appoint a new negotiating committee, or else resign and let the Ministry of Education take over.

Mr. Deacon subsequently asked registered voters to sign a request to the province to fire the present elected board and to set up a trusteeship to get the schools back into full operation on terms agreeable to the provincial government.

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(Photo by Susan Samila)

Off To A Good Start

Lovely 1974 Winter Carnival Queen Debbie Poulet got the 1974 Legion Midget Hockey Tournament underway as she dropped the puck to start first game between Richmond Hill Legion Midgets and Ottawa. Thirty-two teams are entered in the big annual tournament sponsored by Tournaments Inc., coming from as far away as Sydney, Nova Scotia.

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"Family To Stay"?

"Is the Family Here To Stay?" will be the theme of the fifth annual meeting of Richmond Hill and Thornhill Area Family Services March 28.

The speaker, Professor Ben Schlesinger, joined the faculty of social work at the University of Toronto in 1960 and is internationally known for his writings and talks on family, particularly the single parent family.

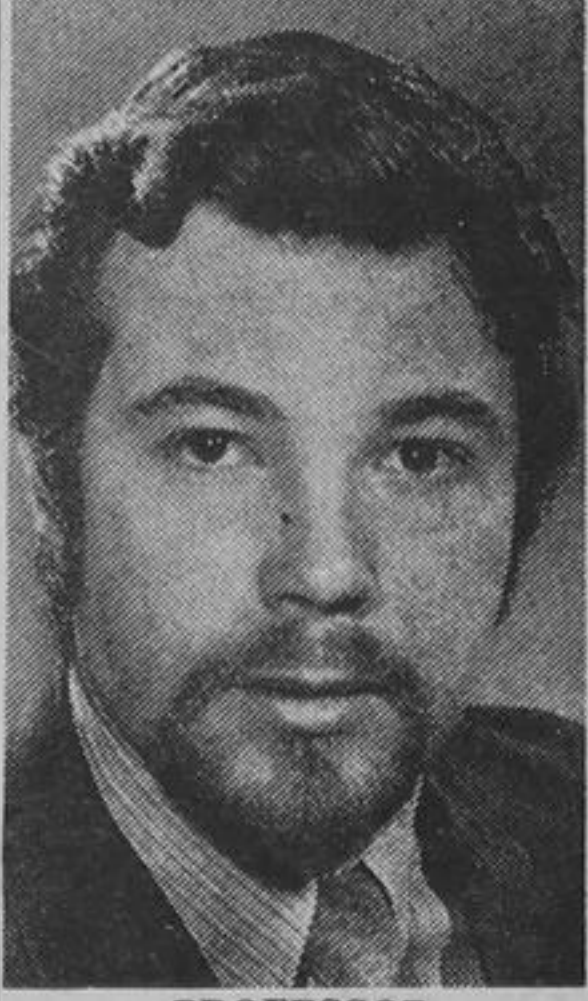
During 1971 and '72 Dr. Schlesinger was visiting lecturer at the University of Western Australia in Perth, Australia.

Author of "One Parent Family", "The Multi-problem Family", "Poverty in Canada and the United States", "Jewish Family", and "The Modern Family in Canada", Dr. Schlesinger has had 100 professional papers published in Canada, Australia, India, Jamaica and the U.S. He is also well known as a lecturer and frequently interviewed on the family on television.

The meeting will take place in the auditorium of the new ARC Industries at 101 Edward Avenue at 8 pm, and the public is invited.

Family Services Executive Director Dr. Frank Fidler and members of his counselling and volunteer staff will be reporting on the work of the agency, and the board of directors headed by Dr. Robert Alexander will present its report of progress over the past year.

The public is invited. Refreshments will be served.



PROFESSOR SCHLESINGER Authority On The Family

Markham Wants 2 More Region Seats

Markham Town Council is applying to the present session of the Provincial Legislature for five seats on the 17-member York Region Council.

Since the region was established in 1971 Markham has had three seats on region council, the same number as Richmond Hill. These two towns have more regional seats than any other local municipality in York.

Markham Council Tuesday of last week approved a report on regional representation for submission to the province. The council says Markham's population and assessment has grown very much faster than in any other municipality and the town should have more regional representation.

Markham Town includes most of Thornhill, Gormley Unionville and Markham postal areas, being bounded by Steeles Avenue, Yonge Street, Highway 7 East, a line just west of Woodbine Avenue (Don Mills Road), a line just south of Gormley Sideroad, with the new Regional Municipality of Durham on the east side.

The submission to the province is, in part, as follows: "Since that time (1971) some areas of the region have experienced spectacular growth while others haven't. And Markham, being one of the more successful areas, respectfully requests that its concern over the imbalance of regional representation be given due consideration by the province.

"At the time the region was formed the population of Markham was 36,000 and the total taxable assessment was \$389,200,000. By 1973 our population has risen to 47,600 (32%) and our taxable assessment to \$502,000,000 (29%).

(A Markham) population growth of 52% of the region total and a taxable assessment growth of 52% of the region total in this period (three years) indicate the Town of Markham has and is growing faster than any other municipality within the region.

At present the York Region Council includes an appointed chairman and seats for the various municipalities as follows: Markham (3), Newmarket (2), Richmond Hill (3), Vaughan (2), Georgina (2), Whitchurch-Stouffville (1), Aurora (1), East Gwillimbury (1), for a total of 17 members.

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Predicts Markham Will Hold Property Tax Line

Markham Town is likely to be able to pretty well hold the line on property taxes this year, Treasurer Alex Barton told town council Tuesday of last week as he presented his annual financial report. The town had a \$168,000 surplus in 1973.

Now if the Regional Municipality of York and the York County Board of Education can come up with a similarly optimistic tax prediction, the town's property owners and businessmen can relax. York Region has been reducing its tax bite in the past. But the big question is likely to be the school board with its teacher

Last year the town took 30% of the local government property tax dollar. York Region took 20% and the Education Board took 50%.

Markham includes that portion of the Thornhill postal area east of Yonge Street between Steeles Avenue and Highway 7. It also includes that area from Woodbine Avenue (Don Mills Road) east to the new Durham Region boundary, between Steeles Avenue and a line just south of Gormley Sideroad.

SATISFACTORY YEAR
"I am pleased to report that the following statements reflect a satisfactory end result for the year 1973. Fortunately this appears to be my standard opening remark on year-end reports presented over the past numerous years. But I believe we have reason to be particularly satisfied with the year 1973 since the favorable results will benefit 1974," said Treasurer Barton explaining a Bell Telephone tax one year windfall was responsible for most of the \$168,000 surplus.

"This surplus figure of \$168,000, coupled with our increased assessment of \$65,000,000 should compensate for, and practically offset, anticipated expenditure increases in 1974. Our 1974 municipal rate, therefore, should be reasonably stabilized," he said.

New development in Markham Town last year accounted for approximately one-half of all the growth in assessment in all of York Region.

Barton had a word of caution however, pointing out the complete provincial grant structure won't be confirmed until early April when the Provincial Treasurer presents his budget. He said one financial trouble spot has been the town's inability

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CAS Seeks Authority For Over Sixteens

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sired self-sustaining aspect (of arena operation) will be attained in future, due to these charges.

"Another area of increased costs is our transit service initiated in 1973," the Markham treasurer reported to town council.

MORE TELEPHONE REVENUE
Markham received an extra \$127,000 last year as a result of a new provincial gross receipts tax formula for Bell Telephone assets in municipalities. Bell previously paid tax on a mileage assessment on its lines. This was replaced by a local government tax formula based on the number of telephones in a municipality.

He indicated the town will either have to convince the Ministry to provide more subsidy, reduce spending, or continue to put more of its own revenues into roads expenditures.

TOWN EXPANDING
Spending by Markham Town is growing as the town's population continues to expand. Actual expenditures in 1973 were \$13,007,056, well in excess of the \$11,768,915 total budget for the year. Actual spending in 1972 was a much lower \$10,390,520 and in 1971 was \$9,988,259.

Last year the province contributed \$1.18 to Markham Town for every dollar of realty and business taxes imposed. In 1972 the provincial contribution figure was higher at \$1.26, said the treasurer's report.

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York Regional Government

Large Salary Hikes For Department Heads

"I can't support or defend the salaries," Mayor Evelyn Buck of Aurora told a meeting of York Regional Council last week after the administration committee had handed down its recommendations for salary increases for the various department heads.

The raises, which cover the clerk, treasurer, planning, engineering and health and social service commissioner, solicitor and chief administrative officer, were approved by the meeting and will now be subject to approval by those concerned.

Mayor Robert Forhan of Newmarket, chairman of the administrative committee, recommended acceptance of the increases that had been proposed and discussed earlier in committee of the whole, and also suggested council conclude its discussions on them in camera.

Council was out for an hour before it returned to vote on its final recommendations.

By Mayor Buck, on the salary increases:

For — Mayors Joe Dales, Georgina Township, Robert Forhan, Newmarket, William Lazenby, Richmond Hill, Gladys Rolling, East Gwillimbury and Anthony Roman, Markham; and Councillors Jack Gilbert, Vaughan, Robert Pollock, East Gwillimbury, Gordon Rowe, Richmond Hill and Ray Twiney, Newmarket.

Against — Mayors Buck, Aurora, and Gordon Ratcliff, Whitechurch - Stouffville; and Councillors Robert Adams, Markham, and Lois Hancey, Richmond Hill.

Absent for the vote were Mayors Margaret Britnell of King and Garnet Williams of Vaughan; and Councillor Harry Crisp, Markham.

The following is the result of the recorded vote, as requested