

Hill Agendas Ready Thursday Delegation Deadline Tuesday

To ease the pressure on the staff of the town clerk's department in preparing agendas and relevant material for council meetings and to give members of council time on working days to contact staff members as part of their research in preparing for council meetings, Richmond Hill Council agreed March 25 that the agenda for council meetings and all pertinent documentation will be delivered to council members Thursday afternoon preceding regular council meetings.

This means that requests to appear before council as a delegation (by letter) must be in the hands of the clerk not later than 4 pm on the Tuesday preceding the regular council meeting. The same deadline has been set for committee minutes, by-laws, agreements, correspondence, and all supporting documentation.

This will permit any errors

to be corrected and deletions made before time for council to meet.

Extra copies of the agenda will be made available to the public after 10 am on the day of the council meeting, and, as requested, the Chamber of Commerce will receive the minutes of the previous meeting when picking up the agenda plus attachments.

The policy of making copies of the agenda and attachments available to the public in the council chamber before council meetings begin will continue.

Council committees have been asked to meet, as far as possible, in the week immediately following a council meeting so that the minutes may be included in the agenda for the next council meeting. Planning committee, since the beginning of this year, has been meeting on the Wednesday evening following council meeting and the works committee has decided to meet Wednesday mornings following council meeting.

STOUFFVILLE: Council has authorized an American firm to prepare an independent report on anticipated "noise" that could result from the proposed Pickering Airport and its effect on Whitechurch - Stouffville. If contradictory to government data it will be used by the town at public hearings. If in agreement with government findings it will not be needed.

Would Save \$100,000 Says Sims

Board Against Dropping Library

Despite an attempt by Trustee Don Sim of Markham to bring about a \$100,000 change of thinking in its plans, York County Board of Education agreed that a library and board meeting rooms should be retained in the proposed new administration building.

Speaking to the the board March 25, Mr. Sim said he didn't think the centre was the proper spot for a professional library for teachers, as it probably wouldn't be used by other than the teachers in Aurora.

The board should make the same materials available in the library to each school in the area. "I don't think many teachers will be dropping in here for a cup of coffee in the next couple of years," Mr. Sim said.

He said he was also against providing 31,000 square feet for a board and meeting rooms. They were primarily there for the use of the board and weren't really necessary.

BIG SAVINGS
Mr. Sim said a board room of 1,000 square feet with an adjacent (severable) room of 600 square feet, opening to 1,600 square feet, and another room of 300 square feet, would be ample for the board. He said his proposal would save the board \$100,000.

Vice-Chairman Tom Johnston of Keswick, who was also chairman of the com-

mittee looking into the administration building, said that, in their talks with school principals, the latter had said they would like to come to the centre. A great deal of thought had gone into planning the board rooms; also supplying books to all the schools would be very costly.

Trustee Warren Baillie of Richmond Hill, said that, if anything, a larger board room was needed.

Trustee Doreen Quirk of Markham, said the teachers supported the idea of having the library in the Aurora centre. They felt it would be good for their morale if they could drop in, she said.

Trustee John Raniowski of Schomberg, said he thought Mr. Sim would have learned from the recent labor difficulties; the library was needed so that the teachers could visit, or call

up the courier to deliver material they needed.

So far as the board room was concerned, he said he had always insisted the room be large enough so anyone could visit and not be told they were blocking the door.

Trustee Douglas Allen of Richmond Hill, who supported Mr. Sim's plea to drop the library from the plans, said he would like to see two or three regional libraries developed.

Also, the building should be so constructed as to make adjustments easily.

NO TAJ MAHAL
Another Richmond Hill Trustee, Robert Houghton, who also supported Mr. Sim, said all open space off the board room should be used to accommodate large groups.

"At no time were we considering building a Taj Mahal," said Trustee John McMurray, of Whitechurch-Stouffville.

He said they wanted a functional building; one that could handle expansion. The present library was closet size — "a disgrace" — and anyone who took a tour of the Aurora offices now would be astounded that they got anything done.

A larger board room was needed, as there was now going to be more representation from the public.



DONALD SIM
Suggests Big Savings

was subsequently voted against, and the board agreed to accept the administration committee's prospectus, plus an amendment by Mr. Allen to carry out additional study on the site. It was necessary to find the best location in order to minimize costs, because of the unstable soil, he said.

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Trustee John MacKay of Markham, who several times tried without success to find out what kind of information the board had received from the teachers on the library, said if the board felt the teachers would use it, "we shouldn't shortchange ourselves now."

Mr. Sim's amendment

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ANNUAL MEETING
of the Members of the York Central Hospital Association will be held in the
York Central Hospital
TUESDAY, the 9th DAY of
APRIL, 1974
at the hour of 8:30 p.m. to:

(a) Receive and consider the Annual Reports
(b) Elect Directors
(c) Transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof

Guest Speaker - Mr. W. A. Backley
Assistant Deputy Minister of Health, Ontario

Dated at Richmond Hill this 3rd day of April, 1974, by order of the Board of Trustees.

J. C. Hepburn, Secretary

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I think you should warn people about investing in these retail distribution schemes.

Everyone dreams of making a profit with little investment and spare-time effort, but few schemes offering these advantages can deliver what they promise.

Many of the companies selling these so-called distributorships are based in other jurisdictions. They have no Canadian offices and often stay in a city only long enough to get a group of people together for a sales pitch and sign them to contracts.

The company selling the distributorship is supposed to supply locations where you, the distributor, can sell the product. You are supposed to make a profit by marking up the price before it is sold to the public. Complaints received by the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations indicate that many companies fail to provide suitable locations. It is left up to you, the distributor, to find retail outlets that will accept such things as vending machines or display cases. In most cases the distributor has little or no knowledge in this area.

The owners of these retail outlets have no real commitment to sell or promote your merchandise. The company with which you signed the contract has already made its money on the sale of the games. All too often people entering into these schemes are left without adequate retail support or training to handle the problems that develop.

Look before you leap

Recently, I signed to become a distributor for a popular brand name product. I invested all my savings, was given a list of "secured" locations and took delivery of the merchandise. Then the problems began. The retail outlets, which are miles from home, don't seem to want the goods in their stores. I am now left with \$2,500 worth of merchandise that is difficult to sell. What can I do?

In most cases, the contracts for these "distributorships" are legally binding. They are drawn up to protect the company and leave the individual investor or distributor without guarantees or rights of cancellation. Companies pushing this type of distributorship urge investors to sign contracts on the spot following a high pressure sales pitch. If a deal is really good:

- It can wait.
- Take two or three days and do some checking.
- Make absolutely sure there is a demand for the product. You may find there are already a number of similar products on the market.
- Contact the Better Business Bureau or the Consumer Protection Bureau and check the company's credentials.
- Contact a lawyer and have him explain the terms of the contract.
- Never sign a contract without looking at all the implications.
- Don't be taken in by high pressure sales and promises of substantial return for a small investment.

Other types of business opportunities can also cause you problems.

For a pamphlet on Buying a Franchise or Starting a Small Business, write: Consumer Buy-Line, Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations, 555 Yonge Street, Toronto, M4Y 1Y7, Ontario.

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