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Corn Dryer Is Legal Agricultural Use --- Solicitor

The incompatibility of residential development in an agricultural area had another airing at Richmond Hill Council's Planning Committee's meeting May 22 when the site plan agreement between John Doner, lessee of part of his father's farm on Leslie Street south of the Gormley-Stouffville Townline and of the intersecting railway line, and the town was brought up for discussion. It had been on the agenda for the May 8 meeting but on the request of counsel for a neighbor, Eric Baker, had been postponed for two weeks to enable a presentation in opposition to be made. Mr. Baker lives across the road in an area zoned rural residential by Markham Township.

SINCE 1972
 Mr. Doner, the seventh generation of the family to be engaged in agriculture on this farm since 1972 has been operating a corn dryer with two storage bins and accessory equipment and has now applied for a building permit to erect a third storage building. He told the planning committee that he has already carried out most of the provisions of the site plan agreement which he is willing to sign, is replacing the present dryer with one which will be considerably faster and that the augers or conveyors will be dispensed with under the new set-up.

Mr. Baker's complaint is that the operation of the corn dryer is a nuisance and has damaged his general welfare in preventing him from getting any sleep, because of the noise. Mr. Baker was unable to be present for health reasons.

INDUSTRIAL USE
 His solicitor Jane Pepino reported that she had visited the site and found it "rather tragic" that "what appears to be an industrial use" is located less than 50 feet from the road. She reported that in her opinion the plywood baffle is not adequate and some parts of the operation are not enclosed, trucks bringing in the grain, conveyors moving from storage bin to storage bin with individual motors all being a source of vibration and irritating noise. These noises she claimed are all audible from Mr. Baker's living room and bedroom and the large bins are clearly visible from his front porch over the tops of some quite large trees. She also claimed that the proposed bin is even closer to the road and to Mr. Baker's property by some 30 feet, and charged that the operation was an aggravation, inconvenience and a destruction of the quality of life of her client.

Miss Pepino reported Mr. Baker had built his retirement home in an area zoned rural residential by Markham Township, across the road from an area zoned agriculture, and now finds that his son can not build on an adjacent lot because of the noise and increased traffic. "This all poses some danger to his emotional health and possibly to his physical health. I believe this council should declare an amendment to this bylaw to stop this creeping industrialization of agricultural land, the nature of which is not fully appreciated when first introduced. My submission is that this use is in fact an obnoxious use. It is the kind of thing that should not be permitted."

DESTROY WAY OF LIFE
 Mrs. Anne Gold, a resident of the area, told the committee that she considered the Doner application an industrial expansion. "I think this committee and council should take a long look before they grant this building permit. Such installations will mean the total destruction of our way of life by creeping industrialization. I say let a writ of mandamus be issued and let the courts decide. We've been coming to council for amendments to the bylaw for three years because of septic spots in that area. I disagree with Mr. Fraser that this is a legal use, rather it is a not-prohibited use. To feed this corn dryer I'm having hoppers full of corn attached to tractors passing my home all summer long, under the umbrella of 'farming.'"

"It boils down to whether it is a legal use or not," stated committee Chairman David Stephenson.

LEGAL USE
 Town Solicitor Tom Fraser told the committee that in his opinion the corn dryer and accessory buildings are a legal use in an agricultural zone and that an application for a mandamus, if made by Mr. Doner, would be successful. He also pointed out that the site plan agreement should be signed by the owner of the property. Mr.



STEPHEN ROMAN TO CARRY TORY BANNER IN YORK NORTH
Roman Leads York North Tories

BY FRED SIMPSON
 Election day isn't until July 8, but Progressive Conservative Candidate Stephen Roman was a big winner Wednesday night of last week.

There was simply no opposition in sight as 400 Tory supporters unanimously threw their voting weight behind Roman in his second try at representing the party in the upcoming Federal election. Tip-off on how things would go came early in the auditorium at Don Head Secondary School as the large room was liberally dotted with Roman placards. Just Roman placards. No others.

And the Canadian industrialist from Unionville gave his audience just what they wanted to hear as he predicted a Stanfield win come July 8 "not only in our own riding but clear across Canada."

He tempered his prediction by acknowledging that it wouldn't be an easy win. "Winning a riding such as ours never is easy. All of you out there will have to make individual contributions and as a whole if we are to reverse the trend of the last two years."

Speaker Roman ranged over a broad variety of topics including inflation but kept coming back to what he termed as a "return to the old fashioned values."

OLD-FASHIONED VALUE
 He said the Conservatives must "provide the direction for society's return to the old-fashioned Anglo Saxon values of fair play between the individual, business, labor and government."

"I believe in the responsibility of the government to the people and that's why I say it's time we returned to the old-fashioned values. We are elected to serve... not rule. There's no doubt where I stand. The principles of fair play have guided me all my life."

INFLATION REAL ISSUE
 Roman swung out at inflation which he said was the "real issue in this election."

"I believe in the equality of opportunity for everyone, social justice. People should not be working just to pay 12

percent on mortgages for their homes. If they're making sacrifices they should be rewarded by some form of security and not be dissipated by rampant inflation."

He said the people have "reached the stage where they are continually frustrated. They don't know where to turn."

He flayed the Liberals for turning their backs on the people who "want to work and spending money on schemes that just encourage loafers in our society."

Collect KAP Pledges
 Bayview Secondary School's KAP Telethon on Cable 10 TV May 11 brought in \$1,667.54 in pledges in 18 hours, yet only about \$750 has been collected to date and the school year is drawing to a close.

About 50 students participated in the program and behind the scenes, staging the telethon after more than six weeks of preparation. KAP (Korean Adoption Plan) supports seven children through the Foster Parents Plan as well as contributing generously to local agencies, organizations and worthy causes.

The KAP Committee headed by Mary Anne Van Arem and Bonnie Barton were most grateful for all the prizes donated, and winners who have not received theirs may pick them up at the school, Bayview Avenue just north of Markham Road, weekdays between 9 am and 4:30 pm.

Participants in the telethon also appreciated the food provided by the local A & W and McDonald's Restaurants through the day and the night.

Persons who have not yet honored their pledges are urged to drop them in at the school or mail them to KAP, Bayview Secondary School, 10001 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill, so that the students can achieve their goal.

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"It was just four years ago," he said, "that Canada was second in productivity in the world. Now we are fifth and I predict that by 1980 we'll have slid to 10th. We don't need to encourage loafers."

THROW OUT LIBERAL
 He termed Prime Minister Trudeau's answer to inflation tantamount to "trying to put out a fire by feeding it with gasoline. The Liberals increased their spending by 22 per cent in their budget, that's another 22 per cent out of your pocket. Is this Trudeau's answer to inflation? This government must be thrown out."

Roman said that "inflation today is robbing our young people of the opportunity to even exist. They no longer can get ahead by working. It's a case of having to run just to keep up to the rising cost of living."

"And the real crime is that the weakest are the ones that suffer the most. That's what this election is all about. The Liberals say it is impossible to control inflation, control government spending. I say that they take this approach because they are worn out, they lack the will, imagination, and leadership to tackle the problem. We can offer it."

The Liberals got an unexpected break from guest speaker Allan Lawrence, former Attorney-General of Ontario and now MP for Northumberland Durham. He did not talk about them.

He saved his ammunition for the New Democrats accusing them of being untrustworthy and a party "that has simply not earned the right to govern a country. They have no hope. Their party leaders have lost their political credibility with their past performances in parliament. They are not to be trusted."

WIN OVER NDP VOTE
 Lawrence urged the York North Tories to concentrate on winning over the "11,000 persons who supported the NDP candidate here in the last election. They are sincere people and I feel that now they are ripe for political plucking in this campaign."

He also stated that inflation "is the big issue in this election."

A surprise arrival was Television Newscaster Ron Collier who was fresh from winning the right to represent Scarborough.

He hammered inflation as well and roused laughter from the audience when he noted that "Trudeau is asking for a new mandate in the next election. What he really needs is clemency."

Don Bailey, of South Thornhill, president of the York North Conservatives, chaired the meeting. Walter Donkin of Richmond Hill chaired the nominating committee.

Pierre Trudeau Here Saturday

Richmond Hill will be visited by Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau Saturday in advance of the July 8 federal election.

Prime Minister Trudeau will be at the Richmond Hill arena in the Town Park, Church Street and Lorne Avenue, at 8 pm to support the local campaign of Liberal Party York North candidate Barney Danson, winner in the past two federal elections.

Before coming to Richmond Hill, Mr. Trudeau Monday visited the senior citizens at Cummer House, Willowdale and Cummer Avenues, in the southern part of the York North constituency from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. He was accompanied there also by Mr. Danson who is his former parliamentary assistant.

New Head For Vaughan Group

"Fault finding" and "criticism" in the Town of Vaughan recreation department have resulted in a new committee being established by council.

Approval of the change which was proposed by the general purpose committee, was made at a meeting of council last week.

In its report, the committee said there had been "certain problems" in the recreation department, which had been put forth "as an argument or excuse by staff for difficulties."

Barry Young is recreation director.

Newly-appointed chairman, Councillor Ab Hollingshead, said there had been a personality conflict, but no major difficulties.

Mr. Hollingshead takes over from Councillor Jack Gilbert, who moves over to Mr. Hollingshead's old spot as head of the general purpose committee.

Other members of the committee are Mayor Garnet Williams and Councillor Milton Savage.

Recommendations approved by council for the committee were: that the chairman be authorized to scrutinize the activities of the department, a job description be prepared for the head of the department, the committee be required to report back to council on the operation of the recreation department on or before September 15, 1974.

TTC Buses Profitable

The TTC-operated bus line on Yonge Street from Eglinton to Richmond Hill continued to show a profit for the first quarter of 1974 to the tune of \$6,785.92. The franchise is owned by the Towns of Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham. Of the quarterly surplus Richmond Hill got \$1,158.41 (61.28%), Markham got \$1,896.67 (27.95%) and Vaughan received \$730.84 (10.77%).

The financial impact of the improved service (from 40 minutes to 30 minutes in non-rush hours) which became effective with the opening of the Finch Subway Station April 1 will not be known for another three months.

Gross revenue was up about \$8,000 from the same period in 1973 while operating expenses climbed only about \$3,500, reflecting an increase of about 65,000 in fares collected and an increase of a little more than 3,000 in revenue miles.

Markham Town Council Denies Thornhill Plea For 'Rep By Pop'

By HAL BLAINE

In Markham where the Clear Grits political movement was founded more than a century ago the fight for "rep by pop" and other reforms in the then two Canadas, the town council last week turned down a South Thornhill ratepayer petition for equality of representation according to population in the municipal ward system. George Brown of "The Globe" must have turned over in his grave.

But the ratepayers of Thornhill apparently aren't going to give up their push for "rep by pop" without a fight.

South Thornhill's Markham Ward 1 Councillor Gary Kay of 86 Aberfeldy Crescent said Friday he expected the South Thornhill ratepayer groups would be meeting over the weekend to prepare to take their appeal to the Municipal Board under the terms of the Municipal Act. A late report said the meeting was held and a lawyer is to be hired.

Ward 1 now has about one-third of the town's 52,000 population and one-sixth of the ward seats on council. Rural northern Markham with about 3,000 people has the same voting power in council.

Councillor Kay said it appears a majority group of council members has been playing games with South Thornhill ratepayers for more than a year, to the point where now it may be too late for an appeal to be launched to the OMB in time to get a "fair shake" for South Thornhill in the next election.

Kay said he expected there would be a joint meeting on the weekend of the South Thornhill Ratepayers Association, the Bayview Fairways Ratepayers Association, the Association of New Leslie Street Homeowners (ANLASH) and the German Mills Homeowners Association. The plan was to form a boundary committee representing each group and to arrange to retain a lawyer to present the South Thornhill ratepayer petition to the OMB. The necessary 150 names for the petition were gathered twice over long ago.

"We have to see if we can get it done in time for the next election," said Kay.

ADAMS PLOY
 In the meantime Markham Regional Councillor Robert Adams of 17 Ida Street, South Thornhill, the Ward 1 representative on council during his previous terms, indicated he is going to make one more attempt to have the issue resolved in council before it is considered by the OMB.

Such an issue can only be re-opened in council by someone who voted with the majority on the previous occasion. Adams fought for ward boundary changes giving South Thornhill an extra seat. But Tuesday of last week he saw the majority in the council meeting was determined to turn down the idea of boundary changes. So he voted with that majority, leaving the way open for him to move a motion of reconsideration.

Thus the question appears likely to come up again, possibly at the next regular council meeting which should take place in the afternoon of the second Tuesday in June.

HOT DEBATE
 There was heavy debate over the issue in the council meeting Tuesday of last week. The meeting started at 2 pm and the matter came up early when council received a petition and a letter from Unionville and Old Markham Village ratepayers opposing boundary changes. At that moment council backed off from the issue and deferred it to the end of the seven-hour session at a time when press reporters usually have all gone home.

But this time, sensing the climax was coming on the issue, most of the reporters stayed.

Councillor Kay demanded a recorded vote after he and Ward 2 North Thornhill Councillor Roy Muldrew twice failed to get the majority to defer making the decision to turn down the Ward 1 boundary change petition received earlier this year.

All the Markham ward councillors outside Thornhill had clearly declared their opposition to any boundary change this year. This would apparently be a safe and happy position for them because they only have to answer to their local voters and not to the voters of Thornhill.

POWER BALANCE
 But the three members of council elected at large held the balance of power on this issue and will have to answer to all the voters, including those of Thornhill. Two of these voted against ward redistribution and prevented South Thornhill from getting another seat. They were the retired town clerk, now Regional Councillor Harry Crisp of 191 Henderson Avenue, South Thornhill and Mayor Anthony Roman of Victoria Square who resides in the area which stands to lose its ward seat.

However, Mayor Roman did indicate he would be prepared to give the question further consideration when the matter of Markham's regional council representation is settled, possibly in about a month's time.

This brought criticism by elected-at-large Markham representative Regional Councillor Adams. He attacked the mayor for avoiding the issue until the time for giving Thornhill another seat in the next election would be past. He rapped the mayor for refusing to support Markham ward redistribution while at the same time asking York Region Council to give Markham Town representation by population.

"Do you really think there is any use going to region?" asked Adams.

PROVINCIAL REFUSAL
 Markham Council had just received a letter from the province refusing its request for legislation for a fourth seat on regional council. The province told Markham Council to apply to York Region for final disposition of its request for a further seat.

"I never heard such double-talk from you before," Councillor Kay told Mayor Roman.

In his statement on the issue, Mayor Roman denied soliciting any ratepayers in his old northern Markham ward area or elsewhere to oppose the ward boundary change proposal.

Adams had said it was basically wrong for any member of council to go out and solicit support against equality of representation in council.

Old Markham Village Ward 4 Councillor Bud Bonner of 19 Gladiator Road denied the petitions against redistribution were solicited by council members. He said people came to him and other councillors expressing concern.

SLANDER CHARGE
 Adams accused Bonner of a slanderous statement during a recent meeting at Bonner's house. Adams said Bonner told the meeting the two regional councillors from the other side of town (Crisp and Adams) tend to vote on the side of one community, Thornhill.

"I would think it's the responsibility of every member of council to be responsible for the good of all the town and represent the interests of all," said Adams.

Mayor Roman said, "I feel very strongly we've given ample consideration to the petition from the southwest area of the town. We had a committee study and many meetings and we couldn't reach a conclusion. The matter should go to the OMB with a clean slate."

The mayor said the letter from the province turning back Markham's request for an additional region council seat was another point of concern to him. He said Markham got a different letter than Aurora Town did on its request, in that Markham was told it should go to the region council for final disposition.

"This (regional representation) decision is vital to any decision on our ward system. It must come within a month or it will be of no use to the Legislature," Roman said.

ROMAN DIFFERS
 When Adams denied the possibility of getting any answer from region in a month, Mayor Roman differed. He said region council is a "different ball park where we don't know what will happen. The mayor said his vote now against redistribution didn't mean new information on regional representation wouldn't prevent him from taking a new position in a month's time.

Adams asked council members to write down the ward population figures of the present time as follows: Ward 1, 18,430; Ward 2, 6,970; Ward 3, 6,880; Ward 4, 6,610; Ward 5, 8,715; and Ward 6, 3,010. Then he asked councillors to write down the expected 1976 ward populations and look at them. They were as follows: Ward 1, 25,430; Ward 2, 8,110; Ward 3, 9,310; Ward 4, 6,630; Ward 5, 10,715; and Ward 6, 3,330.

"That's what we're going to have. If that's adequate representation... and I don't care if it's Outer Mongolia... it's an eight to one (comparative) representation. Think about it. I don't think any person can say it is," said Adams.

Kay interjected that all that area of the town that's now under-represented, a short while ago just wasn't there.

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What's In A Name?
 People who continue to see Ontario as brimming over with Anglo-Saxon conservatives, with simple, one-syllable names like Jones and Smith, may soon have to revise their thinking, if a certain segment of Vaughan is any indication.

Last week, Vaughan Council approved taxicab drivers' licenses for the following people: Kazmierz Kowalewski, Ioannis Papaniannis, Hanna Chahine, Marijan Belacic, Milorad Jankovic and Gillian Sloan.

York Agrees To Revised Budget
 York Regional Council approved its 1974 budget without discussion last week, and it's down \$135,000 from the original estimates.

Net regional costs were budgeted at \$13,419,200, compared with \$13,554,200 the first time around earlier in the month.

Gross expenditures before subsidies and other revenues will be somewhere around the \$30 million mark.

Biggest cut came from the police commission, which lopped \$125,000 off its estimates as requested, leaving it with a total budget of \$5,207,300 for administrative purposes. Another \$708,000 will be required in debentures for the new police building.

General government and administration was up \$86,000 from the original estimate of \$1,209,200.

Health and social services is down \$5,000 to \$1,957,900, while planning also dropped from \$909,400 to \$869,400.

Land division costs remained the same at \$50,000, as did engineering estimates at \$3,372,300.

The contingency allowance was budgeted at \$139,000, compared with the original \$75,000.

Net original levy will be \$70,900.

Still Seek Recreation Building For Seniors
 The steering committee for a senior citizens recreation building considered several suggestions during a two-week period in May but have not yet been able to solve the problem, according to a report presented to Richmond Hill Town Council at its May 21 meeting. The committee is composed of Chairman Councillor Lou Wainwright, Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe, Councillor Dave Stephenson, Deputy-Treasurer Doug Moore with Joe Horne, Gil Clubine, Bert Pattenden and George Taylor representing the senior citizens.

At the first meeting of the steering committee held May 9 the deputy-treasurer was instructed to investigate and report back to the committee on:

- The possibility of the town acquiring an existing large house on Church Street as close to Dufferin as possible;
- To inquire from the Richmond Hill Lions the possibility of the town purchasing their existing hall on Centre Street East for the sole purpose of providing a building for senior citizen use;
- To investigate the possibility of purchasing a property for sale at present on the north side of Mill Street near Hall Street;
- To investigate the possibility of constructing a senior citizen building on the town-owned lot on the southwest corner of Bedford Park and Pugsley Avenue;
- To investigate all town-owned properties in the immediate area of the existing senior citizen buildings on Dufferin Street.

At the second meeting held May 15, the deputy-treasurer reported:

- That at this time there are no properties on the market according to a local realtor which would fill the requirements of a large house on the north end of Church Street;
- In the latest discussions with the Lions there was a definite "no" to the possibility of an outright purchase of their hall on Centre Street East;
- The property on the north side of Mill Street near Hall Street recently sold for approximately \$70,000;
- The town-owned lot on the southwest corner of Pugsley and Bedford Park would not meet the requirements for site, front and rear yards, as it is only 55 feet by 153 feet;
- The only existing property that is owned by the town in the immediate area of the senior citizens' buildings on Dufferin Street would be the present works yard and buildings on Pugsley Avenue.

At this second meeting the deputy-treasurer was instructed to investigate the possibility of either leasing or purchasing properties on Yonge Street between 17th Avenue and Elgin Mills Road as they become vacant in the future. He was also instructed to investigate the asking price on the present senior citizens rented quarters on Centre Street East.