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Thornhill Church League Peeeweewee Winners

Canac Kitchens Peeeweewees were champions in their class during Thornhill Church Hockey League play in the 1973-74 season. Team members (left to right) are: in the back row Assistant Coach Bill Grimshaw, Coach Bob Booth, Manager Mark Ridout; second row, David Lind, John Dunn, Paul Dewling, Don

Poscente, Rick Daurio, Andrew Heyland; front row, Brad Youmans, Shawn Ridout, Jamie Thomson, David Semenzin and Captain Stewart Breithaupt. Absent when the picture was taken were Assistant Coach Bill Midghall, Fred Midghall and Ken Eaton.

Deny 'Rep By Pop' In Thornhill Wards

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BONNER AGAINST
"We and the petitioners are saying it's not the right time to make ward boundary changes," said Bonner. "I can't see any need for it at the present time," said Old Markham Village Ward 5 Councillor Mrs. Alma Walker of 25 Princess Street. She said the provincial and federal ridings haven't changed for many years and the town boundary adjustments still have to be made if the southeast part of Markham is broken off for the new international airport and satellite city. Councillor Crisp said he was still of the opinion it wasn't the time to change ward boundaries. He criticized the ward change advocates for promoting the interest of a particular area.

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RECORDED VOTE
Then came the recorded vote. Victoria Square-Dickson Hill Ward 6 Councillor Ron Moran of RR 2, Markham, left the council chamber for an appointment about an hour earlier. But he is a declared opponent of the ward change proposal. It was moved by Councillor Bonner and seconded by Unionville Ward 3 Councillor Mrs. Carole Bell of 12 Tussey Court that no changes be made in ward boundaries.

Adams moved deferral, seconded by Kay. On deferral the vote split evenly with Bell, Crisp, Bonner and Walker against, while Kay, Roman, Muldrew and Adams were in favor. But Mayor Roman ruled the tied motion wouldn't carry.

Roman, Walker, Bonner, Bell and Crisp formed the council majority voting down the boundary changes, with Adams voting with them so he could bring the question up again. Voting against the majority were Muldrew and Kay.

Kay said, "It's a sad day Leslie East has been populated since the last election and is now almost as big as Unionville. All of us on council have been trying to pull together to make one town."

METRO ANNEXATION
Then Kay hinted at the possibility such bad treatment might start South Thornhill citizens moving toward Metro annexation, something which their strong opposition so far has prevented.

"We've been trying to pull this town together. But this almost makes me wonder what we're fighting to stay in. We fought very hard to stay in the Town of Markham. Now it's unfortunate to see such parochialism," he said.

"I'm very upset that a petition of this sort (Old Markham ratepayers against redistribution) should be coming to my way of thinking it is a bit shameful that they should be opposed to any change at all. When I was campaigning in Ward 1 I found the citizens were acutely aware their votes had only one-quarter the strength of those in other parts of the town. They were upset that their franchise, their only democratic control, should be so watered down."

CRISP STATEMENT
Regional Councillor Crisp said the present Markham ward boundaries were set very carefully four years ago after many more meetings were held than have been held this year.

"At that time it was decided that in a rural-urban municipality it was impossible to have complete equality of representation based on population. If we just don't do anything, I assume the ratepayers will send their petition to the OMB. "I don't want to have anything to do with ward boundary changes at this time, although the time will come, I don't want to change things all around just because a couple of thousand people have moved into the area," said former town clerk Crisp. Councillor Bell said Metro doesn't have "rep by pop" even today, while 90% of the Markham land area is outside the populated area. "The region and province knew what they were doing when they set up the present boundaries. We should keep them as they are. They (region and province) recognized it was one of the most difficult things to do in any form of municipal organization to combine urban and rural areas. I want to see this (turn down) motion passed by council majority so the OMB can't really see how council feels," said Mrs. Bell.

MULDREW'S LAST TRY
Councillor Muldrew said the motion was "too cut and dried". "We haven't taken any position because of the political ramifications, I don't think there is any question about that, I'm disappointed the motion is so 'cut and dried'."

"We should support redistribution but ask the OMB to do it. I hope council will consider a compromise resolution. We should be supporting the request for change and submit it to the OMB with the supporting and opposing petitions and letters," Muldrew urged, but to no avail.

Rogationtide, a centuries old custom of the Christian Church, will be celebrated on Sunday at 2:00 pm at Black Creek Pioneer Village. The Rt. Rev. Allan Read, Suffragan Bishop for the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, will conduct the service in Black Creek's Fisherville Church. Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon will also participate along with Rev. William Moore and members of the choir of Christ Memorial Church, Oshawa; John Bradshaw, well known radio commentator; Brigadier General Willis Mook of Hamilton's Dundurn Castle and members of the Fort York Guard. Brigadier General Moogk will recreate the role of Governor John Graves Simcoe.

This annual church celebration, most commonly practiced in the rural parishes of 19th Century England, was the clergy's annual spring blessing for a bountiful crop. The clergyman, accompanied by his parishioners, would walk around the parish, blessing the seed and the farm animals and establish the parish boundaries in a professional ceremony known as "beating the bounds". Rogationtide was observed in some of the rural settlements of early Ontario. Black Creek Pioneer Village is located at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue. For further information please contact the Metro Conservation Authority at 630-9780.

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Pollution Killing Lake Wilcox

An interim report on the rehabilitation of the Lake Wilcox area Thursday night of last week laid heavy stress on the incidence of pollution and the need for an immediate solution to the sewage problem.

Presenting the report before 100 people at Wildwood Public School in Lake Wilcox was M. M. Dillon Limited Planner John Farrow.

Farrow stated that the Lake Wilcox area was suffering from considerable pollution and "unless something is done to correct this pollution the lake will simply die off. And it will take lots of money to bring it back. We just don't want this to happen."

His comments covered a broad area and were designed to provide "an analysis of the complex physical, social, and environmental problems of the Lake Wilcox community."

They were presented to members of Richmond Hill Council who comprise the Lake Wilcox Study Committee as well as the citizen representatives of the same committee.

It was pointed out prior to the meeting that the general public would be given an opportunity to cast opinions on the interim report at a further meeting scheduled for 8 pm on June 13.

Farrow's report was highlighted by the aforementioned pollution problem but concentrated on the obvious answer to the problem which is the disposal of sewage.

HEALTH HAZARD
His report pointed out that "the present private sanitary disposal systems (septic tanks), particularly along the northern and eastern sections of the lake are a hazard to both individual health and safety, as well as to the environment."

"Many such individual sewage disposal systems are considered unsatisfactory, due in part to lot sizes, the high water table, as well as soil conditions and capabilities."

Water supplies from private inadequate facilities, and not properly treated, are a hazard to health and safety. To extend the municipal water supply to serve the whole Lake Wilcox community, without long term plans for a similar provision of a municipal sanitary sewer system, would lead to a much greater use of water, and more environmental pollution with its consequent health hazards.

Farrow said that it would be "impractical to attempt to bring existing deficient private sewage disposal systems (septic tanks), or water supply, up to an acceptable standard on an individual basis."

"Until such time as a municipal sanitary disposal system is possible, alternate forms of sanitary disposal must be undertaken to terminate existing conditions."

DILEMMA
Crux of the dilemma is the inevitable arrival of a trunk sewer via the provincial government to the South York-Pickering area which would simplify the sewage problem. The Lake Wilcox area would have an outlet for its sewage providing the money was available.

* Prohibit motorized boats on the lake.
Chairman Rowe emphasized that the plan was only an interim one and would require a "great deal of study." He indicated that it was a case of deciding the priorities.

One member of the audience commented that he could "wait 20 years for a sidewalk but not to clean up the pollution in the lake."

Another said that if "we don't look after the pollution now none of our homes will be worth a cent."
Mayor William Lazenby assured those in attendance that the report wouldn't "collect dust" and said that the rehabilitation of Lake Wilcox should happen in the near future and not "10 or 20 years from now."

In his introductory talk, Farrow commented that the study had shown that the "Lake Wilcox community should be preserved and its stability ensured. A community spirit exists in the Lake Wilcox area which should be retained."

He pointed out that while there were many high-class homes in the area there were those that suffered from deterioration which along with a deficiency of services has "resulted in a 'second class' image or social stigma being cast upon the community."

"This has instilled a sense of inferiority and frustration among residents in municipal involvements," he said. The study was initiated last fall by the town at an approximate cost of \$24,000. There are some 500 homes involved in the area.

Concern about possible plans to remove 95 homes highlighted a brief prepared and distributed prior to last week's meeting by the nine-member citizen representatives of the Lake Wilcox Study Committee.

The brief, which also dwelled heavily on the pollution problem in the lake and the lack of sewers, was a response to the report prepared by M. M. Dillon Limited.

"There appears to be a strong bias towards removing a large section of homes on the south side of Elgin Grove. A multitude of reasons are given ranging from too small lots to be serviced adequately within foreseeable means, to structurally unsound buildings."

"We are alarmed at the possible credibility of a study which makes judgement on structural soundness without gaining entry for closer examination."

The brief goes on to state that the citizens "are aware of a number of homes which are on good foundations and would show no signs of structural disfunction from an inside inspection let alone from a 'windshield' one."

It was pointed out by officials at the meeting that the Dillon report was an interim one that "while recommending courses of action and providing proposals for future development of the Lake Wilcox area, does not at this time set forth a detailed implementation program."

RECOMMENDATIONS
Other recommendations included:
* Implementation of a minimum maintenance bylaw.
* Implementation of suitable bylaws under the 1976 planning act to provide financial relief to those who require it.
* Implementation of a suitable storm water ditching system to channelize and control the storm water over-run and thereby diminish saturation of water by pollutants from lands in the area.
* Install the required water main and distribute the costs in the same manner as the sewers.
* Purchase existing non-residential lots at both ends of the lake and develop an active recreational use under a recreation commission with similar authority as the arena commission.
* Richmond Hill as a lake front owner should get together with other resident lake frontage owners to control use of planes and power boats on the lake.

The citizens' representatives on the Lake Wilcox Study Committee comprise Chairman Stewart Bell, former Richmond Hill Councillor, and Mrs. Leona Cook, M. Alexander, Dick Evans, Herb Fry, Bill Good, Frank Mount, Mike Munroe and Cecil Mike.

The brief also calls for action with respect to sewage handling stating that plans should be geared to meet demands of up coming plans such as the proposed provincial trunk sewer system to Pickering.

SEWER SYSTEM
In the meanwhile, it calls for a system of sewers throughout the community leading to master storage tanks as one solution to the drainage and pollution problem.

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Wrecker's Hammer Poised Over School But Nobody Swinging

The wrecker's hammer hangs over Newmarket High School, but York County Board of Education is not quite ready to swing it yet.

The board was faced with the proposition at its meeting, May 27 when it dealt with a staff recommendation that it seek permission from the Ministry of Education to demolish and replace the present school.

The staff recommendation was based on a report by Architect Ross King, detailing the declining condition of the school.

Clifford Grant, assistant superintendent of planning and development, said the architect was "trying to come up with some facts and figures to see what tact to take." He said the "rule of thumb" stressed that, where costs exceeded 50 percent, it was better to have a new building.

Trustee Craig Cribbar of Newmarket wondered how long such a project would take and what would the students do in the meantime. Mr. Grant said it would be 24 to 36 months from the "initial proposal to the final completion."

So far as the students were concerned, there were four possibilities: a portable school, sending students to neighboring schools, sending them to Huron Heights on a shift basis, or continuing to use the present school until a new one is built.

A recommendation by Trustee Douglas Allen of Richmond Hill that the matter be referred back to staff for estimates of the square feet required and the total costs, was approved by the board.