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(Photo by David Barbour)

Thornhill Group Raises \$100 With Carnival

This happy group of youngsters have something to smile about as they were successful in raising approximately \$100 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association recently by a carnival at 11 Old English Lane, South Thornhill. About 60 visitors enjoyed refreshments, a book sale, carnival games, a donation pool and two clowns. All proceeds will help the association bring about an end to this child-killing

Left to right above are — Minda Bowman, Jackie Snoek, Jane Dedrick, Billy Brummit, Harry Snoek, Tim Kerry, Bailey Abrams, Stewart Abrams and Carnival Chairman Stephen Bowman. They were assisted by other neighborhood youngsters, ranging in age from eight to 11 years.

R.Hill Council Takes Another Look At Apartment Bldg., Parking Lot, Gas Bar

It was a time for second thoughts at Rich- land - totally separate with any might fill a long-felt and mainly technical evi- get only so many planes on Airport operations as part mond Hill Council meeting Monday afternoon as a road on three sides and the need for library services on dence before a two-man the runway and off it at any of his opening statement it reversed former decisions of council and planning committee on three occasions.

imaginative A-frame apart- proposed building.

MRS. MARGARET BIRCH Provincial Secretary For Social Development

Proposes Changes In Day Care Rules

Proposals for changes in regulations governing day care in Ontario have met with considerable criticism from both parents and those who provide the care.

The proposals were included in a statement made in the legislature in June by Provincial Secretary For Social Development Margaret Birch. The statement The solicitor noted that purposes. was drawn up following re- the board of education had The solicitor also stated view of a two-year study of submitted its budget to coun- that in his opinion council day care in Ontario, the cil and stated that it had must levy the required amcontents of which have not taken into account the re- ount and has no authority to been made public.

professionals and the parents | teachers. on Page 2 and editorial on the Toronto School Board payer to pay a portion of his Page 4.

the candidates will be avail-

able for public scrutiny prior to

election day, the plain nuts

perplexed from a casual visit

to a council meeting, thus

ending their involvement in

politics permanently.

jacent to the courthouse at at the site for the best use the southeast corner of Bay- of the land," said Mr. Allen, view Avenue and Markham "As architects we have Road. Earlier this month the thought about an 180-suite planning committee did not apartment building, including accept this application as a day care centre, a pool, a being premature because of library and other meeting lack of services and of over- rooms. It will be absolutely all planning of the area on first class. The site has a terrific view to the south and almost all suites have been planned to have a view to the south as well as to the north. They will be generoussized, some three-bedroom two-storey and others one storey. There is a neighbor-

of the building. ing shopping centre and tainly preferable to a gas the whole area. "We don't as well as parading his witother apartments in the area. cillor Lois Hancey, who also we will regret in later years. man Barry Smith and Peter

This is a unique piece of noted that the proposed libr- We don't have the servicing Brooks.

Council Cannot Withhold Any Money From Board — Solicitor

For the reaction of the the mass resignation of the lected from the board. There

see story by Margaret Lade He also quoted a case of justify the refusal of a rate-

Council can question the (1902) 4OLR4268 which in- and Leslie." board of education's budget volved teachers' salaries, in only in respect to items that which the Court of Appeal is the first proposal for that Toronto Airways Assistant the board has no authority to held that if the board reexpend money on and teach- quired a sum which it, in ers' salaries are certainly good faith, thought necesnot within that category. sary having regard to the This was the opinion of number of teachers and the Town Solicitor Thomas arrangements they contem-Fraser expressed to Rich- plate making with them, the mond Hill Council in regard council must be satisfied. to a letter from former The contracts had not been Councillor Eric Handbury settled at the time the budread at council meeting July get was set. The court stat-15. Mr. Handbury had stat- ed that council had no voice ed that he would be with- in the control of the affairs holding a portion of his which are entrusted by law school taxes due to the strike to the school board; their earlier this year of second- duty was to levy and collect ary school teachers - that and pay out from time to he should not be expected to time as required, the moneys pay for a service not re- shown by the estimates to be

necessary for lawful school duced cost of salaries due to withhold any moneys so colis no authority which would

vs. The City of Toronto taxes to the municipality.

courthouse on the fourth, the east side of town, How- Municipal Board, The entrance would be from ever, she pointed out that Crux of the hearing is an the number of planes you opposing counsellors. Also the south road, so would there have been applications application by Toronto Air- can handle." APARTMENT BUILDING the east side of Bayview. The cause no traffic problems on for two homes on the east ways Limited for a zoning Architect Douglas Allen, site is zoned rural at present, either Bayview or Markham side of Bayview which would amendment to allow it appearing for Larma Invest- and would require an RM6 Road." He estimated the cost have considerably less impact extend one of its two runments presented plans for an zoning to accompdate the of the building at close to than the apartment building, ways by 1,200 feet. This re-\$4 million and called it a which were turned down, quires a zoning change on ment building on the lot ad- "We request staff to look tremendous addition to Rich- "Unless we are willing to go an adjacent 70 acres from mond Hill with totally under- back and re-assess the goals agriculture to transportation ground parking. "We think and objectives of the Official to allow the runway to go tators for quieter ones at perts standing at the same this the right type of build- Plan which make it quite on it. ing for this piece of land, clear that the cut-off point however we would be open for urban development is to any other suggestions." Bayview Avenue, we should In answer to a question not be considering this buildfrom Mayor William Lazenby, ing. It is wrong to do planhe stated the cost will be ning by application."

about 25 to 30% above aver- Councillor Andy Chateauage costs and that the day vert agreed that it is a pleascare centre and library would ing looking building but also be open for the use of the pointed out that other applitown as well as for residents cations on that side of Bayview have been turned down "I, too, find the architec- because the staff has not had day's opening procedures ture exciting and it is cer- an opportunity to examine making a witty presentation station," said Regional Coun- want to put something there nesses before OMB Chairfacilities there or anywhere else. That is the only area of town where we can exercise a technical nature, stressed any degree of control of Toronto Airway's need for development and I believe the 1,200 foot extension to we should be very cautious the south to assure greater until we determine what we mobility, greater safety, and

The mayor noted that this community." property which looks promis- to the President Ian Mcing, "the others have been Cuaig stated that the extendhoped that by the time the a "greater mobility in bad building is ready services will weather conditions. Instead be available by way of "the of being confined to the one

(Continued on Page 21)

Calling Card

York Regional Police got an unexpected assist from a thief who stole 75 bales of hay from the field of James Gunn, Concession 5 in King Township last

While investigating, police found two beer bottles and two copies of an application for a driver's license, complete with name and address.

Police have issued warrant for the arrest of the driving applicant.

Citizens of York Region

will get their first opportunity to comment on the region's Official Plan, August 13 in Newmarket.

Yk. Official Plan

Newmarket

August 13

That's when the region will trundle out its mobile trailer, complete with maps, displays, brochures, questionnaires and well informed spokesmen to let the public see just what the plan offers and the "tremendous amount of work that goes into it." The trailer will traverse

the region from August to October, setting up in shopping centres and community fairs to distribute information and invite comment on the Official Plan, as well as distribute information on the regional operation in general, For its first stop in New-

market, the trailer will be at the regional offices on Bayview Avenue from 2 to 4 pm. Richmond Hill won't

get its first view until September 12 when the unit pulls into the Hillcrest Mall for a three-day

The application is being

hotly disputed by Button-

ville and area residents and

municipalities including the

Towns of Markham and

Richmond Hill. They fear an

enlarged runway would mean

increased air traffic and

noise problems with larger

airplanes using the airport.

Toronto Airways Solicitor

Robert Macaulay held the

spotlight for most of Mon-

LESS NOISE

one at our disposal."

ADD TO SAFETY

The testimony, mostly of

VERY CONCERNED

at its August 20 meeting.

said, "will produce a com- He said that "it's my how much will it be and for bined population of 125,000 belief that the ideal rate of how long?"

Councillor Adams said that two years. encourage such development blems created by a sudden ill via financial assistance.

Markham's mini-airport He was asked if the exten- He convinced OMB Chair-

hearing at Buttonville got sion would mean more air- man Smith to allow him to

underway Monday morning planes using the airport and show a 20-minute movie

amid a battery of solicitors replied that "you can still centred on the Buttonville

a considerable cost."

CLOSE AT 11 PM

were usually turned off.

coming plane," he said.

licitor Macaulay.

forts toward "noise abate- hearing,

Buttonville Airport Appeal Hearing Opened

Tuesday Before OMB — Still Going On

Councillor Adams noted that | Mr. Adams said his "over-

BY FRED SIMPSON

Milliken area of the Town of Markham could "cause a fantastic problem

chairman of council's planning committee which will review the application

for this municipality," according to Regional Councillor Bob Adams.

press conference at his home Thursday morning of last week.

The proposed creation of a 28,000-population community in the

Councillor Adams revealed the proposed plan of subdivision at a

"This whole project has me very concerned," said Adams who is

The subdivision would comprise 1,200 acres in the Kennedy Road

influx of population?"

permitted were "panels" of

time instead of one at a

time and thereby cut down

ham: Donald Hindson, repre-

north of the existing airport.

and Steeles Avenue East area adjacent to the Borough of Scarboro. TAXES GO UP? the municipality is already riding concern is that we He stated that "the proburdened with developing its might be going too fast vince has assured us that Official Plan as well as copalition responsibility for a munici- won't go up as a result of Approve Housing growths in the Markham- pality to supply housing the Ontario Housing Action Unionville and Thornhill when the need is great. I'm Program. I want to know just not convinced that being why they won't? It may be a the biggest is necessarily case of the province provid-"These areas alone," he being the best."

and I wonder if we should population growth is 3 per- Councillor Adams also add to it with this Milliken cent each year. Markham feels that "you have to velopment in the Town of scheme. I'm very con- has been growing at a rate assess the sociological con- Vaughan. of 25 percent over the past sequences of such rapid growth," he said.

proposal is being pushed by cost of servicing the propos- well as the necessity for Vaughan to change the developers in conjunction ed subdivision would be "soft services" such as parks, with the province's Housing borne by the province but schools, transportation, re-Action Program designed to what about "the other pro- creation centre, etc.



COMMUNITY ROBERT ADAMS ATMOSPHERE Mr. Milani likened it to Very Concerned "The province may pay so Wichwood Park in the Casa much per lot levy but what Loma area in Toronto, which they consider enough

operation. Such a development would He said he hoped the same also initially upset the industry-commercial to resi-

dential ratio. development. "We just won't have an industrial base for the population," he said, "and it could be a while before we

MATTER PRIORITIES Yet another problem expounded by Mr. Adams was \greement of these by Vaug-

the matter "of what are our priorities, what comes first? Our planning department is over-burdened with work already underway. "There are high priorities Downs Golf and Country such as the Parkway Belt, Club, which said it wouldn't

ruestion," he said.

A further irritant in sewage disposal systems,

Councillor Adam's view is the continuing depletion of planning staff personnel moving to higher-paying positions. "We're having trouble replacing these people."

LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC

Councillor Adams stated he had no idea what the feelings of his fellow councillors are about this but indicated he was less than (Continued on Page 21)

Project Vaughan

York Regional Council last week approved a recommendation of its planning council for a new luxury de-

The recommendation called for approval of an amendlands at the northwest intersection of Bathurst and Teston Streets from rural to residential. This will eventually allow a maximum of 520 people on the 260 acres approved for development.

Councillor Jack Gilbert told "The Liberal" that the project, which is being developed by Millview Investments, in association with Milani and Milani Roldings, Thornhill, will feature luxury homes of the kind in the posh King Cross development in King Township.

The first houses are expected to be ready in the spring.

Cam Milani of Milani and Milani said that the new development would be "very unusual," similar in concept and cost to King Cross Estates in King City but less sporadic in its planning.

is more of a small commuwhat we do could be another nity, with the residents having some say in its over-all

> sort of involvement would take place in the Vaughan

In recommending approval of the Vaughan amendment, the planning committee stressed the need to retain the rural character of the area and to meet all the environmental requirements. han was necessary before approval was given.

When the development was irst proposed among those bjecting was the Maple

However, these objections fact all I see are disadvant- served by a piped communal water supply and individual

Dates To Remember Month Of August

6 - Town of Markham Council Meeting 2 pm, Buttonville

12 - Town of Richmond Hill Council 7:30 pm

13 - Richmond Hill Planning Committee 7 pm

15 — Ward 1 Richmond Hill Public Input Meeting Official Plan Aims and Objectives — council chamber 7:30

19 - Town of Vaughan Council Meeting 2 pm, Maple

20 - Ward 5 Richmond Hill Public Input Meeting Official Plan Aims and Objectives - Wildwood Public School, 7:30 pm

— York Region Roman Catholic School Board 8 pm

22 — Ward 3 Richmond Hill Public Input Meeting Official Plan Aims and Objectives — council chamber 7:30

26 — York County Board of Education, 8 pm, Aurora

- Ward 4 Richmond Hill Public Input Meeting Official Plan Aims and Objectives — council chamber 7:30

29 - Ward 6 Richmond Hill Public Input Meeting Official Plan Aims and Objectives — council chamber 7:30

People Participation Sought By Markham As the Town of Markham's | time and programs. new community complex They expect to have ice Yonge Street, North Bayview, be compatible with surroundnears completion, the com- oy September, and the re- Markham-Unionville studies. ing land uses, and the water

one time. There's a limit to despite reservations from

Toronto Airways General witnesses to be cross-examin-

Manager Roy McCabe also ed at the same time as a

stressed the company's ef- means of speeding up the

ment" by stating that a heli- Mr. Macaulay explained

copter firm using the airport that this would "mean you

had "changed their tail ro- could have two or three ex-

operated from 7 am in the Other solicitors present

morning to 11 pm at night included James Taylor rep-

at which times the lights resenting the Town of Mark-

age of days, up to maybe land south of the proposed

five times a week, when the extension: Peter McCreary,

lights are left on for an in- appearing for residents

Two "firsts" were intro- The hearing is expected

duced at the hearing by So- to continue for the rest of

"There's a small percent- senting companies owning

He said that the airport on the redundancy."

mittee appointed by council creation department is plan- Then there's the Stage 3 in- supply might be insufficient want to do between Bayview which would "cause less to make recommendations ning classes for skating and dustrial study, and so on. for both the club and the noise to the surrounding for use are anxious to hear figure skating, to make "I, personally, can't see subdivision. from as many groups, orga- bookings for skating parties, any advantage for Markham nizations and individuals as and to provide industrial in plunking down 28,000 have since been withdrawn. possible, to get their views. time for late-night hockey more people at this time. In The amended area will be The complex at Bayview players. for gas stations". He said he ed runway would allow for Avenue and John Street All plans at this point are will house a community hall, tentative, however. The nealth club, two sheets of committee is waiting to hear ice, meeting rooms, pro shop, from the community, and big pipe" and that the addi- runway as at the present kitchen facilities, as well as the sooner suggestions come

tional assessment would be time we would have another space for a library and a in, the better the planning day care centre.

by Air Traffic Controller The chairman of the spe- Bob Adams and Harry

He added that the larger runway would mean "planes jurisdiction of Markham munity include Wally Maxcould be directed over less Library Board and the day well and Don Cockburn of densely populated areas. As care centre will be operated Thornhill, Ray McTavish of well, a longer runway means by the Region of York's Unionville and Don McNabb the air craft would be high- health and social welfare of the old Town of Marker in the air on the take-off commission. The remainder ham. They are giving their and therefore cause less of the complex will be gov- time as volunteers to help

will be. The library will be under | Appointees from the com-

erned by the town through get the complex rolling. its parks and recreation de- Appointees from council Similar claims were made partment.

Gregory Vincent who said cial committee appointed by Crisp and Town Councillors that "from my experience a council in June, Peter Ron Moran and Gary Kay 1 200 foot extension would Grosskurth of Thornhill, Mayor Tony Roman is servmean an extra margin of emphasises that the complex ing as an ex-officia member safety as well as add to the is intended for the use of of the committee. noise abatement of planes ALL residents of Markham, Suggestions should be but in order to establish submitted to the Chairman, He added that the airport operating policy they need Thornhill Complex Commit-"is safe now but the land- to know what people want tee, 8911 Don Mills Road, ing is tight on the runway." in the way of space and Markham

are Regional Councillors

Course On Municipal Affairs Coming To The Hill-Starts Sept. 24 There's a civic election commond Hill and district. - 889-6739; Ann Gold - 887- and Kellogg Limited, managehow citizens can participate. active in local politics. ing up this December and, while Starting September 24 at 8

on local government is offering and bolts of everyday politics, a six-week night course on which still confuse even the municipal affairs, with two practising politician at times, lectures and a question period will not be so readily at hand each evening. for a look see. Sponsored locally by the So that people, who are in- Citizens' Advisory Group of terested in the political makeup Richmond Hill, the course will and operation of their commucost \$10 and will be open to nity, can often feel completely the first 100 people registering.

> ber being enrolled. WIDE RANGE

Space prevents any larger num-

pm at Don Head Secondary

School, the Ontario Conference

Topics will range from the Now, however, there's a chance history of local government in to get some insights into the Ontario, through the details of operation of a local municipal its present operation, and wind the idea that the course was government for people in Rich- up with a look at the future and solely for those wanting to be obtained by calling Mr. Burnie ment; Donald King, Stevenson

Lecturers will be drawn from senior levels of provincial and municipal government, universities and private interests. According to a statement by

the Citizens' Advisory Group, makes a better informed counsimilar courses, geared to both the public and municipal officials, are held annually across the province under the guidance the OCLG, a non-profit It would, however, help people group, made up of several provincial bodies interested in increasing understanding of and participation in municipal affairs.

wanted to disabuse people of

Instead it was basically so

that people could better understand the problems of council and judge its performance. "A better informed public

cil," Mr. Burnie said. Also, the course was not meant as an exercise in "How to get your council," he said.

council. LIST SPEAKERS

decide what kind of person they

wanted working for them on

Registration forms may be Mike Burnie, chairman of obtained from the Citizens' the local group, said that they Advisory Group, 110 Arnold Crescent, Richmond Hill. Further information may be the Province in Local Govern-

5933; Dawn Osmond — 884-8393; David Fayle — 884-3348.

proposed lecturers and their topics: Ernie Nyitrai, chairman of the OCLG - Forms and Minister of Housing - Local Government in Ontario: Its Government; Michael Smither, managing editor, Municipal World, St. Thomas - Role of

ment consultants. Toronto -How a Municipal Corporation Those attending all sessions Operates; Russell Lynett, formof the course will receive a er clerk, Town of Richmond Hill signed certificate from the - Functions and Special Services of a Municipality; Dr. Following is a list of the Susan Dolly, manager administrative policy section, Ministry of the Environment — Local Boards and Commissions; I Structures of Local Govern- W. McClung, York Regional

ment; Donald Irvine MLA, acting Assessment Commissioner -Municipal Assessment as a Base for Real Property Tax; Future and Yours; Vincent Milt Sather, treasurer, City of Bozzer, co-ordinator Ministry Guelph - Municipal Finance; of Treasury - History of Local. Les Cooke, Town of Barrie -Parliamentary Procedure in the Council Chamber; Murray Pound, York Regional Planning Commissioner — Community Planning.