

Markham Has No Water Supply Problem In Thornhill This Year

For the first time in years the Thornhill area of Markham Town appears to be headed through a whole summer without a residential water shortage. In recent years problem after problem has kept a lot of Thornhill taps dry during the summer months.

But not this year, as municipal authorities at last seem to have licked all the problems of supply, distribution and treatment. And now with an augmented supply from Metro reservoirs on Bayview Avenue and Kennedy Road, Markham's major water worries seem about over.

Operations Engineer Wayne Bando of the Regional Municipality of York says a new well started to operate at Markham in June. So the region hasn't had any trouble keeping up with Markham Town's demand for water so far this year. But he has his fingers crossed. There was one scare the other day when an electrical failure caused a false warning that a big reservoir was empty. There was a lot of scurrying around for a while, he says, but there proved to be lots of water in the big tank after all.

Markham Town Engineer Dipen Mukherjee said there was a water shortage encountered in Unionville last week at the end of the long

hot spell. "But since we put restrictions on lawn watering, we're all right," said Mukherjee.

And the Unionville problem was really only a matter of distribution and won't be a major job to clear up. Mukherjee said the town engineering staff knew well in advance there would be difficulties in Unionville. The staff and town council had the remedy all worked out, but they ran into a citizen objection of a 12-inch water main to connect Unionville with Old Markham. That objection still stands and the town is waiting for a Municipal Board hearing to get it cleared away.

The Unionville situation showed up last year and was an apprehended problem with the remedy already on the way, said the town engineer.

To make doubly sure the Unionville problem is cleared away, the town has another construction plan which starts this fall. Since Metro water is now available, a 1 1/4-mile pipeline is to be built from the Kennedy Road Metro reservoir to Unionville.

Mukherjee points out that Markham has a limited budget and it takes a bit of time to do things project by project. "But we get there finally," he said.

Ontario Conference Course On Local Government Sept. 24

There is a whole new thing happening in Richmond Hill this fall. This opportunity has never before been offered to the citizens of our town.

The Ontario Conference on Local Government basic course is available to any person interested in learning what local government is all about. The course commences at Don Head Secondary School, Major Mackenzie Drive, Richmond Hill, September 24 and runs for six consecutive Tuesdays from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Taxpayers now, more than ever want to know what is happening in government — why it is happening — and indeed what they can do about it. One of the reasons why citizens should be well informed is to help them make the best input to the current discussions of goals and objectives of our own municipality's official plan. It is too late after the pattern has been set by decisions. What are the consequences of different kinds of growth?

Good planning is doing today what we will wish tomorrow had already been done.

In the OCLG course, you will learn about community planning, the need for planning, the role of the planner and planning board, official plans, restricted or zoning by-laws, and the role of the Committee of Adjustment.

People in this town want a representation on arena boards and other boards. In the OCLG course, you will learn the definition of a local board and commission, how they are created, their relationship to council and other boards, inter-body liaison and how to become a member of boards or commissions.

COUNCIL PROCEDURE People going to council meetings for the first time wonder, "Does the mayor have a vote or does his vote

just break a tie?" In the OCLG course, you will learn about parliamentary procedure in the council chamber, legal authority, the reasons for varied procedures and the basic fundamentals of parliamentary procedure.

What do you expect from a person offering himself or herself to represent you in the election? What criteria do you expect this person to meet? Many decisions are delegated to council. They couldn't possibly discuss every detail with every citizen, so you look for skill when you vote. But you want that skill used for your benefit so motivation is also important. Educational courses can not pick candidates but they do give background information on the job to be done and "food for thought" on the qualities to be sought.

In the OCLG course, you will learn how the municipal corporation works, about the division of responsibility — legislative, executive and administrative as well as about decision making in local government.

EXPERT SPEAKERS These are some examples of things that are covered in the basic course. Each speaker is an expert in the particular field for which he has been chosen to cover a particular topic. Copies of the presentation will be available to participants of the course.

The speaker donates his time, this is not a paid assignment. The OCLG course is a non-profit, non-partisan educational program and has been most successful in other parts of Ontario, towns and villages both bigger and smaller than Richmond Hill.

There will be a question and answer period after each lecture. The purpose of the course is to encourage more understanding of local government, this in turn will encourage more informed participation in

municipal affairs. It will provide knowledge to those who would serve on public bodies, either elected or appointed.

FOR INFORMATION Registration for the course is limited to 100 persons. For further information please call: Mike Burnie 889-6739, Ann Gold 887-5933, Dawn Osmond 884-8393, David Fayle 884-3348; or write: Citizens' Advisory Group, c/o 110 Arnold Crescent, Richmond Hill.

Courses Available For Adults At Seneca

Adults interested in getting further education will find that a warm welcome awaits them in full or part-time studies at Seneca College's King Campus, the beautiful former Eaton Hall estate. Educational background is only relevant in determining if an individual can benefit from the subject being offered.

Senior citizens can enrol in any class where there is sufficient space on payment of a fee of only \$5 plus a materials fee in some cases.

Every attempt is made to provide a potential student with as much information as possible before registering.

Seneca King is not waiting for residents of York Region to find their way to the King Campus. Classes will be offered in six off-campus locations this fall. Part-time day classes will be held in Aurora, Keswick, Markham, Stouffville, Sutton and Thornhill as well as evening classes in Keswick and Sutton. In fact Seneca will offer classes in any location in York Region where there is sufficient interest.

A number of daytime classes arranged for full-time students will have space in them for part-time students. Those interested should contact the campus registrar during the first part of September to determine what courses are available.

Further information may be obtained by telephoning 884-9901 or 895-1581.

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\$355,000 More For YRP Region

By JIM IRVING

Despite claims of being "ripped off" by the contractors and being unable to afford the extra expenditure, York Regional Council at a special meeting held last week, approved by a 7-5 margin a request by the Police Commission for an additional \$355,000 for its new police building in Richmond Hill.

The \$2,165,000 building will serve the southern part of the region including Thornhill, bringing together the police departments of Richmond Hill, Vaughan and Markham.

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objection as a private citizen.

"I still haven't lost my status there," said Mayor Buck, who has objected to plans for the building from the start.

"I don't believe the protection for the people comes from a police building," she said, "it comes from having the police spread throughout the area and moving around."

She said too, that council had failed to pass a money bylaw and that was necessary when a motion failed to pass by two thirds, or by a majority.

The 7-5 vote in favor was not a clear indication of support, Mrs. Buck said. She said that, if the OMB felt her objection was valid, it would call a hearing on the matter.

Architect Donald Wilson cited manufactures' costs in electrical and mechanical equipment, plus the high cost of materials for their problems.

Steel was \$1,400 a ton and asphalt was up 70 percent. Have you considered re-rendering? asked Mayor William Lazenby of Richmond Hill. The town would be happy to extend the lease on the police office there.

Councillor Robert Adams of Markham said there was "no doubt we're being ripped off." This included council and the commission. However, couldn't the police use the rifle range being planned for the Thornhill centre to help save costs, rather than put in one of their own?

Said Mayor Margaret Britnell of King: "If we grant extra funds, what guarantee do we have that the building will be finished on time?"

There was no guarantee, Wilson replied. Mayor Buck of Aurora said she thought they were building "at the very worst time." There had to be a point when they said they couldn't afford it. "I don't have the confidence this will be the last hike we get," she said.

WINTER WORKS? Mayor Forhan of Newmarket said they should be getting subsidies under the winter works program. "I think we're being conned," was his conclusion.

"Could we apply for winter works?" asked Councillor Lois Hancey of Richmond Hill. When informed the deadline had passed, Mrs. Hancey said she felt they could still make application if they put up a solid enough case.

"We are all asking how high is up," said Councillor Gordon Rowe. "There is a great need for this building."

Rowe then moved a motion, seconded by Mayor Britnell, that council approve the extra \$355,000, to be debentured over 20 years.

Mrs. Britnell later said she was having second thoughts about the building, because of the \$63 a square foot it was costing. She said she would have to withdraw her support of the motion, but agreed to stay as a seconder.

THORNHILL'S INADEQUATE

Councillor Adams said he was disappointed council didn't take up the offer of the rifle range. However, it was subsequently pointed out the latter would be inadequate, as the police plans were for a pistol range.

Mayor Forhan wondered if the \$2 million plus cost was a firm figure. "Do you think we have a firm price?" he asked the architect.

"I know we have," replied Mr. Wilson. Councillor Ray Twiney of Newmarket, a member of the police commission, said he wasn't happy about the price, but there were no alternatives.

A recorded vote on the resolution went as follows: Against — Adams, Britnell, Buck, Forhan and Mayor Joe Dales of Georgina Township.

For — Hancey, Lazenby, Rowe, Twiney, Mayor Anthony Roman, Markham, and Councillor Robert Pollock, Georgina.

Attempted Murder Charge Maple Boy

Allan Hugh Hepburn, 16, of Maple, has been charged with attempted murder in the August 22 stabbing of a California woman near MacTier on Georgian Bay.

The charge arose when Elizabeth Schroeder, 21, of Redonda Beach, California, was beaten with a stick and stabbed outside her cottage. Hepburn is being held in Parry Sound jail.

BAXTER: The plan for a \$15-million steel mill on the banks of the Nottawasaga River in Essa Township has been dropped because of opposition from environmentalists. It would have employed more than 300 people and have paid about \$300,000 annual property tax. It was approved by the township but opposed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ministry of Environment.

Lack Of Rain Cuts Crop Yields Oats And Barley Hardest Hit

Lack of rain for the last three weeks will cut the yields in grain fields in both Markham and Vaughan, reports Agricultural Representative Art Wall this week. Oats and barley are affected most, with a lot of heads not filled normally.

Fortunately, corn, with its deeper root system, survives a dry period better and continuous sun is what it needs to manufacture grain.

FARM NEWS

FEED GRAIN SHORTAGE

Because a shortage of feed grain in both Canada and the United States is forecast for this winter, the local grain crop is more important than ever. Yields in Saskatchewan and Manitoba have been reduced because of dry weather and the West has had some problem with grasshoppers, too.

In the USA dry weather has caused substantial yield losses, down from earlier estimates of 5.9 billion bus-

hels to 4.9 billion. The soybean yield also shows the same trend down to 1.3 billion bushels from 1.6 billion. Current estimates of the American corn crop is that they will have about 800 million bushels less than they normally use.

EFFECTIVE IN CANADA All this will have its effect in Canada. Therefore it isn't hard to see why livestock feeders here are concerned

School Board Vetoes Weekly TV Appearance

Members of York County Board of Education can throw away their straw hats, canes and soft shoes. There'll be no performance this year.

Maybe you thought all along that those people you elected to represent you on the board thought only about education all day long. Not so. When they joined the board they were thinking of "the boards" as well.

And when Richmond Hill's Classic Comm invited them to strut their stuff from time to time on the tube, well...

However, cooler heads prevailed and when Trustee Margaret Coburn of King brought the offer to her conferees last week, you could have heard a curtain call.

NO WEEKLY SHOW But that was about all, as Trustee Donald Sim of Mark-

Safety Dinner In Aurora

Workmen's Compensation — why some claims are paid and some aren't — will be the subject of an address by H. A. Darnbrough of the Claims Service Division, Workmen's Compensation Board, September 10 at Aurora Highlands Golf Club.

Representatives of all member firms of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association are invited to attend the safety dinner meeting which starts at 6:30 p.m. Those attending will have an opportunity to have their questions answered.

ham quickly shot down any notion of the board being responsible for any weekly TV presentation, no matter what the form.

"It's not the function of the board to put on a variety show, or a public information show. It's not our responsibility," said Mr. Sim.

The media had always shown a willingness to let anyone have his say before the cameras. The board as a whole shouldn't put its imprimatur on any program it puts on.

NO BOARD SANCTION "When the media approaches, go on as a trustee, but not under the sanction of the board," said Mr. Sim.

On a motion by Trustee Norm Weller of Aurora, seconded by Mr. Sim, the board agreed not to "accept invitations to put on a one-week variety show." Or any other show, for that matter.

KESWICK: Council has backed a proposal of the historical society to create a "Georgina Village" on 10 acres at the civic centre grounds. It is proposed to include old historical buildings, a pond, space for community activities, a store, a museum and an education centre. Council committed no money to the project, however.

STOUFFVILLE: The Stouffville Volunteer Fire Department has received permission from town council to purchase a utility truck at a cost of \$8,800. It will be used to carry excess equipment such as air bottles and a resuscitator.

Kleinburg's Binder Twine Festival Features Melon Seed Spitting

By MARY DAWSON

The trip into yesteryears which has been a popular early September event in the Vaughan hamlet of Kleinburg is slated for September 7 this year. On that date the whole village dons pioneer costumes and welcomes visitors who want a taste of rural life as they enjoy one of the country's largest outdoor crafts and antique shows.

The Binder Twine Festival is a Centennial year revival of a party started in 1891 by hardware dealer, Charlie Shaw, so that his customers could come and pick up their supplies of twine before the mice could eat it up.

Since 1967, Binder Twine has bound the community together and has sparked cottage industries like twine dolls, quilts and woven handbags of twine and has made possible all sorts of community projects like tennis courts, a park and a club for senior citizens.

The festivities begin at 1 p.m. Continuous entertainment goes on all day, climaxed by three simultaneous street dances — for square dancing, swing and rock fans. Old fashioned contests like watermelon and seed spitting and horseshoe pitching are features, as well as games of chance, pony rides, calliope music, and a grinning contest. Winner of that one

last year was famed musician Eugene Kash, who was encouraged by his wife, the world famous concert singer Maureen Forrester. A queen contest tests old-fashioned womanly skills such as milking a cow and winning grain.

Foods will include homemade apple pies, beef stew, fresh picked corn, sarsaparilla, homemade jams and jellies, pickles and candy and "Kleinburgers". It's a good idea to eat early because the crowds soon deplete the stock of goodies.

Crafts displays like spinning and weaving and antique dealer stalls will line the village streets.

Free buses have been arranged to take visitors from parking lots on Islington Avenue and Highway 27. Admission is \$1 with children under 12 free.

Sunday morning the street opens again for traffic and villagers turn out in force to clean up the debris and dismantle the booths, fortified by a pancake and maple syrup breakfast. In the evening, Rev. Arthur Hamilton will lead the congregation, all dressed in their pioneer clothes, in a rousing songfest of old favorite hymns such as "Bringing In The Sheaves".

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