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## Sunset Beach fighting back

By MARY DAWSON

Residents on the 16 1/2-acre property of the town-owned Sunset Beach at Lake Wilcox will be offered leases with an expiry date of July 31, 1975. The majority of Richmond Hill Council meeting as a parks and recreation committee of the whole September 30, supported a motion by Ward 5 Councillor William Corcoran to that effect.

They were particularly insistent that town right to terminate not be exercised until funds necessary to develop the lands as a park have been allocated and voted on by town council.

Parks Supervisor David Hamilton unveiled a conceptual idea of how Sunset Beach and neighboring properties could be developed for park uses in what he described as a "very, very long term plan". He said consultants recommend Bayview Avenue be diverted approximately 400 feet to the east on to Metro Conservation Authority land at Lake St. George, eliminating the division of the town-owned park which now exists.

**LATEST DATE**  
Hamilton said it would take about six weeks to demolish or move the cottages and "September 15 is the latest date for grass seeding to ensure good ground cover for the 1976 season. Any delay beyond July 31 means the land would not be ready for use until 1977."

He suggested provision of parking spaces and prohibiting parking on both sides of Bayview would clear up a very hazardous situation for children using the park area.

Recreation Supervisor Victor Friedberg said plans for 1976 for Sunset Beach include a supervised beach area and a host of water-related activities desired by the people of the whole municipality. Other aquatic programs such as swimming instruction will be introduced and there'll be other recreational activities at the community centre. The park will also probably be used for a day camp or playground program.

**NEEDED NOW**  
Russell Tilt of the Parks and Recreation Committee said, "This is a choice piece of parkland on water. We felt, and we still feel, we need the park now and I believe we can prove that need. We feel this is a good plan and we're anxious to move ahead. We're convinced there is a need for a park, not only for the summer, but for the winter."

"I've been involved in parks for 25 years and believe Lake Wilcox is one of the greatest recreation assets this town has. As a parks planner I can see that eventually Richmond Hill is going to acquire the whole shoreline of Lake Wilcox," said Tilt.

The consultant's plan included the land lying north and south of Sunset Beach, which the town does not own. But council confined its discussion to Sunset Beach only.

**RECREATION NEED**  
Asked to comment, Paul Flood of the Metro Conservation Authority and of Richmond Hill, said the authority identified the need for some recreational facilities in this corridor several years ago. "There is no adequate parks facility in this area. Lake St. George will be a very passive, quiet recreation use. Lake Wilcox is different, it can support quite an active use. The combination can provide quite a meaningful facility," said Flood.

On the suggestion of Regional Councillor Mrs. Lois Hancey the consultant's plan will be forwarded to Metro Conservation Authority. That body will be asked if it would undertake the plan and budget funds for the development of Sunset Beach in conjunction with existing Lake St. George property.



## Ribbon cutting celebration at YCH

Dr. James Langstaff, a founding member of the board of trustees and first chief of the medical staff of York Central Hospital, is pictured at the podium at the official opening of the Langstaff Wing of the hospital on October 3. The addition was named in honor of his family which, over the past 106 years, has

served the medical needs of the community. Over the years seven Doctors Langstaff have practiced medicine in Southern York. At the far left in the picture is Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon who cut the ribbon, symbolically declaring the large and very modern new wing officially open.

By MARGARET LADE

The chill winds that blew on Thursday last week did not deter the crowds that turned out for the official opening of the Langstaff Wing of York Central Hospital and the tours of the building that followed.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 375 Pipe Band and inspection of the color guard set the scene for the ceremonies. Rev. Dillwyn Evans of Thornhill Presbyterian Church pronounced the invocation. Platform guest and trustees were introduced and the public welcomed by Barry Hayes of Maple, first vice-chairman of the board of trustees and a charter member of the hospital's founding board.

Bringing greetings was William Hodgson MLA, York North, for Premier William Davis, Mrs. Barney Danson, wife of Urban Affairs Minister Barney Danson MP, York North, read a telegram from her husband conveying his regrets parliamentary duties prevented him from attending and congratulating the hospital on this occasion.

Sinclair Stevens, MP York Simcoe also sent a message of regrets he was unable to get away from Ottawa.

**PLATFORM GUESTS**  
Platform guests included MLA Hodgson; Stanley Martin, deputy minister of health; Garfield Wright, chairman of the Region of York; Garnet Williams, mayor of Vaughan; Richmond Hill Mayor William Lazenby; York Central Hospital Administrator James Hepburn; the Ontario Hospital Association's Executive Director Alan Hay; Dr. James Langstaff, founding member of the board of trustees and the first chief of the medical staff, and the board's present Chairman Sam Cook.

The bright red ribbon across the entrance to the foyer of the new wing was cut by Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon who, appropriately, wore a bright red hat.

Mrs. McGibbon recalled her own experiences as a member of the auxiliary and

the board of trustees of Women's College Hospital while it was in the throes of a major expansion program. She congratulated the staff, and in particular, the housekeeping staff, on keeping the original 126 bed hospital operating smoothly and efficiently through its period of expansion.

**MAYOR'S REMARKS**  
Mayor Lazenby extended congratulations and appreciation on behalf of the town's council and its citizens to the hospital board, administrative officers and staff for their concentrated and combined efforts over the years, culminating in a complex facility dedicated to the care and healing of the sick and injured.

The mayor stressed the importance of the human element. "Regardless of the sophisticated machines which serve us today, there is nothing that has replaced the thoughtful care nor the expressed concern by one person giving attention to another."

He described the hospital as another proud landmark for the town.

"The past demonstration of harmony in our hospital was, and is, evident in our total staff from the nurses and physicians, the non-professionals and our volunteers, including the auxiliary, candy strippers and other non-paid staff," said Mr. Lazenby.

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### Library Loan

A federal government \$75,000 winter works loan to the Town of Richmond Hill for construction of a 6,000-square-foot addition to the main municipal library on Wright Street was announced at press time by Urban Affairs Minister Barney Danson, MP York North.

### Two stops GO train

Only two stops are planned for the GO Transit service from Richmond Hill to Toronto on the CN when it starts in January 1976. The stops will be located on Bayview Avenue just south of Highway 7 and at the Highway 401-Leslie Street interchange, according to a recent announcement by William Howard, managing director of the Toronto Area Transit Operating Authority.

The service will originate at a new terminal in Richmond Hill on Markham Road east of Yonge Street. Space is available on the property for parking 1,000 cars. Parking for 400-500 cars will be provided at the Highway 401-Leslie Street stop.

Other stops may be provided at Steeles and at Finch Avenues. The Richmond Hill-Toronto service will be limited to three commuter trains each way daily and will take 35 to 40 minutes for a one-way trip. Each additional stop would add about three minutes to this time, according to Mr. Howard.

### ASK FOR LEASES

They asked for leases with the first term to run from the date of signing until August 31, 1975; and to be renewable from year to year at the lessee's option, unless notice to terminate is given under the terms of the Landlord and Tenant Act.

Mr. Hamilton described the beachland as a facility which would bring a good source of enjoyment to all of Richmond Hill. He said provision has been made for the parking of 180 cars on what is now cleared land. There is the need to remove the cottages in the treed portion so that picnic areas could be set up.

"After the initial development we can work on the region to change its priorities and have Bayview Avenue re-aligned," said Hamilton.

Council agreed any cottages remaining on the property after the date set would be removed by the town at no cost to the owners.

### Thornhill OMB appeal denied

The Municipal Board has turned down an appeal from the amalgamated Thornhill ratepayers for redistribution of the wards in Markham Town before the December 2 local government elections. The ratepayers are now considering the possibility of an appeal to the provincial Cabinet, their only further avenue of proceeding. The OMB also left the ratepayers to pay the legal costs of their action.

Markham Town Council earlier this year denied ratepayer petitions for redistribution to submit the matter to the OMB at municipal expense.

The settlement will not be approved until after the vote. Last week, the union and the board negotiating committee met for two days with John Hopper, a mediator with the Ministry

of Labor, and arrived at the tentative settlement. The successful talks averted a strike which had been set for Monday.

### Schools clerk strike unlikely

Nick Vollebregt, president of the local, said the talks cleared up the money issues, and he was confident the members would accept the new contract.

All members of the clerical staff, whether members of the union or not, are entitled to vote. Chairman of the school board's negotiating committee is Trustee John McMurray of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Trustees Doreen Quirk of Markham, and Norm Weller of Aurora are the other members.

### WELLS UNWANTED

Councillor Fraser said one of the main points of contention is "our dislike for individual wells. The region

isn't opposed to it and it simply is not prepared to accept our objections." He said the only alternative would be to either attempt to convince the region or "take it to a higher authority such as the planning administration branch and hope they look at it in a more sensible way".

### TESTON INDUSTRY

Council showed similar hesitancy over approving a 12-lot industrial subdivision application on the south-east corner of Teston Road and Keele Street. Again it was the individual well problem. "A decision must now be made whether to proceed with the subdivision on the basis of individual wells or on the basis of municipal water supply."

A committee report has recommended a municipal water supply formula whereby the developer would pay \$9,000 towards the estimated \$12,000 cost of test drilling for the additional well."

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### 'Liberal' facelift starts today

"The Liberal" this week begins to present a new face to its tens of thousands of readers throughout southern York Region. The new look involves typography changes allowing a brighter fresher paper with an improved readability.

But behind the face there is much more. There is an increasing staff in the art, advertising, editorial, production, accounting and circulation departments. There is a new production plant. The Richmond Hill offices are being much enlarged, but in the same location.

The new production system with new cold type photo composition methods replaces the long used hot metal operation. Hand set and hot metal composition has been the kind in vogue at "The Liberal" probably since the newspaper's founding in 1878, only four years short of a century ago.

The new system involves new machines that include computer programmed typesetting facilities. This newspaper now also has its own picture and advertising art reproduction camera. This will improve production of photographs and advertisements. It will also allow the use of more and better quality photographs and art work. The new system allows the paper to drop the use of column rules in the news columns on every page from front to back. Combined with the newest and most modern type designs available, this change provides a cleaner, brighter and whiter newspaper. Headlines now appear in a new type of the most modern design, named "Univers". A wider variety of sizes and styles is available. Readers will also notice the Editorial Page is being changed and improved in terms of appearance and presentation. The recent growth in content and circulation of "The Liberal" now also allows publication of more opinions from others and from our readers.



(Photos by Susan Samila)

At the official opening of the Langstaff Wing of York Central Hospital October 3, Lieutenant Governor Pauline McGibbon cut the ribbon with the same scissors used by Earl Rowe, then Lieutenant Governor, at the opening of the original hospital in November, 1963. With justifiable pride, W.S. Cook, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, other trustees, municipal representatives, staff and public took part in the ceremonies signalling completion of the \$14,000,000 addition which will increase the hospital's capacity from 126 to 402 beds.

## 1 killed, 7 hurt

No date had been set yet at press time for an inquest into the death of Nancy Austin, 10, of 259 Neal Drive, Richmond Hill. She was killed when struck by a car while walking home from Our Lady Help of Christians School Monday afternoon. Inspector David Fellows of York Regional Police said the matter was still under investigation and he "had no idea" as to when and if an inquest would be held. However, one usually follows in such matters.

Nancy was one of a group of seven children walking in a westerly direction on the

shoulder of the road on Lynett, which is without sidewalks, when the accident occurred.

According to police, the children left the shoulder to walk around a parked car when they were struck by a car driven by Linda McGrath, 16, of Lynett.

**AVOIDED CYCLIST**  
Police said she had swerved to avoid hitting a cyclist and had instead run into the children, who were walking with their backs to the traffic.

Nancy, the youngest of five children of Murvyn and Helene Austin, died shortly after being admitted to York Central Hospital.

The rest of the children were taken to hospital with a variety of bruises and leg and head injuries, but only three of them were admitted.

**IN HOSPITAL**  
Still in hospital are Mary Jo King, 10, of Lynett Crescent, head injuries; Richard Shannon, 11, of Anzac Crescent, multiple bruises; and John McLaughlin, 11, of South

Taylor Mills Road, leg injuries.

Released after treatment were Pierre Paquet, 11, of South Taylor Mills, abrasions to leg and hip; Daphil Pospolita, 6, of Lynett, abrasions; and Paul Barclay, 11, of South Taylor Mills.

Mrs. Debra Snow, 19, of Lynett Crescent, who was standing by the parked car on the shoulder of the road at the time, was also struck and was treated at the hospital for minor abrasions.

Besides her parents, Nancy is survived by two brothers, Patrick and Mark, and two sisters, Christine and Michelle.

Funeral service will be held in Our Lady Queen of the World Church this evening (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock. Interment to follow in Holy Cross Cemetery Thursday morning.

A spokesman for Our Lady Help of Christians School, said it was thought Nancy's grade 5 class would be in attendance at the funeral.

### Watch Those \$50 Bills!

Phoney \$50 bills are still circulating in the region, and even the banks, it seems are having their problems detecting them. York Regional Police said a woman brought one of the counterfeit \$50s into Guarantee Trust Company, 10132 Yonge Street in Richmond Hill October 1 about 2 p.m., informing the company she received the bill from them earlier. In the meantime, she presented it for payment for a purchase at Loblaw's, where it was identified as counterfeit. Also receiving a phoney \$50 in a night deposit was Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, 7027 Yonge Street, Thornhill, October 2.



NANCY AUSTIN  
Struck By Car