

Cab owners getting 'runaround' from Markham, Vaughan towns

Dear Mr. Editor:
As you are no doubt aware, the Region of York Cab Owners Association has been asking for some time now for one taxi license plate to cover Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill towns under one taxi licensing commission.

This cannot work for the three towns involved in the Region of York, namely Vaughan, Richmond Hill and Markham.
We feel we have been given more than the 'runaround' from Vaughan and Markham for long enough and have come to the conclusion there has to be more involved than appears on the surface. Why then do Markham refuse completely to acknowledge what is the only solution to the taxi problem and

Vaughan sit and refuse to acknowledge or say anything which will help the situation at all.
We urge you gentlemen to consider seriously this implication which could result in much adverse publicity for such an obvious solution to ease this problem.

PAUL ARNOELD,
President,
Region of York
Cab Owners' Association,
Box 688, Oak Ridges.

Ward 4 people interested in pollution and re-cycling

Dear Mr. Editor:
I would like the students of Richmond Hill High School and teacher Mr. Roy Clifton to know there are several people in Ward 4 who are very concerned about pollution and the present re-cycling programme in Ward 4.

would make their views known perhaps all of Richmond Hill will have this re-cycling programme.
It would speed up the regular garbage programme slightly, but most important these articles can be re-cycled. The waste in our society is inexcusable and it's about time people took more interest in pollution instead of just talking about it.

wards were added after the end of the present programme it could be accomplished by two men on the truck instead of one, for the full day.
As we have proceeded this far, I would greatly regret the dropping of this most worthwhile practice. It is the first step this town has made to show any concern about pollution, with the exception of the high school students.

Unfortunately, most people are too busy, or more likely unconcerned, about pollution. It annoys me to no end when they put their papers out to the Friday garbage.

I wrote a letter to Works Commissioner Bernard Toporowski regarding this matter, as follows:
It seems quite apparent many people are too busy or uninterested in the problem of pollution. On the other hand there are many who are.

MRS. MARLENE TURNER,
147 Chassie Court,
Richmond Hill.

The sorting of cans and bottles does take time, but I personally feel it worthwhile. But there is no reason why people could not have a cardboard box in the garage for papers to be put out for Thursday's re-cycling.

Perhaps if it only takes one-half day to pick up the re-cycling material in Ward 4 (I am not sure of this but it is quite conceivable) perhaps if the remainder or part of the remainder of the

Amateur mayor food for thought

Dear Mr. Editor:
On Tuesday night November 19 on Cable 10 television's program Mandate '74, the interviews for regional councillor candidates took place.
Lois Hancey, who is a candidate for that position, was asked a question regarding her running for mayor. The question was, "When you ran in the last election you gathered more votes than any other candidate. With this mandate why didn't you run for the office of mayor?"

four years experience and that was not enough to take the mayor's chair.
How can Mr. Schiller in all his wisdom feel he is qualified for the position of mayor with only 2 years council experience and no regional experience.
I am a concerned citizen who feels that the office of mayor is not to be held by an amateur.
MRS. SANDRA RUSSELL,
62 Palmer Avenue,
Richmond Hill.

Her answer was that at this point in time she didn't feel she was qualified for the position.
Mrs. Hancey has been in council for nine years, and has been a regional councillor for two years. And in her expert opinion, she is not qualified for the position of mayor.

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Letters

Unethical practices in local elections

Dear Mr. Editor:
Once again the threat of unethical practices at the polls exists in Richmond Hill. At the last election (in 1972) one of the candidates for regional council had an organized group of canvassers advise residents to cast only one vote for that candidate, instead of the two to which a voter is entitled.
This in effect gave that candidate two votes, by depriving the competitors of the second one that should have been cast.

should be challenged by all other regional candidates at election night.
Then, when the challenged ballots are considered by a judge, even if they should be allowed, the taxpayer public will at least be made aware of the unethical political behavior of that candidate.
It is my intention, when elected, to move that the Town of Richmond Hill revise the present system. With six wards, two groups of three should be created, each group to elect one regional councillor. This will prevent such abuse of the democratic principle in the future, just as the ward system did for the election of town councillors.

This year, it has come to my attention at least one regional candidate is soliciting single ballots from the voters. Such ballots

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Candidate for Regional Councillor,
413 North Taylor Mills,
Richmond Hill

Meet candidates meeting display of dirty politics

Dear Mr. Editor:
In my opinion the Meet the Candidates meeting for Ward 3 Ratepayers, was the best display of dirty politics I have ever witnessed! The only showing of honest concern was among the candidates running for School Trustee. They all seemed to put the welfare of the pupil first.

had to attend council meetings and therefore could not possibly attend the ratepayers association meetings. Is Mr. Birchall really a concerned citizen or a mouth piece for someone?
I also take exception to Mr. Birchall stating on Channel 10 Tuesday night that he was chosen chairman of the ratepayers association by about 75 people at a ratepayers meeting in Walter Scott School. At that meeting he introduced himself as chairman and said there had been a meeting at Mrs. Kirby's home of 22 persons (of which I was not one), and the people on the platform with him had agreed to hold office until the association was properly formed at which time there could be an election of officers.

My main concern is for my own ward and who represents it on council. Mr. Birchall stated Mr. Major, our present councillor, showed no interest in attending meetings of the Ward 3 Ratepayers. At every meeting I attended, and I was asked to attend from its inception to help organize the group, Mr. Birchall always managed to draw to the minds of those in attendance that their councillor wasn't interested enough to be there.

I feel anyone willing to spend the number of hours required to represent a ward on council should be given a fair chance to do so and Mr. Major has not been given that chance, he is being crucified unfairly.
Councillor Andy Chateauvert commented on Channel 10 that John Major was one councillor who gave a reason for voting the way he did on council indicating to me that Mr. Major took enough interest to research matters to be voted on.

I asked if Mr. Major had been informed of the meetings, many times, as I felt he should be there to hear the requests and problems of the people he represents on council. Mrs. June Kirby, who was one of the ratepayers association organizers, always stood and said she didn't feel it was necessary for Mr. Major to be at the meetings. That he wouldn't have the time and that she felt it wasn't his job to be at all meetings of ratepayers associations but as a ratepayer in Ward 3 he could attend.

So please, people of Ward 3, if you want your proper vote, contact the three men who say they want to do what is best for you and form your own opinion. Do get out on December 2 and exercise your right to vote. (MRS.) Beth Golding,
416 Wenlock Avenue,
Richmond Hill

I would like to ask Mr. Birchall, who is chairman of the ratepayers association, if he was so concerned about Mr. Major showing interest, why he chaired meetings on evenings when Mr. Major

Those that have housing quite frequently forget those without

Dear Mr. Editor:
The cost of housing has become impossible and the sooner all citizens and governments at all levels become concerned the better. Then and only then can brakes be applied to halt the cost spiral.

concerned about additional housing disturbing the environment, particularly the natural aspects of the area, especially the lake and river. However, already serious damage has resulted from numerous man made mistakes of the past. Corrective action is required now to make the lake and river areas a place of natural beauty.

north end of Richmond Hill and I am certain anyone could see the potential.
Yes, it would take a lot of money. But under good cost sharing arrangements with both federal and provincial governments, plus development property separation levies, it could be swung. And the monies would be well spent at little or no cost to the present residents of Richmond Hill.

town in the same position. I say yes, we need planning, but don't hold back an area with the potential this and other areas have for housing. Give the north end of Richmond Hill sewers and good planning and time will close the open area between old Richmond Hill and the Oak Ridge community.
Who am I to be expounding these ideas? I am a concerned resident of Richmond Hill, who would like to see sanity come back to the price of housing and properties.

In the Oak Ridges, Lake Wilcox area of Richmond Hill there are hundreds of acres of land that is not suitable for agriculture but would be ideal for residential housing. This area has the potential for a beautiful residential community within Richmond Hill, with a light commercial and/or apartment strip along Yonge Street.

There are homes or dwellings in this area and throughout the Town of Richmond Hill which are being lived in that are substandard. These should be weeded out with provision made for replacement to relocate the occupants to other accommodation within the immediate area if this is their desire.

At present there is a form of a freeze on the properties involved. This freeze is enforced by the lack of sewage facilities, water supplies, frontage requirements, separation bylaws and other numerous stumbling blocks. These barriers are doing nothing more than forcing the prices of existing residential and usable vacant properties upward by creating a shortage.

I am not politically affiliated; I don't even belong to a ratepayer association. I am not a spokesman for any individual, group or incumbent government representative.

It could have community parks around Lake Wilcox and the other small lakes, walk-path type parkland along the Humber and creeks that flow into and from the lakes. There are acres of land available that is not suitable for homes calling for basements. But this land could readily accommodate homes such as the modular type recently shown at the Richmond Hill Plaza or the wartime homes which were constructed as temporary homes during the 1939-45 war in and around many towns in Canada and which are still in use today.

These substandard dwellings are not all grouped together but scattered in numerous locations of the town. Council has passed a by-law which if enforced, and I emphasize ENFORCED would stop further deterioration and could be the first step in upgrading the below or substandard housing that now exists. The bylaw I refer to is the Minimum Housing Standard.

I am given to understand a proposal was put forth to council to control the growth of the Town of Richmond Hill from the old town site out in a fan spread motion, ie. expanding from the centre out. I most definitely disagree with such a proposal.

I write as a concerned individual resident of Richmond Hill. I have no financial interest in the properties involved. The only property I own is that on which my home sits, and there is a mortgage on it.
Oh yes, another one of my concerns is to be identified as a resident of Richmond Hill, not Oak Ridges, Melody Acres, Temperanceville or RR3, King City.

ERIC GEORGE,
Candidate for Regional Councillor,
413 North Taylor Mills,
Richmond Hill

If governments at all levels would forget their politicking and act quickly, particularly in the north end of Richmond Hill, a freeze on the area could be placed which could provide a considerable number of housing units at a reasonable cost under a low cost housing arrangements.

There is already a community in the north end of Richmond Hill and I am certain there are other areas in the south end of

Yours for a better Richmond Hill.
WALTER SINCLAIR,
67 Puccini Drive,
Oak Ridges.

Get out and vote!

Dear Mr. Editor:
On Monday, November 11, you and I paused for a moment in our work to remember those Canadians who died in two world wars.
On Monday, December 2, you and I will have the privilege of exercising one of the many freedoms which those Canadians fought to preserve: the right to vote as we choose in a democratic election.

percent declined to vote.
If I had been one of those non-voters, I do not know how I would explain my lack of action to our long-dead Canadian fighters. Such apathy is inexcusable. It can only mean that most of Richmond Hill's citizens are not concerned about the quality of their local government.

Sadly, though, if the voting pattern of our 1972 municipal elections is followed, only a few of us will actually go and cast our ballots. For on December 4, 1972, 64 percent of Richmond Hill's eligible voters declined to vote! In 1970, 83

Such apathy is dangerous. It places the increasingly important job of electing representatives in the hands of a few. It's our future. Let's all vote for it on December 2.
TOM WHARTON,
77 Arnold Crescent,
Richmond Hill.

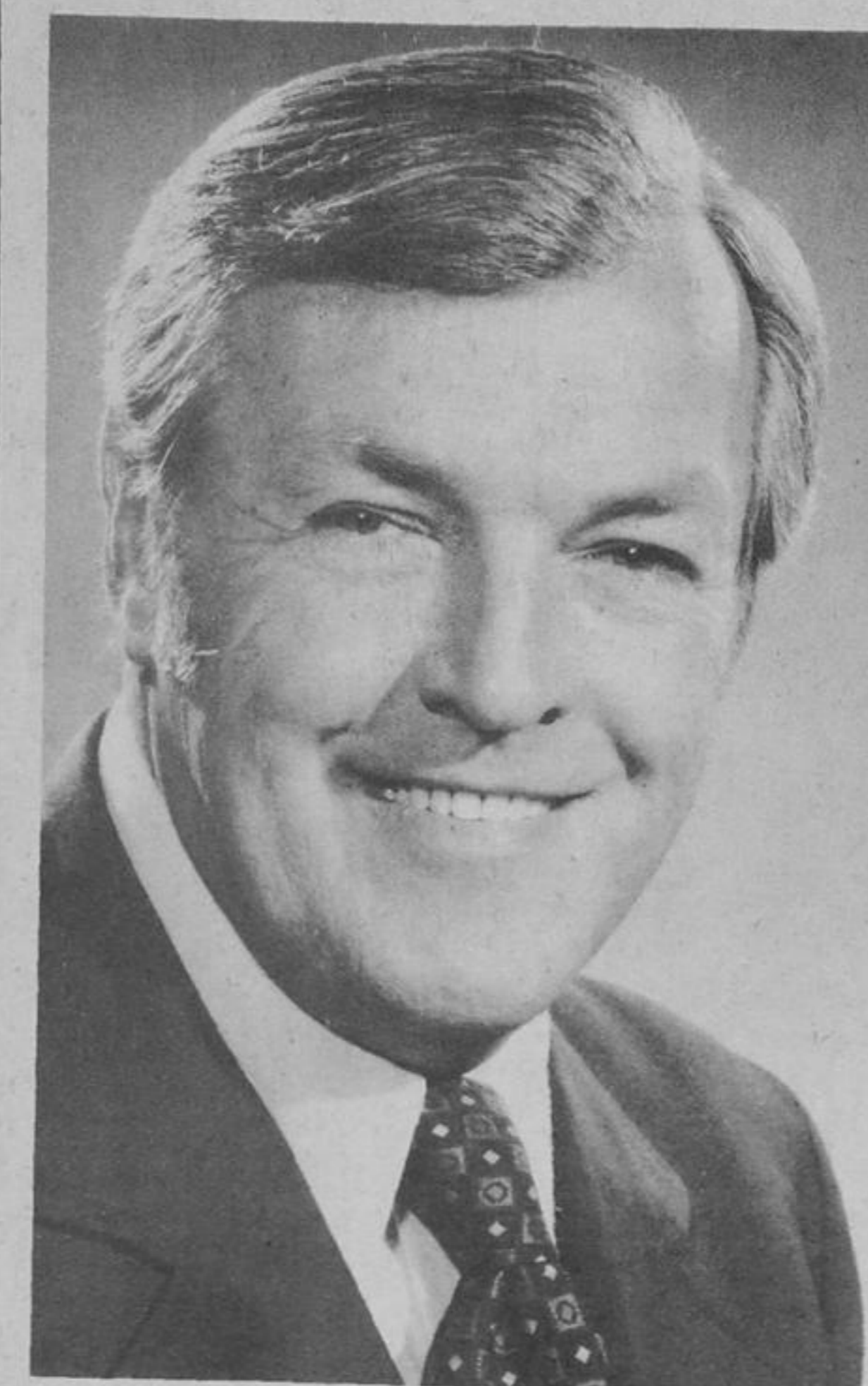


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IT'S NOT TOO LATE FOR RICHMOND HILL

On December 2 in Markham



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TOWN OF VAUGHAN



- York County resident for 10 years
- 4 children graduated from Y.C. schools
- Many years experience in industry
- Former Insurance & Real Estate salesman
- Former manager office machine business
- 9 Years a Teacher in York County
- 3 Years Tech Manager in Canadian Arctic
- Member Richmond Hill Legion
- Member R.C.A.F. 1944-45, 1951-56
- Served on many Y.C.B. Ed. committees - Advisory, Budget, etc.
- Know senior administration & many staff.

WE NEED:

- Full public disclosure of Board business
- Changes in senior administration
- Reduce bussing out of the community
- More classroom support
- Parity in schools - facilities and programs
- Better employee & taxpayer relations
- Return to the three R's
- Keep Woodbridge High School in Woodbridge
- Review of priorities

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