

Fetters on home building

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"But the TCR plan killed our project and sterilized our land," he said.

"We had no choice but to move closer to the area scheduled for growth, near Woodbridge.

"We expected a crisis in demand so we had to move into the area where we could meet the requirements of the government and the market."

Their first project was the Woodbridge West development, now in the final stages of construction.

He and his associates — friends from the building and development trade — have approximately 1,000 acres to the east of Woodbridge they are now hoping to develop.

And latterly, they have also bought about 2,000 acres in the Oshawa, Bowmanville and Cobourg areas, he said.

After Milani first made his Woodbridge west proposal, the provincial government announced its housing action program to alleviate the crisis in demand Milani talks of.

In order to get a flood of new lots on the market in the next few months — or before the next election — and bring down the cost of homes, the province is wavering on some of its previous planning statements and environmental regulations.

Milani was about to come to an agreement on his proposal where he will get provincial help to speed approval in return for 10 percent of the land at cost for subsidized housing and a guarantee that 30 percent of the homes will be priced for lower and middle income families.

Many in Vaughan are concerned about the speed the proposed 20,000 new residents will be brought in.

And without actually speaking against the proposal, others argue the province must guarantee new services will not be a burden to present Vaughan residents.

Expecting a political storm of opposition, Milani is quick to point out it was the province that "pushed" him into this area of Vaughan.

"We are not individuals who can control our own industry. We have been dictated to by the provincial planners."

He is extremely critical of the local opposition to development. To him the local sentiment is personified by Cameron, Jackson and Pierre Berton, who lives near Kleinburg.

Milani calls these people selfish — without a "social

conscience."

"Homes are a basic need," he says, "... not a desire like a second car, a cottage up north or a snowmobile."

"We are facing a revolution in the housing industry. I can see people in the streets demanding homes. I can see governments falling."

Milani sees his efforts to provide homes as a way to protect his own interests and a stable society.

When interviewed, he sat behind a large L-shaped desk covered with documents, nick-nacks and a large push button phone.

At times he paced the office, which was once a livingroom in a large home, backing onto the golf course.

There was a polar bear skin on the floor. One of a number of plaques with quotes inscribed read: "I'd rather sit on a pumpkin and have it to myself than be crowded on a velvet cushion — Thoreau."

At times when he spoke, Milani would address the writer as though he was Jim Cameron. "I challenge you Jim Cameron to tell me where I can produce homes for an industry that is clamoring for them," he said.

Pointing his finger, he said Cameron does not have the expertise to decide where growth should occur.

"The provincial planners cannot ignore the magnetic forces of attraction in Toronto," Milani said, referring to the industry and cultural resources.

One person who has benefitted from new development, he said is Jim Cameron, who is a professor at York University in sprawling North York.

Milani was also critical of the province for building a major trunk sewer in peel Durham trunk. He said this was contrary to the goals of the TCR plan, which advocates pushing new growth to the east and north of Toronto.

"The government is too slow," he said. "The plan for the city in Pickering is three years old now, but they haven't built any homes yet."

"There should be a war to produce homes directed by a military general," he said metaphorically. "There should be 35,000 new housing units created each year in the Metro area."

Milani works hard to achieve what he thinks is best for Vaughan. He keeps close tabs on the activities of council and citizen groups. Monday after Vaughan council, he rolled up in his big white Lincoln and

popped in for a discussion with councillors.

His driving ambition is not spurred by a desire for more money or possessions, he claims. He said he could stop trying to make more money now and live comfortably in the colonial-style home he is now building in the rugged moraine country of north Dufferin Street.

"I am not going to pass by this area and contribute nothing or sit around and be useless like the people at Rochdale College," he said. "And I won't watch investors go to Florida instead of developing Canada."

"I am not here to play the game of a speculator or a politician."

"I challenge anybody to contribute more from a social, financial or ideas point of view that will benefit the area more than me."

"My primary concerns are: (a) to safeguard the investments of my companies; (b) to meet the requirements of society; and (c) to enjoy myself doing it."

Milani, who calls himself a Canadian nationalist, wants Ontario to develop in order to ensure Canada's continued sovereignty and influence in the world community.

Because Canada is blessed with vast natural resources, it has an obligation to produce manufactured goods for the rest of the world. To do this, more workers are needed,

Chairman Wright

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Ab Hollingshead, who had hoped to top the polls in the council elections but didn't, is also interested in one of the senior positions.

A similar shuffle after the region chairman appointment could occur in Markham or Newmarket.

Earlier this year, region council discussed possible alternative methods for selecting a chairman, including a region-wide election.

But council could not come to a consensus so there was no request sent to the province to change the legislation.

Wright, 54, was formerly an insurance broker, and lives in Queensville. He has two children and two grandchildren.

He was first elected to East Gwillimbury Township School Board in 1944. In 1958 he was elected to East Gwillimbury council. He was elected deputy reeve in 1960 and served as reeve

he argues.

Milani, and his brother were born in the Sudbury area, but Cam returned to Italy for his education. He therefore retains an Italian accent.

During the second world war, their contribution was to supply veneer logs for the aircraft industry in Canada, he said.

Now his daughter is part of what Milani calls "typical new society". She and her husband, the son of a former deputy minister of lands and forests, live in Yellowknife. He is defending aboriginal rights in the fight over the MacKenzie Valley pipeline. They have two daughters.

Milani says he has a 10-year program in Vaughan, which is four years behind schedule.

"If God gives me help, my contribution to Vaughan will be more than any other human being," he said.

Not only is he certain the Camerons, the Jacksons and the Bertons of Vaughan will not prevent him from achieving what he has set out to do, but he is also calling the provincial plans a bluff.

He will hang onto the 1,500 acres he bought for Centennial City.

"We don't believe the government guidelines will stick," he said.

"If necessary, I'll grow potatoes and my grandson can develop it later. I don't believe that land should be stagnated."

from 1962 to 1968 when he was elected warden of York County Council.

Wright said in a press release he wants to provide the necessary continuity of experience "most essential" at this time. He said he is proud to have led a highly qualified and dedicated administrative team.

Deaths halved

York Regional traffic deaths have been reduced from 52 to 21 in the past year, says Police Chief Bruce Crawford.

The chief attributed the drop to year-round spot checks carried out by police.

This month seven new policemen were sworn in, bringing the strength up to 272. However, another six will be added later in the month.

Burrows back, 4 new region faces

York Regional Council begins its new term January 9 with five new members, but only four new faces.

Back again for another session, after being out for two years, is Dr. George Burrows. He defeated incumbent Mayor Joe Dales in Georgina Township.

In 1972, Dales defeated the then incumbent Mayor Burrows for a seat on council.

The Georgina race also resulted in the loss of another regional council seat when Bob Pollock, who also ran for mayor, came in third.

His seat will now be taken by Erik Larsen of Sutton, who defeated Wallace Donnell of Keswick, 3,997 to 2,730.

In Richmond Hill, of course, Dave Schiller upset Mayor William Lazenby, 6,002 to 3,393.

The fourth new member will be Dave Fraser, of Vaughan, who won his seat by acclamation after incumbent Jack Gilbert stepped down.

In Markham, Ron Moran edged fellow Councillor

Alma Walker by a scant 16 votes to take the regional seat that was vacated when Harry Crisp retired. That's if a recount doesn't change the results.

Seven Mayors back

In Aurora, Evelyn Buck was returned as mayor, defeating Earl Stewart, 2,235 to 1,713. Fellow woman Mayor Margaret Britnell, was back at the head job in King Township when she defeated Councillor Murray Sheardown, 2,228 to 1,945.

The re-election of the two mayors meant their automatic return to regional council.

The five other mayors on council - Gladys Rolling, East Gwillimbury; Garnet Williams, Vaughan; Bob Forhan, Newmarket; Gordon Ratcliff, Whitchurch-Stouffville; and Tony Roman, Markham — were all returned by acclamation.

Other councillors who will be back; Lois Hancey and Gordon Rowe, Richmond Hill, who received 5,973 and 3,927 votes, respectively; Bob Adams Markham, who led the polls there with 5,322

votes Ray Twinney, Newmarket, returned by acclamation.

Committee head change

The defeat of Mayor Lazenby will mean at least one change in committee heads. Lazenby was chairman of the health and social services committee, so that position will now be up for grabs.

One possible choice is Dr. Burrows of Georgina, who served on the committee his first time around.

Besides seeking a new

chairman, the committee will be looking for another member, because of the defeat of Bob Pollock, who was on the committee the past two years.

Matter of choice

The new committee head need not necessarily be a senior member, however, but could be chosen from some of the new councillors.

During the formation of the four council committees the first time, Chairman Garfield Wright and Chief Administrator Jack Rettie,

drew up a list of names and proposed them to council.

When council had made its choices, the committees then selected their own chairman.

It is believed the same routine will be followed this time.

The three other committees and their chairmen, who may or may not be seeking a change are: engineering, Tony Roman; planning, Gladys Rolling; administration, Bob Forhan.

Hill tavern has license suspended

Montgomery's Tavern, 10156 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, has had its license suspended by the LCBO for 10 days, from December 7 to December 18.

As there are two Sundays in that span, when the premises are closed anyway, the tavern will not open again until December 19.

A spokesman for the LCBO said the owners of the tavern were called before

the board December 6 and suspended the next day for "not operating in accordance with the regulations."

The spokesman said the owners were convicted in Richmond Hill Court September 20, 1974, on two charges: selling liquor to a person who was in an intoxicated condition, and permitting drunkenness on the premises.

The suspension arose out

of the conviction, but was withheld pending any possible appeal.



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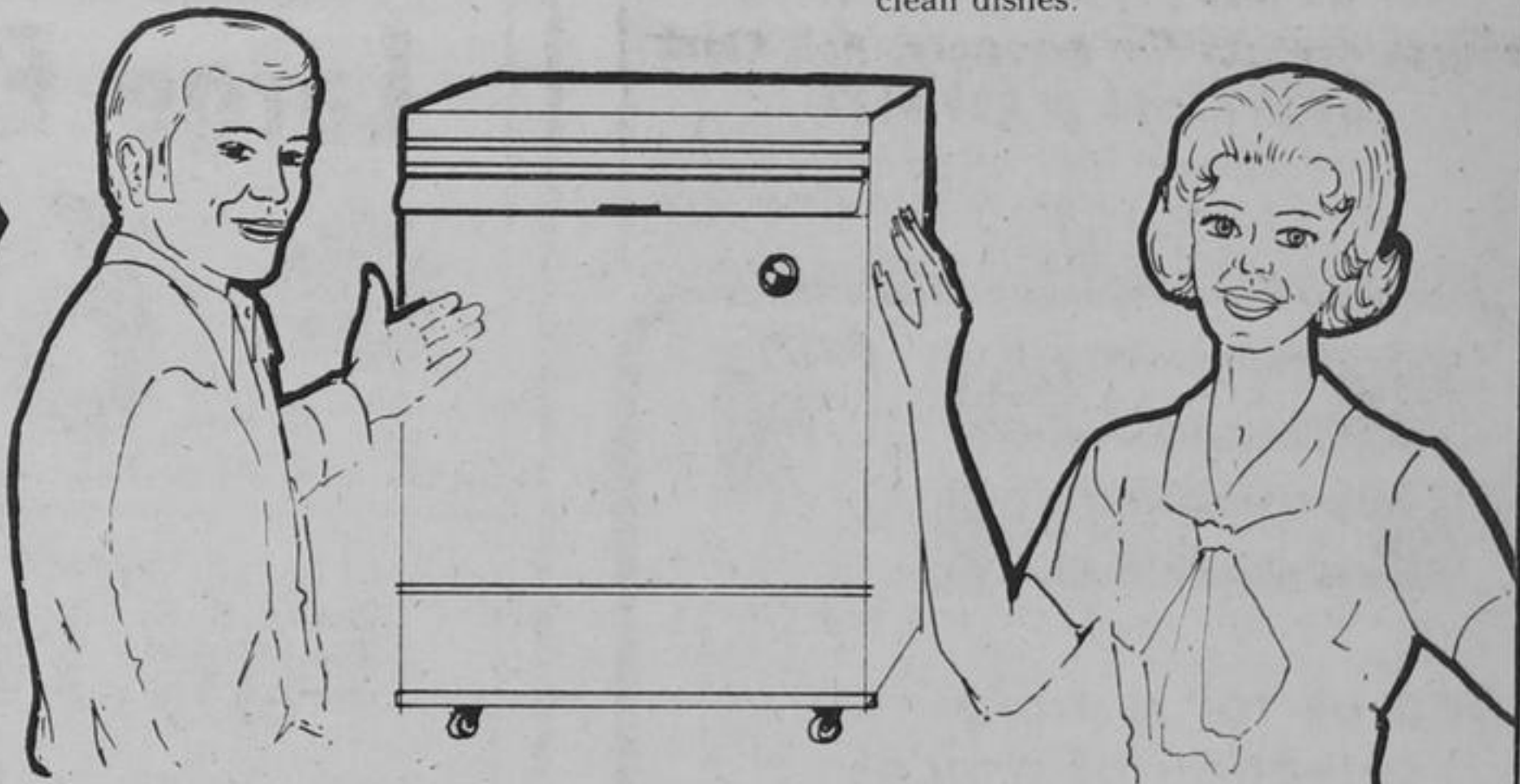
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