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Christmas busiest time at Richmond Hill Post Office

Christmas means many things to many people — to the postal workers it means mountains of parcels, an avalanche of cards and heavy postmen's bags. To numerous residents of the area it means an opportunity to earn some extra dollars in congenial company.

Seasonal workers (left to right) Ethel Edwards and June Csicsmics are busy stacking one of the piles of cards which have swamped the Richmond Hill Post Office in recent days.

Christmas cards by the hundreds of thousands have been handled at Richmond Hill Post Office during the 1974 Christmas rush with the regular staff of employees augmented by many seasonal workers. In the above picture a line of sorters are busy coping with the annual deluge of greetings. Hega Woldenga is the hard-working sorter in the foreground.

Senior citizen demand must be substantiated for King project to be doubled to 52 units

A plan of a modern senior citizens' housing development with one-bedroom units replacing the traditional bachelor suites, was unveiled at a meeting at King City Community Centre last week. And if all goes well, construction could begin sometime in March or early April.

Purpose of the meeting was to hear objections and other comments about King Township Council's amendment to the Official Plan, which would rezone lands housing the proposed development from commercial to residential.

The approximately three acres of land are located at the west end of Dew Street in the centre of King City.

No objections
Not one objection to the amendment was heard during the course of the evening, although the citizens in attendance — mostly elderly — had plenty of questions for the chairman, Councillor William Long, and other spokesmen for the project.

Mr. Long said, however, that if people still wanted to comment at a later date they could do so in writing. "Couldn't that further delay the project?" asked one woman.

It could, Mr. Long said, but that was the democratic right of people.

Assisting Councillor Long were Sidney Kaye and Glen Taber of the Ontario Housing Corporation, sponsors of the project; Architect Howard Chapman; Gary Wilson, King planning technician; Gordon Brush, area services branch of York Regional planning department; and Cam Duncan, King deputy clerk.

Councillor Long, who is chairman of the King planning committee, asked Mr. Brush to describe the purpose of the amendment and asked for comments on it first before discussing the project itself in full.

Mr. Brush said the amendment resulted from a request of King Township Council to establish a 26-unit housing complex, plus a custodian's suite, on septic tanks in an area now designated commercial.

Could reach 52
The building was designed for a future expansion to 52 suites, and the project was supported by the Region of York.

Speaking to the possibility of future expansion later in the meeting, Mr. Kaye said it would depend on the need. If a demand could be substantiated soon enough, they would be included in the present plans, as 52 suites would be cheaper to build than 26.

In answer to queries, he said all the units would have one bedroom, with the exception of the custodian's suite, which would have two. Floor space would be 460 square feet, with second floor units having balconies and first floor units having small patios in front.

There would be outdoor recreation facilities, benches and possible garden plots.

He said the OHC had a capital cost allowance for furnishings, lounge and landscaping. In answer to a question later, he said no arrangements had been made for indoor recreation facilities.

Rent stays same
The OHC had added to and improved the essentials and had kept the rent static, although each unit now costs twice as much.

Average rent for the units was \$42 a month, and included all facilities.

Other features of the units showed one parking space for each four cars, as parking was mostly needed for visitors.

There was a protected

landscaped area on the sunny side of the building, while the lounge led to a covered patio in the back. There were also laundry facilities downstairs.

When asked about stairs, Mr. Taber said the latter had a maximum rise of 7 1/4 inches. That wasn't good enough, said his questioner, they should only be 5 1/2 inches.

Mr. Taber checked again later on and found the maximum rise to be 6 3/4 inches.

There was no elevator in the building. At present, they were only included in three-storey buildings and up.

Financing the development is 90 percent federal and 10 percent provincial.

To be eligible for the units, people have to be 60 years or over and reside in the area for at least a year prior to applying.

Basis of need
They would be admitted on the basis of need, with each situation taken "as it comes."
Each room had individual

heat controls, with a vestibule, living room, bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. Walls in the building would be fire resistant.

Mr. Long told the gathering that, if there were no other objections to the amendment, the plan would then go to the Ministry of Housing — it would not have to go to the OMB — for approval, and this would likely to be a speedy matter.

Mr. Kaye said tenders would be called even before that time.

Mr. Long also assured a resident in the area that council was doing a road needs study of Dew Street and plans called for improved road and street facilities there soon.

News from next door

NEWMARKET: Young arsonists are blamed for a rash of fires in garbage disposal units along Main Street and in shopping plazas. At least a dozen such blazes have been reported since October 26, one of them just as the Santa Claus parade ended. The town has five full-time and 28 volunteer firemen.

Mayors' goodbye

The losers had the last word last week at the final meeting of the year for York Regional Council.

Taking the opportunity to wish their colleagues luck in the new year and to say goodbye were defeated Mayors Joe Dales of Georgina Township and Bill Lazenby of Richmond Hill.

Mayor Dales, who lost out to former Mayor George Burrows, said the democratic processes had come out with "two fine gentlemen, Dr. Burrows, and Erik Larsen". Larsen took over as Regional Councillor from Robert Pollock.

It was with "no great sorrow that I take my leave," Dales said.

Mayor Lazenby thanked both Chairman Garfield Wright and the staff for their help during the past two years.

He also thanked his colleagues, some of whom he said would miss "with regret" and "some with pleasure."

Police warn against false charity requests

The Ontario Provincial Police have issued a warning to all business places and people to be on their guard against phony requests for charity, or for advertisements in public service publications.

Inspector Fred Blucher, director of the community services branch of the OPP in Toronto, said in a press release operators of several small businesses recently reported they had been asked to buy advertising space in publications. The impression was given that the publications were supported by the OPP.

The OPP "does not solicit funds or advertisements for any purpose. Nor does the force support the solicitation of funds or advertisements for any publication or campaign," the inspector said.

Many "Christmas-related undertakings are promoted which, in order to stay within the law, provide a nominal service for a few individuals while producing an exorbitant profit.

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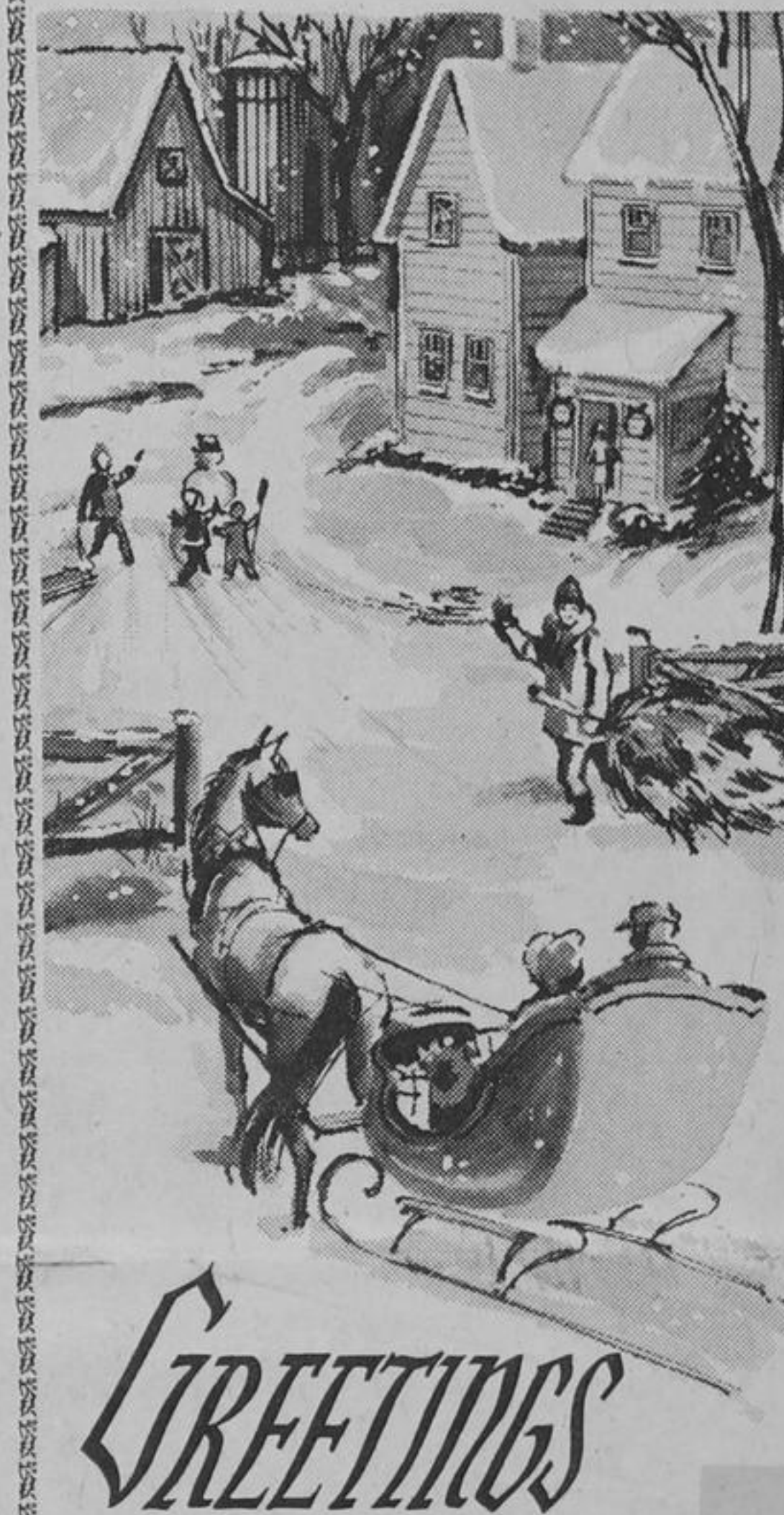
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