

Metro sewer connections come first in 'big pipe' plan for region

By Mary Dawson
According to a recent announcement by Robert Hodgson, commissioner of engineering for York Region, signing of the agreement with the Province of Ontario to provide the southern portion of the region with sewerage disposal facilities and with additional water is still some months away.

will be interim connections to the existing Metro sewage disposal system at Leslie, Bayview and Dufferin Streets.
Keeping old plants
This does not mean existing disposal plants will be abandoned — rather that they will continue in use until the second phase of the province's scheme is completed. Only the surplus waste which now is overtaxing these facilities, and waste from new development, will be diverted into the Metro system.
That is why the holding tank at the Richmond Hill Pugsley plant is being repaired. We understand once it is back

in operation, the plant will be re-rated.
German Mills pipe
A "big pipe" 48 inches in diameter will lead from the Pugsley plant southward, following the German Mills Creek, with some minor course alterations to the creek, to about 16th Avenue.
It will then follow Maple Avenue to Duncan Road and then the creek again to just below Highway 7 and thence into the Metro sewers at Leslie and Steeles.
When the big pipe, which will take all waste to be processed at Duffin Creek, is built (about 1982 or later), the connection will be made just south of the present Highway 7.

Easements to vary
As soon as the agreement is signed the province will be at work acquiring easements from owners of property concerned. A permanent easement of 50 feet and a construction easement of from 70 to 100 feet will be needed.
An easement does not mean the owners will not be able to use the property for lawns and gardens, etc. But it does mean that it can't be built on it.
Estimates of the time the owner's enjoyment of his land will be disrupted at the time of construction is about seven days at any one point.

To save trees
As many trees as possible will be saved. And where they have to be removed to make way for the big pipe, they will be replaced, the engineers and representatives of the government said at a recent meeting in Richmond Hill.
The North Don Sewage Treatment Plant (BAIF) and Markham's John Street Plant will be connected to the Metro system at Bayview and Steeles.
The Vaughan Disposal Plant in its Keele Street industrial area will be connected to Metro at Dufferin Street and Steeles for the interim period.
The westerly limit of the big pipe

will be at Jane Street.
Water agreement
The agreement for the provision of water from Metro is not as far advanced as that for the sewer. But it is understood the water will come from the reservoir on Bayview south of Highway 7 and be brought to Yonge Street through the parkway corridor.
Between now and 1980 the province plans to augment existing water supplies for Woodbridge, Maple and southwest Richmond Hill area by a combination of new facilities and utilization of existing works where capacity is known to exist.

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Task force wants Yonge St. corridor people target hike

By James Daw
A government task force on planning around Toronto has noted its views are in conflict with municipal aspirations in York Region and possibly also with the Ontario Housing Action Program.
The report released December 20 states a preference for increasing population targets in Richmond Hill and the Yonge Street corridor, rather than in Markham-Unionville and Woodbridge.
The Central Ontario Lakeshore Urban Complex task force opposes any moves that would tend to "inforce embryonic north-eastern and north-western corridors and bring about the diffusion of expenditures and services", contrary to the goals of the Toronto-Centred Region Plan.
Rapid growth of the Yonge corridor in the short term is advocated, provided steps are taken to ensure ultimate population targets are not exceeded.
According to the report, there is a crucial need to encourage growth to the east of Metro Toronto. "Further, it is imperative that all provincial programs, including transportation, piped services and land-use restraints, take account of the need to maintain a firm ceiling on development in the Yonge Street corridor at or near the maturity level."
A serious distortion of the distribution of population envisaged by the report could result from the Ontario Housing Action Program, the report notes.
According to the COLUC report, York Region should move from its 1971

population of 87,000 to 227,000 by 1986, 321,000 by 2001 and 411,000 at maturity. However the potential population in so-called OHAP areas in the region could reach 324,000.
The mature state population for York Region centres listed in the report are 75,000 in Aurora-Newmarket, 95,000 in Richmond Hill, 35,000 in Markham-Unionville and 20,000 in Woodbridge.
Composed of representatives of six provincial ministries, consultants and planners from Metro and five regions, the task force was put together last year to refine and develop into more specific terms the four-year old Toronto-Centred Region Plan.
Their report concludes Ontario will have to make the TCR plan "more than a pretence" or scrap it altogether.
"We stress the need for a real commitment to the concept because, without it the present nominal allegiance to TCR policy is a mere — an increasingly flimsy — pretense that in the interests of all concerned would be better dispensed with," the report says.
The program provides a guideline to cope with urban sprawl west of Metro, decentralize growth from Metro and encourage development to the east. Limited growth to the north of Metro, in York Region, is also advocated.
"In four years, little has been done to give substance to the 'go-east' policy, except to the extent that North Pickering — still in the planning stages — does so", the report says.

Programs that do not support the long-range plans for the Metro area are cited — OHAP, the GO-train service to Georgetown, the Central York Servicing Scheme (Big Pipe) and the federally sponsored commuter-rail service to Barrie.
The COLUC report is not government policy, however. Treasurer John White said it was released to allow for public discussion.
If the government decided to adhere to the TCR, the report states, several difficult courses of action are implied.
"It means restraints on development that will not be popular and may appear to conflict — though not necessarily doing so in fact — with the need to open up land for housing.
"It means accepting the need for government to operate in ways quite different from the traditional ones, notably using 'front-end loaded' investment in transportation and other services to direct and shape urban growth instead of providing services only in response to demand," the report states.
"The alternative course of action is to start again, to produce a new plan for the COLUC area which will take account of events since 1970, including changes in public attitudes and values.
"The task force states no preference for either course, except to point out that to maintain the shadow of TCR policy without the substance provided by serious commitment to it would be getting the worst of both worlds."
If agriculture is to survive in the COLUC area, the task force says, the province must take a hard line on hamlet severances, rural estate subdivisions and land speculation.
"To be sure the food producing capabilities of this land still exists when critically needed by future generations, the conversion of prime lands to permanent, non-agricultural uses must be curtailed now," said the task force.
While the COLUC report looks to the proposed new international airport in Pickering to provide many jobs and economic "spin-offs" to the east of Metro, it said that if the federal government drops the airport plan, its 17,000 acres should revert to agriculture.



Santa on skates at Richvale Minor Hockey fun day

Santa joined in the festivities when the Richvale Minor Hockey Association had a fun day in Richmond Hill's Old Arena. Richvale majorettes, sponsored by the local Lions, opened the show. Then there was a "hockey" game between members of the ladies' auxiliary and an All Star peewee team. The

ladies were given a handicap — the boys wore only one skate.
In the picture above Jan Grodzinski, dressed as one of Santa's helpers, skates with his son, Darin (left) and "Mrs. Santa" Marlene Grodzinski, as eager young skaters gleefully follow.

(Photo by Elbert)

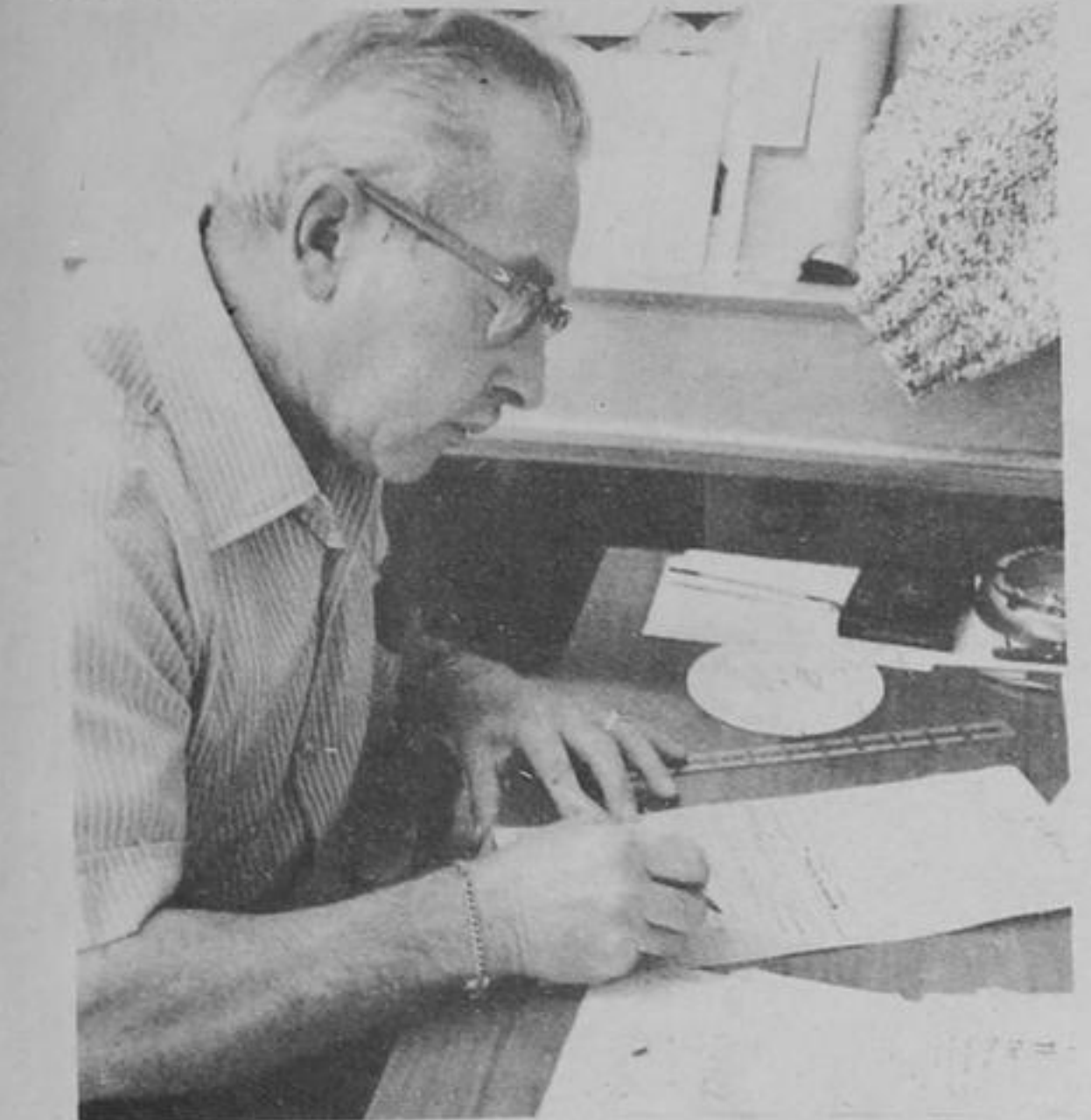
Richmond Hill council inaugural Monday

The inaugural meeting of Richmond Hill Council will be held January 6 at 11 am, it was decided at an informal meeting of the council-elect with the town staff December 16.
It was also decided to meet January 7 at 7:30 pm to review the status of various programs, plans and activities. If necessary the review will be continued January 8. The plan is to give new members of council and the public an idea of where the town stands at the moment.
A committee-of-the-whole will be held January 13 at 7:30 pm followed by a meeting of council to set appointments to committees of council and deal with

other council business if necessary. It is hoped that the inaugural meetings of council committees can be held during the week following that meeting.
Another committee-of-the-whole is scheduled for January 20 at 7:30 pm to make appointments to outside boards and committees. Included will be the council representatives on these committees. Other council business will be transacted if necessary.
Advertise posts
It was agreed advertisements will be placed in "The Liberal" asking for written requests for appointment to the various outside committees in the issues of January 1 and January 8. This is fulfilling a

pledge made by Mayor-elect David Schiller during the recent election campaign. Incumbents will be contacted directly to determine if they wish to continue to serve.
It is also proposed to amalgamate the present council committees into four, each to have four members plus the mayor, by combining traffic, transportation and parking with works and property, bylaws and procedures with fire and personnel, and leaving planning and finance as they are.
Parks board
It is also proposed that the parks board and recreation committee become a committee consisting of four

council members, plus the mayor, plus six resident members (one from each ward) — all having voting status and the chairman and vice-chairman to be members of council, other than the mayor.
Regular council meetings, it was agreed, will begin February 3, and will be held the first and third Monday in each month thereafter. They will begin at 7:45 pm and will be preceded by a one-half hour public question period, another campaign promise by the mayor-elect.
It is expected committee-of-the-whole meetings will be held on the second and fourth months of each month, if required.



(Photo by Susan Samila)

Living up to his name

Probably the most experienced printing tradesman in southern York Region, Harvey Marks started working in his mid-teens. He's still going strong after 27 years as a linotype operator and 22 years as a compositor. He is shown at this newspaper's new Metrospan Northern Division production department at Aurora. A long time member of staff, he now marks up the advertising copy for type size and styles before sending it on to the Compugraphic machine. For 18 columns of pictures and story on the old and new Liberal printing operations, turn to Page 6.

Christmas day rape

Douglas Thompson, 26, of Pavane Linkway, Don Mills, has been charged with the Christmas Day Thornhill area rape of a 17-year-old girl.
York Regional Police said the girl was taking a cab back to her Toronto home after visiting her brother in Richmond Hill.
She told them the driver raped her in the cab at Bathurst Street and then tried to take her to a motel. The girl escaped and called police.

Coburn seeks schools chairmanship

Whoever chairs the York County Board of Education in 1975, must lead it firmly, leaving as much opportunity as possible for individual contributors while allowing "as much control as is necessary to encourage trustees to work together," Trustee Margaret Coburn of King, told The Liberal this week.
Mrs. Coburn, who was recently re-elected to the board for another two-year term, said she was interested in becoming chairman of the board and felt the public should "know more about the issues involved."
Since 1969 the board operated on an "ad hoc,

rather than a standing committee system, whereby certain tasks are assigned to one of several permanent committees."
However, the systems only worked in "a spirit of compromise and co-operation."
Some changes and updating of the present system were overdue, but that didn't mean a complete switch-over from one system to the other, as had been suggested, she said.
Wants public
Instead, "decisions to change our structure should be made after public debate at full board meetings," Mrs. Coburn said.
Also, a strong approach

should be made to the minister of education to establish a form of political partnership based on exchanges between the elected officials of the government and the region.
"There must be a better understanding between the two government levels if we hope to sort out the present conflicts swirling around the educational system," Mrs. Coburn said.
While supporting local autonomy on the one hand, the minister imposes "serious financial limitations on the other," she said. The dilemma had to be resolved by elected officials.
Mrs. Coburn said she hoped the public would help support the board by coming to its inaugural meeting, January 7, at Aurora High School, 155 Wellington Street West, to meet the new trustees.



Trustee Coburn Seeks Chairmanship

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Conservation areas offering seasonal fun

For winter fun, Metro Conservation areas are offering a wide variety of facilities for picnics, barbecues, sledding, tobogganing, skiing, skating, nature walks, group camping and snowmobiling.
At Albion Hills, five miles north of Bolton on Highway 50 there are such activities as sledding and tobogganing, downhill skiing with rope tow and marked cross country ski trails. There are areas for snowmobiles, nature trails, facilities for skating, group camping by permit, refreshment booth and heated shelter.
Black Creek Pioneer Village at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue has hills for sledding and tobogganing, a pond for skating, refreshment booth and heated shelter. It also offers horse-drawn sleigh rides at 25 cents a ride.
There is group camping by permit at Boyd Conservation Area, two miles north of Woodbridge on Islington Avenue. Also sledding, tobogganing, downhill skiing with rope tow, cross country skiing, nature trail and refreshment booth.
Bruce's Mill on the Gormley-Stouffville Road two miles east of Don Mills Road there is sledding and tobogganing, cross country skiing, skating, nature trail, group camping by permit, refreshment booth and heated shelter.
At Cold Creek, between Bolton and Nobleton, north of the King Sideroad on Concession 11 there is sledding, tobogganing, cross country skiing, snowmobile trails, group camping by

permit, refreshment booth and heated shelter.
At Heart Lake, approximately four miles north of Highway 7 on the Heart Lake Road (just west of Dixie Road), there is sledding, tobogganing, downhill skiing, skating, group camping by permit, nature trail, refreshment booth and heated shelter.
The conservation areas are open seven days a week from 10 am to sundown. For further information and current snow and ice conditions at the various areas contact Metro Conservation Authority at 630-9780.
Child dies in crash
York Region recorded one fatal traffic accident over the Christmas holiday.
Killed when the car in which she was a passenger collided with another vehicle, was six-year-old Kelly Anne Vanheeswyk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Vanheeswyk, 560 Queen Street, Newmarket.
Both Mrs. Vanheeswyk and her 10-month-old baby were taken to York County Hospital with injuries. Mr. Vanheeswyk, who was driving the car, was uninjured.
The accident occurred December 26, about 2:45 pm at the St. John's Sideroad and Concession 2 in Aurora.
According to York Regional Police, the Vanheeswyk vehicle was proceeding south on Concession 2 when it turned left onto St. John's and was in collision with a northbound car.

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Alliance Sports Richmond Hill Juveniles win Trenton Tournament grand championship. Hill's Rosetown Tournament going full blast. See Sports Section Page 13.
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