



York Region Real Estate Board elects executive

York Region Real Estate Board recently elected a new executive at a meeting at the Aurora Highlands Golf Club. The new executive members are seen above following their election. They are: front row

(left to right) Jane Haight, Thornhill; Douglas Meharg F.R.L., Markham (past president); President Donald Young, Toronto; 1st Vice-President Gino Matrondola, Willowdale; 2nd Vice-President Robert Davies, F.R.I., Markham. Back row: (same order)

Stuart Symington, Aurora; Donald Glass, Aurora; John Dench, F.R.I., Sutton; Keith Rose, Keswick; Robert Case, F.R.I., Toronto; and Neil Johansen, Jackson's Point.

(Photo by Stuart's Studio)

Mrs. Inez Arnot, 73, died suddenly in South Africa

A former resident of Richmond Hill, and a dedicated church worker, Mrs. Inez Ethel Arnot died suddenly on February 2 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. Born in South Dakota 73 years ago, Mrs. Arnot was serving as a missionary for the Church of The Nazarene in Northern Transvaal, South Africa in 1927 when she met and married Arthur Arnot, a native of Bristol, England. They

worked together in Rhodesia and South Africa. In 1964 Rev. and Mrs. Arnot came to Richmond Hill where Rev. Arnot served as pastor of Richmond Hill Baptist Church for seven years. Mrs. Arnot worked with the women's association.

In 1971 Rev. Arnot accepted a call from Algoa Park Baptist Church in Port Elizabeth and Mrs. Arnot

subsequently became president of the South African Baptist Women's Association. Funeral services were scheduled for today, February 5.

Mrs. Arnot is survived by her husband, two sons, Rev. Fred Arnot of Uitenhage, South Africa, and Arthur of Oak Ridges, also two grandsons, William and Matthew of South Africa.

Former Heise Hill pastor in hospital

Rev. E.C. Flewelling, for several years the pastor of Heise Hill Church, is in Scarborough General Hospital. After a baptismal ceremony at his Bridlewood Church in Agincourt Sunday evening, he collapsed and was taken by ambulance to the hospital where he spent several days in the intensive care unit. However, he is progressing favorably now. Our good wishes for a speedy recovery are with Mrs. Hugo Gosetto who had surgery for a brain tumor Wednesday at Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto.

Mrs. Edward Luka (the former Brenda Ash of Gormley) had an emergency appendectomy at York Central Hospital, Richmond Hill, last week. Michael Wright is ill this week with chicken pox. Mr. Stephen Campey has been quite ill with tonsillitis all week.

Against: John Raniowski, Schomberg; Coburn, Doreen Quirk, Markham; Douglas Allen, Richmond Hill; Betty Canivet, Vaughan.

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of Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Boettger. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brillinger and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Winger in Listowel Friday.

Mrs. Norm Brown entertained a number of ladies Tuesday at the Women's Institute quilting.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doust and Miss Dorothy Doust had dinner Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bolender. Mrs. Deb Baker welcomed a little granddaughter Thursday, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Honsberger of Barrie.

Mrs. Harry Smith, who has been ill for several months, spent a week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Barker of Toronto. Miss Nadine Baker enjoyed the weekend with her friend Elizabeth Kennedy at Lake Wilcox.

Rev. Jesse Steckley and Miss Mirian Steckley were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Brillinger Friday evening.

Mrs. Evelyn Milsted accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Ken Jones of Markham to the wedding of their niece, Miss Ellen Gooding, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gooding of Milton and Mr. Larry Beaulieu at Bethel United Church at Hornby.

Mrs. Deb Baker is spending several days with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Honsberger of Barrie, as Donna and her wee baby daughter have come home from hospital.

Sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Robert Lantz of Gormley in the passing of her husband at their winter home in Fort Myers, Florida, January 24, and to his daughter, Mrs. Tom Matunin and family of RR 1, Gormley. The funeral was held Friday morning at St. Mary Immaculate Church in Richmond Hill.

School board ends power struggle without experts

An interim bylaw to help York County Board of Education launch a new and less involved system of committees, until it receives its final report from P. S. Ross and Associates on its over-all administrative set-up, was approved by the board at its meeting Monday night of last week. Approval of the bylaw, which was presented by Trustee John Stephens of Markham, was given in a recorded vote of 14-5. The proposal was the "implementation" of a plan suggested by Trustee Colin Barrett of Whitechurch-Stouffville at an informal meeting last month, Trustee Stephens said.

Under the new system, the board will work via a chairman's committee and four standing committees. Mr. Stephens' original proposal called for five standing committees, but this was subsequently reduced to four when it was agreed to drop the policy committee. The meeting felt that the making of policy was the business of the entire board, not just a small segment. The four standing committees then will be: planning and building, program, staff relations and finance. The board will also set up two other committees, separate from the others. They are the salary negotiating committee and the committee for the trainable retarded, which is a statutory group with lay members on it. The salary committee will consist of five members, the nucleus of which will come from the standing groups. The group most affected

by the change is the chairman's committee, which consists of Chairman Don Sim, Vice-Chairman Craig Cribar and Trustee Stephens. While starting out with most of its guns intact, the committee lost two of its main placements to the meeting. Deleted from its list of duties were the following two functions: To consider and report to the board upon all proposed capital expenditures which may involve the issue of debentures; to prepare estimates of the proposed revenue and expenditure for the year and to present them to the board for its consideration. Power eroded. It also had its power eroded considerably with the passing of two amendments from Trustees Norm

Weller of Aurora and Donald Cousens of Markham. Mr. Weller's amendment called for the chairman's committee to allocate the work of the present committees to the standing committees for submission of proposals to the board. Trustee Cousens called for the standing committees to report directly to the board and not to the chairman. In a rousing plea, Cousens spoke on section 11 of the proposed bylaw, which called for each committee to report to the chairman's group unless otherwise ordered by the board. The former would then forward the report and its recommendations to the board at its earliest opportunity. There was "no useful purpose served" in having the chairman's group coming between the board

and other committees, Cousens said. Such a procedure was undemocratic, he continued. The board of education was not a company whose president told its members what to do. There was a "significant difference" between a school board and a business enterprise. Also, it was contrary to the new Education Act having committees go through the chairman's committee, Cousens said. Stephens said the bylaw was "an experimental thing." He had considered having the standing committees report directly to the board, but felt that would be "going back." Section 11 stated that the board could re-direct committee reports. Rubber stamping. Trustee Margaret Coburn of King, said one of the disadvantages of the standing committees was that only a few people would be making decisions for the board; the rest would be "rubber stamping." Also, the public would only hear of the final debate; "much of the meat would be lost."

In a letter to Mrs. Coburn, which was presented at the board meeting, Stephens said the chairman's committee had "served as an authoritarian body determining the makeup and composition of all committees." The idea of rotating membership prevented members from becoming fully knowledgeable about committee workings and led "to a destruction of any sense of continuity." The standing committees would eliminate all extra committees — there had been an estimated total of 43 last year, he said. Mrs. Coburn said Stephens had used the term authoritarian to describe the chairman's committee of the past, but she had never "seen a more authoritarian chairman's committee than in his document." Stephens said that, if the Ross report presented something new, "then we should simply amend whatever we have to coincide with what our thinking is at that time." In place of the section in the bylaw covering the policy committee, the board inserted an amendment by Trustee Joy Horton of East Gwillimbury. It stated the chairman's committee choose the date of the first meeting of each committee and the latter elect their own chairman. Voting for the bylaw: Weller, Horton, Keith Hargrave, Georgina; William Laird, Georgina; Dorothy Zajac, King; Gary Adamson, Markham; Cousens, Chris

Trustees should disassociate selves from underhandedness

Newly-elected trustees to York County Board of Education should refuse the 100 percent pay raise the trustees granted themselves two weeks ago, if they wish to "disassociate themselves from this underhandedness," according to a letter from Connie Matthews of Aurora. The letter was one of three received by the board Monday night of last week. The others, from Shirley Ormsby of King City and Muriel Graham of Aurora, also objected to the trustees' action. Mrs. Matthews called for the members "to give a more meaningful explanation" for the increase, while Mrs. Graham wondered what had happened

"to the idea of serving the community as an elected representative?" Mrs. Matthews said that, if the seven trustees who voted against the resolution wanted to show "the strength of their disapproval, they can refuse to accept the added increment. The abstainees can redeem their weakness by also declining." She said the trustees who were re-elected were aware the increase was pending prior to the election, but the taxpayers were "kept very much in the dark." Without logic. Mrs. Ormsby said it was "very bewildering to most people to be constantly reminded of the 'recession' we may or may not be in," while governing bodies continued to raise their salaries or honorariums by 50 to 100 percent, "without logic; and when comfortable in office I might add". Did the honorarium cover all expenses, or was there a travel allowance? Was there any consideration given to attendance of meetings? Was the tax-free amount one third or \$2,000? she asked. (Actually trustees receive 10 cents a mile travel allowance while on board business. The honorarium is

paid regardless of number of meetings attended. One third is tax free.) She also wondered how the board would feel about "debating moderate salary increases (with teachers when you have, without need to negotiate, increased your own honorarium by 100 percent?" Asks accounting. "I'm sure you will agree it is to your advantage both from the 'public' and from the 'teacher negotiating' standpoint to justify this substantial increase," Mrs. Ormsby wrote. "I would request that a written brief be presented to the taxpayer. If we are going to have a progressive year let us start by being open about such matters as will affect the 'attitude' of all of the people of this county." Mrs. Graham said there were many people "who serve in capacities equally as important as the school board with no thought of remuneration," from cancer society workers to hockey coaches. "All these are doing their service with the thought they are making the community a better place to live, not to be paid, especially the large sum of

\$6,000, a year, plus mileage," Mrs. Graham said. Board invites public. York County Board of Education will hold a special meeting February 6 to discuss 1975 budget considerations. Any parties wishing to make submissions are welcome to attend. The invitation to the meeting, which will be held at the board offices in Aurora, starting at 8 o'clock, was issued by Chairman Don Sim at a meeting of the board Monday night. Last November, letters were sent to a number of employee representative groups and community groups, seeking information on budget priorities. So far, replies have been received from the following: York County Elementary Teachers' Association of Federations, York County Secondary School Principals' Association, York County Elementary Principals' and Vice-Principals' Association, Locals 1196 and 1734, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Kleinburg and Regency Acres Home and School Associations.

School board to restudy honorariums

The privilege of deciding how much school board trustees should make a year, may be left to the layman to decide. Last week a meeting of York County Board of Education agreed to look into a resolution to that effect at its first meeting in March. The resolution, which was proposed by Trustee John Stephens of Markham Town, called for the establishment of a special committee of seven area ratepayers to "review, consider and make recommendations with respect to the amount of honorarium to be paid trustees." Stephens, who abstained from voting when the board gave itself a 100 percent raise a couple of weeks ago, said he was "concerned as we're dealing with public funds." He said there was no greater conflict of interest than in setting one's own honorarium. Trustee Joy Horton of East Gwillimbury asked the motion be put over to the March meeting. Stephens' resolution called for the proposed committee to report back to the board no later than September 15.

Richmond Hill council re-arranges schedule

Richmond Hill Town Council committees have re-arranged their meeting schedule. Council will meet each first and third Monday at 7:15 pm. It will also meet as a committee of the whole (if required) each second and fourth Monday, according to the revised schedule. Finance committee will meet the first and third Tuesdays each month at 4 pm. Bylaws, procedures, fire and personnel will meet at 8 am on the first Wednesday of each month and at 5 pm on the third Wednesday. Planning Committee will meet at 7:30 pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Until the backlog of business is cleared up the planners will be meeting every

Engineering committee

In the future Richmond Hill's works committee will be known as the "engineering committee", council decided February 3 on recommendation of that committee. Chairman is Ward 6 Councillor Mike Burnie. With the amalgamation of committees last month the name of the committee had become works, property, traffic, transportation and parking — a real mouthful.

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Wednesday evening at the same hour (an estimated six weeks). Engineering committee will meet at 8 am on the first and third Thursdays.

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