

Pound chairs conservation, recreation task force

Planning Commissioner Murray Pound of York Region has been invited to chair a provincial task force to establish a co-ordinated policy for public acquisition of conservation and recreation lands. The region's planning committee has approved acceptance of this invitation. York will be the focus for the project with specific emphasis on the use and acquisition of open space lands in the Oak Ridges Moraine. Mr. Pound has been greatly concerned about the preservation of the moraine, which could be very vulnerable to unrestricted

development. He says the task force concept grew out of York's frustrations in trying to buy reforestation lands. Existing provincial grant policies are "a total loss" to York, he claims. Short of money Because of lack of funds, York has been unable to buy as much land as it would like for reforestation, Pound told the region's planning committee. He recalled he lobbied on behalf of the region for a change in policy and the task force is the result. The provincial government is now prepared to consider funding more



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funds for acquisition of open space near urban areas—a subject which will be considered by the task force. A co-ordinated policy for preservation and acquisition of open space will also be considered. At present such acquisitions are made by municipalities and conservation authorities with prices, policies and priorities varying from one agency to another. Other members of the task force will be Gordon Pyzer, resources manager of the South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority; representatives of the

Metro Conservation Authority and the province; plus observers from the Regions of Peel and Durham. Geographic feature The Oak Ridges Moraine reaches across York Region and extends

across Peel and Durham. A gravel-rich deposit left behind when the glaciers retreated, the moraine contains about 141 square miles and accounts for about 22 percent of York's total area. So far in York 3,000 acres have been built on, or are

involved in applications for development. The moraine serves as the recharge area for streams flowing into Lakes Ontario and Simcoe and for the aquifers on which most municipalities rely for their drinking water.

TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL PROCLAMATION

The Council of the Town of Richmond Hill hereby proclaims the week of February 16th to 22nd 1975 as Scout and Guiding Week.

Take note that opening ceremonies will take place at Hillcrest Mall, Saturday, February 15th, 1975, at 11:00 A.M.

H. D. Schiller, Mayor.

by
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Valentine dance is Saturday

1975 Snow Queen. (Just this afternoon we found out Miss Gail Amodeo was the new Queen.)

We are happy to report sick parade has been kept to a low level.

Comrade Arnold Nockles has returned to home territory, leaving Comrades Aly Pyle holding the fort in Sunnybrook and Richard Yule keeps things on the track at York Central. Do hurry up fellows and get better.

Comrade Bill Pollard is really under the weather. Come on Bill, just think, the golf links will soon be blooming with people.

Thursday evening we were among the many joining in the fun of the Winter Carnival Snow Queen dinner and dance. Chairman Bill Rattle, with the able assistants of Ed Banks and John Cook, masterminded a very pleasant evening for our pleasure.

The six judges — Mayor David Schiller, Bill Lazenby, Mrs. William Klees, Hillcrest Mall representative Mrs. Susan Knox, Lanny McDonald and Ian Turnbull of the Toronto Maple Leafs — had a difficult time selecting the young lady who was to be

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