

# Local lawyer, 36, is seeking Liberal nomination



Peter Cumming

Ontario's provincial government doesn't have the courage to look ahead and anticipate the needs of its citizens, said Peter Cumming, 36, a candidate for the provincial Liberal nomination in York Centre, Monday.

A professor of law at Osgoode Hall Law School for the past seven years, Cumming is the first to officially declare his candidacy following the announcement incumbent Donald Deacon will not be running again.

In an interview, Cumming spoke articulately and convincingly about the lack of foresight displayed by the provincial Tories, in the field of energy, transportation, education, the environment, local government and women's rights.

He said many of the government's recent announcements indicate it is "more interested in appearance than reality."

"The Environmental Impact Assessment machinery was prepared at the last moment, under pressure, just before an

election," he said.

"This is a tired provincial government that scrambles to handle problems as they arise," he said. "They are not looking at policies to anticipate the needs and desires of the people of Ontario."

Cumming cited women's rights as an area that is important, with positive advantages for society.

Policies are needed to enhance the rights of women in the area of property and "equal pay for work of equal value", he said.

And there is a need for programs which will ensure "effective participation" by women in government, he added.

But Cumming called the province's recent announcement it has appointed a handful of women to advisory posts in various ministries "an election gimmick."

He said the move has cost approximately \$400,000, but has

not brought women into the decision-making process.

"It means bigger government and no effective change," he said. "What we need is bigger bang for the buck."

But it is in the field of energy which Cumming is most disturbed with the government.

He said the province made a "\$40,000,000-mistake" at the last federal-provincial ministerial conference because officials did not know the difference between the well-head and the delivery price of oil.

Another conference is coming up April 10, the results of which will greatly affect Ontario's consumers, industry, export markets and job markets, he said.

Yet Ontario appears to be approaching a probable \$2-increase in the price of a barrel of oil "with a sense of inevitability, rather than having developed a policy to approach the matter."

"Ontario stands to lose a great deal in a struggle with

Alberta... but nothing has been said publicly about the impact of increased prices on Ontario or possible alternative policies."

Cumming said an increase may be necessary, but there should be a discussion about where the windfall profits should go.

"Alberta is not a have-not province," he said.

"At what point will greater returns to Alberta be against the national interest?"

In many respects, Ontario's interests are the same as the national interests, Cumming believes, yet Ontario has in the past taken an anti-federal government position.

Cumming says he does not have all the answers to the questions he asks, but he wonders if the Ontario Conservatives are even asking the questions.

There has been no public mention of research or policy

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# Trustees hand secondary teachers \$258,000 bonus

For the second time in the past four months, secondary teachers in York County are back sipping COLA, thanks to the board of education.

In a news release from District 11 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation, it was announced the board agreed to give the teachers another cost-of-living-allowance totalling \$300, covering the county's approximately 860 full-time teachers.

Cost to the taxpayer of the COLA bonus will be \$258,000.

In its release, the OSSTF said the motion called for an allowance of \$30 per month for each month worked in the period September 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

For part-time employees, the same amount was to be pro-rated in relation to the amount of time worked.

The allowance is to be paid in a "lump sum" with the final regular pay in June.

The release said the motion was passed at the board's regular meeting Monday of last week. However, it wasn't made public at that time.

The \$300 bonus is the same amount that was granted to both elementary and secondary teachers by the board in December.

At that time, the board jumped the gun on the allowance and agreed to pay it to the teachers immediately, even though it wasn't due until June, 1975.

That was the date set by an arbitration board following last year's strike of secondary teachers. The arbitration board also fixed the amount at \$300.

It is believed the region's elementary teachers will be seeking a similar cost of living allowance shortly.



Richvale robin

Caught by staff photographer Bruce Hogg beside the walk on Garden Avenue in Richvale on the weekend was this sign of spring.

### At region

## 30 percent tax hike expected

Today (Wednesday) is budget day for York Regional Council.

The members met at 10 am and were expected to continue for most of the day to try to set a figure for the over-all budget.

It is expected to bring a 30 percent tax increase this year.

Last week, council considered a proposed \$15 million budget from the engineering committee, but only approved it for application for subsidy to the minister of transport and communication.

Deadline for the later was March 31.

The region gets a provincial subsidy of 68 percent on this, the taxpayer to look after the rest.

At present, the health and social service committee's budget is \$2.8 million, up 70 percent from last year. But this is expected to be cut again.

The proposed administration budget is also up, 28 percent to \$1.46 million.

Police are seeking \$7.07 million, up 32.6 percent.

# School board lags behind Markham housing action

Portable classrooms will continue to be a way of life for Bayview Fairways Public School in Thornhill, despite the recent opening of German Mills Public School.

York County Board of Education Trustee Doreen Quirk said yesterday five or six portables will probably be needed to serve the new 548-unit townhouse project at John Street and Bayview Avenue.

This is the development Markham council wanted to be an "instant community" with schools and parks and roads ready when the people move in sometime in the fall.

Because the town rushed approval of

subdivision agreements so the developer, W.B. Sullivan Construction Limited, could qualify for the Ontario Housing Action Program, councillors hoped the housing ministry would get the ministry of education to provide a school faster than usual.

But Trustee Quirk said the most optimistic deadline for completion of a school is August, 1976.

Permission came from the ministry of education March 24 to purchase land for the school, she said. Board staff feel the ministry moved faster than normal because it is an OHAP project, she added.

A survey to substantiate the need for a school is under way and may be finished this week. Then a request for a school to accommodate 350 students from kindergarten to grade 8 can go to the ministry.

With approval of the ministry in three weeks, an architect would hopefully be appointed by April 28, Quirk said.

The developer has posted a security bond of \$600,000 with the town, to guarantee occupancy of the houses will not occur until there is an agreement for a school.

Though the town is still hoping to negotiate increased grants from the province over and above the \$525 per unit guaranteed under OHAP, it has given the developer the go-ahead to commence construction.

In the event the province does not come through with the additional grants, the developer agreed to guarantee up to \$1,100 per unit.

This agreement was ratified by council last week with only Ward 1 Councillor Peter Grosskurth voting against it. He is worried the new townhouse residents will come to him to complain when there is no school in September.

Grosskurth argues the town would have been in a stronger position to negotiate with

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# Spot checks raise drinker arrests

Spot checks have been cited as part of the reasons for the big increase in drinking driver arrests in York Region over the past year.

Statistics released by the police show 1,039 were arrested in 1974 on impaired driving charges, compared with 791 the previous year.

In 1972, 640 people were arrested for the same offence, while in 1971, the first year of regional police, there were 446.

All told, there were 2,138 offences against

the Liquor Control Act last year, compared with 1,612 in 1973.

At the same time, the Ontario government has refused a grant for a \$60,000 project in Aurora for an 11-bed half-way house for alcoholics.

A government spokesman said the grant was denied because the project did not lend itself to a family-type atmosphere.

In Newmarket, Dr. J.M. Dennison of York County Hospital, has called for a campaign to have the decision over-ruled.



(Photo by Susan Samila)

## Springtime celebrations great fun

The making of breads and hot cross buns for a springtime celebration dates back to pre-Christian times. Here Mary Anee and Alexander, children of Mr. and Mrs. Aedsgard Koekebakker of Westwood Lane, Richvale, are busily engaged on the weekend preparing

traditional fare for the Easter meals. Mary Anne is making Easter bread while Alexander puts crosses on the hot cross buns. Hanging in the background may be seen intricately decorated Easter eggs, another tradition of the season.

# Better Yonge St. TTC service brings deficit

Reflecting an increase in service from 40 minute intervals to 30 minute intervals, the Yonge Street TTC buses from Richmond Hill to the Finch Subway terminal travelled 64,709 miles in the fourth quarter of 1974 as compared to 45,462 miles in the same quarter of 1973.

This increased mileage was a major factor in the line showing a deficit for the 1974 quarter of \$8,963.64, compared to a profit in 1973 of \$7,466.89.

The number of fares collected in the three month period were 517,262 compared to 377,213 the year before, but averaged only

7.99 per mile as compared to 8.30. Operating expenses per mile rose to 122.93 cents from 98.65 cents, reflecting increased wage settlements last fall.

For the whole year the system had a deficit of \$18,047.42 compared to a profit of \$21,353.88 the previous year.

The franchise for this bus service is owned by Richmond Hill 61.28 percent, Markham 27.95 percent and Vaughan 10.77 percent. It is operated for them by the Toronto Transit Commission.

Richmond Hill's share of the three month deficit is \$5,492.91 and of the year's deficit is \$11,059.46.

## Parking banned on Trench

A parking ban on the east side of Trench Street from Major Mackenzie Drive to Richmond Street was approved by Richmond Hill Council Monday evening.

A bylaw to implement this decision will be prepared.

Although Councillor Marylo Graham thought it would be more practical to prohibit parking on the hospital side of the street, since there are fewer access points on the east side, the majority of council agreed

with Works Commissioner Bernie Toporowski.

He felt there would be less foot traffic across Trench Street, particularly of elderly people, with parking on the west side.

It was also agreed the works commissioner would consult with the York County director of education to explore the feasibility of opening the driver education area to parking when it is not in use for its designated purpose.

# Danson promises Cabinet proposal

Minister of State for Urban Affairs Barney Danson said yesterday at the Markham Municipal Building he will recommend to the federal Cabinet that Markham landowners in the Pickering airport noise lands be given the option of being expropriated now or later when the airport is in operation.

His statement came during a press conference after a closed meeting with officials from Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Asked if he was satisfied with the results of the meeting, Markham Mayor Tony Roman said it was premature to say anything.

"We had an obligation to present our views," he said, "but we won't know if we are satisfied until we get some answers back."

Both he and Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Gordon Ratcliffe mention they think there should also be compensation for the loss of development potential in the areas "frozen" by the province when the airport was announced.

Danson did not comment on this proposition during the press conference.

In the meeting with local officials, Danson told the press conference, there were concerns raised about the possibility of a second runway at Pickering.

Shortly after the cabinet announced its compromise one-runway, one-terminal plan for the airport, the ministry of transport distributed maps showing the noise lands around two runways.

In a six-page joint statement from Danson and Transport Minister Jean Marchand, issued at the meeting, it is claimed the second map was only to "reassure" citizens the intolerable noise levels would still not affect Stouffville and Markham.

But Danson said the question of a second runway is "purely hypothetical at this point." "Such a decision must await other policy considerations."

In the meeting and the statement, Danson emphasized the federal government is simply recognizing its responsibility to plan for the future and "keep all possible options open."

It was pointed out Marchand has agreed to a study of the present background noise levels in Stouffville and the rural areas of Markham. This will help airport planners to determine the probable extent residents will be disturbed by aircraft noise.



(Photo by Susan Samila)

## Sang traditional Easter music at Headford United

The joyous music of Easter adds much to the services in big churches and small churches, in cathedrals and in chapels on that Sunday. At Headford United after the Good Friday service, the photographer caught the choir hard at work rehearsing for the Sunday

morning service of rejoicing. Left to right are: Mrs. Audrey Horner, Marilyn Horner, Mary Acreman, Debbie Vantol, Susan MacKay and Joan Horner. With backs to camera is another Horner sister, Marie, on the left and Organist Mrs. Jean Rumble.

## Inside The Liberal

### Detroit wins midget tourney

Detroit Little Caesars last week became the first U.S. club to win the eight-year-old Richmond Hill Legion Midget Hockey Tournament. For full word and picture details of how the Richmond Hill and Thornhill teams fared turn to Sports Section page 17.

Should buildings stay below tree top level here in southern York Region or should tall structures tower above nature. See pages 2 and 3 for a citizen word and picture view of this hot issue.

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