

Richmond Hill Council asks region to reconsider speed limit bylaw passed for Elgin Mills Road

On an 8-1 vote Richmond Hill Council Monday night agreed to ask the Region of York Engineering Committee to rescind the bylaw it passed March 25, setting speed limits on Elgin Mills Road between Yonge Street and the easterly town limits.

The only dissenting vote was cast by Regional Councillor Gordon Rowe, who is chairman of the region's engineering committee.

The region's bylaw sets a speed limit of 35 miles per hour on Elgin Mills Road between Don Mills Road and a point approximately 800 feet west of Don Mills Road in the Town of Markham.

Reasons given were that along this section there are three residential entrances and two entrances to the

Victoria Square Community Centre.

Higher limits

From that point westerly (Towns of Markham and Richmond Hill) to approximately 3,600 feet east of Bayview Avenue, the speed limit has been set at 50 mph.

On this section of roadway there are 13 residential entrances, one commercial entrance, one entrance to a nursing home, four field entrances and two farm entrances.

There the commissioner of engineering recommended that the speed limit remain at the existing 40 mph.

Limit raised

From the point approximately 3,600 feet east of Bayview to Yonge Street, the region's new bylaw has raised the speed limit from

30 mph to 40 mph.

This despite the recognition that along this 6,000 foot section of road there are three residential entrances, seven commercial entrances, two industrial entrances, two field entrances, two entrances to the Richmond Hill Curling Club and seven intersections.

The remainder of the residences along this stretch have reverse frontage and have no direct access to Elgin Mills, it was said.

Councillor Andy Chateauvert said he couldn't understand the rationale of the region "at a time when this council is under pressure from our citizens to reduce speed limits in the interests of safety."

Councillor John Birchall

expressed deep concern over the region's action without consultation with this municipality.

Addressing Regional Councillor Rowe, he said, "You did not advise us of this action on the part of the region."

"I think it's important the municipality should be allowed to comment before any change of this nature is made."

"I suggest you should advise us, consult with us and take our suggestions back to the committee you chair at the region."

Committee rules

"I have to accept the recommendations of the engineering committee," Rowe replied. "I'm under nobody's jurisdiction and I

don't accept that responsibility."

Mayor David Schiller said he tried to get the bylaw rescinded at the regional level without success.

Regional Councillor Lois Hancey recalled the setting of the 30 mph speed limit was determined by Richmond Hill Council after much thought "and take umbrage at this raising of it."

"It's only a speed trap," countered Rowe. "It's only a money maker for the attorney-general's department."

"I support this bylaw all the way and believe it's quite realistic. A man I know was fined \$49 for speeding on Elgin Mills when there was no other car in sight," he said.



Left to right are Richmond Hill Rotarians Doug Hinchcliffe and Neil Mann who were hosts for the day to six Israeli Rotarians: Economist Avi Margalit; Group Leader Oded Eliashar; Ihor Prociuk, observatory staff member; Nimrod Rotem (administration), Leonard Lurie (export marketing), Rafael Rahat (telecommunications), and Daniel Weiler-Ravell, physician.

Group of Israeli Rotarians entertained here

A group of six Rotarians from District 199 Israel are concluding almost a month spent in the Toronto area as part of Rotary International's Group Study Exchange.

From Sunday until today Richmond Hill Rotarians have been responsible for their billeting and transportation as they visited many points of interest in this district.

The group Monday learned about the operation of the big telescope in the big dome at Dunlap Observatory.

They lunched Monday at the Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club and then paid a visit to Ronalds Federated. In this area they also visited Gibson House in Willowdale, Pioneer Village, Toronto City Hall, the Toronto Star, the McMichael Gallery and the Glen Haffey Conservation Area.

They also spent an evening with the Richmond Hill Rotarians.

Second fatal accident on same line

No decision on inquest into Vaughan Town death of three children on railroad bridge

No decision has been reached as to whether an inquest will be held into the death of three children struck down by a freight train on an unguarded trestle north of Steeles Avenue at Dufferin Street last week, according to the office of Coroner Dr. John Devlin of Aurora.

The accident occurred April 29 about 7:10 p.m. There was a similar fatal accident recently on the

same rail line in the Thornhill area of Markham.

Killed were Corrine Amos, 11; her brother, Chris, 2½; and Tammy Ross, also 2½, all of 765 Steeles Avenue, Willowdale.

Still investigating

Dr. Devlin's office, said, however, the question of an inquest was still being investigated.

York Regional Police said the accident occurred on a trestle over a small stream about 150 yards east of Dufferin Street, where there are two rail lines.

According to CN engineer Edward McQuaid, 47, of Belleville, the children were walking with their backs to the westbound train.

Tried to run

After sounding his whistle and pulling into an emergency stop, McQuaid said he saw Corrine trying to

Town affairs opened up by Richmond Hill council

Procedure for handling and distribution of agendas and reports were approved by Richmond Hill Council at its meeting Monday night.

All agendas for council and committee meetings will be available for distribution at 3 pm on the Thursday preceding the week during which the meeting is to take place.

These agendas will be hand delivered to members of council and resident members of committees, to The Liberal, to all libraries within the municipality and to all municipal departments by noon on the Friday preceding the meeting.

Members of the public will have access to them in the libraries and in the town offices from Friday noon on, and they will be kept on view for one week following the meeting.

The Wright Street Library (main branch) will be requested to keep a permanent record of agendas indexed for easy access by the public.

Library record

All department reports will be delivered to the Wright Street Library when publicly released and the library will be requested to keep a permanent record of them, indexed for easy access by the public.

Reports will be considered publicly released when they are introduced in any public meeting of council or one of its committees, unless the head of the committee to which the department is responsible advises the department head the report is not yet public.

Regular ads

It is also planned to run a regular "Civic Corner" advertisi

It is also planned to run a regular "Civic Corner" advertisement in The Liberal, listing the time, date and place of council and its committee meetings along with a list of the main topics to be discussed.

2 motorcycles, parts are recovered by police

A routine check by a Richmond Hill policeman, resulted in the recovery of two stolen motorbikes and possibly parts of others.

York Regional Police Constable William Miller checked a bike in front of a Maple residence and found the serial number obliterated.

Further investigation led to the check of a Concord residence, where another bike with its serial number removed, plus a number of motorcycle frames were located.

Youth charged

Facing charges of possession over \$200 is Daniel Wardmore, 19, of Maple.

Two Richmond Hill residents and a Willowdale man face charges of causing a disturbance by swearing and resisting arrest, following an incident on South Taylor Mills Drive, Sunday.

Police said three men were standing on the street shouting obscenities, and had drawn a large crowd of people.

Resisted arrest

When the police came, the

men resisted arrest.

Arrested on the first two counts were Michael Fox, 34, and James Fox, 24, both of 92 Rockport Crescent.

James Stevenson, 23, of

Willowdale, faces additional charges of being drunk in a public place and of having an outstanding committal warrant from Metro against him.

Humber College offers set of evening courses

Evening courses in salesmanship, public speaking, philosophy of law enforcement, the citizen's role in an urban community, insurance accounts and basic shorthand and typing are among those being offered in the spring continuing education courses at Humber College's North Campus.

Registration is now in progress.

Humber College is located off Highway 27, three miles north of Highway 401.

Other popular courses are sailing, ladies' self defence, recreational horse riding, ceramics, elements of law and understanding human sexuality.

Altogether more than 2,500 people have already enrolled in about 200 part time day and evening courses.

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90 victims of mental, physical disorders are out riding horses

About 90 victims of cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, blindness, mental retardation, arthritis, polio, and other mental and physical disorders, who range in age from six to 60, are taking part in a riding program in this area established by the Community Association for Riding for the Disabled.

The association was established in 1968 and has grown from four or five volunteer helpers, three stroke victims and one horse, to a chartered

organization involving more than 90 volunteers, an equal number of riders and eight lively, but well-behaved horses.

The volunteers groom and tack the horse, help in the mounting procedure from a stirrup-height platform, and lead the horse at a walk or trot.

Riders may also be given moral and, if necessary, physical support by other volunteers walking beside the stirrup.

The program is carried out at the Ashmount Farm, near

Hunt Ave. multiple housing rezoning request turned down by Hill council

Richmond Hill Council's Planning Committee unanimously decided April 23 that an application by Belpark Construction Limited for rezoning of its property on the south side of Hunt Avenue to allow multiple housing (designated in brackets in zoning Bylaw 66-71) is still premature.

The developer was represented by Eric George. He told the committee preparation of plans was begun in 1973.

A submission was made December 18 of that year for a maximum of 96 units with a building height of 67-70 feet.

He said the site is outside the core area with the

proposed 60 foot height limit.

The proposal was heard by the planning committee May 8, 1974, and was held in abeyance because of lack of services, he said.

Asks consideration

Since it is probable that interim services could be available in late 1976 or 1977, he said, and since the zoning amendment would probably take a year or more and the site plan agreement would add several months to that, he asked the committee to consider starting work on the zoning amendment.

"The site plan agreement could contain a clause," he said, "stating that no building permit would be issued until services are available."

Hancey question

"Where is your client prepared to provide industrial or commercial assessment to offset this residential development?" asked Regional Councillor Lois Hancey.

"In this case he is not prepared to do so because his total holdings are zoned residential," replied George.

Mrs. Hancey pointed out that offsetting assessment is a requirement of the Official Plan.

"I have seen absolutely nothing to indicate this municipality is going to get any services under the interim servicing," stated

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