

Hill to get sewers for 200 industrial acres

By James Daw

A proposed allocation of interim sewage capacity looks like it will please moderate growth exponents in Richmond Hill while clearing up an environmental and a political sore spot.

The plan approved last week by a joint York Region planning and engineering committee meeting provides for local consultation and is therefore not final.

But if approved, the allocation of capacity will have a great impact on Richmond Hill's growth rate until 1981, Mayor David Schiller told a Ward 4 ratepayer meeting Monday. "It will keep it to about 4 percent a year, which is the rate of growth I have been advocating," he said. "What happens after

1981 will depend on the councils in power at that time."

However Markham and Vaughan can look forward to quite rapid growth as a result of the portioning of services.

It is proposed Vaughan get enough capacity to service 22,500 new residents in the Thornhill area. Markham will get enough capacity for 18,000.

When first discussing the allocation of Metro Toronto services York commissioners of planning and engineering called for growth close to Steeles Avenue in order to minimize costs when the 'Big Pipe' to Pickering is constructed in five to six years.

Richmond Hill will get service capacity for 200 acres of industry and existing

residential areas in the Richvale area.

The lack of servicing there has been a political sore spot for the past seven years.

The only capacity for new residential growth is already available and committed to the BAIF-Hillcrest second phase.

Mayor Schiller said in an interview Friday he thinks the 6,000 new people this servicing capacity will permit during the next six years is sufficient.

However additional residential growth could be possible if Richvale residents decide the cost of hooking up to the pipe is too high. They will be given 18 months to decide.

Then, if they do balk at the cost, the available capacity will be up for grabs for new growth in Richmond Hill, Thornhill-

Vaughan or Markham.

Richmond Hill's industrial allocation will be in the Bayview Avenue drainage area, which means the Langstaff Jail Farm property or further north on Yonge Street.

The environmental sore spot to be cleared up is at the Pugsley Street sewage treatment plant, which is now carrying 3,000 more people than region engineers estimate it should.

The excess is scheduled to be transferred to the Metro system immediately. Later, following detailed tests, the plant's load may be increased again.

If the load can be increased later, the capacity could be allocated to growth in the old part of town, Mayor Schiller said.



(Photo by Hogg)

Bayview Secondary's 1975 Prom Queen Judy Crowder is shown standing at upper right with the school's four princesses (left to right): Elke Woldenga of 126 Wright Street (seated), Debbie Tyndall of 447 South Paliser Crescent, Charmaine Mortimer of 29 Benson Avenue and Lindsey Jay of 289 Elmwood Avenue (seated).

Bayview Secondary holds Prom

Lovely young women in beautiful gowns and handsome young men filled the Park Ballroom at the Inn on the Park May 9 for the 1975 Spring Formal of Bayview Secondary School.

Highlight of the evening was the choosing

of this year's queen from five contestants.

At 11 pm Judy Crowder of 442 Crosby Avenue was crowned Queen to reign over the rest of the evening's festivities.

Miss Crowder is a year 5 student who hopes to go on to university next year.

YCH campaign third of way

Canvassers for the York Central Hospital are experiencing good response from the community, it is reported this week.

They have reached more than a third of the objective of the current campaign for funds. They want to completely equip the hospital so there will no longer be any need for people from this area to travel out-of-town for specialized care.

One canvasser reports a local manufacturing firm with about 60 employees has asked for pledge cards for each of its workers.

The firm will make a payroll deduction for them and match dollar for dollar the employees' contributions.

Also over the weekend an accident happened that points out the necessity of our hospital and equipment.

A young child fell into a swimming pool and was rushed to York Central by ambulance.

The child was resuscitated and the next day was able to return home in good health.

What could have been a great tragedy was averted.

If you appreciate having this modern facility to serve you or a member of your family when it is needed, you are urged to send your pledge today to York Central Hospital, 10 Trench Street, Richmond Hill to help the board and the volunteers reach their goal.

School budget cutting hits snag

By Jim Irving

A complete reduction in such essentials to learning as textbooks, classroom supplies, library books, various programs, "and by reducing significantly the level of maintenance."

That is the only way of meeting York County Board of Education's demands for a \$695,000 budget cut.

So Education Director Sam Chapman told a meeting of the board Monday night.

An overflow crowd was apparently drawn mostly by the anticipation of some heady debate on proposed resolutions by Aurora Trustee Norm Weller to drop master teachers from the payroll, among other things.

But the Weller proposals were deferred, along with just about everything else where the 1975 budget was concerned.

Those present also heard Richmond Hill Trustee

Robert Houghton refer to any action by the board to defer as "disgusting".

Referral motion

Trustee Colin Barrett of Whitchurch - Stouffville had earlier moved that a handout from the director's office, examining the budget based on the revised first draft of April 14 — be referred to the finance committee for further study.

It was during a rundown of the handout that Chapman said the board's proposed cut of \$695,000, as suggested by Barrett a couple of weeks before, was impossible without slashing the essentials.

Barrett's motion in full called for staff "to prepare a revised 1975 operating budget with a goal of establishing a 15 percent increase of all salaries over the 1974 actuals and an overall increase of 8 percent of the remaining expenses over the 1974 actuals, using the suggested aiming marks on

all functions as a guide."

The Barrett amount was set at \$55,671,793, compared with 1974's actual of \$47,859,674.

The first revised draft of (Continued on Page 2)

Markham regional seat fight continues

The Divisional Court has upheld a judicial recount giving Alma Walker the council seat now held by Markham Regional Councillor Ron Moran.

But the court battles are not at an end.

The ruling has "far reaching effects" which should be reviewed by the Ontario Court of Appeal, Moran's lawyer, Eric Murray of Toronto, said Monday.

"It's more important than the case of Moran and Walker," he said.

Having studied the majority decision of the court over the weekend,

Murray said Justice A. Goodman's interpretation of an amendment to the County Judges Act sets a precedent affecting a "whole raft of other statutes."

He mentioned the Landlord and Tenant Act and the Schools Administration Act are examples of statutes which reserve certain matters for the senior judge of the county to decide.

It was Murray's argument before Divisional Court that Judge H.W. Allen did not have the jurisdiction to order a recount.

He said Monday he would like to put his case for an appeal Tuesday of next week

and call for a decision before the end of June.

Moran said Monday he will only go along with an appeal if it can be expedited as Murray suggests.

"I think it is unfair Moran is getting flack for the delay," Murray said.

The appeal to Divisional Court was first heard February 6 and there was a re-statement of arguments April 28.

He blamed the delay on the structure of the court.

Moran estimated the cost of his first appeal at \$2,000 and said this new appeal could cost as much.

Moran won the December

2 municipal election by 15 votes, but the recount gave Walker a plurality of four.

He went on to point out that "If the town wants to retain this property as a golf course, it can retain the present designation on the official plan and refuse rezoning."

"Of course, in that event, the developer could go to the OMB which could direct the municipality to amend the official plan."

"However if we are right and can convince the OMB we are trying to maintain this green area from a sound planning point of view, that body could well support our stand."

Quotes precedents

In connection with seeking federal and provincial financial aid in purchasing the property to retain it as a publicly-owned municipal golf course, Mayor Schiller, noted the town would have York Downs and Tam O'Shanter clubs to quote as precedents.

The reported sales price was \$7 million.

Hill golf club said sold at \$7 million

The future of the Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club was a matter of concern for residents of Ward 4 as they met with Richmond Hill Council Monday night.

"It's no secret the sale has gone through and the new owner is interested in developing," said Mayor David Schiller.

"It is my opinion it should be retained as a golf course — when the time comes, it is my suggestion we seek federal and provincial help in purchasing it."

The mayor noted the property contains a standard 18-hole course and a nine-hole executive course.

"I understand the 18-hole course is leased back to the golf club until the end of 1977 and the nine-hole course is being leased to the club on a month-to-month basis."

Early development "That indicates to me the new owner has some plans to propose for early development of that section," said Schiller.



(Photo by Hogg)

Queen of Spring Fair is crowned

Miss Richmond Hill and Queen of the Spring Fair, Phyllis Devlin, smiles for photographers shortly after receiving her crown Saturday afternoon. She will

compete in the CNE contest later this year. (For pictures and complete reports of the Spring Fair, please turn to Page 3 and Sports Pages 19 and 20.)

2 York North Grit hopefuls

King Mayor Margaret Britnell has announced she will seek the provincial Liberal nomination in York North riding.

At the same time Vaughan Councillor Ab Hollingshead has people "beating the bushes" to see if he should oppose her.

"I don't like seeing people walk into a position like that

with no opposition," Hollingshead said Friday.

But he said it would be a week before he would decide whether to run.

Mayor Britnell has said her campaign will focus on restoring the powers of local governments lost to the regional and provincial levels.

But Councillor Hollingshead wonders if her reputation as an anti-development politician will be popular.

"I'm not pro or anti-development," he said.

"I'm sort of for good development."

He suggested many more middle-of-the-road Liberals and York Region voters may be looking for a approach to development. (Continued on Page 2)

Inside The Liberal

Holiday deadlines and service

Monday is the Victoria Day holiday, therefore deadlines for display advertising for the May 21 issue are advanced to 12 noon Friday for space reservation and 2 p.m. Friday for copy. The classified advertising department will be closed Monday but will be accepting ads from 9 to 11 Tuesday morning. The newsroom will be operating Monday and may be reached through 884-8177 or 881-3373.

Front page color was to return to The Liberal this week. The familiar red was lacking last week because press units were being overhauled. Last week's issue was produced in two separate runs with the press running at about half capacity, but happily without delaying Wednesday deliveries.

The index of the regular news and advertising features on the inside pages is as follows:

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YRP need money to fight mafia-type crime

York Region Police Commission is unwilling to cut \$300,000 from its 1975 budget as requested by York Region Council.

The region originally asked the commission to cut its budget by \$500,000 and then adjusted the request to \$300,000.

At last week's meeting of the commission its members were unanimous in a decision to ask for a meeting with regional council to explain the commission "cannot live with a reduction of \$300,000 and maintain the present level of service."

A further motion "to provide equivalent service, the board of commissioners of police requests that an additional 13 men be hired at a net reduction of \$123,000" found only Commissioner Ray Twiney of Newmarket voting in the negative.

Cut hazardous

Police chief Bruce Crawford said he could cut \$260,400 from the budget by hiring no additional men and by eliminating the communications system, but it would be "hazardous" to cut the men.

"I am confident we cannot maintain the present level of efficiency within the force," he said. "I simply have to have 13 men

this year."

Four men are needed for the communications branch, he said, and one man for the criminal intelligence branch.

Officer frustrated

The one officer already in that branch is "totally frustrated in his position", the chief said.

"His responsibility is the gathering and dissemination of information about Mafia-type crime in the region," he said. "This type of crime is growing in this area."

Three additional men are "absolutely essential" for supervision of constables on the road — there are no road supervisors at the moment.

Need 4 detectives

Four men are needed for the detective office where there is no midnight shift. "And crime doesn't stop at midnight," the chief commented.

One additional officer is needed in the identification branch to bring the total to 13.

"If 13 men aren't hired this year, we're going to have to take 13 men off the road," he said.

The total cut he could recommend would be \$123,000, he said — this figure includes the elimination of the purchase of communications equipment, elimination of the establishment of a community relations bureau and reduction in the number of officers to be hired.

Should hire 13

Commissioner Stewart Rumble felt the 13 officers should be hired as "many councillors are happy with the present level of service" and the extra men were needed to keep the level.

But Commissioner Twiney said three Regional mayors thought their communities were overpoliced.

The general consensus at the region was that a \$350,000 cut was reasonable, he said, although he himself supported at \$250,000 cut.

Commissioner Tony Roman said budget cuts become a political issue when everyone is concerned about heavy taxes.

"When there's a big increase in one year, that's when it really rattles the taxpayers" he said.

Newmarket tax cuts

"Has not assessment gone down in Newmarket?" Judge William Lyon, the commission chairman, asked Commissioner Twiney.

Commissioner Twiney replied taxes had gone down every year since 1970, but "in '70 they were ridiculous — now they're fair."

He said that the region had the right to ask for cuts if it felt they were necessary.

"Council is not being unreasonable when they're giving us \$6,800,000" he said.

Wasting time

His feeling was the police commission would be wasting its time by going back with anything under \$250,000 cut.

"They were very, very strong in their feeling," he said. "There was no support of anything under a \$250,000 cut."

Commissioner Roman still felt the commission has an obligation to explain the ramifications of such a cut.

Judge Lyon suggested the YRP commission could go to the Ontario Police Commission if the Region did not agree (Continued on Page 2)

Community Guide is in this issue

With this issue of The Liberal is included the first annual 80-page handbook of information of services, recreation opportunities and other facilities available to residents of the towns of Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan.

If you have questions about your municipality for which you have in the past been unable to obtain answers, you will find this handbook of great assistance. Keep it in a handy place for easy reference.