

Hill council warns of tough stand taken on bylaw breakers

Richmond Hill Council's Planning Committee served notice at its May 14 meeting it intends to get tough with people who knowingly break municipal bylaws and then come seeking legalization of their actions.

Larry Herman, solicitor for Epic Real Estate Limited, presented an application to rezone the property at 10014 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, from R1 (residential single family) to GC (commercial) for office use.

It was noted the former owner, James Grainger, made a similar application in 1974.

The council in office at that time agreed to the rezoning providing a site plan agreement was signed, restricting the use of the building to certain purposes, and making provision for parking at the rear.

The agreement had to be signed before the final third reading of the rezoning bylaw. The bylaw was given two readings.

When the site plan agreement was not signed the two readings of the bylaw were rescinded.

Revised agreement
Herman told the committee he received a revised version of the site plan agreement and believed his clients would agree to it with

some minor changes.

He said the proposed rezoning agrees with a bracketed designation on the town's Official Plan and would mean an increase in assessment and business taxes.

"It seems to be a natural use of the property in view of its vantage point and strategic location near a main intersection," he stated, "and my clients are not planning any structural change in the building".

He also said the parking which is being provided at the rear will be available on Sundays for those attending St. Mary's Anglican Church. It will also assist in keeping parking off Yonge Street.

Regional Councillor Lois Hancey questioned the occupation of the building and erection of an illegal sign, before seeking a rezoning and a sign permit.

Sign illegal
Mayor David Schiller also described the erection of the sign as illegal.

"We have a few of these things which have been legalized by former councils after bylaws have been broken and the normal procedures have been ignored. That is a bad way for the municipality to be operating.

"Personally I feel the applicant should cease use of the property, then make this application. This may seem

to be a hard stand, but it is time this municipality started to take a firm stand on such things," said Mayor Schiller.

"I own and live close by," said Dr. Robert Painter, "and I strongly support what the mayor has said. The stand of the Citizens' Advisory Group is that this method of moving in and getting established and then being legalized must be stopped."

He also pointed out the property forms part of the only RM1 zoning left in the old part of Richmond Hill and felt it should not be eroded.

"That large illuminated

sign is also not acceptable. This council is trying to preserve the distinctive skyline of spires and trees — for what? — not to create a setting for a sign for Epic Real Estate."

Another speaker pointed out the preservation of St. Mary's spire is a costly one for the members of the congregation and its members feel the sign which has been erected illegally does not enhance the appearance of the entrance to the Hill.

Decision deferred
Councillor Andy Chateauvert moved that the application not be accepted at this time because of impending legal action.

"If we receive this application, it could make us look very foolish in the courts. If the applicant ceases to operate that business and then makes application, I might be amenable to receiving it."

The majority of the committee agreed, but it was pointed out if the municipality did not act on the application within 30 days the applicant had the right to go to the OMB.

Councillor Chateauvert then changed his motion to defer decision on the matter pending advice from the town's solicitor and received unanimous support.



(Photo by Hogg)

Boy, 10, charged after barn fire

A 10-year-old boy has been charged with arson in connection with a fire that destroyed this barn at the home of Jack Tontogode, 25 Boyle Drive, Langstaff. The barn was completely destroyed, but two horses, which are normally kept there, were out at the time of the fire. Richmond Hill Fire Chief Robert Kennedy

said a mix-up in placing the call prevented fire fighters from getting there on time. The call was placed through the operator, who was just given the street address. She called Toronto, which in turn called Vaughan, under whose jurisdiction the area formerly was.

9 youths charged in YRP investigations

A Willowdale woman lived up to her name last week when she spotted two youths trying to get into her car, which was parked on the Hillcrest Mall lot.

Jodie Luck called the mall security guard, who in turn called Richmond Hill YRP. The youths, who told police they were trying to get a charge card which had been left on the seat, were arrested.

Facing a charge of attempted theft are Robert Sternats, 17, of Essex Avenue and Ollie Nelson, 17, of Roosevelt Drive.

A touch of mink
Less fortunate was June Mackenzie of Rexdale, who had her \$700 mink coat taken from cloak room of the Board of Trade Golf Club in Woodbridge May 16.

Three Richmond Hill youths face a series of two break-ins in Thornhill.

Police stopped three people walking along Guardsman Road in Thornhill about 1:25 am May 13 and when they checked them were given false names and addresses.

A subsequent check of the area, revealed break-ins at Diamond Precast Company, 24 Harlech Court and Rayson Cudeck and Company, 18 Harlech.

A small amount of money was taken from both places, and a number of knives and guns from the second.

3 youths charged
Facing charges of break, enter and theft, possession of housebreaking tools and possession under \$200, are Richard Gray, 16, of Sun-

nybrook Riding Stables; Douglas Wise, 19, of 34-B Yonge Street; and Dennis McIntyre, 18, of Oxford Street.

Somebody went on a window-breaking rampage at the GO-Bus shelter at Bayview Plaza in the early morning of the 19th, smashing 13 windows in all.

Facing a charge of public mischief as a result are two Richmond Hill youths; Robert McNamara, 17, of Oceanside Avenue and Michael McAlinden, 17, of Alper Street.

Expensive party
A daughter's party proved expensive for Elizabeth Burrows, Pomander Road, Unionville, May 10.

Mrs. Burrows told police \$250 was taken from her purse, which had been in the living room at the time.

Other area occurrences: Classic Communications Limited, 244 Newkirk Road, Richmond Hill, reported the theft of one 2-way radio and one transistor radio from its van, which was parked on the premises; Pacific Pools, Highway 48 and 14th Avenue, Markham, lost \$62 cash and four cans of chlorine to thieves; an estimated \$300 damage was done to two houses under construction at 234 Roman Road in Thornhill, by vandals who kicked in the walls of the laundry room; Pine Tree Mercury Sales, 5241 Highway 7, Woodbridge, was robbed of four tires and rims, plus \$115 in a break-in, May 15; Sounds Unlimited, 10593 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, lost \$3,500 worth of stereo equipment to thieves, sometime between May 12 and 13.

Beautiful skin by DuBarry

DuBarry brings you a complete program for a healthier, more radiant complexion. Skin clinic — a 4 Part Treatment system. Available in 3 skin types: Dry, Normal and Oily. All treatments are Hypo-Allergenic.

Bonus. With each purchase of \$7.50 or more, you will receive DuBarry Shadow Plus Base and a Longer Lash Mascara, valued at \$5.60.

a-DuBarry Skin Clinic Penetrating Cleanser. Step 1. Apply at night-time to dissolve dirt and make-up. 4oz. (110 ml) \$2.50

b-DuBarry Skin Clinic Stimulating Toner. Step 2. Apply after cleansing to stimulate and tone the skin. 4oz. (110 ml) \$2.50

c-DuBarry Skin Clinic Daytime Moisturizer. Step 3. Apply after toning to help preserve skin's natural moisture. 4oz. (110 ml) \$5.00

d-DuBarry Skin Clinic Nighttime Moisturizer. Step 4. Protects skin from moisture loss and facial lines. 2oz. (55 ml) \$3.75

Simpsons-Sears Ltd.
Sears, Richmond Hill Hillcrest Mall
 Carrville Rd. & Yonge St.
Store Hours: Mon., Tues., Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
 Wed., Thurs., Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Enjoy it now! Use your All Purpose Account. At Simpsons-Sears you get the finest guarantee. Satisfaction or money refunded.

Sears

to all our
**Richmond Hill, Thornhill
 and Willowdale**
 catalogue customers

Hot line to Sears!

24-hour
Shop-by-phone

Just reach for the phone, call us and place your order . . . it's as simple as that, when you use our convenient 24-hour shop-by-phone service when ordering from any Simpsons-Sears value-packed catalogues and circulars.

883-1511

"Also inquire about our same day pick-up service"

Simpsons-Sears