

All councillors face election challenge

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Adele Downey
...heads library board



Neil Mann
...promoting United Way



Gladys McLatchy
...headed horticulturists

RICHMOND HILL — All six ward councillors in Richmond Hill will face opposition in the Dec. 6 election.

Many of the candidates have been known or expected for the past few weeks, but it became official late Monday when the time for filing nomination papers came to an end.

There were no late entries in the mayoralty or York regional council campaigns.

There were several new candidates for both public and separate school board elections in Richmond Hill.

Here is the complete list:
Mayor — David Schiller, Gordon Rowe.

Regional councillors (2) — Lois Hancey, Eric George and Lou Wainwright.

Ward 1 — Andy Chateaubert, Peter DeVita and Bob Wright.

Ward 2 — Al Duffy, William Lazenby.

Ward 3 — John Birchall, Ray

Gemmill.

Ward 4 — Marylo Graham, Claude Henderson.

Ward 5 — William Corcoran, Ann Gold.

Ward 6 — Mike Burnie, Lionel Boswell.

York County board of education — Robert Houghton, Eric Baker, Ilga Irbe, Cathy McDiarmid and William Monroe. (Three to be elected.)

York Region Roman Catholic separate school board — Francis Robinson, John Taylor, Pasquale Burzillo, Joan Greer, Michael O'Flaherty and Conn Thompson. (Three to be elected.)

John Stephens has been acclaimed to serve again as Roman Catholic representative for Markham and Richmond Hill on York County board of education.

Statements and photos of candidates who have not previously been published will appear in next week's Liberal.

Markham's Adams wants apartments at jail farm

RICHMOND HILL — Some unsolicited advice for development of the Langstaff jail farm site in Richmond Hill was offered last week by Markham mayoralty candidate Bob Adams.

Adams, speaking at a press conference on Cable 10 TV here last week, suggested at least part of the 600-acre property would be ideal for apartment buildings.

The place for high density is where there is a "higher order of services," Adams said.

He also went against his own town's recently formulated Official Plan

which calls for urban development in the Riseborough (Milliken) area of Markham.

This section, he said, should remain as farmland because it forms a buffer between Markham and Scarborough.

Adams, chairman of Markham's planning committee, is opposing Mayor Tony Roman in the current election campaign.

Richmond Hill council is on record in favor of preserving the jail farm site basically as open space, with some allowance for public recreation use.

Town honors top citizens

RICHMOND HILL — Adele Downey, Gladys McLatchy and Neil Mann received special awards at the town's 13th annual awards and volunteer recognition banquet Friday.

Mrs. Downey, a Hill resident since 1955, has served as chairman of the public library board the past two years.

She has also been active in several local organizations, and among her special concerns have been the YWCA and the York Centre for Learning Disabilities.

Miss McLatchy was one of the first captains in Richmond Hill's Girl Guide and Brownie organization. She is also well-known throughout Ontario for her work in the provincial horticultural society.

She has worked with the local cancer society and various other community and church organizations.

Mann, a lawyer, was cited especially for his decade-long efforts in helping bring the United Way campaign to York Region.

He has been a Rotary Club president and a member of the Social Planning Council and organizer of Helpmate Services.

Nineteen other outstanding citizens of 1976 were honored by the town at this year's ceremonies.

For sports accomplishments, the following residents were cited:

Ann Frickleton, badminton; Jane Toporowski, track and field; Ian Cameron, bowling; Steven Penyige, judo; Kenneth Brown, plowing; Donald Fraser, figure skating; George Leary, trap shooting.

Other award recipients and their organizations were:

Cecil Tuck, volunteer fire fighters; Roy Clifton, recycling committee; Betty O'Rourke, Girl Guides (Cadets and Rangers); Kay Gallant, Girl Guides (Brownies and Guides); Barry Hayes, York Central Hospital board of trustees; Ann Gold, Richmond Hill and District Social Planning Council; Edwin Banks, Winter Carnival Committee; Kay and Doug Attwell, Cubs and Scouts; Ron Harding, Venturers and Rovers; Joan Hooper, Richvale Community Centre program steering committee.

Also honored were spring fair queen Janet Hofmann and winter carnival queen Karin Steiner.

The banquet was held at Summit Golf and Country Club.

Bus history display here

RICHMOND HILL — The beginning of a new system of transit services on the North Yonge corridor will be preceded by a week-long display serving as a reminder of the past.

The public will have the opportunity to see mementoes and information centre at two Richmond Hill locations, prior to GO Transit replacing the TTC red bus service on North Yonge Nov. 28.

The only major piece of hardware extant from the 52-year era of electric railway service on North Yonge will house an information centre and historical display on the parking lot of Richmond Heights plaza.

Car 416 escaped the scrappers' torch after North Yonge Railways was abandoned in 1948. The old girl was moved to Hillsburg, where she was home to a large family for 23 years.

A few years ago, this valuable artifact was saved by the Ontario Electric Railway Historical Association which operates a living streetcar museum near Rockwood. Association volunteers have restored 416 for this display.

Inside the car, visitors will find photographs depicting transit services on North Yonge from the stage coaches of the 1870s, through the radial cars of the turn of the century and the streetcars of the Second World War era to the bus services of today and tomorrow.

The second display, inside Hillcrest Mall, will feature one of the stage coaches that plied North Yonge from the 1870s until the coming of the electric cars as well as a similar display of historical photos.

Information on the new GO Bus North Yonge services will be available at both displays and GO personnel will be on hand to answer questions.



Christmas Fair cookies

The good witch (Jenni Sparling of Pemberton Road, Richmond Hill) had plenty of cookies to sell young customers such as Anna Murley of Thornhill when she handled the booth at Toronto Waldorf School's

Christmas Fair Saturday. That was one of many activities to appeal to children, while the older folk enjoyed crafts displays, nature and plant room, country kitchen, buffet lunch and tea and fondue.

Public meeting for Richvale

RICHMOND HILL — Three ratepayer groups are inviting all Richvale residents to a public meeting Nov. 25 to consider the new Official Plan in Richmond Hill and its effects on their community.

Town planning director William Power will be guest speaker at the meeting in Langstaff High School at 8 p.m.

Topics to be dealt with are new subdivisions, infilling of houses, traffic patterns, parks, Yonge Street corridor, zoning changes and the Parkway Belt West.

Candidates for the civic election have also been invited to attend.

The meeting is sponsored by South Richvale — Langstaff Ratepayers Association, West Scott Homeowners Association and Northolt Homeowners Association.

South Richvale-Langstaff ratepayers will hold a membership meeting at 7:15 the same date.

Rowe, Schiller fire away

RICHMOND HILL — Mayoralty candidates David Schiller and Gordon Rowe continue to level charges at each other and raise new issues as the Dec. 6 election draws closer.

This week, Mayor Schiller attacked Regional Councillor Rowe for his failure to attend "approximately 60" public meetings sponsored by the town during the past two years.

Rowe, meanwhile, complained of "startling spending increases" over the past five years and called for "a more businesslike approach."

In a statement to the press, Schiller said that during his two-year term of office, "many steps have been taken to make our local government system an open one."

"To encourage comment and participation, public meetings were held

twice in each ward; half-hour question periods were held before each council meeting, and special meetings were held on the Richvale sewer program, Mill Street reconstruction and transportation services."

Schiller said these meetings have allowed for useful exchanges between council and the public, but "of the approximately 60 meetings held I cannot recall Regional Councillor Rowe attending a single one."

"That is an attitude of politicians past which I had hoped by now would have been done away with."

In his statement on government costs, Rowe said Richmond Hill's expenditures have been rising faster on a per-capita basis than those of any other York Region municipality.

"This trend must be arrested, and if relected I intend to make municipal restraint a top priority."

"Spending increases in Richmond Hill have been startling. In the past five years they have averaged 20 per cent per year while our population has gone up about 1 per cent per year."

On a per capita basis, this is a rise in expenditures from \$85.73 in 1971 to \$148.63 in 1975.

Since 1974, Rowe said, spending "has jumped \$1.2 million or almost 30 per cent."

"A more businesslike approach should be taken with respect to our affairs. With a relatively static population, you can't hope to continue increasing the town's expenditures at such a rate without placing an unbearable load on our citizens."

Wright runs again for region chairman

NEWMARKET — York Regional Chairman Garfield Wright, who has held the job since the board began six years ago, announced last week he will seek the post again.

So far, Wright is the only candidate for the job, although rumors have had Mayors Evelyn Buck of Aurora and Bob Forhan of Newmarket, anxious to give

it a try, too.

A staunch backer of regional government, Wright said he supported the findings reached this year by the ministry of treasury, economics and governmental affairs that the main conclusions that must be derived from their recent financial review "is that re-organized municipalities have performed well."

Re-organization didn't cause growth problems, nor was it meant to be a solution for them, "but as a means to cope with them," the report said.

"The regional government in York provides the forum to insure that the views of all people throughout the region are presented in resolving all common problems," Wright said.

Regional council was coping with continuous growth problems and providing the necessary services for the people in the area, he said.

Born in East Gwillimbury in 1920, Wright resides on property that has been in his family for 130 years.

Owner of a general insurance business since 1952, Wright is a former reeve and deputy reeve of the township, and was warden of York County in 1968.

He was appointed chairman of York Region in 1970 for a four-year term, and was elected in 1975 for two years.

Duplicate street names investigated

NEWMARKET — Metropolitan Toronto has asked York Region to look into the duplication of street names, especially in the southern half where there are seven Church Streets.

Don Knight, director of the region's development branch, said the names present problems in emergencies, such as fire and ambulance calls.

According to a list from Metro submitted to the region, there are 54 sets of duplication in Richmond Hill, Markham, Woodbridge, Thornhill, Vaughan and Whitchurch - Stouffville.

Regional chairman Garfield Wright said the problem arose with the adoption of old subdivision plans.

Danson likes new job

THORNHILL — Canada's new minister of defence flew into his riding for two meetings Saturday and then flew right out again.

Barney Danson, MP for York North, was home for two seminars, paid for entirely by himself.

One was on youth and the other on senior citizen problems. They were held at the Thornhill Community Centre.

Two local reporters managed to corner him between sessions to find out how he felt about being switched from the ministry of urban affairs 10 days ago.

Shifting is always a "tormentous process", he said and an old minister must never interfere with what a new one is doing.

But as "an old soldier" he may have even wanted to move to defence too much. Danson started in the ranks of the Queen's Own Rifles, worked his way up to be an officer in the Second World War and was wounded in Normandy. He is now honorary colonel.

He was flying out of CFB Downsview Saturday to catch an 8 p.m. flight to Britain for a NATO conference.

Transport Minister Otto Lang has been given a rough ride in the House of Commons lately over \$800,000 worth of flights on government and military aircraft, including a trip to the Grey Cup game.

Danson's executive assistant, Betty Priddle, said Danson used government planes when he had no idea what his schedule was going to be.

"For example, this seminar was supposed to end at 4:30 p.m. but it will probably go to 5:30 p.m. and he has to be in Ottawa by 8 p.m."

He is careful about expenses, ordering the most economical car rentals, she said, and staying at inexpensive hotels.

He paid for the two seminars out of his own pocket. About 60 young people attended the morning session and 160 senior citizens the one in the afternoon. Advertising was done through a postman's walk through the whole York North riding.

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Trustee hopefuls roundup

A few latecomers didn't make it in time, but most of the York County board of education candidates in the area are included in a full-page roundup of election coverage. Page C-8.

For the first time ever, Langstaff Secondary has won the Georgian Bay senior soccer championship. Page B-1.

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