

Moran hopes for committee seat

MARKHAM — Markham regional councillor, Ron Moran is not yet finished in his fight to gain representation for his town on the region's engineering committee.

His motion at the inaugural meeting two weeks ago, that he be appointed to the committee was lost, but Moran says that he plans to bring the motion before regional council again.

"It's disastrous, for the single reason that we have so many projects before the engineering committee," said Moran, referring to major road construction plans in the Markham area.

"With the committees the way they are set, we have neither a voice nor a vote, and I'm disturbed."

A list of committee and board members was prepared by regional chairman Garfield Wright. After Moran's unsuccessful bid to have his name added to the engineering committee, council adopted the list as presented.

The list, leaving the appointment of chairmen to first meetings, is as follows.

Engineering — Erik Larsen, Georgina; Angus Morton, East

Gwillimbury; George Timpson, Aurora; Ray Twinney, Newmarket; Lou Wainwright, Richmond Hill; Garnet Williams, Vaughan.

Health and social services — Margaret Britnell, King; Moran, Gordon Ratcliff, Whitchurch-Stouffville; Dave Schiller, Richmond Hill; Timpson.

Region planners Planning committee— George Burrows, Forhan, Dave Fraser, Vaughan; Lois Hancey, Richmond Hill; Alma Walker, Markham.

Administrative committee — Britnell, Burrows, Forhan, Morton, Ratcliff, Roman, Schiller, Timpson, Williams. The latter are all mayors.

Board of health — Britnell, Moran, Ratcliff, Schiller, Timpson.

Police Commission — Roman, Twinney.

Children's Aid Society — four nominees from health and social services committee to be selected.

Conservation authorities Metro and Region Conservation Authority — Britnell, Hancey, Moran, Ratcliff, Williams.



RON MORAN
... region councillor

Non-elected representatives to the authority — J.A. Bryson, Vaughan; R.G. Henderson, Woodbridge; James Jonenele, Hi Lawrie; Markham, Floyd Perkins, Richmond Hill.

South Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority — Burrows, Morton, Timpson, Twinney.

Non-elected representatives — H. Lyons, Sutton West; G.H. Richardson, Newmarket; J. Rupke, Kettleby; J.W. Rye, Sharon.

York County Hospital Board — Larsen, Morton.

York Central Hospital Board — Wainwright, Walker.

CNE — Forhan.

Committee of managers for homes for the Aged — Britnell, Moran, Ratcliff, Schiller, Timpson.

York Region land division committee — R. E. McAfee of Woodbridge. Nominees will also be sought from Aurora and Newmarket.

'Mickey Mouse courses' rouses teachers' ire

AURORA — York County Board of Education this week agreed to drop so-called "Mickey Mouse" courses from

its resolutions, if not from its curriculum. The move came about after Chair-

man Craig Cribar received a letter from Don Nixon, president of District 11 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation, pointing out that the teachers were complaining about the wording of a resolution by Richmond Hill Trustee, Eric Baker.

In his resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Jim Corcoran of Woodbridge, who is also a high school student, Baker called for curriculum planners and educators to examine standards in all non-core subjects to ensure that they didn't offer "so-called Mickey Mouse courses".

Ambition and ability

Guidance counsellors would also advise students that entry to non-core courses "may require some evidence of ambition and ability to achieve any such subjects".

The resolution was based on the board's wish to encourage education in core curriculum subjects, and at the same time discourage students from by-passing them for "easy credits", Baker said.

In his letter, Nixon said that "the motion could be construed as questioning the integrity of teachers and supervisors", and also could "give rise to sensational speculation from the public as to the validity of the courses offered".

Teachers' petition

A petition signed by the teachers said that they were disturbed by the tone of the motion which they considered to be an "insult" to their integrity, and urged that "all responsible educators" oppose it.

"We further protest any implication that the 'standards' of any subject that we teach are not constantly being examined, or that our students do not presently receive the best possible advice as to their choice of subjects," the petition continued.

The teachers said that, while they thought the intent of the motion was positive, it was such that no teacher could escape its censure.

Basic skills were only part of a greater goal, which was to help students develop their maximum potentials as human beings.

Support teachers

Trustee Baker said that his motion was to support the efforts of the teachers and guidance professionals.

Thieves make off with garbage box

CONCORD — It was Concord that most met with the approval of area thieves last week.

Bowes Rd. was especially popular with two businesses hit at No. 349.

Taken from the Sandwich Nook was \$30 in cash, plus some cigarettes.

In the same building, Alaska's Outdoor Service was ransacked by thieves, who failed, however, to come up with any money.

At Modular Windows, on Snidercroft, five bottles of rye, valued at \$130, were taken.

Liquor was also the loot at Martyn Hedges, Jane St., where \$40 of it was taken.

In a break-in at Michelin Tire Corp., Keele St., police arrested Daniel Simpson, 20, of Toronto, on a charge of forcible entry.

Woodbridge, too
A garbage disposal box, valued at \$1,300, was stolen from Pinevalley Disposal in Woodbridge.

The box was 12 feet by eight feet by four.

Police are also seeking a fraud suspect in another case there.

Police said that the fraud took place last November when Robinson Adams Ltd., (Overhead Doors) Highway 50, paid \$170 down on a \$340 order to a man claiming to be selling advertising for plastic telephone covers.

He promised to return Dec. 15, but failed to show up, police said.

He did, however, cash the cheque.

Record heist
Triva Ord, Leventdale Rd., Richmond Hill, reported the theft of 250 record albums, a guitar and a clock radio, valued at \$1,410 in a break-in.

Frozen assets
A cash box located in a freezer at Super Boy Burgers, Wellington St., Markham, was emptied of its contents

of \$830, police reported.

Arrested for the matter was Michael McGregor 17, of Wellington W., Markham.

Bomb scare

A bomb scare proved negative at York Central Hospital Jan. 22. about 12:40 p.m., police said.

Although the caller said the bomb was due to go off in 30 minutes, a search of the hospital by Richmond Hill Fire Department, proved negative.

Sikh charges discrimination

UNIONVILLE — A public board of inquiry has been appointed to hear a complaint by a Unionville man of religious discrimination in employment.

The board, appointed by Bette Stephenson, minister of labour, under the Ontario Human Rights Code, will hear the complaint by Ishar Singh of 9 Ferrah St.

Mr. Singh, a Sikh, alleges that he was denied consideration for a job as a security guard by Security Investigation Services Protection Co. of Toronto because he wears a beard and turban.

Although the company insists its employees be clean-shaven and conform to its requirements regarding uniforms, the complainant maintains that both beard and turban are an integral part of his religion.

The efforts of the Ontario Human Rights Commission to effect a conciliation settlement in this complaint were not successful.

No date and place of the board hearing has yet been announced.

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