

Vaughan may lose \$750,000 in grants

By Denise Romberg

NEWMARKET — It's become a matter of creating a regional identity, explained David Fraser, Vaughan regional councillor, last week after his town's Ontario Housing Action Program (OHAP) scheme was turned back to planning committee for comments.

"The problem is that if we don't act by the deadline, Vaughan will lose \$750,000 worth of grants", Fraser said. Vaughan's OHAP scheme concerns a piece of property known as Pine Valley Village or East Woodbridge.

Outside plan
The property is located outside of the overall plan for Vaughan as outlined in A Recommended Strategy for Urban Development for South Central York.

Now referred to by the regional engineering department as Technical Paper No. 8, the document designates a 20,000 population for the town of Woodbridge.

That population is based upon the planned capacity of the York-Durham sewer — the big pipe. Under consideration is a 1,000-acre block, enough land to provide housing for 20,000 people — double the number in the regional Technical Paper No. 8.

"It seems to be the implication in this report that the whole 20,000 will be OHAP", said Fraser, referring to the OHAP proposal before council.

"We're talking about attempting to speed up development of 80 acres. That's 50 per cent of the 1,000-acre block and only 40 per cent will be OHAP," explained Fraser.

That translates as 8,000 people. But there is no provision for them in the York-Durham servicing plan.

Approval implied
The first of the two reports presented to council from the engineering committee, was essentially an agreement to agree in principle to the OHAP program.

"This agreement does not bind us to spend one nickel", Fraser explained to council.

"The figures don't mean anything," added Vaughan Mayor Garnet Williams.

Releases grants
"The agreement releases the grants. The province knows we're committed," Williams said.

The engineering department is concerned about both servicing the OHAP housing and meeting the dates set out in the agreement with the province.

The project is supposed to have final approval from the region by the end of March — the same time that the OHAP comes to an end.

Trustees consider enlarging board

RICHMOND HILL — Membership on the York Region Roman Catholic separate school board will be increased in the next municipal election, Chairman John McDermott told the board Tuesday.

The increase comes as a result of the recent census showing the region's population has passed the 200,000 mark.

GEM store sale likely

If all goes well in current negotiations with the owners and the municipality, a Beaver Lumber Home Centre will move into the spot recently vacated by GEM stores on Yonge Street in Thornhill.

Speaking on behalf of the Beaver Lumber Co. Ltd., real estate manager Jack Bingleman stated that, if all goes according to plan, renovations will begin at the end of January or early February to convert the premises into one of their large new 'almost department like' stores, selling home products.

"We expect it to be a very successful store", says Mr. Bingleman. It will be the largest Beaver Lumber store in the general Toronto area and will provide "a good broad selection of our kind of merchandise" meeting a need that the company feels has not so far been catered to in the Willowdale, Thornhill and Richmond Hill areas.

Barring complications, it is hoped the store will be open to the public in April or early May.

Consequently, two more members will be added to the board bringing the total to 16 trustees.

Unfair last time
"Because the last determination was judged an unfair way to proceed, the board will ask town clerks to permit at least one trustee to represent each of the region's nine municipalities", McDermott explained.

In the determination prior to the December municipal election, the towns of Aurora and Whitchurch-Stouffville were combined to elect one trustee as were East Gwillimbury and Georgina.

"Georgina has sufficient assessment to have one trustee", McDermott said.

47-year Hill resident dies

RICHMOND HILL — A resident of Richmond Hill for 47 years, Violet Elizabeth Cooper of 170 Lucas Street, died Jan. 15 at York Central Hospital. Cause of death is believed to be cardiac failure.

Mrs. Cooper was born in Schomberg June 9, 1907 and came to live in Richmond Hill 23 years later.

A member of the Richmond Hill United Church, Mrs. Cooper is survived by her husband, Albert, daughter, Jean McCabe of King, son William Ronald Cooper of 100 Cedar Ave. in Richmond Hill, six grandchildren, two great grandchildren, brothers, Ron Foster of Islington, and John Foster of Schomberg, and sisters, Agnes Foster of Orillia and Lillian Ryerse of North Bay.

Funeral services were held Jan. 19 at Marshall's Funeral Home officiated by Rev. Bob Shorten of Richmond Hill United Church.



Langstaff lovelies

The countdown has started and by tomorrow night (Thursday) one of these young Langstaff lovelies could be Queen of the Winter Carnival for 1977. Judging takes place at Thursday's big dinner dance at the Royal Canadian Legion hall, with crowning the following evening at the Mill Pond at 8 o'clock. Doing the judging will be last year's Carnival

Queen, Lauren Ecclestone; Toronto Argonaut lineman, Wayne Allison; and possibly injured Toronto Maple Leaf star, Darryl Sittler. Carnival princesses: centre front, Wanda Marciak, Richmond Hill; left to right, Marilyn Steele, Thornhill; Rina Cerone, Maple; Sue Whalen, Richmond Hill; Donna Guidolin, Maple.

Quorum lacking

NEWMARKET — The regional planning committee fell one member short of achieving a quorum at their first scheduled meeting.

That gave council the opportunity to refer Vaughan's Ontario Housing Action Program scheme back to planning committee for comments.

The committee, if three of their five members show up, will consider the OHAP scheme in this afternoon's agenda.

Only David Fraser, Vaughan regional councillor and Lois Hancey, Richmond Hill regional councillor, arrived for the meeting.

Absent were Bob Forhan, Newmarket mayor; Alma Walker, Markham regional councillor; and George Burrows, Georgina mayor.

No snow shortage for Hill carnival

RICHMOND HILL — Last year, about this time, snow had to be imported for the Winter Carnival from somewhere near Keswick, because of the spring-like temperatures in Richmond Hill.

However, this year, the town would be happy to export most of the white stuff.

The snow has both given the area a clean, crisp look most of the winter, but added a few new words to the vocabularies of its motorists as well.

Winter Carnival organizers are happy about the weather because it means plenty of entries for the snow sculpting contest.

Low temperatures also mean the

works will be on display for awhile afterwards, too.

Chairman of this year's carnival is Bill Ruttle.



Other members: Paul Hunter, vice-chairman; Dave Barrow, prizes; Joan Flett, prizes; Gladys Banks, secretary; Anja Beggs, publicity; Evie Ruttle, Don Wulf, food; Ed Banks, John Cook, Carnival Queen; Ian MacLean, Bill Law, buttons; Tom Carvin, bed race; Bruce Wulf, communications; Norm McLeod, co-ordinator public and separate school activities; Ed Sackfield, public and separate school hockey tournaments; Al Fry, snowmobile rides; Bill Lazenby, donations; Warren Davey, Dalt Hicks, Shaun Beggs, past president.

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- The Council of The Corporation of the Town of Vaughan intends to construct sanitary sewers, the necessary appurtenances thereto, and private sewer connections on:
 - (a) **LONGBRIDGE ROAD** - from Yonge Street westerly to the trunk sanitary sewer located approximately 250' west of Registered Plan M-681.
 - (b) **IDLESWIFT DRIVE** - from Vistaview Boulevard to Longbridge Road.
 - (c) **BUNKER ROAD** - from Yonge Street to Shasta Drive.
 - (d) **SHASTA DRIVE** - from Longbridge Road to Uplands Avenue.
 - (e) **VISTAVIEW BOULEVARD** - from Longbridge Road to Uplands Avenue.
 - (f) **CAVALIER CRESCENT** - from Vistaview Boulevard to Idleswift Drive.
 - (g) **UPLANDS AVENUE** - from Yonge Street to Riverside Boulevard.
 - (h) **HELEN AVENUE** - from Yonge Street to Riverside Boulevard and the outlet portion westerly to the trunk sanitary sewer approximately 840' west of Riverside Drive.
 - (i) **THORNHILL AVENUE** - from Yonge Street to Riverside Boulevard.
 - (j) **PARKWAY AVENUE** - from Thornhill Avenue to Riverside Boulevard.
 - (k) **FAIRLEA AVENUE** - from Thornhill Avenue to Riverside Boulevard.
 - (l) **RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD** - from Parkway Avenue to Uplands Avenue.
 - (m) **YONGE STREET** - from Longbridge Road southerly to a point approximately 880' south of Thornhill Avenue.

as a local improvement and intends to specially assess a part of the cost upon the land abutting on the work.

- The estimated cost of the work is \$943,750.00 of which \$242,633.00 is to be paid by the Corporation. The estimated cost per foot frontage is \$21.05 and the estimated cost of each private sewer connection is \$516.00. The special assessment is to be paid in twenty (20) annual instalments.
- In addition to the above work the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Vaughan intends to construct as a local improvement, an "outfall" sewer southerly from the west limit of Registered Plan M-1279 to the trunk sanitary sewer a distance of approximately 860' to provide an outlet for sewerage from an existing preserved area. The lands fronting or abutting on or through which the outlet is constructed are not benefited or served thereby and the cost shall be deemed to be the cost of a sewer on the following streets, which are benefited and served:
 - (a) **MEDOW HEIGHT COURT** - from Riverside Boulevard to its west limit.
 - (b) **RIVERSIDE BOULEVARD** - from the north limit of Registered Plan M-1279 to the south limit of the Plan.
- The estimated cost of the "outfall" sewer is \$42,000.00 of which \$8,450.00 is to be paid by the Corporation. The estimated cost per foot frontage is \$16.01 to be paid in twenty (20) annual instalments.
- Persons desiring the petition against undertaking the work must do so on or before the 9th day of March, 1977.

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