

Driveway doldrums

RICHMOND HILL — Although a local resident has offered to pay the entire construction and maintenance cost for a 300-foot roadway into his land-locked property, Richmond Hill council Monday refused to co-operate.

Angelo Fidele, with his solicitor Alan Fenster, couldn't persuade councillors to bend a town bylaw.

The bylaw stipulates the town must assume all roads built to provincial standards and that, once assumed, the town must maintain those roads.

Without a road into his 4-acre holding, Fidele is unable to get a building permit for a home. His property is located north of Snively Street off Bayview.

"Our bylaw is quite clear," said Councillor Mike Burnie.

"I'm not prepared — whether Fidele or God constructs it — to have taxpayers pick up a 300-foot road to plow out for Mr. Fidele."

Commissioner of Works Bernard Toporowski told councillors the 300-foot road built to provincial standards, would cost approximately \$11,000.

"I don't see where it could do any harm," said Councillor Bill Corcoran. "We could put the maintenance contract right in the deed."

"You can't have us break our own laws," maintained Burnie.

"I find it preposterous he would come and ask us for that," he said.

"If we assume it," countered Corcoran, "we get a subsidy. He's going to pay the shot. I think we're one ahead."

It was all to no avail, however, and council resolved not to allow construction of the road.

"Just think," said Corcoran afterwards, "if everyone here were dedicated to helping people. Just think of what could be done! Instead, here we are, playing politics."

Spring Mills called non-existent

NEWMARKET — York Region council was asked last week to take action on a non-existent item.

Regional Planning Chairman Dave Fraser (Vaughan) moved the

region approve Amendment 9 to the Official Plan of Richmond Hill... the Spring Mills development.

The week before, however, Richmond Hill council had rescinded the

approving bylaw.

Bayview Avenue.

Spring Mills Estates Limited was an application to rezone 108.7 acres just south of the Trailwood subdivision at Gormley Road and

Councillor Fraser argued, "There has been some question raised as to the validity of Richmond Hill's bylaw."

solicitor his clients will be taking it to court," he said.

"I did discuss the matter with Councillor Fraser," Spring Mills solicitor Ron Bederman told The Liberal Tuesday. "But I'm not sure that's what I said."

"I don't know what course of action we're going to follow," said Bederman.

"But it's safe to say," he added, "when we do

make a decision, you'll probably be the last to know."

Regional Solicitor Ted Oakes refused to make a recommendation on what he called a non-existent item.

"Besides," he said, "I wouldn't want to deal with something if there were legal actions pending."

"The region," said Richmond Hill Clerk Dave Weldon, "cannot, to

the best of my knowledge, overrule the town on its Official Plan."

Contacted Tuesday, Fraser told The Liberal "I wouldn't support a motion that attempted to negate the actions of a local council... maybe that's the problem with regional government!"

Councillor Lois Hancey (Richmond Hill) seconded Fraser's motion, which was tabled for clarification.

2 local actors nominated

TORONTO — Clive Ryland and Jean Halliwell, who appeared as the bemused parents in the Curtain Club's production of "All in Good Time" in January, received nominations for best performance in a supporting role at the presentation of Festival awards at the Royal York

Hotel, Apr. 16. Ryland and Halliwell were two of eight nominations for the Blanche Hogg Award, which was won by Malcolm Martin of the Eastside Players for his role in Ibsen's "A Doll House."

Martin has also ap-

peared with the Curtain Club.

Last year, Ryland and Halliwell received nominations in the best

actor and best actress category. This year the two categories have been reduced to the sole state of best performer.

Favor manse move

NEWMARKET — Regional councillors last week pushed the moving of Richmond Hill's Presbyterian manse a little further through government red tape by giving their blessing to the undertaking.

Although it was made clear the region is deemed 'the municipality' under the Conservation Act, Councillor Bob Forhan of Newmarket said he was afraid a precedent was being set that could

become contagious. Lou Wainwright of Richmond Hill spoke on behalf of the project and said he was "kind of disappointed the town only saw fit to donate \$100."

The old manse is to be moved to Pioneer Village. Local newspapers and the Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce have been asked to undertake and co-ordinate a public appeal and subscription to assist in paying the cost.

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