

# Big pipe wags Hill

Regional and provincial 'roles' suggested for Richmond Hill's future have failed to impress Councillor Andy Chateauvert.

"You try to remove our fears and concerns by saying 'don't worry—it's flexible'. But when it comes into effect it's not flexible at all," he said.

"We keep being told we have freedom to plan our municipality. I think it's an

act by the provincial government; something to appear good for publicity's sake."

"The service scheme proposed leaves very little choice because of the enormous cost of installation."

Chateauvert was addressing former regional planner Murray Pound, who appeared at Richmond Hill council Monday night.

"I fail to see how you can build a system (the Central York Servicing System) without expecting considerable growth pressure to follow," conceded Pound.

"I can't imagine what councils in future are going to have to go through to maintain any semblance of urban separators with a big main going through the land," he said.

Although Pound said he felt further delay might mean a 'go-ahead' with a smaller pipe, thus reducing the flexibility of the scheme, Mike Burnie had a different point of view.

"Perhaps the region could keep the size of the pipe down. It reduces the alternatives, but perhaps that's a good thing," he said.

"It would be a good statement of faith by the region that they do want to keep growth slow."

Pound suggested Richmond Hill and Newmarket may well become the two major centres in York Region "or you have the option of abdicating any role and to grow as a pleasant urban municipality."

"You could even become the principle urban centre," said Pound.

"I hesitate to comment on where the regional seat may end up."

Council is still considering the options.

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## Ministry wants dump area cut

The central region office of the ministry of the environment has called for a significant reduction in the area to be used for landfill in the Maple pits.

In a report just completed, the ministry assesses the proposal to fill 900 acres of Maple gravel pits with sanitary landfill. It states concerns about water contamination, dust, noise, truck traffic and gases escaping from the site.

Both applicants (Crawford Allied Industries and the Waste Management subsidiary, Disposal Services Ltd) made applications that would "maximize the use of the Maple Pits for landfill and would not guarantee the preservation of the natural environment for the use and enjoyment of adjoining property owners," the report states.

But the ministry goes on to say it could support landfilling for the rehabilitation of the main pit only under certain conditions.

It would require:

- an integrated design giving full consideration of constraints related to water contamination.

— a detailed operational-management agreement that would provide buffers to ensure the minimization of off-site migration of contaminants and would reduce the aesthetic and nuisance effects caused by landfilling.

The ministry first indicated its lack of support of the applications in an assessment last year. The applicants got an adjournment of the environmental board hearings so they could revamp their presentations.

The ministry's assessment of the revamped proposals will be the next report on the board agenda when hearings resume this month.

Crawford is proposing wells to purge the ground of contaminated water.

The ministry is concerned whether the pumpage estimate is accurate and whether details of the hydrogeological factors involved are sufficiently evaluated.

The most advantageous location for such a system would be on the perimeter of the total area involved.

Superior Sand, Gravel and Supplies are proposing liners and a collection tile system. (The plastic liners have

been described by laymen as giant garbage bags).

The ministry takes the position that the long term integrity of the liner operation has not been proven and that a back-up system is required.

The proposals, particularly that by Superior Sand, Gravel and Supplies Ltd. do not consider sufficiently the infancy of control systems, the report states.

The ministry agrees with the consultants that water quality and quantity will deteriorate away from the site. It states the ministry is prepared to undertake corrective measures, but they fall short of the present ministry policy.

The report states there has been no co-ordination of the two proposals to date.

Truck traffic, it states, has been a problem for years and the ministry is recommending a northerly bypass "although no alternate route would remove all the negative impacts."

The systems to control the flow of gases from the landfill site are still considered inadequate, and the report advocates a buffer zone to minimize the visual, noise, dust and odor effects.

## Maple judicial inquiry

Premier William Davis Thursday contained political comment on a \$35,000 donation to the Progressive Conservative campaign chest in 1974 by announcing a judicial inquiry.

According to stories in The Wall Street Journal and The Globe and Mail, the donation was linked in the books of Waste Management Inc., the American parent of Disposal Services Ltd., to the company's Maple landfill site.

The Canadian subsidiary had one 20-acre site in Maple approved and has been presenting evidence on the site since last fall before the provincial environmental assessment board.

It is making a joint application with the other major gravel pit owner in

Maple, Crawford Allied Industries Ltd., to fill nearly 900 acres of pits with garbage. There is no connection between Crawford and the companies under the Waste Management umbrella.

Davis attacked The Globe story for trying to make the case, through a selective positioning of facts and considerable innuendo, that there is a cause and effect relationship between the donation, and approvals for landfill sites in Maple.

"As is the case with any other political donation to our party, no cause and effect relationship of this kind exists," he said.

He said he had no alternative, since we are in the midst of an election, but to order the inquiry "to protect the reputation of loyal civil servants, to protect the integrity of the fund raising process which sustains all political parties, and quite frankly, because I will not tolerate any innuendo with respect to my own integrity."

York Region council Thursday voted unanimously to ask that the terms of

the inquiry be broadened to include donations to municipal councillors.

Davis denied at a press conference that the reason for the inquiry was to curtail comments on the situation during the election campaign.

But Alf Stong, incumbent Liberal MPP for York Centre, said Friday, "He squelched it. I can't comment, none of us can comment because the matter is under judicial review and we might be found in contempt of court," said the Richmond Hill lawyer.

Norman Goodhead, former reeve of North York, was an employee of Disposal Services Ltd. when the donation was made, and is now the president.

A volunteer fund-raiser for the Conservatives at the time, he said he recommended the donation, and about \$10,000 that was given to municipal candidates.

Mr. Goodhead said Disposal Services asked the Toronto law firm of Goodman and Goodman for a legal opinion on the \$35,000 donation and was told there was nothing improper about it.

## Local politicians want to be cleared

"We should have our names cleared too."

At the request of King Mayor Margaret Britnell, regional council last week resolved to ask Premier Bill Davis to expand his proposed inquiry into charges of influence peddling to include municipal politicians.

Britnell referred to a Globe and Mail report that a large American-owned garbage operation in Maple contributed \$35,000 to the Davis campaign in 1974.

The permit was granted shortly thereafter, much to the dismay of Maple residents.

In the same story, it was reported the company gave about \$10,000 per year to local and municipal politicians.

"Davis should enlarge the investigation to include innuendoes concerning regional and municipal councils," said Britnell.

"It should go still further," suggested Richmond Hill Mayor David Schiller. "They should look into legislation to disclose campaign contributions at the municipal level."

"At the local level, where so much power is vested, the province has not yet seen fit to bring in legislation concerning that," he said.

There was no seconder for Schiller's addendum.

"We're entitled to have all our names cleared," said Vaughan's David Fraser.

The Britnell resolution passed.

## All-candidate night

A York Centre provincial election all-candidates meeting was being planned at press time for 8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at Hillcrest Mall auditorium.

Citizens Advisory Group Chairman Dawn Osmond said details would be available later.



**View from the clouds**

An aerial view of one of the sanitary landfill sites at Maple. A subsidiary of Waste Management Inc. had one site approved by the ministry of the environment

and is one of the applicants for a 900-acre proposed site that could take 40 years to fill.



**Queen of the Spring Fair**

That lovely smile belongs to Marilyn Payne, 18, of Denham Dr., Thornhill, who was crowned Queen of the Spring Fair in Richmond Hill last week. And while it's a happy one, it was

also tinged with a bit of surprise. "I didn't expect to win at all," Marilyn told The Liberal. Marilyn, who is a student at Humber College, will now be a contestant for Miss CNE at the

end of August. In the meantime, she'll stay in trim through horseback riding and swimming. She'll also teach swimming this summer at Woodbridge.

## Attendance up 4,000

Richmond Hill's 128th annual Spring Fair is over for 1977, but work on next year's is about to begin.

"We have our first meeting in June," said Stella Lekx, chairman of the ladies' committee, as she went over the attendance figures for the fair just past.

And what figures they were. A total of 10,000 people, up 4,000 from last year, passed through the turnstiles.

Another 500 to 600 were admitted on passes.

Entries were also up in every

division, as much as 25 to 30 per cent in the sheep category, for example.

The horses reached a high of 58 in one class, while there were 90 entries in the Jersey class.

The whole thing was bigger and better than it's ever been," said President Arnold Mortson.

Prices were also up, but only slightly, with the children paying 50 cents this time, compared to 25 cents last year.

How did they account for the fair's rousing success?

"Hard work on the committee's part," replied Mrs. Lekx.

The fair also had excellent weather to help it through its three days.

"The politicians all tried to take credit for that," Mrs. Lekx said.

In fact, it was so sunny and dry this year that president Mortson said they had to call on the fire department to hose down the dust.

"Usually it's muddy," he said. Muddy or dry, it was a fair to remember.

## Rap region's junket to Tokyo

Vaughan council's unhappiness is continuing with the regional decision to send three members of its engineering committee and an employee to a roads convention in Japan.

Councillors formally adopted the resolution expressing their indignation at the regional decision made last week, but they had trouble suppressing their laughter while they were doing it.

One reason was Regional Councillor

Dave Fraser, who voted for the trip at the region, voted against it at the local level.

Council's shortest member, Ab Hollingshead said the regional decision made as much sense "as me going to Japan to open a tall shop. The Japanese have been importing other people's technology for years. Now they will be selling it back to us."

Mayor Garnet Williams was the only one opposing the resolution, not because he approved of the trip, he said, but because the council would be interfering in something that was the region's own responsibility.

Regional council approved the engineering committee's request to spend its \$10,000 convention budget on

sending four people to the Canadian Roads and Transportation Conference in Vancouver and another four to the International Roads Federation Eighth World Meeting in Tokyo.

Markham Councillor Ron Moran said he attended the international convention four years ago and it was the best he had ever been at.

## Catch Jesse James

What's in a name? Police last week arrested a youth who they said was attempting to get money from the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Whitechurch-Stouffville with a stolen credit card.

His name? Jesse James Pratt, 17, of Yorkdale Rd., Toronto.

Pratt faces charges of possession over \$200, attempted fraud, personation and possession of a stolen credit card.

## Smoke kills man

The Ontario Fire Marshal's office is investigating a fire in which Georg Schneider, 55, of 51 Steeles Ave. W., Thornhill, died in his camper of smoke inhalation.

The fire occurred about 10 a.m., May 14, while the camper was parked on a lot at 41 Maple Ave. in Richmond Hill, an industrial area.

Careless smoking has been blamed. Richmond Hill fire department attended.

## Richvale sewer expletive deleted

At least one Thornhill resident is less than tickled by the town's plans to install sewer pipes on Roosevelt Drive.

George Geason of 61 Roosevelt, in a May 6 letter, had little kind to say about the plan, arguing all but one septic system was operating just fine.

"Why the (expletive deleted) does the Richmond Hill town council force us to pay such a terrific price for sewer pipes which we do not need?!" writes Geason.

Geason claims his feelings are shared by 47 of the 48 households on the street.

Council Monday night referred his letter, and a petition from Roosevelt Drive residents about the traffic situation on the road, to engineering committee.

### Inside The Liberal

**She left Broadway**

From Broadway to the Curtain Club. That's Jimmi Hunt of Thornhill. See story, entertainment page C8.

The Liberal advertising and business office will be closed Monday May 23 (Victoria Day) but the news and sports departments will be open. The display advertising deadline for next week's paper is 5 p.m. Friday, and the classified advertising deadline 10 a.m. Tuesday.

Bob Domik returns to Dynes Jewellers as the team opens its 1977 season Thursday night. See page B1 sports.

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