

# Maple Theme Park closer to reality



## New president

New president of the Richmond Hill Rotary Club is Len Jones, right. Here he receives the gavel from past president Bruce Lloyd.

## Len Jones named Rotary president

Richmond Hill Rotary's 25th year ended with a gavel presentation recently.

Past President Bruce Lloyd presented the gavel of office to incoming president Len Jones.

Among its many projects, the club gave donations of money and personal service to York Central Hospital, arranged for 36 judges and more than \$1,400 worth of prizes for the Science Fair, and supported hockey, winter carnival and other local projects.

International, the Club hosted a Group Study

Exchange from Brazil, supported two children in Latin America, participated with other Rotary Clubs in providing a base dairy herd to Haiti, with Oshawa Rotary Club provided a wind generator to purify water to Petitville, Haiti, and became a 500 per cent supporter of the Rotary Foundation, a program for the international exchange of students.

Funds for the numerous projects were raised through the sale of tickets to Rotary Travelogue, Christmas trees, peanuts, and bench advertising.

While Mickey Rooney didn't make it to town last week, Mickey Mouse could be just around the corner.

Or Yogi Bear, anyway, and other denizens of the proposed Maple Theme Park.

At least that was the implication as Vaughan council got together for back-to-back meetings last Monday night and discussed various aspects of the park, as if it already were a fait accompli.

At present, an amendment to the town's official plan, which includes the park, is before the ministry of the environment for approval.

Even councillors Lorna Jackson and Jim Cameron, who have opposed the park from the beginning, discussed the matters at hand — water, sewage and roads — with a view to at least getting the best deal on them.

In a recorded vote at

the end of the meeting, they did, however, vote against two proposals put forth on the park. One was to ask the Region of York to request the province speed up the program for completion of the Maple trunk sanitary sewer in order to serve the park by Feb. 1981. The motions were passed, 4-2.

The park which is to be located at Highway 400 and Major Mackenzie, is scheduled to open in the spring of 1981.

The same resolution was to inform the region that 240 acres of the 320-acre park, are designated for commercial purposes.

Most of the evening's discussion, however, centred around two proposals: Concept 2A and Concept 3.

The latter concerned alternative road routes, with Rutherford Rd. being favoured over Major Mackenzie Dr. by traffic engineers from

both the region and the ministry of transportation and communications in a recent study.

A breakdown of costs showed Concept 2A (Major Mackenzie) at \$1,423,000 for road costs, and \$25,000 for land, for a total of \$1,448,000.

The same breakdown for Concept 3 showed \$1,300,000 for the road, and \$656,000 for land, for a total of \$1,956,000.

Both costs were for services outside the boundary of the park.

Under Concept 2A, the developer would pay all costs except as follows:

On Rutherford Rd. from Keele to Jane, the town would pay for reconstruction of the road between the reconstructed intersections at Keele and Jane.

From Jane to Weston Rd, the developer would pay any increased maintenance costs related to use of the road by park traffic. The park would also pay for road reconstruction if park traffic were sufficient — 400 vehicles daily — to warrant it.

Under Concept 3, the town would pay the cost of reconstruction of Rutherford Rd., between

the reconstructed sections at Keele and Jane. The developer would pay the total cost of reconstruction from Jane to Weston Rd.

The town also stated that it accepted both concepts as technically feasible, but favored Concept 3. It then proposed that the developer "pursue the development of Concept 3" until May 30, 1978. If it were proved that it could not "be pursued due to excessive land costs, the

town will accept Concept 2A."

That brought forth an objection from Councillor Jackson. She said the wording allowed the developer to just sit back for nine months and then come back and say it wouldn't work.

She suggested "accept" be changed to "consider."

"Otherwise, we're accepting 2A now," she said.

Town solicitor Tom Fraser, who was called in to give his views in the

matter, said it would mean council was going to make its presentation without an approved route, only a possible route. That wasn't inconsistent with the fact they had two feasible routes.

Council said that the resolution was necessary "as a requirement of the region in order to deduct the industrial allocation from the total provided to Vaughan and to design and provide the facilities necessary for service to the park."



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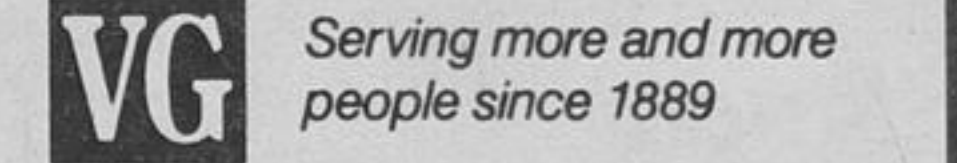
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## Association plans family day, dance

By DOREEN LIVINGSTON 889-9922

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Parents 'N Kids Olympics will be held at the German Mills Public School grounds from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be events for children and adults of all ages. The track meet is being co-ordinated by Gary Randall, a German Mills resident.

Admission is free and hot dogs and drinks may be purchased on the grounds. The event is open to all residents of the community.

Jeans 'N Things Dance No. two will be held at the Thornhill Community Center at John and Bayview the evening of the Sept. 24 from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

The admission price of \$10 per couple includes a casual discotheque type family dance emceed by a well known disc jockey, and a cold buffet.

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