



St. Luke's parish casino night held at the Thornhill Community Centre Friday was a great success. George Morely of Shieldmark Cres. dealt at the blackjack table. Playing the game are Frank Graham, Don Parkhill, Maura Harrington and Don MacNeil.

Public will hear hydro plan

Richmond Hill Council Monday nearly approved a hydro system for the town without the public's input, but Councillor Lois Hancey stopped it.

And whether it's the best deal for people or not, they should at least have some say in the matter, Councillor Hancey told The Liberal yesterday.

Council Monday was putting the finishing touches on discussions with members of the Richmond Hill Hydro Commission regarding the proposed electrical utility restructuring scheme.

From a Council in Committee meeting last week came the recommendation that "the Town support the proposed Lower Tier System of Hydro Utility for the Town of Richmond Hill, and further suggest that area municipalities who do not wish to establish or expand commissions be permitted to operate as at present".

The Lower Tier system would encompass the existing Richmond Hill Hydro, Vaughan Hydro, Markham Hydro and Ontario Hydro into one commission within the boundaries of the Regional Municipality of Richmond Hill.

But Councillor Hancey wonders if there will be one rate or three under the new system.

She said she has seen only an average figure for Richmond Hill, and that was 2.707 cents per kilowatt hour.

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"It's just not that much different," she said.

"I'm not saying bigger is better, but we can't stay with the status quo forever," she said.

At the meeting Monday, Councillor Hancey, who agreed the lower tier concept may be the best for the residents, still believed they should be told all the alternatives.

"There are lots of

questions I want to ask," she said. "And if council doesn't hold a public meeting, I'll hold my own."

"I thought we were in the position of getting the best break for the consumer," she said.

Mayor David Schiller said the obvious conclusion is "the lower tier is the cheapest form of hydro for the area".

Councillor Bill Corcoran noted the "public will be more satisfied if we let them know what is going on".

While the discussion carried on at length, the final recorded vote showed everyone in favor of deferring the motion until public meetings can be held.

The motion also asked for the support of York Regional Council in the formation of public meetings.

Councillor Hancey pointed out yesterday that the terms of

reference showed that the steering committee of the restructuring group requires that public participation programs be developed at the local level.

"There must be public meetings and written submissions must be sought from municipal and regional (county) councils, utility commissions and special interest groups," a 1976 policy statement from the steering committee states.

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United Way

Former councillor heads York industrial campaign

Former Markham councillor Bob Adams has jumped into another campaign, but this one isn't political.

Adams is heading the industrial campaign for the United Way of York Region. York's United Way is completely independent from Metropolitan Toronto's.

The target for York Region is \$400,000 to help 14 health and social service agencies in the region.

The campaign won't reach its goal without leadership from corporations, said Adams.

Ed. Fritz, president of Steelcase Ltd., is heading the campaign in the Don Mills industrial area.

year, the United Way raised \$186,000.

"It can't be repeated too often," says campaign director Bob Higgs, "that the United Way is providing essential community services in an area where there is high volunteer involvement."

The \$400,000 target is a bare bones budget, he said.

The recommendation for each agency was reviewed by an independent committee of private citizens before being accepted, he said.

The agencies and their recommended allocations are:

Newmarket and District Association for the Mentally Retarded, \$35,000; Operation Catch-up, \$40,000; Richmond Hill and Thornhill Area Family Services, \$31,000; Social Planning Council Richmond Hill and Area, \$300; York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded, \$40,000; York Region Family "Y", \$30,000; York Region Credit Counselling Service, \$6,755.

The cost of the campaign and year-round administration, including budget screening, allocations information, campaign information and publicity materials is \$52,295.

The \$400,000 target would also build in a \$29,715 emergency reserve allowance which the United Way could dip into if there was a bad year or some disaster that required special assistance from the United Way, said Higgs.

There is also \$20,000 allowed for pledges not paid because of interruptions in payroll deduction or employment.

Anyone who would like to volunteer for canvassing may call 884-0132.

Aurora-Newmarket and District Family Life Centre, \$14,150; CNIB York Region Advisory Board \$45,000; The Canadian Red Cross-Ontario Division, Newmarket and District branch, \$15,000; Markham Family Life Centre, \$16,000; Georgina Family Life Centre, \$11,420; Helpmate and Information Services, \$8,025; Information Markham, \$4,500; The

Choir practises now underway

Rehearsals for the York Philharmonic Choir's 1977-78 season are now underway, according to Jutta Fahrenkamm, the group's publicity chairman.

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