

# Former Hill worker saves baby

A very lucky 4½-month-old Thornhill baby girl is happy and healthy in hospital today after being dead about four minutes last Wednesday.

Jennifer Royale Woods was snatched from her screaming mother's arms by apartment superintendent Carl Hodgins.

He's an instructor-examiner in first aid for the Order of St. John and a former Richmond Hill ambulance attendant.

"The good Lord must have been looking over my shoulder. I was excited, working desperately with everything I know," Hodgins told The Liberal.

"She was screaming 'My baby's dead, my baby's dead. The baby was blue and limp. Her heart was stopped.'"

Hodgins used mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. He applied compressions to start the heart and force blood to the brain.

Probing with his finger, he found the baby's throat

was packed solid with food from the stomach. He blew the food back into the stomach.

They were about two blocks away from the apartment house at 170 Dudley Ave. around 2½ minutes later on the way to York Central Hospital in another tenant's car "before I got her back, got her to take her first gasp," says Hodgins. "She started to cry and I kept her crying."

At the hospital when the baby was comfortable and happy, Mrs. Heather Woods knelt beside the crib.

"If you could have ever seen love in a mother's eyes, then you would have seen it at that moment," says Hodgins.

"I walked out about 10 feet tall. That was my thanks," he says.

Mrs. Woods says she found her baby had stopped breathing and was dead about 1½ minutes.

She started screaming, "My baby's stopped breathing" and ran out in the hall for help.

A neighbor couple, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gauld grabbed Mrs. Woods, said they had a car and ran downstairs with mother and baby.

Hodgins says it's very hard to work on a small baby that has choked. An adult's lungs hold so much more air and are powerful enough to burst a baby's lungs.

"You just can't blow too hard," he says. At the hospital the doctor said, "That was a nice piece of work," which made Hodgins really feel good.

Mrs. Woods told The Liberal she wanted to publicly express her thanks to her baby's rescuer.

Jennifer at Sick Children's Hospital yesterday was to have an examination to see if there is anything physically wrong that might have caused her to choke, and if so, to have it corrected.

The worst Jennifer suffered was a little fluid and food that got into her lungs during the rescue, Mrs. Woods says.



Thank you kiss is delivered by Mrs. Heather Woods of Thornhill to apartment superintendent Carl Hodgins, former Richmond Hill ambulance driver and first aid examiner who brought four-month-old Woods baby back to life after the baby choked and stopped breathing for several minutes last week.

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### Richvale sewer project

## Residents fight back against 'rude' workers

By JIM IRVING  
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A group of residents from Richvale, tired of muddy conditions and rude remarks from a sewer contractor in their area, did a little mudslinging of their own Thursday.

Appearing before Richmond Hill's engineering committee meeting, the group met M. M. Dillon Consulting Engineers senior members, who contracted Pachino Construction Co. Ltd., to work on the project.

Most of the complaints had been levelled against the Pachino firm.

Dillon's representatives assured the delegation their complaints would be handled.

The residents, whose homes are in the Birch-Spruce Avenue and Avenue Road areas, first brought their grievances to council earlier in the week.

Led by spokesman John Bailey, they complained that Al Pachino, the contractor, had been rude and had not been returning the streets to their normal condition.

Residents said they often got stuck in the mud and were unable to get in and out of driveways because culverts weren't properly replaced.

At Thursday's session, they threw in a few extras.

According to Bailey, Birch Avenue was "complete bedlam".

The contractor was "very rude", with four-letter words comprising most of his speech.

### COMPLAINTS

"And they weren't the ones I heard when I was a kid," Bailey said, "but most of them I could anticipate."

Individual complaints from residents included the loss of mufflers from their cars, because of the road conditions;



JOHN BAILEY  
Led delegation

plugged culverts; dirt on property; a broken gas line on a car; another blocked driveway that resulted in a \$5 parking ticket for the owner of the house because he was forced to park on the street.

"I could go on and on all day on this," Bailey said, "but I don't want to take up your time."

He then went on with a few more complaints, including one from a woman, who came to his house one night to ask for help.

A workman had protested about the "damned, stupid broads in trucks coming down here," she told him.

"My muffler fell off, too," said another member of the audience, adding yet another complaint to the list.

Jim Kearney, vice-president of Dillon, said all he could do, from the

company's view, was to see that it didn't happen again.

"There's no reason anyone should take abuse from anyone on a job," he said. "I apologize that it happened."

He said he had since "read the riot act" to the contractor and he would be removed if documented proof of his actions could be submitted to his office.

### WON'T CONTINUE

"Our intent is to not let this continue," he said. "We will do our best to make you happy."

Kearney said he didn't think they would "accomplish anything" dealing with individual complaints at that particular moment.

Bailey also complained about restoration work that left a ditch flowing the wrong way.

"Do you let him (the contractor) make his mistakes and then come back and say: Look, fellows, I goofed?"

Said Kearney: "He marched in, in his bull-headed way, and did this work."

He said the mistake would have been

caught before the final work was done.

Councillor Lois Hancey wondered "why is it necessary to have the method changed only after a confrontation?"

Kearney said the contractor was "required to perform certain things... he's not told how to do it."

He said that Pachino's restoration work had been "terrible" but that it took a while before they could tell him he had gone "far enough".

When Councillor Lou Wainwright suggested the "worst weather since 1954" had much to do with the poor road work, Bailey said the weather wasn't so bad they hadn't been able to work on Avenue Road, Spruce and Oak Avenues.

### TOUR AREA

"I think you should take a tour of the area," he said.

Members of the delegation were advised to send their claims into the town office for settlement.

## Paul Kerkhoff didn't listen, resident claims

Not only the sewer contractor in Richvale was rude, if an incident at Friday's hearing was any indication.

After listening to complaints from several residents of the area about the allegedly poor job in restoring roads, plus the rude remarks from the contractor during the installation of sewers, Paul Kerkhoff of the engineering firm that hired the contractor, made an attempt to appease them.

Passing out his card near the close of the hearing, he told them to get in touch with him if they wished to discuss any possible claims.

However, his attempt at public relations, didn't bring him instant acceptance.

"I tried to speak to you before when you were in the area," said a man in the audience. "Even you ignored me."

"I'm sorry if I did," Kerkhoff said. The man took his card.

## Santa Claus parade step nearer reality

If there was any doubt a Santa Claus parade could be a success in Richmond Hill, it has now been dispelled.

Response to the newly-formed Santa Claus Parade Committee has been good, says co-chairman Dave Barrow.

To date, the committee has applications for 20 floats to appear in the parade.

They range from Sparky, the York Regional Police talking car, to Ronald McDonald, to the Winter Carnival Snow Queen.

The business community has "responded well" with the goal about two-third realized. Some \$2,000 has been pledged or received.

"The need, however, must be met if we wish to have the memorable parade that Richmond Hill is capable of having," Mr. Barrow said.

Music will be provided by eight bands and majorette groups, including the 75-member Seneca Optimist Band, ranked eighth in North America in the drum and bugle category.

"There are other bands waiting in the wings if the money is available," Mr. Barrow said.

The committee has also set up a "Santa Express" on parade day from the Richvale and Oak Ridges areas.

Buses will cover the Richmond Hill Transit routes in these areas prior to and after the parade to accommodate those people wishing to see the parade.

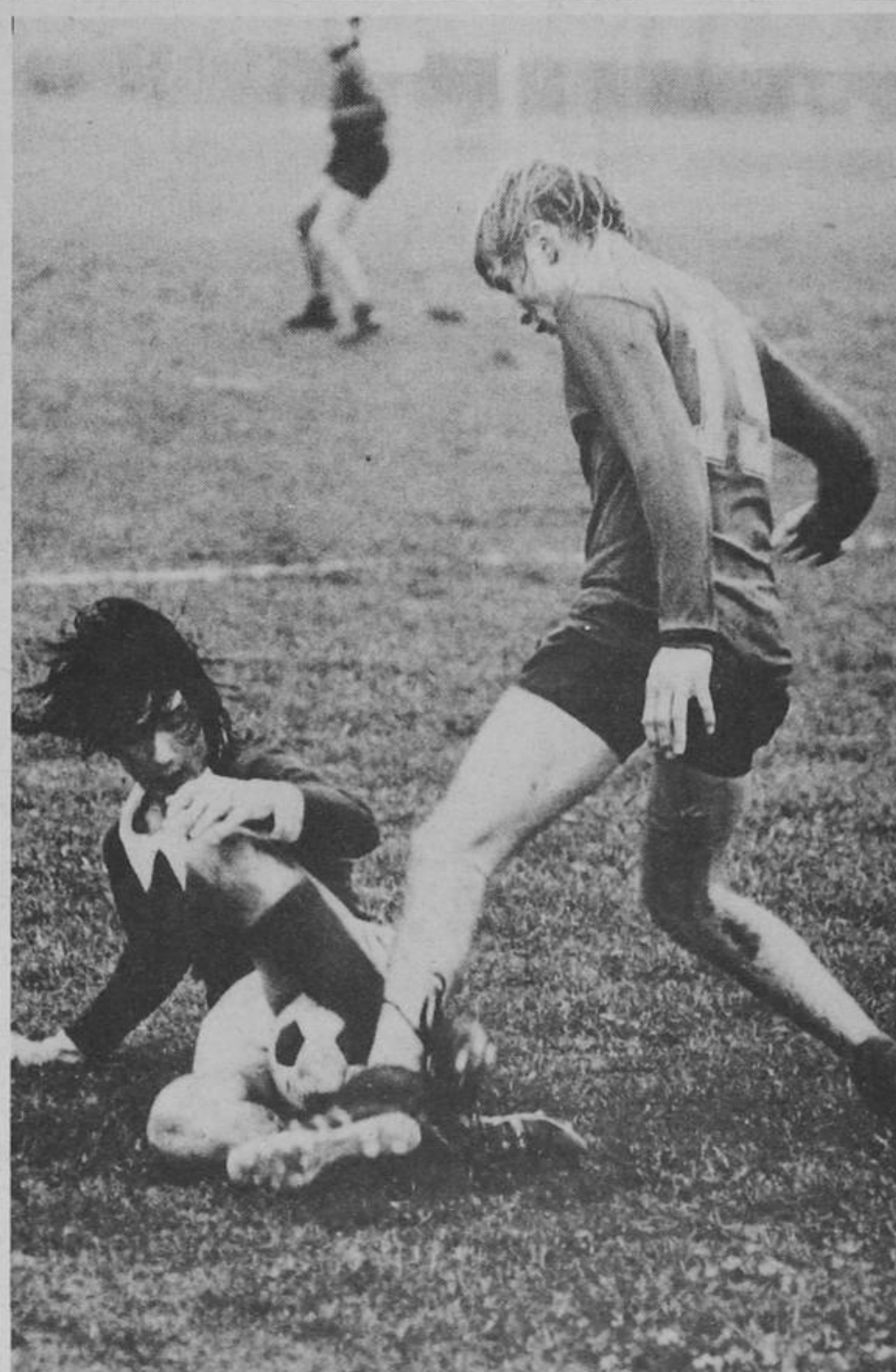
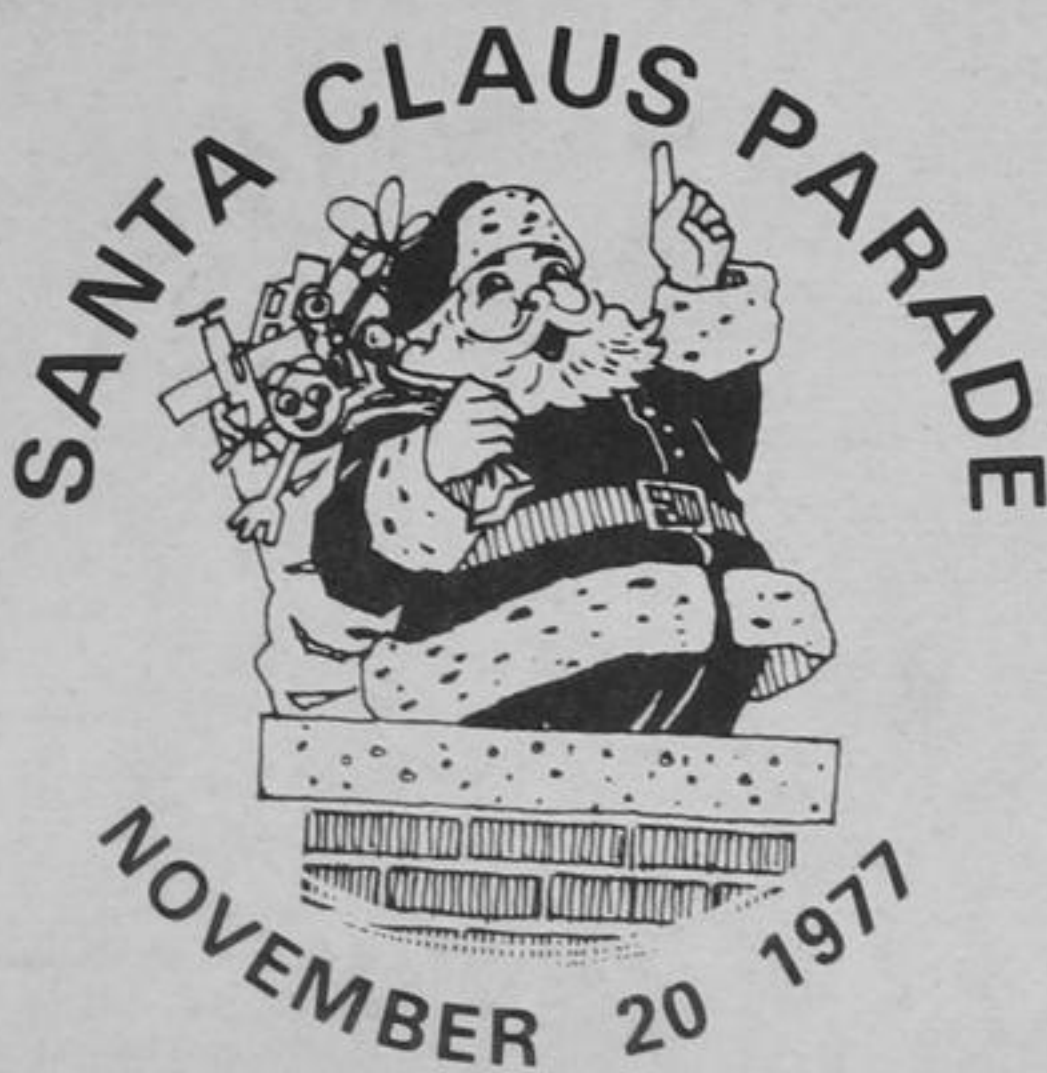
Meanwhile, the logo, which appears here, has become the official symbol for the parade.

It will be distributed in the form of a stick-on decal for jackets, car bumpers and windows throughout the town.

The logo will serve to remind people of the day Santa came to Richmond Hill, November 20.

Richmond Hill Council last week approved two bylaws which effectively close parts of Markham Road and Yonge Street for the parade.

Organizations wishing to enter a float must do so before Oct. 31 to Box 155, Richmond Hill.



## Call them mudders

Wind, rain and mud didn't stop these youngsters on Saturday. John Steenhorst (left) of Richmond Hill Cadillac-Baif Bantams sits on "it" as Glynn Jones of Aurora fights for the ball in Region of York Inter-District playoffs at Thornhill. Richmond Hill won this game 4-3 and the championship. See story, sports section.

### Fall conference

## 200 auxiliary members jam into York Central

By MILLIE STEWART

Last week, more than 200 auxiliary members from 14 hospitals in southern Ontario gathered at York Central Hospital for the Fall Conference of District Seven of the Hospital Auxiliaries Association.

The delegates enjoyed two special tours of the hospital; one being a general interest tour and the other the Paediatrics Orientation tour.

Round table discussions were held on various topics of interest.

The guests were welcomed to the hospital by Gail Skinner, president of York Central Hospital Auxiliary.

After luncheon, the business meeting was held in the lecture hall.

James C. Hepburn, executive director of Y.C.H. welcomed the guests to the hospital and extolled the importance of volunteers in a busy hospital.

Barry P. Hayes, chairman of the

Board of Trustees, extended the Board's welcome to the delegates.

Mr. F. J. Petrie from St. Joseph's Hospital in Peterborough, as past chairman of District Seven Hospital Council installed the new executive.

They are: past chairman — Sandy Sillcox, who is an area resident and a past president of York Central Hospital Auxiliary.

The new chairman is Mrs. Frank O'Neil of Oshawa. Her vice chairmen are Mrs. A. H. Burch of Port Hope and Mrs. G. Morris of Uxbridge.

The secretary-treasurer is Mrs. R. Dewland of Oshawa.

This conference was special in that the entire day was spent in the hospital rather than other designated meeting rooms.

The efficiency and organization of Lou Pamerter and her committee enabled the conference to take place with no disruption to patients or staff.

## Top lawyer hired to defend park

Family Leisure Centres Ltd. has retained James F. McCallum to represent them in hearings before the Ontario Municipal Board starting Oct. 31.

McCallum, considered one of the top lawyers to appear in major OMB hearings, represented Kleinburg ratepayers when they won a case against Cam Milani last year.

Milani has appealed the board decision to the provincial cabinet.

The Oct. 31 hearing concerns Vaughan's application to change its official plan to allow the 320-acre theme park at Highway 400 and Major Mackenzie Road.

McCallum was recommended by Vaughan town staff to defend the official plan amendment for Family Leisure Centres.

Vaughan approved the change from agricultural zoning to allow the amusement park despite concerted opposition from Maple ratepayers.

Last week the park was approved by the planning and engineering committees of York Region with conditions including an underpass linking the park property on both sides of Major Mackenzie to be paid for by the developer.

This was opposed by planning committee chairman Dave Fraser of Vaughan, who objected to such specific recommendations in an official plan amendment.

The proposal goes to regional council tomorrow.

It includes a request to the province to advance the date of serving Maple with trunk sewers by one year to 1981 when the park is scheduled to open.

At one time, the developer was suggesting the park would have its own sewage treatment system.

Town engineer Dick Kraft said that because a private system would only be needed for a year or so, the developer decided to delay the opening of the park.

When the sewers do go in, the park will be counted as part of Vaughan's 8,000-acre industrial area, he said.

After negotiations with the region, the park will count as 240 acres instead of the full 320 acres, he said.

## Meeting postponed

A planned meeting, a discuss the proposed hydro rate restructuring for Richmond Hill, has been postponed.

The public meeting, slated for tonight in the council chambers, now will be held Thursday, October 27.

## Boy runs into path of car

A Richmond Hill boy is in fair condition at York Central Hospital where he was taken after being injured in an accident Thanksgiving Day.

David George Parker, 6, of 316 North Taylor Mills Dr., suffered internal injuries when he was in collision with a passing car on Bayview Ave., around noon.

Police said the child had run out onto the street when he was struck.

Driver of the car was Gordon Baker of Willowdale.

Police said that no charges would be laid.

## Elke Sommer at Mall Monday

Guess who's coming to Hillcrest? If you said Elke Sommer... you're right.

The super-star, now appearing in "I Miss You, Hugs and Kisses", will be at the Mall Monday, October 17 at 7 p.m.

Taking part in the "Hillcrest Gong Show", Elke will appear with Jay Nelson of CHUM and Jim Brady of CFTR.