



(Photo by Hogg)

Next Wednesday, December 21, the Bayview Secondary School Concert Band will present its 6th annual "Sounds of Christmas" program at St. Mary Immaculate Church. The program will include audience carol singing. Event begins at 8 p.m. (Photo by Dick Holder)

Christmas Concert

York council favors "lower tier"

Richmond Hill Councillor, Lois Hancey, was the lone dissenter last week as York Regional Council gave its approval to a study team report favoring the lower tier system of hydro

throughout most of the region.

Richmond Hill Council approved the system last month.

The latter would mean equal rates for all

residents living within the enlarged boundaries of Richmond Hill, which would now extend from Highway 7 to Bloomington Sideroad, and from Bathurst Street to Highway 404.

Included in that would be the Vaughan hydro plant, Ontario hydro assets and the Town of Richmond Hill.

The change will mean a slight reduction in rates for rural customers, but

those living in the area at present served by the Hill Commission, will face an increase of about 75 cents a month.

Mrs. Hancey told The Liberal that she was "more inclined to a

service area. They (the study group) didn't give me all the facts why it's not reasonable," she said.

Hydro rates in the lower tier system for 1978, would be approximately 2.707 cents per kilowatt hours for Richmond Hill; 2.781 cents for the Region; and 2.71 cents for a service area of Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan, Mrs. Hancey said.

Those wanting lower tier, feel the three areas would be too large to administer, she said. However, with lower tier, the system could be faced with such problems as transformer stations on either side of the boundaries.

Mrs. Hancey said, also, that she felt "local interest groups" had not been given an opportunity to express their interests and concerns, nor had efforts been made to contact the media regarding any meetings on the matter.

With a lower tier system in Richmond Hill, would go a new five-member commission, to take office January 1, 1979.

Similar set-ups would be installed in Vaughan—with the Woodbridge Hydro Commission being dissolved—and the Town of Markham

Principals have say in student crime

School principals will still have the final say when it comes to deciding whether their pupils have strayed off the legal path, York County Board of Education decided Monday night.

The board turned down a proposal by trustee Robert McMonagle of Markham, that would have the board set a policy in the matter of laying a charge—either criminal or civil—against a pupil.

The board did agree to a portion of the McMonagle motion, which would require

school authorities to report the laying of any such charges to the board at the earliest date.

However, that was the least important part of the motion, according to McMonagle.

"There have to be certain steps for the individual to take," he said. "You can't leave it up to the principal, who may be having a bad day."

Right now, principals were without any direction in such matters.

As a result, a misdemeanor, such as turning in a false alarm at a school, could run the

gamut from a lecture to an appearance before a judge.

"All I'm looking for are some checks," McMonagle said.

"We must make sure that what's fair for one kid is fair for them all. We must develop and look at a policy to see who makes the decision to lay a charge."

Trustee Dorothy Zajac of King, said that a policy wasn't needed to cover the matter.

"Pretty soon the principals won't have to

make any decisions at all. They'll just have to refer to a number," she said.

Steven Taylor of Markham, said the board had to let the principals know it was behind them. "There's no more challenging job around," he said.

Stevens said there was "blood in the halls" of Toronto schools; the

region would be getting the latter's problems within 10 years.

When asked by trustee Don Cameron of Vaughan if there was "any indication of unfairness" in the treatment of students by the schools, McMonagle said there appeared "to be a difference in the way light offences are handled".

Town recognizes long service

Despite some opposition, a scheme of service awards for town employees was given the go ahead by Richmond Hill Council Thursday night.

Councillor Andre Chateaubert felt that town awards had been instituted when people were not receiving remuneration comparable with that received "in the private sector". "But the days of recognition have gone out the door," he said. "We don't need this kind of expenditure."

In agreement with him was Councillor Lou Wainwright.

Prices for the awards were estimated at \$800 to \$1,000 for the first year. The cost would drop to \$150 for the next three years and hop back up to \$1,000, based on the seniority of the present staff.

Councillor Al Duffy felt it was "nice to recognize" employees with several years behind them.

"Seldom do you see employees putting in all

these years of service," he remarked.

"I agree," said Councillor Mike Burnie.

Employees with ten, 15 and 20 years will be recognized with certificates or plaques and pins.

Those with 25 years' service will be presented with a gold watch.



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Richmond Hill Councillor Lou Wainwright joins Jessie Wainwright and Phyllis Minner, YMCA volunteer co-ordinator, during Y luncheon held at the Lions Hall last week.

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York County Board of Education, which has often been accused of being mixed up in various matters, had to admit it openly at its regular meeting Monday night. The admission came during a tribute to information officer, Margaret McLean, who is leaving at the end of the year to take up a similar post with Peel Board of Education.

After Vice-chairman Doreen Quirk had lauded Mrs. McLean for her efforts over the years, Chairman Craig Cribar stood up to make a

presentation, but had to admit he didn't have a gift.

Mrs. Quirk was to have called trustee Dorothy Zajac of King, and Mrs. Zajac was to have called Mrs. Quirk, and so on, Cribar said, but somehow "the wires got crossed".

"However, I'll see that you get it, as soon as I find out where it is," he said.

The board was also to make a presentation to Norm Jackman, area 3 business administrator, who is retiring.

However, although they had the gift, Mr. Jackman wasn't on hand.

Students plan Christmas show

"The Ghosts of Christmas Past — 1870 to 1929" is the theme of St. Mary Immaculate Separate School's Christmas festival, planned for Wednesday, December 21.

Starting at 10:30 a.m. with a choir presentation, the program moves on to a Christmas mass, followed by a tour of Christmas past, featuring seasonal foods from a bygone era, dances, songs and dramatic presentations.

Specialties of the house include canapes, celery and oyster bisque, roast turkey, poinsettia salad, and plum pudding.

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