



Richmond Hill firefighter, Dave Olsen, is getting ready to put on a self contained breathing apparatus (Scott Mask) so he can take part in a rescue demonstration at last Wednesday's Mutual Aid Meeting held in Richmond Hill. Firefighters from Markham, Vaughan, King, Aurora, Newmarket, Nobleton and communities as far north as Sutton have a mutual aid agreement, where they will all lend aid to the others if the need arises. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg.)

MUTUAL AID

80 fire fighters here for meeting

No self respecting fire situation at Bond Lake Wednesday. If it had, there was more than 80 fire fighters on hand to battle it. The Richmond Hill fire department played host to fire fighters from all of York Region at the monthly mutual aid meeting. This was a chance for the neighboring departments to get a good look

at the new facilities at Richmond Hill. All municipalities in York Region belong to the York Region Mutual Aid Fire Fighters Association, which exists so that any community with a big blaze or a fire of a special nature can call on neighboring fire departments for assistance. In most municipalities there is a bylaw concerning the mutual aid

agreement. The assistance from the neighboring departments can take many forms. It can be in men and equipment or it can simply be supplying additional manpower. Sometimes it means lending some specific equipment to another department, such as self contained breathing apparatus (Scot masks) or additional hose. One part of this agreement is that there is no charge to any fire department at any time for the service.

The agreement in York Region is written, but the same sort of agreement exists in other areas, only verbally. For instance, Markham Fire Department has had to call on North York or Scarborough Fire Departments and they have called on Markham in return.

The fire departments in York Region take turns hosting the monthly meetings of the Mutual Aid Association. The host department plans a program of training or demonstrations that will be of interest to everyone involved. At last week's meeting, the Richmond Hill contingent demonstrated rescue techniques using the training tower at the new headquarters.

Graders have been at work smoothing the surface and now that more fill has been dumped there will be more area available for parking.

Bond Lake Arena parking lot may be paved in '79

Do you find the parking situation at Bond Lake Arena impossible? Hold onto your frayed nerves... there's hope on the horizon. The Oak Ridges Lions are determined to do something about the problem. They want to have the parking lot paved. The Lions approached Richmond Hill Council Monday night with their proposal to contribute a minimum of \$7,500 toward the cost of the paving.

Council agreed to accept this and apply for a Community Recreation Centres Act (CRCA) grant and an equal amount in Wintario grants. The town would match this amount. It won't happen over

Inadequate footings issue won't "fizzle" upset owner maintains

The owner of a Richmond Hill home that suffered structural damage as a result of inadequate footings, said she is prepared to blacklist the builder by calling every town building department within a 50-mile radius of here to describe what poor quality work he does.

Joanne Taylor, her husband, two children and her inlaws moved into the Oxford Street home in June, 1977.

Shortly afterwards, they learned the footings weren't constructed properly and were causing water seepage and cracks to the basement walls.

Two weeks ago, the builder — Giovanni Tomasoni, answered a request by the town to appear before its engineering committee to explain his side of the story.

He claimed he had done all he could to fix the cracks in the walls, even to the point of excavating a hole around the footings. That's as far as his responsibility goes, he said.

"It's obvious the house was put up incorrectly," said Mrs. Taylor. "But to me the town is as responsible as the builder is for what is wrong."

She said there is no way she will sit back and let the issue "fizzle out". She has been advised that legal action could be a lengthy affair, not to mention court costs.

"What bothers us most is this man can go back to the town, or any town, and apply for another

building permit. That's not fair to other homeowners," she said.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor came before council Monday night about this problem, but Mr. Taylor said he was disappointed the way it ended up.

A motion was made to ask the clerk to check with the town solicitor to see if there is any alternative open to the town or the Taylor.

After the meeting Mr. Taylor told The Liberal he felt Mr. Tomasoni and the town were "shirking their moral responsibility" in the matter.

He said he had given up hope of receiving compensation from the builder and now his major concern is that more "unconspicuous people" in the municipality will be subjected to building standards such as these in the future.

aren't entitled to at least partial restitution.

Asked why she hadn't thought of moving, she said just about everything her family owns is tied up in the house.

Mrs. Taylor did say she was pleased with the efforts of Councillor Al Duffy and building inspector Marshal Miller in her cause. Works Commissioner Bernie Toporowski said the town had gone as far as it could to help the Taylors.

"I'm surprised the partner Mr. Tomasoni took on — a Mr. Delasara — doesn't do anything about him," she said. Mrs. Taylor, who has

two children at Richmond Hill High School, said even if she doesn't get anything in the way of settlement from the town and — or the builder, maybe she can prevent other homeowners from experiencing the same situation.

"We're not in our first home — this is our third and we didn't make the purchase blind. Just think if it was a young couple who bought this house; what if they weren't able to get enough money together to make the structural repairs. They'd be in a fine mess now, wouldn't they?"

TTC strike may have converted commuters

GO Transit is optimistic about the increase in ridership on the Richmond Hill rail commuter service.

Tom Henry, Information Officer for GO said, prior to last week's TTC strike there were 650 people using the service each way.

During the strike the number went slightly over 4,600 but on Monday was back down to 1,100.

"We don't know whether it will keep sliding," he said.

The increase of 400 passengers might be people using up bought tickets, said Mr. Henry, but it may be converts to the daily service.

Mr. Henry brought to The Liberal's attention, a commuter stranded at Union Station last week clutching a Liberal train schedule.

April 26 of this year we published train times and did not stress the fact the times given were times of trains leaving Richmond Hill in the morning and arriving in Richmond Hill in the evening — not times leaving Union Station. For the benefit of the commuter in question and others who we may have inadvertently misled, the schedule of GO trains is as follows: Leaving Richmond Hill: 7.10 a.m., 7.45 a.m. and 8.10 a.m. Leaving Union Station: 4.30 p.m., 5.03 p.m., 5.30 p.m. Arriving Richmond Hill: 5.10 p.m., 5.43 p.m. and 6.10 p.m.

She'll study at famous London college

A Richmond Hill woman is going to study fashion and interior design at the world famous American College (of Lucerne) in London, England.

Linda Ona Salna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Salna of 125 Weldrick Road, will enter the college in September 1980.

She attended Langstaff Secondary School and has been modelling.

The college is located in London's prestigious west end, and Linda will study under an American faculty.

Attending this college will afford opportunities to visit and observe other centres of fashion design on the continent for Linda.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill intends to designate the property, including lands and buildings, at the following municipal addresses as properties of historical and/or historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

a) 38 Bedford Park Avenue
The reason for the designation of this property, known as Crosby Hall, is that its crowning cupola and overall scale make it unique among the other styles of building within the Town. Historically it is significant as it was built for Parker Crosby who had established himself in the mercantile business of the community after erecting the Fireproof Store in 1855. In the interior, the house has a nicely proportioned curved staircase.

b) 107 Hall Street
The reason for designation is that the house, known as Holmood, expresses well the Loyalist vernacular style of domestic architecture. The Georgian proportions, the rectangular central hall plan with window openings evenly spaced along the facade, give it a pleasing sense of balance and proportion. Of local historical significance is the fact that it was used by consecutive doctors within the Langstaff family as an office/residence and, at one time, hospital over a period of 105 years.

c) 528 Carrville Road
The reason for designation of this cottage is that it is one of the earliest and historically interesting houses remaining in Richmond Hill. In particular the front part is of stucco on plank-on-plank construction and it was built by Rowland Burr, who lived there for about a decade and a half. Rowland Burr later built many residences and several mills in the Toronto area.

d) 750 Carrville Road
The reason for designation of this building is that it is one of the few built in Richmond Hill of vertical plank construction. Historically it was built and served for a number of years as a meeting place for the Canadian Conference on Evangelical Associations in North America. Later it was converted to a residence.

Note: Due to road widening this building will be relocated on a site adjoining the house built by Rowland Burr.

Any person may, before the 20th day of October, 1978, send by Registered Mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Richmond Hill notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a notice of objection has been received, the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Richmond Hill will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing in and report.

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