



It's a distinguished honor, the "Order of the Rose", but it's almost unheard of for six members of one sorority chapter to earn it. But these girls of the Xi Beta Rho Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi in Richmond Hill achieved the plateau and were honored last week. They are, left to right, Judy Smith, Shirley Lynch, Diane Matheson, Doris Clusiau, Elaine Balogh, and Lola Buckles. The "Order of the Rose" is achieved only after 15 years' outstanding service with the sorority. (Liberal photo by Ron Wallace)

Council will convene afternoons

Regular council meetings in Richmond Hill are to be split — as was the council that passed the motion. Beginning January 1979, meetings in council chambers will be held the first and third Monday of each month, as usual, but will alternate between afternoon and evening meetings.

Councillor Lou Wainwright brought up the issue last Monday evening requesting all meetings be held during the day.

He directed fellow councillors' attention to the fact that neighbouring municipalities have afternoon meetings as does the Region of York.

Senior citizens and those on shifts would find afternoon meetings easier to attend, said Councillor Wainwright and council would find it easier to get information from staff already in the building.

The suggestion was hotly argued by those members of council who felt it should be held in the evening so the maximum number of citizens could attend.

"It denies ratepayers the opportunity of taking part when decisions are made," argued Mayor Dave Schiller.

"I will remove us from the general public once more," said Councillor Mike Burnie.

Councillor John Birchall declared he felt council had taken great

Council names citizen committees

Following is a list of people chosen to represent the public on the various Richmond Hill Citizens' Committees:

Committee of Adjustment: Bruno Hunter, Marylo Graham, Tom Graham.

Property Standards Committee: Bruno Clemm.

Civic Improvement: Bruno Clemm, Cyril Mendes, Shirley Stanley, Stuart Casement, Dino P. Salvatori, Bill Mirrieles, Andrew Walker, Penny Spence, Irwin Peters, Joan Hooper, Bernard Barrett.

Library Board: Lewis Clement.

Fence Viewers: Arnold Morton, Wesley Clark, Lloyd Murphy.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Andre Chateauvert, Bruce Richter, Ken McKeown, Ed Spence, Tom Simpson, A. J. Underhill.

Hydro Commission: Ross Farquharson.

Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee: Mary Duffy, John Birchall, Social Planning — Mike Burnie.

Senior Citizens Liaison — Dave Amos and Mike Burnie.

Chamber of Commerce liaison committee — Mayor Schiller and Dave Barrow.

Road's grade separation nearer to reality

Markham Road's grade separation may be one step closer to reality.

Leonard Prusky and David Samuel from Bond Structural Steel, owners of property needed for the railway overpass, appeared before council asking for assistance Monday.

The assistance they referred to was in obtaining a zoning amendment for their property and a site to relocate the plant, within the municipality.

The Region of York has made an offer of \$108,900 to Bond Steel for the overpass on Markham Road.

Although the company owns more than 16 acres at that location the property needed for the regional road will necessitate the removal of major buildings.

Richmond Hill's new official plan has designated this area residential which will also mean the relocation of the business.

This is agreeable to the owners if they can find an acceptable site, at an acceptable price, and if the town will rezone the property to a density designated 28 persons per acre.

"It's not heavy enough to make it financially feasible," said Mr. Samuel.

Mr. Samuel quoted the change in the housing market and the expense of relocating the plant as the main reasons for the density figure not being high enough.

Bond Structural Steel will need about 10 acres within the municipality to relocate and although they have been working with the town's planning department, they have not yet found a

Girl stuck 10 minutes in Hill elevator

"Oh no. What went wrong," was the first thought of 12 year-old Robin McIntosh when the elevator door closed tight and then nothing happened.

Robin had just finished delivering The Liberal to customers on the second floor of the Royal Bank Building located at the corner of Yonge Street and Crosby Avenue last Wednesday, and was taking the elevator to the main floor.

After pushing all the buttons in vain, Robin pressed the fire alarm which frightened her.

"I thought I heard footsteps running out of the building," she said, "and I was going to be left alone."

Robin said she panicked at that point and hollered and kicked at the sealed door.

When voices responded from the other side, Robin's main concern was her dog Laddie that she had secured outside the building.

The Richmond Hill fire department rescued Robin by prying the door and within 10 minutes she was united with Laddie.



Laddie comforts Robin McIntosh after her frightening ten-minute confinement in an elevator. Robin's biggest concern was her pet she had tied outside the Royal Bank building while delivering last week's The Liberal to offices inside. (Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg)

Mr. Samuel said Bond Steel would not make a binding commitment with the region for the overpass until they find a location.

Mayor Dave Schiller pointed out that the municipality was "limited" in finding a location for the company as most land in Richmond Hill is privately owned.

Councillor Lou Wainwright said he felt council decisions and meetings were just "prolonging the agony" for the town and the region.

"Thirty years ago they said we needed a grade separation," he said, "and they're still harping on it."

Councillor Wainwright proposed a workable committee, one with time to meet during the day with the property owners and the region to come to an equitable conclusion.

It was decided Councillors Wainwright, Rowe and Duffy and Mayor Schiller will sit on the committee to "get things rolling", as Councillor Wainwright put it.

Mayor Schiller said he felt the key to the problem is relocation — zoning is not insurmountable.

"If we can get over this hurdle, I don't see any other hitches," he said.

Lynton named new president

Richmond Hill's director of recreation, Lynton Friedberg has been elected president of the Society of Directors of Municipal Recreation.

Mr. Friedberg has just finished terms as vice-president and treasurer of the association.

Highway 407 concept presented Thursday

Richmond Hill Engineering Committee members will be treated to a slide presentation of concept design plans of the proposed Highway 407 this Thursday morning at 8 a.m.

Senior Project Manager for the Ministry of Transportation and Communications, Len Dutchak, said he intends to update the committee on study results as well as identify some unresolved problem areas such as relocation of the existing Highway 7.

Concept for the proposed highway was presented to the works and planning staff of the town in October.

In a letter expressing initial reaction to the project Commissioner of Works, Bernie Toporowski expressed areas he would like reviewed.

The town would like an interchange at Leslie Street and Highway 404 to provide more direct access to the municipalities proposed industrial area.

The ministry has promised an environmental impact statement as part of the planning and design process.

Mr. Dutchak said the ministry would be happy to work with planning staff on other concerns of the town including safety conditions at Rockwell and Doncrest Roads, local arterial and collector roads and municipal boundaries.

"We would encourage the ministry to seek out municipal and public input," said Mr. Toporowski.

MTC are prepared to present the concept phase of Highway 407 to council immediately and welcome the views of the public, said Mr. Dutchak.

An information centre is planned so that interested persons can review the proposals.

Santa parade netted \$300

The Santa Claus Parade Fund came out on top this year.

Dave Barrow, chairman of the parade committee said after meeting all expenses, \$300 was left from donations made by Richmond Hill merchants.

"It's a far cry from \$7 last year," he said.

The excess money from this year's parade will be used to purchase donation stickers, or decals, such as those used by hockey or soccer associations, for the 1979 parade.

Plans for next year's parade include the upgrading of the quality of the floats, said Mr. Barrow.

Six bands have already been booked for next year and Mr. Barrow said the committee will now remain relatively inactive until the middle of August.

In a letter to the town, Len Dutchak from MTC said the ministry felt that an interchange at 16th Avenue would "create serious adverse operations of the Freeway and also have a detrimental impact on the Buttonville Airport".

Mr. Toporowski also expressed concerns regarding future noise levels and traffic levels on developments in the area.

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