

Letters

Heintzman Board outlines building's use

We would like to put things in their proper perspective.

The Heintzman House Board is comprised of two town councillors and five non-paid volunteer appointees who are charged

with successfully operating these premises at the least financial burden to the community.

These volunteers donated a great many hours and in many instances over the years

have donated physically and financially to the building without view to outside recognition or thanks.

It must be kept in mind that these premises were once a private home and when it is referred to as a

community centre one does not think of a building with a dining hall or a gymnasium as there are no such facilities.

These premises are used 52 weeks of the year by many groups and private individuals; for example, the

community centre one does not think of a building with a dining hall or a gymnasium as there are no such facilities. It will however hurt the Heintzman House.

This type of harassment of board members will dissuade them and others from entering community volunteer associations in the future and remember these volunteers are also taxpayers and residents of the community of Thornhill.

The most distressing fact of all is the publicity and notoriety you are giving to one unsatisfied resident of the community; one who unfortunately is rarely satisfied with anything; be it education, hospitalization or community boards.

It is easy to criticize, once someone else has done the work.

Heintzman House Board Thornhill

Chairman answers Eric Baker letter

I would like to correct Eric Baker's misconceptions on the Board's Position Paper on Family Life and Sex Education.

First, this is not a policy and was not treated as a policy by the Board.

This is too dynamic and sensitive a matter to be

formalized in a policy statement.

Instead, the Board has prepared a guideline or Position Paper for staff to develop an integrated program on Family Life and Sex Education.

So, there was no "reversal of a well established procedure of

submitting draft policies to local groups for comment".

Second, the Board welcomes public input.

There are many ways this can be done—write a letter or make a presentation to a Committee, or the Board, or talk to your Trustee.

The dialogue on Family Life and Sex Education has only just begun and when staff has prepared the curricula for the Program Committee, there will be more opportunity for public input.

The Board welcomes public participation and looks forward to receiving input.

It would be wrong for your readers to think that the Board or any one Trustee is not interested or willing to listen to the public. That is just not so.

Third, Sex Education will be presented in a way that will be helpful, not detrimental, to our young people.

W. Donald Cousens, Chairman, York County Board of Education.

How come facts so hard to get, reader wonders

Even those residents of Richmond Hill who have no children to be educated at the present time can be concerned about the quality of that education.

The principal and teachers of the McCaughey School are an exemplary group who have worked together over a long period and produced splendid results.

All the members of the McCaughey Association who have spent so much of their valuable time, and at their own expense, deserve public commendation.

We hear the names of their able spokesmen, but

little of the Stamp and Envelope Group, the Researchers, those who have struggled so hard and with so little success to arrive at the facts.

It should not have been so difficult a matter to ascertain these facts.

Why were they not made instantly available? McCaughey does sit upon a valuable piece of real estate and it would be sad indeed if Janet Fayle's implication came very close to the truth, the pith, the kernel of the matter.

Austin B. Mills, 50 Harding Blvd. Richmond Hill

Board should tell us what's going on

It was disturbing to say the least, to learn that the York Board of Education has taken it upon itself to initiate a sex education course for OUR children in OUR schools.

This in itself is not wrong, but what is wrong, is that the parents of these children have a right to know what will be taught to their children re sex education; this fundamental right was not given to the parents.

The existence of the sex-education sub-committee was news to me.

What was their objective? Where did they get their input? It is the Board's duty and obligation to initiate programs regarding education, but in this instance, I believe that it has overstepped its authority.

Sex education is not just another history or math course.

There are many parents who believe as I do, that sex education is

not merely the teaching of the human reproductive system but more importantly, a teaching of moral and Christian values.

Let us hope that the Board and our trustees will acknowledge that there are parents with sufficient intelligence to know what they want regarding sex education.

Take heed "York Board" and let us know what's going on.

We'll be more than willing to let you know if we approve, needless to say, these children are OUR children.

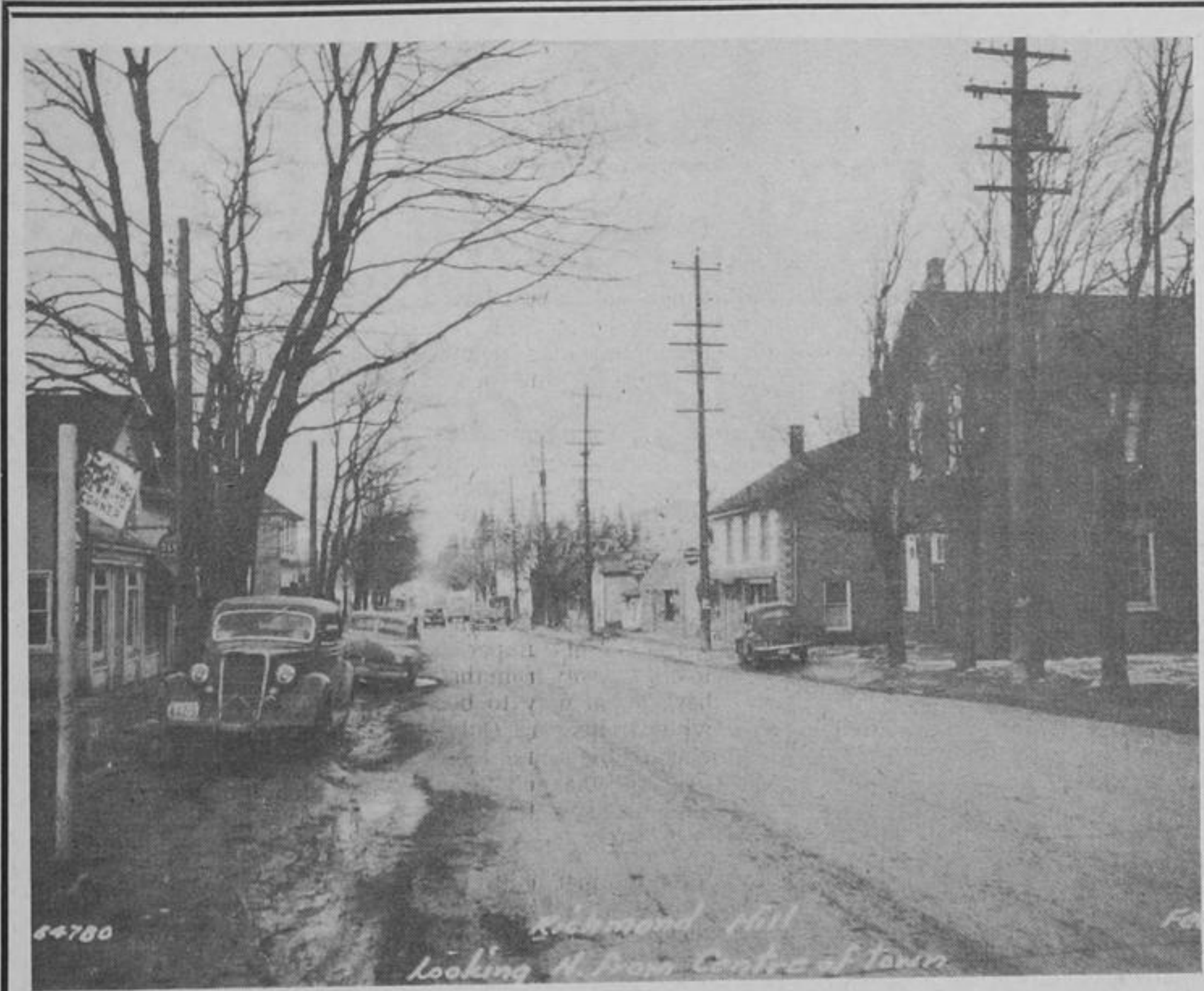
Margaret Goodier, Thornhill



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Christmas Greetings

Happy holidays friends, patrons. Thank you for your loyalty and trust. KINNEAR PONTIAC 9612 YONGE ST. RICHMOND HILL



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Looking north from Centre Street



Looking north from Centre Street in downtown Richmond Hill presents drastically different views between 1952 (top) and today. Structures which housed the Canadian Tire store and a Red and White food store, still stand, but their

tenants are long gone. While the magnificent trees of 1952 have disappeared, the town has been careful in replanting, and many trees continue to grow on the ever changing Yonge Street. (Photos by Ontario Hydro and Bruce Hogg)

The Abraham cul-de-sac

The Clerk, Town of Markham

Re: Abraham Avenue, Thornhill.

I would like to offer my comments on the two articles dealing with Abraham Avenue which appeared in the December 6, 1978, edition of the Thornhill Liberal.

At the outset I would like to make it clear that the headline "Abraham Avenue residents feel they were misled" is a gross understatement.

For background, we had previously owned a home on a through street in Richmond Hill and with two pre-school age children we were most concerned about the traffic.

Frankly, this was our prime purpose for moving and a quiet street was the main criteria in looking for a new home.

After being informed by the builder that Abraham would be a cul-de-sac and prior to signing an offer to purchase our home at 39 Abraham Avenue, we had, in order to be certain, attended the Town offices to determine the status of the street according to the Town.

We were assured by both Planning and Engineering Departments on March 21, 1978, that the street would not be extended and would remain a cul-de-sac.

Had there been any possibility or mention of anything else, frankly we

would not have bought the property.

Prior to attending the Town Offices I had reviewed a copy of the Registered Plan, obtained from the Land Titles Office, and noted the 66-foot wide strip at the end of Abraham (as referred to in the fifth paragraph of the second Liberal article).

I discussed this with Engineering Department and was advised that this was because:

1) It is a standard and practical engineering design.

2) It was necessary to leave this width to provide access for maintenance, if necessary, to the 50-foot Metro Toronto easement which extends across the end of the street.

3) There is a one-foot reserve (indicated on the Registered Plan) at the end of the street to prevent the extension and that Abraham would not be extended.

All of these explanations seemed to be logical and reasonable and as a result of all assurances we proceeded with the purchase.

I would further add at this point that the attempt at deception has continued all the way along by such methods as:

1. The asphalt was laid in the form of a cul-de-sac prior to any building and subsequently curbs and sidewalks have been poured to clearly imply a cul-de-sac.

2. Engineering Department plans show the current construction road as an "access road" and we had been assured that following completion of construction in the area, the access road would be closed.

3. Willowbrook Community Association have also been of the impression that Abraham would remain a cul-de-sac and that the "access road" would be blocked off in approximately November, 1978.

4. The street was a topic during the recent municipal elections and we were again assured that it would remain a cul-de-sac.

In view of the foregoing we would expect that the Town of Markham will proceed to honor

assurances sought and obtained in good faith by prospective purchasers (now property owners) and proceed to establish Abraham Avenue as the cul-de-sac we were advised it was to be.

I should mention that while this matter is of concern to all of my neighbors, who I am sure are equally upset, this letter is not an attempt to speak on their behalf as I am certain that they will be speaking either singly or collectively for themselves.

We would appreciate hearing from you with respect to the foregoing and if it would be of assistance, would be quite prepared to discuss this matter with Council.

Philip and Heather Beed 39 Abraham Avenue, Thornhill

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