

# Letters

## Board deals in personalities, not with issues—Meles

In the past two weeks, the members of the Heintzman House Board have written two letters to The Liberal rebutting criticism that citizens from Thornhill had found important to air.

It is expected that the board replay with its point of view. It is not expected that they exhibit arrogance in their communication with the public.

It is not expected that the board lowers itself to personal attacks upon those who have taken time and effort to bring forth criticism.

Criticism is not

destructive. Attempting to destroy the integrity of the critics is destructive.

The members of the board must learn to respond to issues with facts or with statements of philosophy, not with ad hominem arguments.

The board berated a lady who herself and with her family has given generously of her time to the community.

The lady expressed her views regarding the operation of the Heintzman House and her views on the demolition of the wall.

Instead of respecting the lady's opinions, the

Heintzman House Board ridiculed her by stating that "the most distressing fact of all is the publicity and notoriety you (The Liberal) are giving to one unsatisfied resident of the community; one who unfortunately is rarely satisfied with anything; be it education, hospitalization or community boards."

When the board replied to my suggestions, it implied that I was a sore loser, in the recent elections. Again, the letter was aimed at the individual first, not at the issues.

I stated repeatedly at

hundreds of doors during the campaign that I wanted to see both the Heintzman House and the community centre develop some social programs to compliment the sports that we offer Thornhill youth.

My views on the utilization of the community centres are not recent but they are fully developed during my campaigns.

Contrary to being a sore loser, and crawling into a shell, I should like to see implemented some of the thoughts that motivated me to seek a seat on council.

In conclusion, the board should refrain from making personal attacks on its critics.

The arrogance displayed in statements like "we will not allow criticism as to how the

House is rented..." Similarly, I do not appreciate threats of resignation due to the public's interest in how a public building functions. To clear up another misconception, I would like to recognize the great

efforts that many volunteers have donated to the Heintzman House, in particular the Ladies Auxiliary.

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## She disagrees with afternoon meetings

Please add my dismay to The Liberal's concern over the Richmond Hill Council changing its meeting time to the afternoon once a month.

When a step towards more accessible government has been made, there is no merit in comparing Richmond Hill with other municipal governments that have not chosen to be more responsive to local ratepayers.

As he is retired, it is

obviously more convenient for Councillor Lou Wainwright to attend day-time meetings, but neither he nor any of the other councillors are being paid for that kind of convenience at the expense of the tax-paying public.

And, undesirable as he may find the Citizens' Advisory Group's monitoring of council meetings, this change will not cause its discon-

tinuance. I just hope that this decision is not typical of what is to come from a council whose majority is comprised of local businessmen.

Dawn Osmond  
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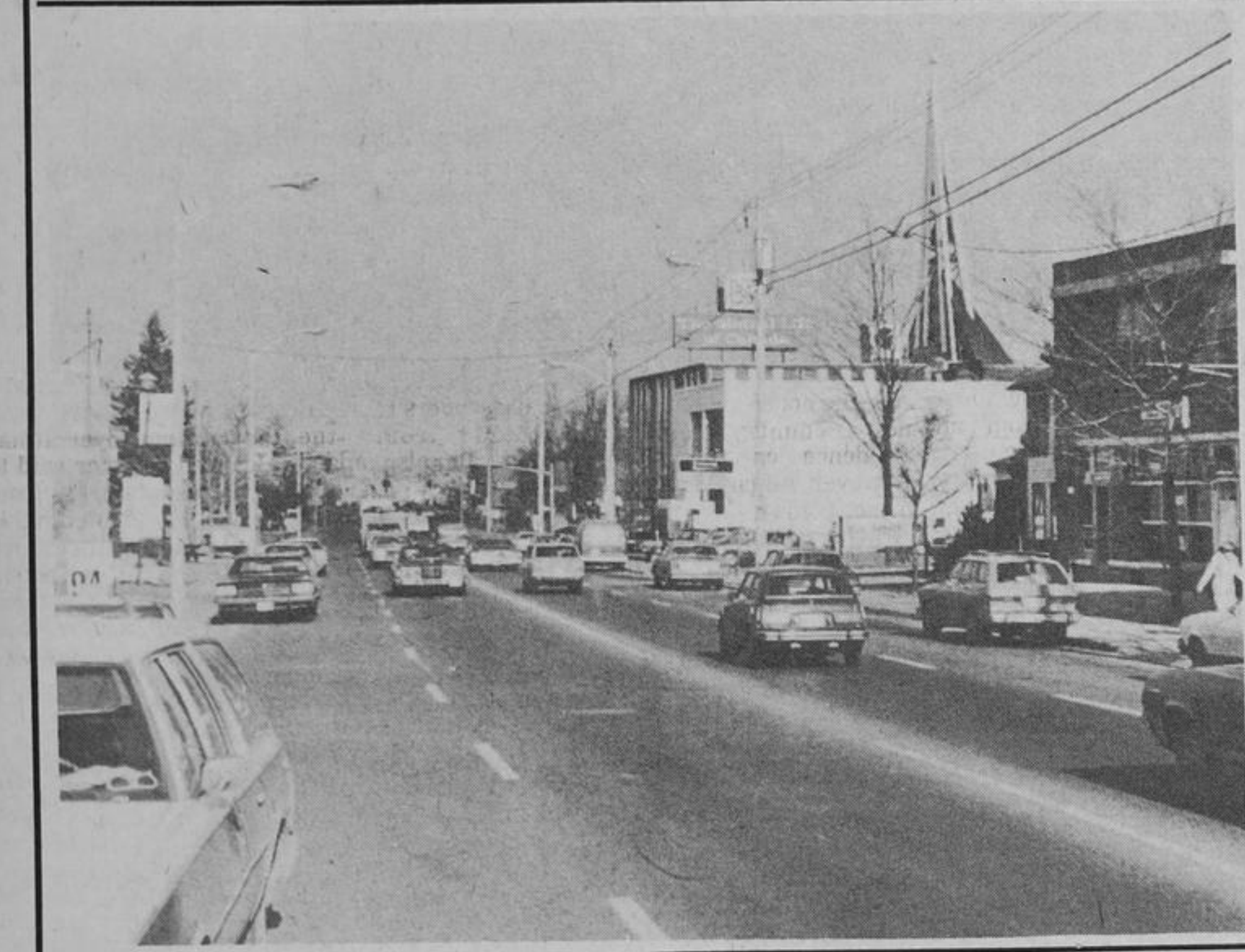
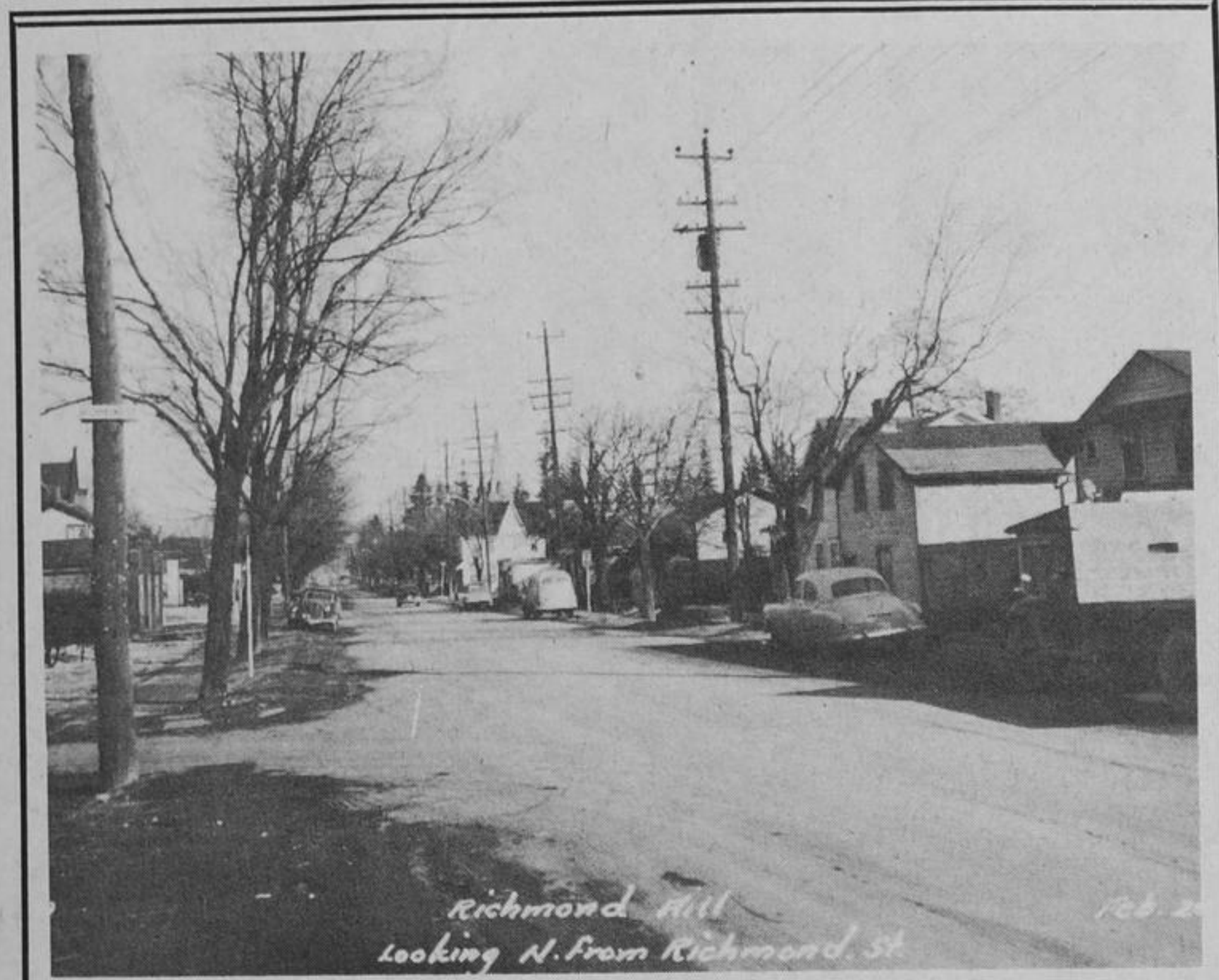
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The majority of this article reflects good journalism and accurate reporting.

The first paragraph, however, is obviously "journalistic license".

The switchover for Richmond Hill and Thornhill to Metro Toronto water will in fact improve the quality of the water for our use.

It is also a fact, however, that Metro water is also rated as "hard".

Depending on the area served by the Metropolitan Toronto water supply the hardness runs between eight and ten grains hard.

This is approximately one half of the hardness to which we, in Richmond Hill and Thornhill, have become accustomed and is therefore improved.

As a corporate citizen of Richmond Hill, we recognize the value of your publication.

Should we be able to be of any assistance to you in the future concerning water quality or any other subject within our knowledge span, we would be only too pleased to assist you.

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The Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Committee of the Council of the Town of Markham to consider a Secondary Plan for the South Don Mills Industrial Planning District (Planning District, No. 11).

The subject lands are located between Highway 404 on the west and Warden Avenue on the east, and between Steeles Avenue on the south and C.N.R. (Toronto By-pass) on the north. The lands consist of approximately 448 hectares (1108 acres) and are designated Industrial in the approved Official Plan of the Markham Planning Area.

The Secondary Plan has been prepared in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.2 of the Official Plan. The purpose of this Secondary Plan is to establish a detailed land use plan with a basic framework of internal roads, and to establish more detailed policies for the development of the area.

You are invited to attend the Hearing and to state your support of or objection to the proposed Secondary Plan. Should you be unable to attend, written submissions will be received up to the time of the Hearing.

The proposed Secondary Plan, the Official Plan and existing land use maps may be examined at the office of the Planning Department.

Dated December 28, 1978

T. Gove, Chairman,  
Planning Committee

T. M. Januszewski,  
Planning Director

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