



This driver wanted to make sure his parking was to a T. The car went for a slide on Church Street yesterday morning and ended up crossing one resident's lawn and coming to rest in this seemingly impossible position. The driver escaped injury. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

Perpendicular parking debuts on Church St.

Every motorist has heard of parallel parking but yesterday morning a Richmond Hill driver took the technique a step further — he introduced perpendicular parking.

A Toronto man, on call for Granada TV Rentals in Richmond Hill, made an unscheduled landing in the driveway of Paul Patenaude on Church Street South.

"I don't know who was driving but at least no one was hurt," said Mr. Patenaude. "My wife was in the bedroom just above the drive and she heard a loud thud. She looked out the window and saw a car straddling ours across the drive."

He claimed his own car (the one underneath) is damaged beyond repair. The front part of the roof was caved in and the motor received undetermined damage.

"I don't know exactly what happened — he just came up Church, hit a patch of ice and slid across my neighbor's lawn. I don't know if any charges will be laid," Mr. Patenaude.

It took two heavy-duty tow trucks to get the station wagon out of its t-position. It first had to be lifted with a winch and then the Patenaude's car was removed before it could be set back on firm ground.

Driver of the wagon was Cyril Edwards, 36, of Danforth Avenue.

Moorhead faces public hearing

A county court judge has been appointed to hear disciplinary charges against a York Regional Police officer accused of giving confidential police information to a civilian.

Staff Sergeant John Moorhead, recently elected president of the York Regional Police Association, was charged under the Police Act last August. The charge followed assorted allegations of police misconduct by former constable Douglas Sheldrake.

The hearing before Judge H. M. McConnell is scheduled to begin Feb. 12 at the University Avenue court house in Toronto.

Three days have been reserved for the case.

Staff Sergeant Moorhead will be represented by well-known lawyer Arthur Maloney, former Ontario Ombudsman. Attorney General Roy McMurtry has appointed one of his staff, Ross Lundy, to prosecute the case on behalf of the regional police commission.

The police commission had the option of dealing with the case on its own or referring it to a public hearing before a county court judge. For only the second time in its history, the commission chose the public hearing route.

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Afternoon meetings are in by same vote

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If interruptions, grumbling, "boos" and excessive clapping indicate public participation then Richmond Hill is thrice blessed.

More than 40 people stalked into the council chambers Monday night to air their opinion about the council motion to change regular meetings from evenings to afternoons — almost unanimously against the change.

December 18 Councillor Lou Wainwright brought up a request that regular council meetings be changed from the evening to the afternoon for fuller participation and easier accessibility to town staff and records.

The original motion was amended by Councillor Bill Corcoran to read, council meetings be held on alternate afternoons and evenings.

That motion was carried with a vote of five to four.

Councillor John Birchall, Mike Burnie, Al Duffy and Mayor Dave Schiller supported the position that evening meetings would guarantee more public participation and echoed the comment it was a step backwards as far as openness of government was concerned.

Monday evening Councillor Birchall presented a resolution suggesting if council endorses the principles of open government and maximum public participation, including decision making at a time convenient for the public to attend, they should return to holding evening meetings.

HOUR OF COMMENT
After more than one full hour of public and council comment and debate councillors returned to their original position of alternate meetings with the same five to four vote.

David Fayle of Elizabeth Street

in Richmond Hill attended the meeting armed with three pages of statistical proof of the attendance patterns of other municipalities.

Personally, Dr. Fayle said he supports evening meetings when he can attend without taking time off work, and the information he had gleaned from housing studies and calls to municipalities about attendance, senior citizens, shift workers and high school students all supported his stand.

Attendance figures from other municipalities showed the numbers attending regular council meetings in Richmond Hill are better than average.

"This shows something we're doing is correct," said Councillor Mike Burnie who supports evening meetings.

Walter Ball, a director of the North-Holt Property Owners Association in Richvale expressed concern on behalf of the association, saying the time change would negate the right of the majority who are working to come before council.

Ingrid Wharton of Arnold Crescent in Richmond Hill said she felt council's position would penalize those who make a living outside of Richmond Hill.

"It seems they want our tax dollar, but not our voice," said Mrs. Wharton.

HE WANTED TO, BUT...
Residents and two council members stated the opinion the time of meetings should have been made an election issue so councillors would have public input.

Grant Mowat of Browndale Crescent lightened the discussion when he made the comment,

"This was the year I'd intended to attend — now I can't".

Even Councillor Birchall's impassioned plea that rookie councillors Dave Amos and Dave Barrow open the door to public participation rather than "slam the door in people's faces" did not alter the final vote.

Councillor Barrow's reply was, in effect, a compromise.

He proposed an amendment to the amendment which ensures the decision will be reviewed in three months — "to see how it works".

After the vote was taken council meeting proceeded in front of a chamber empty except for five or six regular visitors.

The next meeting of Richmond Hill council will be held February 5 at 7:45 p.m. preceded by a half hour question and answer period.

The following meeting will be February 19 in the afternoon.

May 7 will be the evening when a decision will be reached whether the policy of alternate meetings will continue.

House screams for help

In Richmond Hill last week, a suffering house screamed for help.

And the Richmond Hill Fire Department again pointed to the unlimited value of smoke detectors.

Mrs. Anna Knight, 249 Bluegrass Boulevard, was away from her home, but a pot was left on a hot stove.

The smoke detector went off, neighbors heard the piercing scream, and called the fire department.

When fire fighters arrived, they found the building full of smoke, and the pot in flames.

10 candidates file election expenses

Only ten of the 16 candidates for Richmond Hill town council met the deadline last week.

Back on August 8, 1978, town council passed a bylaw requiring each candidate to file an itemized statement of campaign contributions and election expenditures incurred.

Monday, Dave Weldon, Richmond Hill Clerk, said he neglected to send out letters reminding candidates the time was up, so letters were sent out Monday of this week giving candidates two more weeks.

The errant candidates are

Douglas Sheldrake, Lou Wainwright, Al Duffy, Jack Major, Bill Corcoran, and Ann Gold.

Of those who filed statements, expenses incurred by mayoralty candidates Lois Hancey and Dave Schiller and regional councillor Gord Rowe were the greatest.

A total amount of \$3,163.16 was filed by Mrs. Hancey and \$3,586.90 by Mayor Schiller.

Expenses include mailings, printing, newspaper advertisements, signs, lumber, lapel buttons, telephone expenses and victory parties.

Candidates were asked to list all contributions of money, goods

and services received by them or on their behalf in excess of \$100.

Mayor Dave Schiller listed total receipts of \$3,472.03 which included a sum of \$1,120.94 for donated items sold at a garage sale, \$285.09 receipts of bar at the kick-off party and 39 donations, none over \$100 but totalling \$2,066.00.

Regional Councillor Gord Rowe was the only councillor to list donations over \$100. Councillor Rowe received five donations to his campaign totalling \$1,350 and 24 sums amounting to \$1,630.

His expenses totalled \$3,354.72. Ward councillors who had filed by the deadline spent about \$500 except Ward 1 councillor Dave

Amos who spent \$843.04 and Ward 4 Councillor Dave Barrow who spent \$1,134.91.

Mr. Weldon said all statements will be published by the town when filed and checked to see candidates did not exceed amounts allowed.

The bylaw states any person who contravenes the bylaw is guilty of an offence, and on summary conviction is liable to a fine of not more than \$1,000.

"If they go over it will just cost them \$1,000 more for their campaign," said Mr. Weldon, "we won't kick them out of office."

Community Pulse

Y craft classes

It's not too late to join craft classes offered at York Region Family "Y". Classes are getting underway this week in crocheting, ceramics, furniture refinishing, stained glass windows, and sewing as well as horse back riding for children and charm and poise for girls.

Income tax help

Helpmate Information is in the process of making up a list of experienced and knowledgeable amateurs and professionals who can help senior citizens and people on limited income make up their income tax returns.

Seniors looking for help or volunteers willing to help with forms are asked to call Helpmate at 883-2234.

They'll shovel it

More than 70 healthy and willing people in the community have signed up with Helpmate Information to help senior citizens move that cold white stuff.

Two volunteers have indicated they have autos and are willing to travel into more remote areas to offer assistance.

Rams' coach quits

Bob Wall, the second coach for the Richmond Hill Rams Provincial Junior A hockey team this year, has resigned. Wall, a former NHL player, packed it up after the squad had been walloped 12-3 by Royal York Sunday. Details on Page B-1.

Chamber of Commerce

Name omitted, Sadler president

The man whose name was inadvertently left off the list of proposed directors for the 1979 Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce board, will likely be its new president.

Harry Sadler, an owner of Emerald Isle Real Estate, consented to stand for the president's position, after asking existing president Bob Saunders why his name wasn't on the nominating committee's slate.

Mr. Saunders assured Mr. Sadler it was a simple oversight. Mr. Sadler's appointment, along with other members of the executive, is expected to be ratified at the Chamber's annual meeting, set for the Pagoda Court, at noon, Wednesday, February 7.

Accepting the nomination for vice-president of the Chamber was Liberal Editor Ron Wallace.

Ken McKeown will handle the secretary-treasurer's duties. Suggested for the Board of

Directors are Glen Alton, Jane Horrocks, Edward Malbon, Peter Miller, Terry Morgan, Carl Scheffer, and Rodney Smith.

Existing director, Dave Barrow will change hats to become Richmond Hill Council's liaison with the Chamber.

Meanwhile, the chamber's first official function of the new season will take place at the Black Hawk Motor Inn, Wednesday, February 14.

At that time, it will team up with the Society of Management Accountants, York Region Chapter, to sponsor a dinner.

Guest speaker will be Staff Sergeant C.G. Piper of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who will speak on "White Collar Crime".

Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door only.

For further information, call Bob Saunders at 889-4958.



Three girls from Don Head are seeking the Richmond Hill Carnival Queen honor at the Winter Carnival this year. They are, left to right, Laura Amodeo, third year; Cathy Puppas, second year; and Francis Oosterhof, first year. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)



Richmond Hill High School has contributed this bevy of beauties as contestants for the Winter Carnival Queen contest. They are, back row, left to right, Susan Ludwig, Grade 11; Lori Mc-

Dowell, Grade 13; Dale McDowell, Grade 12; front row, Mary Cover, Grade 10; and Joey Stephenson, Grade 9.

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