

GO Train survey to be postponed

A survey to find out commuters' preferences for the GO rail service out of Richmond Hill has been postponed. Spokesman for GO Transit, Ernie Madden, said officials have decided to do a joint survey of the whole corridor through the Richmond Hill and Thornhill area, combining bus riders with rail riders.

Because of the new Markham Transit service and the problems of the overlapping service on Bayview Avenue, Mr. Madden said GO would like to get statistical information, such as where riders board and where they get off, as well as how they get to the transit service and at what time, so they can coordinate convenient routes and timing.

One of the problems with a survey of this type, said the GO represen-

tative, is to find out the preferences of those who do not use the service. He said GO would look at arrival and departure times comparing them with business starting times.

"For example, a stockbroker on King Street might like to use the service, but we're too early," said Mr. Madden. Mr. Madden said there was no hope of increasing the rail service in or out of the Hill.

At the moment the three trains carry a total of approximately 1,000 riders each way which the transit authority does not consider "a heavy service" and say it would not be "financially feasible" to put on a fourth train.

The survey will be postponed for about two months according to Mr. Madden, "to let the Markham service settle down".



This naughty mynah bird may need its beak washed out with soap if it doesn't clean up its language act. And owner Colin Kerr may have to get in line, too. Entertaining students at Langstaff Public School, Colin, left, and the bird were criticized for overusing the phrase "Oh, Christ". (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

Naughty mynah birds upset this teacher

Colin Kerr and his two sacrilegious and blasphemous way" mynah birds caused quite a stir last week—not because they can talk, but rather what they said.

Mr. Kerr took his birds to Langstaff Public School to initiate a fund raising program for the Ontario Humane Society.

He planned to entertain the students with an act and then teach them how to do his famous "Mynah Bird Hop".

Sales of a record teaching the dance were to have been sold with all proceeds going to the Ontario Humane Society.

Eric Garland, head teacher at Langstaff, opposed the sale of the record as well as Mr. Kerr's presentation because of the use of the phrase "Oh, Christ", by the bird as well as the owner.

"I felt it was not appropriate to use the phrase with primary school children," said Mr. Garland.

The teacher said he appreciated the fact that perhaps the birds could not be controlled, but said he felt the man played on the phrase too much "in a

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Arriving February 10 at 5:57 a.m. Allison Beth Leyton-Brown is a big hit with her mother Anne. Allison is a sister for Kevin, 3, who is waiting at his Kitsilano Crescent home in Richmond Hill, with dad, David. (Liberal photo by Bruce Hogg)

Look who's arrived

It was almost, but not quite a tie between the number of baby girls and boys born last week at York Central Hospital.

The girls won out by a majority of two. Monday, February 5 Douglas and Linda Cook, Richmond Hill, a son at 10:27 a.m.

Tuesday, February 6 Stuart and Margaret Taylor, Willowdale, a son at 2:02 p.m.

George and Laura Griffin, Richmond Hill, a son at 9:27 a.m.

Jim and Christine Bellamy, Richmond Hill, a daughter at 4:10 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7 David and Fern Main, Thornhill, a daughter at 10:29 p.m.

Robert and Janet Hick, Downsview, a daughter at 10:20 p.m.

Ron and Denise Ricketts, Oshawa, a daughter at 12:06 p.m.

Thursday, February 8 Timothy and Marina Biggs, Keswick, a daughter at 7:43 a.m.

James and Shirley Lapish, Richmond Hill, a daughter at 11:28 p.m.

Friday, February 9 Daniel and Alison MacKenzie-Pigeon, Don Mills, a daughter at 1:53 p.m.

Saturday, February 10 David and Anne Leyton-Brown, Richmond Hill, a daughter at 5:57 a.m.

Douglas and Patricia Sauve, Aurora, a son at 8:19 a.m.

Gordon and Audrey Deremo, Keswick, a son at 7:35 p.m.

Sunday, February 11 Arno and Ursula Janes, King City, a son at 3:12 p.m.

Bowlathon is set for Saturday

Big Brothers of York will hold their Third Annual Bowlathon called "Bowl for a Boy", February 17 at the Newmarket Bowlarama, 81 Davis Drive.

Celebrities, politicians and sports personalities such as Whipper Watson, Sinc Stevens, Bill Hodgson, Dave Devall, Jim Elder and George Timpon will join Big Brothers Honorary Chairman Ron Ellis of the Toronto Maple Leafs to bowl one game in this organization's main fund raising event.

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PUBLIC HEARING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1979, 8:00 P.M. THORNHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

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The Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Committee of the Council of the Town of Markham to consider an Official Plan Amendment for part of Lots 8 and 9, Concession 2 and a Secondary Plan for the Thornlea Planning District.

The subject lands of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and of the Secondary Plan are as shown on the map below.

At the time of preparation of the Official Plan, the subject lands of the proposed Official Plan Amendment were within the Parkway Belt Planning Area as established by The Parkway Belt Planning and Development Act, and were subject to the provisions of the Minister's Order, Ontario Regulation 475/73 as amended.

That part of the Official Plan which designated the subject lands as Parkway Belt West Planning Area was approved by the Minister of Housing on July 7, 1978.

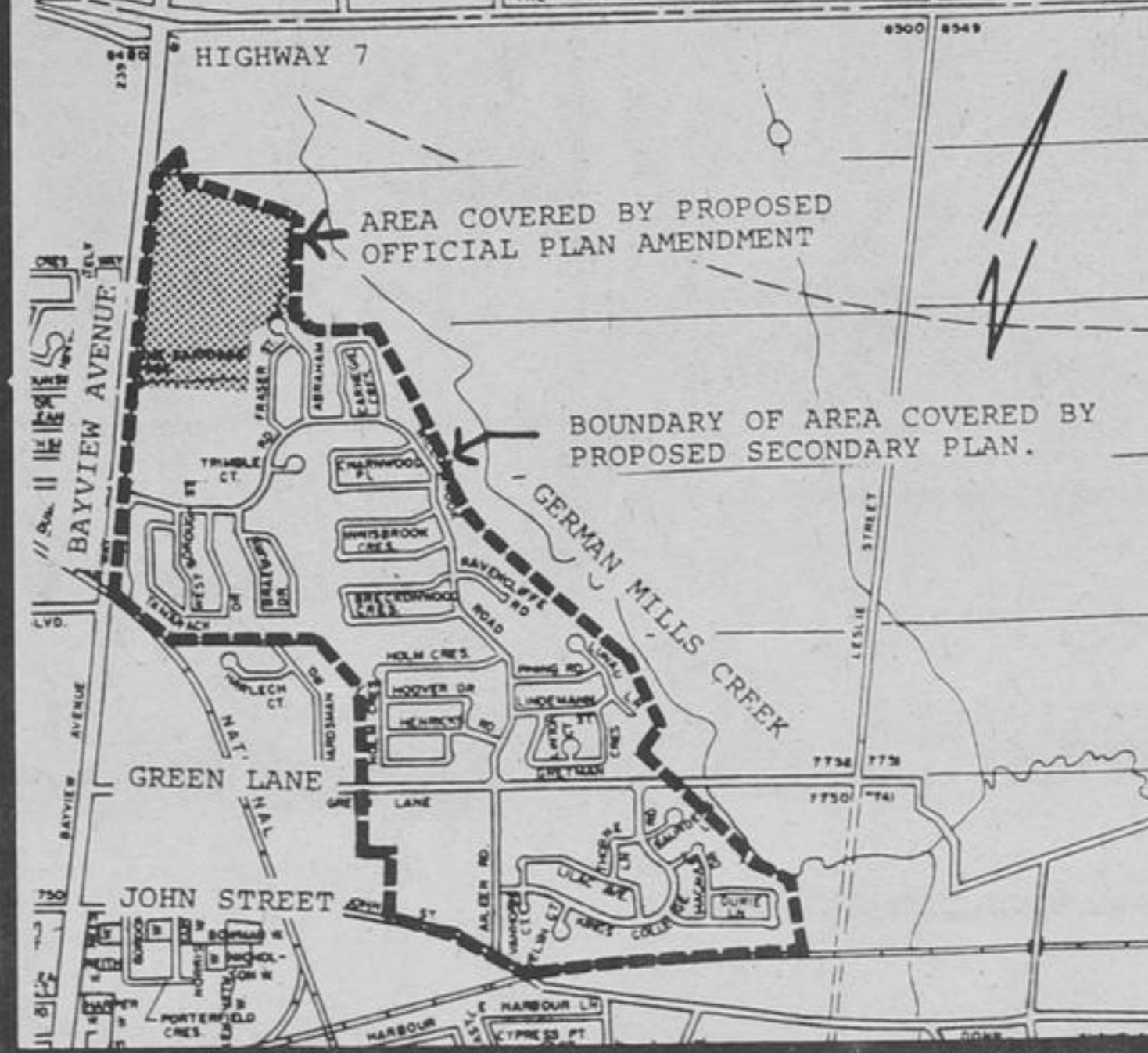
On July 26, 1978, the final Parkway Belt West Plan was approved by the Ontario Government. The subject lands of the proposed Official Plan Amendment do not form part of the Parkway Belt West as finally approved, and are therefore proposed to be redesignated from Parkway Belt West Planning Area to an appropriate land use category.

The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to redesignate the subject lands from PARKWAY BELT WEST PLANNING AREA TO URBAN RESIDENTIAL AND OPEN SPACE, to extend the boundary of the Thornlea Planning District (Planning District No. 9) northerly to encompass the designated area of the Amendment and to provide appropriate policies for the development of the lands.

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 or objection to the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Secondary Plan. Should you be unable to attend, written submissions will be received up to the time of the Hearing.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment, Secondary Plan and the Official Plan and existing land use maps may be examined at the office of the Planning Department. DATED February 6, 1979 T. M. Januszewski, Planning Director



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