

Social Planning Council has an enviable record

Richmond Hill's Social Planning Council is a quiet, behind-the-scenes group that has chalked up many successful projects to its credit over the last ten years.

The purpose of the Social Planning Council, said the present chairman Ernie Nyitrai, is to identify needs in the community and to ensure the social needs of the people are met and their health is looked after.

It is a planning group in the sense of "what is available for specific groups" rather than road allowances and sewers, said Mr. Nyitrai.

Mr. Nyitrai outlined the achievements of the Social Planning Council which, although it is located in Richmond Hill with Richmond Hill members looks at the whole region when looking at problems.

The council is responsible for the creation of Helpmate Information, an information referral system in Richmond Hill; the Citizens Advisory Group in town whose particular job is to act as a "conscience of council"; and the Legal Aid Clinic, which meets each Wednesday to help people who cannot afford their own lawyer.

The successful senior citizens shopping program, where a town bus picks up seniors each Thursday morning and takes them to the Allencourt IGA where they can buy small portions of meat and vegetables and obtain the advice of a dietician, was also a suggestion from the Social Planning Council.

Project HOSTEL, a temporary emergency housing service, and low cost dental service to disadvantaged parts of the region also came about in response to a need outlined by the group.

Last August a workshop, set up by council members, was held with the Board of Education relating to the integration of the handicapped into normal classrooms. This is now part of the program in York Region.

A workshop called "Looking In on Reaching Out" looking at the problems handicapped individuals face in an average community, resulted in the town instituting a curbing program (curbs cut at intersections to permit wheelchairs to cross) and incorporating wheelchair access to public buildings.

Council investigates needs in the community, examines costs, sets up a board if it's necessary — and then leaves it on its own," said Mr. Nyitrai summing up the SPC's duties.

One project the present chairman would like to finish in his term of office is the establishing of the poverty line in southern York region.

He would like to find out how much does it cost to live in our community, including items such as housing, transportation, food and clothing.

Mr. Nyitrai said he feels this figure would help elected represen-

tatives make decisions regarding needs in the community and the allotment of funds to various programs.

The present chairman would also like to look into transportation facilities in the area for the disabled.

As the Ministry of Transportation and Communications have offered municipalities a 50 per cent grant toward operation of such a service, Mr. Nyitrai would like to look at the same services offered in Metro by Wheel-trams and Phiacs.

The Social Planning Council will hold their

annual meeting May 30 in the Blue Flame Room of the Consumers Gas Building on Elgin Mills Sideroad and invite all interested residents.

Very Rev. Bruce McLeod, Richmond Hill United Church's new minister and former moderator of the United Church of Canada and member of the Ontario Human Rights Commission, will speak at the annual meeting.

Dr. McLeod's topic will be his thoughts on human rights using his experiences in Vietnam, Taiwan and South America.



Ryan Lever of Romfield Circuit in Thornhill gets some pointers about safety from Police Constable Stephen Horvath of the York Regional Police Safety Bureau. To celebrate Police Week the regional unit from Richmond

Hill displayed literature and answered questions at Hillcrest Mall. "Sparky" the talking police cruiser and a police motorcycle stole the show.

(Liberal Photo by Bruce Hogg)

We'll decide where signs go, committee says

After being turned down repeatedly by the region, the town of Richmond Hill is going to ask to make its own decisions.

The town has repeatedly asked for "Stop" signs on municipal roads where residents have been concerned.

The region insists on certain vehicle and pedestrian traffic counts before allowing the signs to be erected.

Often figures do not meet regional warrants.

Warrant "A" from the region says total vehicular traffic entering the intersection from all directions must exceed 200 units per hour in any

eight hours of an average 12 hour day.

Warrant "B" says total vehicular and pedestrian traffic entering the intersection from the minor street must exceed 80 units in same eight hours as warrant "A".

Recently the engineering committee asked for five "Stop" signs on Springhead Gardens between Weldrick Road and Avenue Road, only one of which was approved, a sign at Taylor Mills North and Kerswell Drive, which does not meet regional warrants.

Another at Industrial and Enford Roads, will be installed.

Councillor Al Duffy, a member of the engineering committee, said he felt the region did not know the type of neighborhood, the people or the problem, but made a decision based only on numbers.

A request will be sent by the town to the appropriate authority asking that legislation be amended with respect to regulation of traffic on local roads, and authority be moved from the region to the area municipality.

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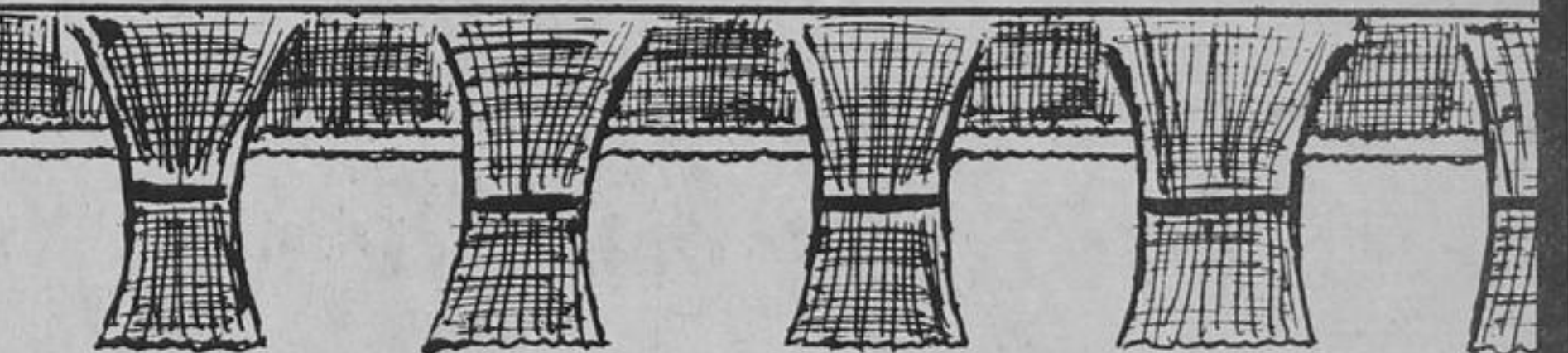
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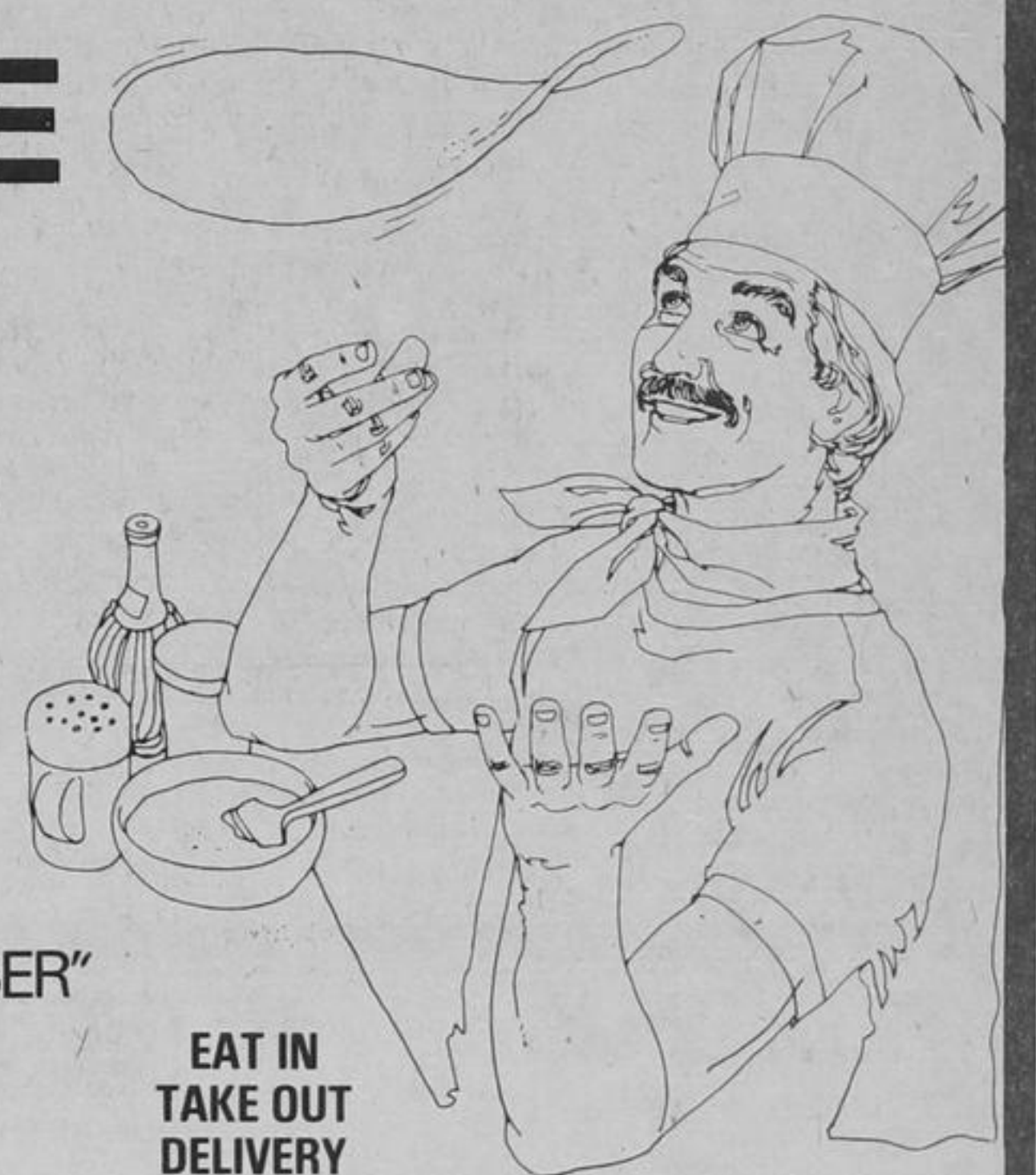
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