



The first row of houses in the Thornhill-Vaughan plan are now rising just north of the CN tracks and west of Dufferin Street. They are the first of approximately 20,000 housing units to be built on the Vaughan side of Thornhill in the next 20 years. The Ministry of the Environment has just awarded the contract for a

section of the York-Durham sewer in the area which makes the project possible. The two-mile long section along Steeles Avenue from Dufferin Street to Hilda Avenue which will be constructed in a five foot, six inch tunnel will be built by S. McNally and Sons Ltd. M. M. Dillon are the consulting engineers.

## Heritage Language Program a success after one year

The Separate School Board is pleased with the first year's operation of Italian instruction under the Heritage Languages Program and has been lauded for its efforts by the Ministry of Education.

Chairman Larry Pelliccione recently received a letter from the Ministry stating its satisfaction with the program. An added bonus for the board is that Italian instruction at St. Peter's School in Woodbridge will become 100 per cent grantable as of September.

"Our grant structure has improved for 1979 and funding for this program will come from the province," said Mr. Pelliccione. "The ministry says it will no longer be necessary to charge fees to parents."

Under board policy, to help defray costs of materials and because students take Saturday morning Italian classes at other locations and pay a fee, there is a charge of \$5 per student and a maximum of \$10 per family for the program.

While the 21 per cent of the course costs now being paid for by taxpayers will be borne by ministry grant, the board must decide if it will continue to charge those families whose children take Heritage Language.

Parent responses to a questionnaire indicate the program has so far been an overwhelming success.

Out of 415 families surveyed, 283 returned their responses. Asked if they are pleased with the Heritage program, all answered yes.

Two hundred seventy-six said they are encouraging their child to speak more Italian at home and 228 said their child actually is; 269 answered the student(s) now takes greater interest and pride in his cultural heritage than before.

The parents' views are not the only indicators Italian instruction is good for St. Peter's.

From last September until last week, the school's population increased by only four pupils.

At the beginning of the year 83.2 per cent of the total enrollment were taking Italian classes — by June 5, that figure was up to 94.6 per cent or an increase from 614 to 702 kids taking the program.

No parent has asked that his child be withdrawn from the classes.

An informal student survey by the principal shows that 36 claimed they enjoy Italian, one does not and the same number felt they were learning a significant amount of Italian.

"There is no one answer for the increase in the number of kids taking the course," said Jack Cronin, Superintendent of Special Services. "I guess some parents preferred to wait before they committed their kids — people are always a little

wary of new programs and maybe they just wanted to see how good it was before making a decision."

He claimed word of mouth from students to parents and parents to other parents, helped

those who held back at the beginning, to decide to enroll their children.

The only concerns for the HLP are enough space for more pupils who wish to start it in September and a bolstering of certain areas of the

program, both of which will be looked after in the summer.

About the success and quality of the instruction, Mr. Cronin said: "The proof of the pudding is the kids' reaction in class — they like it."

## Instruction in Italian turned down by board

A request for Italian instruction under the Heritage Languages Program for students at St. Margaret Mary Separate School in Woodbridge, will be denied because not enough families have shown they want it.

Under a Separate School Board policy established last year, at least 75 per cent of the parents must demonstrate in writing the desire for their kids to study the Heritage program in the language of majority interest. Out of 575 families surveyed by a board committee, only 507 sent in their wishes: of that number, 70.6 per cent said they favor Italian instruction.

In early May, parents were invited to an information night to discuss how the normal school day would be lengthened by 20 minutes if the program were implemented. A disheated committee of staff and trustees received 50 parents.

The survey was sent home with pupils shortly afterwards and their parents were asked to have it completed and returned by May 14. The idea was to write a statement either in support of or against the program.

Parents were given an extension to June 4 because 122 surveys had not been returned by the deadline.

St. Margaret Mary has

about 86 per cent of its pupils who have an ethnic (Italian) background. Of the total surveyed, 101 families said no to Italian instruction and 68 didn't bother to answer the questionnaire at all. Principal Brian Wheeler sent home numerous memos and even resorted to calling parents at home, to no avail.

"We're going to have to revise the procedures for

the Heritage program this fall," said Superintendent of Student Services Jack Cronin. "Staff, trustees, principals will look at issues like the form of future surveys, how many times in one year a parent group can request to have the program and should those parents who want the program conduct the survey, for example."

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**IN THE MATTER OF The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122**

- and -

**IN THE MATTER OF The lands and premises known municipally as 7788 Yonge Street, Thornhill in the Town of Vaughan, in the Province of Ontario.**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE**

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Vaughan intends to designate the lands and building, known municipally as 7788 Yonge Street, Thornhill, Ontario, as a property of architectural value or interest under The Ontario Heritage Act, 1974, S.O. Chapter 122.

**REASONS FOR THE PROPOSED DESIGNATION**

The Old Presbyterian Church (built ca. 1846 as the British Methodist Chapel) is one of the few remaining examples of the modest ecclesiastical architecture employed by Methodist congregations in the second quarter of the 19th century. Elements of the Greek Revival style are evident in the building's temple form and such architectural details as the pedimented gable in the front facade and the eared mouldings which trim each window.

This church forms an integral part of what is left of the historic streetscape on the west side of Yonge Street, and with its neighbouring landmarks serves to remind future generations of the architectural roots of Thornhill. In a paper delivered by Past-President of Heritage Canada, R.A.J. Phillips, we find a warning and a recommendation:

Our heritage of churches will not survive by accident, it will indeed take its course in sagging walls, leaking roofs and rotting sills. Churches and Governments should take a responsibility they have never comprehended by consolidating riches...and transferring underused buildings to the continued enrichment of the community...The community could preserve the quality of its streetscape, and bring light to darkened interiors. We could all be richer.

**HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:**

Until 1849 the Presbyterians of Thornhill were served by a minister from the Richmond Hill church. When the local British Methodist congregation merged with the Wesleyans in 1850, they sold their four-year-old church to the Presbyterians for 52 pounds. Under the leadership of the Reverend George Dick, the building was moved to its present location on Village Lot number six, situated in the gore of land between old and new Yonge Streets, south of the Don River and north of Centre Street. The lot had been purchased from George Munro, Esq. for 40 pounds. The Thornhill Presbyterians worshipped and socialized in their church for over a century. An excerpt from a sermon delivered by D.W. Cooper at the last service held in the old church on March 1, 1959 reveals the sentiments and reasons for leaving:

The old church had long formed a part of the rich heritage of the congregation and had many warm memories for all, but particularly for those members who together with their families had worshipped in it for a generation or more. However, the pressing needs of a growing congregation left no alternative but to seek a new house of worship.

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

A photograph taken in 1890 shows the Thornhill Presbyterian Church proudly overlooking Yonge Street and surrounded by a sturdy white picket fence. Because it was built by Methodists, who spurned ostentation, the impressiveness of this building is conveyed by its simplicity of style and design and its classical proportions. Like many early 19th century Methodist buildings, this timber-frame and clapboard church was executed in a vernacular Greek Revival style.

The front (east) facade, with its symmetrically placed double doors and tall flanking windows on each side, is crowned by a deeply set and moulded pediment in the gable. This feature was echoed on a smaller scale directly above the doorway. The windows are trimmed with an eared moulding that is slightly peaked. This eared trim was a popular feature that can be found on many houses in Thornhill and demonstrates the awareness and fondness that the local craftsmen had for the classical revival.

Each of the side walls of the church contain two tall windows similar to those found at the front. Although the fenestration has suffered at the hands of vandals and the windows are now boarded up, it is not difficult to imagine how much light once radiated into the interior of the church.

The original interior appears to have had a centre aisle and wide horizontal boarding which ran along the walls under the windows. The pews ran perpendicular, and were attached directly to these boards. Evidence of this can be found in the unpainted "strips" where the backs of the benches met the wall. In keeping with the Methodist tradition, there would have been a preacher's pulpit in the centre of the west wall that overlooked the congregation. It was no doubt removed when the Presbyterians bought the church in 1850.

In 1890 the Presbyterians remodelled and enlarged their church. The bench pews were removed and vertical wainscoting was applied over the original horizontal boards. The "chancel" end of the church was graced with a concave alcove which stimulates the apse found in traditional "high-church" architecture. A stage-like platform was installed to raise the altar, choir pews and pulpit above the congregation.

A large addition, to house a Sunday school cum church hall, an office and vestry, was built on to the rear of the building and access was facilitated by a doorway on each side of the altar. Unlike the original church, which was constructed with hand-hewn beams and accented with split lath, the new addition was a balloon frame structure made with saw mill lumber. The interior trim in the addition is late Victorian and therefore the product of a mechanized planing mill as opposed to the hand planed mouldings of the original church.

Some time after 1890, the box-like vestibule was added at the front door. Its design was very much in keeping with, and sympathetic to, the proportions of the original building, but exhibits architectural details that one does not find on early Methodist churches. The pediment in the gable surmounts a dentilated cornice and the plain frieze is "supported" by pilasters at the corners and on each side of the doorway.

Although the church in its present state would appear to many to be a ruin, it has potential and could be restored. It is a building of major local significance and deserves to be saved. The monetary investment would be high, but the return in terms of its heritage value to the town of Thornhill, its residents and its visitors would be a wealth immeasurable.

Any person may, before the 16th day of July, 1979 send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Town of Vaughan, notice of his or her objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. When a Notice of Objection has been received, the Council of the Town of Vaughan will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and report.

DATED at the Town of Vaughan this 13th day of June, 1979.

R. J. DOUGLAS, A.M.C.T.,  
DEPUTY CLERK, TOWN OF VAUGHAN,  
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**NOTICE RE. PROPOSED TOWN OF VAUGHAN BY-LAW NUMBER 106-79**

The Council of The Corporation of the Town of Vaughan, at its meeting of May 7th, 1979, gave first and second reading to proposed By-law Number 106-79. A copy of the by-law is furnished below.

It is the intention of Council, meeting as Council Committee, on Monday, June 25th, 1979, to hear representation from interested parties regarding the proposed by-law. The meeting is scheduled to commence at 7:30 o'clock p.m.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON THIS MATTER SHOULD CONTACT THE UNDERSIGNED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 15th, 1979.

F.G. Jackman,  
Clerk.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF VAUGHAN  
BY-LAW NUMBER 106-79

A By-law to provide for limitations on election expenditures by or on behalf of a Candidate in an Election held under The Municipal Elections Act, 1977, as amended, and to require the disclosure by a Candidate of all election contributions to his campaign in excess of \$100.00.

WHEREAS The Municipal Elections Act, 1977, as amended, provides that the Council of a municipality may by by-law provide for limitations on election expenditures by or on behalf of a candidate and require the disclosure by a candidate of all election contributions to his campaign in excess of \$100.00 in the form of money and goods and services;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Vaughan ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

- In this by-law,
  - "broadcasting undertaking" means a broadcasting undertaking as defined in Section 2 of the Broadcasting Act (Canada);
  - "candidate" means a person who is nominated for election to office in accordance with The Municipal Elections Act, 1977, and whose nomination is certified by the Clerk;
  - "Clerk" means the Clerk of the Town of Vaughan;
  - "contribution" includes the greater of the stated monetary value of monies, goods and services received, or the fair market value of the monies, goods and services received by or on behalf of a candidate, but does not include the labour portion of any goods produced by voluntary unpaid labour, or any service performed by an individual voluntarily for a candidate without compensation;
  - "election" means an election governed by The Municipal Elections Act, 1977;
  - "elector" means a person entitled under The Municipal Elections Act, 1977, to vote in an election;
  - "expense" means the greater of the stated monetary value of monies, goods and services expended, or the fair market value of the monies, goods and services expended by or on behalf of a candidate, but does not include the labour portion of any goods produced by voluntary unpaid labour, or any services performed by an individual voluntarily for a candidate without compensation;
  - "outdoor advertising facilities" means facilities other than radio and television and newspapers, magazines and other periodical publications, of any person that is in the business of providing such facilities on a commercial basis for advertising purposes;
  - "person" includes a corporation and the heirs, executors, administrators or other legal representatives of a person to whom the context can apply according to law;
  - "polling day" means the day on which the poll is to be taken under The Municipal Elections Act, 1977.
- Corporations that are associated with one another under section 256 of the Income Tax Act (Canada) shall be considered as a single corporation for the purposes of this by-law.
- The Clerk, in addition to his other powers and duties shall:
  - deliver to every candidate a true copy of this by-law at the time of filing of the nomination;
  - examine all financial returns filed with him;
  - report to the Council of the Town of Vaughan any apparent contravention of this by-law;
  - publish a summary showing the total campaign receipts and expenses of each candidate in a news-

paper having a general circulation in the Town of Vaughan;

- maintain a register of candidates for each election held after this by-law comes into force and, shall register therein any candidate that is nominated setting out:
  - the full name and address of the candidate;
  - the office to which the candidate has been nominated;
  - the address of the place or places where records of the candidate are maintained and of the place to which communications may be addressed;
  - the names of all persons authorized by the Candidate to accept contributions on his behalf.
- All documents filed with the Clerk pursuant to this by-law are public records and may be inspected by any person upon request during the normal office hours of the Clerk;
  - Any person may take extracts from the documents referred to in subsection (1) upon payment for the preparation of the copies at such rate as the Clerk may determine.
- No candidate who receives an anonymous contribution, or person who received an anonymous contribution on behalf of a candidate shall use or expend any part of the said contribution, and he shall immediately return the contribution to the contributor if the identity of the contributor cannot be established, he shall pay the contribution to the Clerk and it shall become part of the general funds of the Town of Vaughan.
- For each election the amount expended by or on behalf of each candidate in his election campaign shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)
- Within sixty days (60) next following polling day, each candidate shall file with the Clerk a statement signed by him itemizing the following:
  - Every contribution received by him or on his behalf in excess of \$100.00 and the names of the donors.
  - The total contributions received by him or on his behalf
  - Each expense incurred by him or on his behalf
  - The total expenses incurred by him or on his behalf.
- If a person or corporation charges a candidate, or a person acting with the knowledge and consent of the candidate:
  - a rate for broadcasting time on any broadcasting undertaking that is less than the lowest rate charged by him or it for an equal amount of equivalent time on the same facilities made available to any other person in that period; or
  - a rate for an advertisement in a periodical publication published or distributed and made public, that is less than the lowest rate charged by him to another person for an equal amount of equivalent advertising space in the same issue of the periodical or in any other issue thereof published or distributed and made public in that period; or
  - a rate for outdoor advertising facilities that is less than the lowest rate charged by him to another person for an equal amount of equivalent advertising facilities in that period;

then the difference between the amount charged to the candidate or the person acting for him and the amount charged at such lowest rate shall be a contribution to the candidate for the purpose of Section 7 and an expenditure for the purpose of Section 6.

- Any person who contravenes the provisions of this by-law is guilty of an offence, and on summary conviction is liable to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

READ A FIRST and SECOND time this 7th day of May, 1979.

"G.A. Williams", Mayor  
"F.G. Jackman", Clerk

READ A THIRD time and finally passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1979.

\_\_\_\_\_, Mayor  
\_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

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