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Having a deep corner lot can prove expensive

If a County Court appeal last week had been successful it could have cost Richmond Hill taxpayers or recipients of a local improvement a total of \$84,000.

The town policy on local improvements is to consider that recipients of the benefits of project should pay a portion and the costs are calculated on footage of property.

On corner lots the town considers the property as fronting on two streets and property owners are charged frontage and "flankage".

The town policy is to allow the first 150 feet of flankage exempt from assessment, but the property owner must pay excess footage.

Local Improvement Assessment Rolls, available from the Clerk's office, show in the Richvale Sewer Project, completed in 1978, out of 17,130 total feet of flankage in Richvale, 5,660

feet were taxed at a total cost to residents of \$84,506.

These figures were approved by council before construction and home owners were informed of the costs at public meetings and by private notice.

Rosemarie and Robert Smillie, of 73 Westwood Lane were two of approximately 150 who appealed the Local Improvement Tax levied for the Richvale project to the count of Revision in the town.

Mr. and Mrs. Smillie's property has 125 feet of frontage on Westwood Lane and 279 feet of flankage on Denham Drive.

The total charge to the Smillies for local improvements was \$3,918 and if the appeal was successful they could have saved \$1,763.43.

In an interview Mrs. Smillie said she felt the 150 foot exemption was not right for their area as this part of Richvale was one with the largest lot sizes.

"The exemption was designed for the old part of town," she said, "where lots were not larger than 150 feet."

Mrs. Smillie said the town reasoning for the excess charge is that large lots can be severed, but she said that did not apply to their lot because local zoning states properties cannot be subdivided at this time.

The Court of Revision turned down the Smillie appeal and they next presented a brief to the town Bylaw Committee hoping council members would take a look at lots and charges in their area.

Out of that brief came a motion by council directing staff to review flankage exemptions for each project, as the project is contemplated — but Town Clerk Dave Weldon, said the direction was not retroactive.

Mr. and Mrs. Smillie, following procedure, then appealed to the County Court for relief.

At the County Court hearing last Wednesday, there was some confusion, with Smillies and their lawyer under the impression because of the bylaw committee recommendation the town staff would not oppose their appeal.

But, Mr. Weldon, the clerk, who spoke on the town's behalf at the hearing, said "We had no direction from council not to oppose".

Mayor Dave Schiller said the confusion arose through the committee decision that the town would present the municipality's policy, history and reasons for the policy, and evidence about the amount charged to the applicant — but they would not argue the point, instead let the judge make his decision based on fact.

"I told staff, if you can convince the judge, then fine, but we won't pursue it," said Mayor Schiller.

The Mayor said he realized this put staff in an awkward position, but he felt the best the town could do is say "here's the policy, here's the facts, we believe everything is right, and we rest our case."

The judge turned down the Smillie appeal on the grounds the law did not allow him to change

the town policy.

The decision can now be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board and Mrs. Smillie said she was not sure what their next move would be.

If amounts charged to residents in Richvale as flankage were not paid by individual property owners, they would

have to be absorbed by the municipality.

Mayor Schiller said these charges would then be passed on in the way of an increase in Local Improvement assessment made to area residents or passed on in local tax bill to residents of Richmond Hill, or a combination of both.

Operation a success

The complicated detour last week at the Elgin Mills Road and Yonge Street intersection was caused by "open trench surgery".

When the Ministry of the Environment was hooking up the York Water System under Yonge Street workmen ran into "bad soil", said Chester Korzenowski from the firm of professional engineers, responsible for the

project, McCormick, Rankin and Associates.

Originally plans were to "push" the line through a steel liner, said Mr. Korzenowski, but the liner was pushed "off direction" by the soil and the firm felt the only way to finish was to "open cut" Yonge Street to make the connection through a trench.

Water now flows through the

municipal six-inch pipe system, resulting in poor pressure to residents' taps, but when this provincial system is connected water will be flowing through a 24-inch pipe.

The connection at Yonge Street and Elgin Mills is the final link, said the engineer and he estimates within three weeks the whole system will be in operation.

HELPMATE INFORMATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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JUNE-JULY


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Your community needs you to do some TELEPHONE WORK. Preparations are already underway in the United Way office for their upcoming campaign. The United Way runs a major fund raising campaign on behalf of a number of social service agencies in York Region. Some of the agencies which belong to the United Way are Helpmate Information & Referral Services; Operation Catch-up; Family Services; York Region Y. To prepare for the campaign, many lists have to be updated, which requires a lot of telephone contacts. Volunteers who can give	Two or three hours a week or more to update the lists are needed. You can even work in the comfort of your own home — an ideal opportunity for someone who can't get out of the house. Before you start the telephone work, you will be given complete information on who to contact, what information is required, and how to record it. The pre-campaign telephone work is very important to ensure a smooth campaign, and thus the continuation of vital community services.	Traditional Sounds of Jazz at Hillcrest Mall, 5:30 — 8 p.m. Pre-school Story Hour at Richmond Hill Public Library, 2 — 2:45 p.m. Pre-school Story Hour at Richvale Branch Library from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. and Charles Connor Branch at 1 p.m. How to become a "Harlequin" author. Speaker at Richmond Hill Public Library at 7:30 p.m.	27 Mobile Citizenship Court at Richvale Community Centre from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. For further information, call 883-2234. Support Rally for the "Yellow Brick House" at Richvale Community Centre at 8 p.m. "Who Has Seen The Wind?" a Canadian film at the Richmond Hill Public Library, 8 p.m.	28 Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge St., Richmond Hill, 8 p.m. For further information, call 884-1689. Teen Drop-In at Concord Community Centre, from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. for teens, aged 13 to 17. For further information, call 669-1840. Canada's Birthday Party. A special program for children eight to 12. Richmond Hill Library, 9:30 a.m.	29 Duplicate Bridge at St. John's Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, 8 p.m. For further information, call 884-1689. Teen Drop-In at the Concord Community Centre, from 8 to 11 p.m. for teens aged 13 to 17. For further information, call 669-1840.	30 One Parent Association Dance at the Thornhill Community Centre, 8 p.m.
1 Canada Day in Thornhill. Sports program at 10 a.m. Folk festival from 2 to 5 p.m. Richvale Lions Bingo, Richvale Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 7:30 p.m.	2 Canada Day Thornhill. Sports program at 10 a.m. Folk Festival from 2 to 5 p.m.	3 Ladies night out. Yoga and a variety of crafts. Viking Club, Oak Ridges, 7 p.m. Storytime for pre-schoolers, 3-5 years old at the Thornhill Community Centre Branch Library, 2 p.m.	4 Traditional Sounds of Jazz at Hillcrest Mall from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Tonight: the Hillcrest All Stars.	5 Richvale Writers Club, 79 Denham Road, Richmond Hill, 889-6703. Block Parent Association monthly meeting at York Regional Police Station, Major Mackenzie Drive, 7:30 p.m. For further information, call 884-7360.	6 Duplicate Bridge at St. John's Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, 8 p.m. For further information, call 884-1689. Teen Drop-In at the Concord Community Centre, from 8 to 11 p.m. for teens aged 13 to 17. For further information call 669-1840.	7 One Parent Association Dance at the Thornhill Community Centre, 8 p.m.
8 Richvale Lions Bingo at Richvale Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 7:30 p.m.	9 One Parent Families Association general meeting at Thornhill Community Centre. Storytime for pre-schoolers, 3-5 years old at 2 p.m. at Thornhill Community Centre Branch Library.	10 Yoga at Richmond Hill United Church, 7:15-8:30 p.m. for beginners, and 8:30 to 9:45 p.m. for intermediates. Info: 884-2671.	11 Community Centre, 7:30 p.m. Parent Concern meeting, 8-10 p.m. Call Joyce, 884-3503.	12 Free Topical Fluoride Clinic, for children 3-16 years old, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. See Monday's list for phone numbers. Richmond Hill Legion Bingo, Legion Hall, Ohio Road, 7:35 p.m. Richmond Hill Public Library pre-school story hour, Richvale Branch: 2-2:45 p.m. — Charles Connor Branch: 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Senior Citizens bowling, Newkirk Bowl, 1:30 p.m. 884-6922. Richmond Hill Aquatic Club practice, 5:30 p.m. Centennial Pool.	13 Duplicate Bridge at St. John's Anglican Church, 12125 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill, 8 p.m. For further information, call 884-1689. Teen Drop-In at Concord Community Centre, from 8 to 11 p.m. for teens aged 13 to 17. For further information call 669-1840.	14 Ohio Road, 7 p.m. Info: 884-4521. Richmond Hill Youth Concert Band Rehearsals, St. Joseph's School, 7:30 p.m. Info: 884-8873. Richmond Hill Aquatic Club practice, Centennial Pool, 5:30 p.m. Richmond Hill Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills Road at Leslie, 10 a.m.-noon. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 10 a.m.-noon. Euchre, seniors club room, 10149 Yonge St. 1:30 p.m.

REGULAR EVENTS

Monday Lions Bingo at 7:40 p.m., Centre Street, Richmond Hill Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge Street, 8 p.m. Info: 884-1689. Sea Cadets RCSC Patriot, St. Mary's Anglican Church, Boys 14 and up, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Info: 884-3630. York Philharmonic Choir practice, Richmond Hill Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m. Alateen-Aurora United Church, 8 p.m. Info: 773-4539. Craft evening, St. Paul's United Church, 7:30 p.m. Info: 773-5603.	Tuesday Richmond Hill Aquatic Club practice, Centennial Pool, 5:30 p.m. Info: 884-4594. Richmond Hill Public Library pre-school story hour, 10 - 10:45 a.m. Pre-registration. Navy League Cadets, Richmond Hill United Church, 6:30 p.m. Boys 10-13 years. Info: 223-8868. Legal Aid Clinic, 7-10 p.m. Info: 884-9148. Mother's Break, 9:30-11:15 a.m. Richmond Hill United Church, Info: 884-4294.	Wednesday Yoga at Richmond Hill United Church, 7:15-8:30 p.m. for beginners, and 8:30 to 9:45 p.m. for intermediates. Info: 884-2671. Richvale Lions Drum Corps and Color Guard, Lions Hall, 31 Spruce Avenue, 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Free Topical Fluoride Clinic for children, 3-16 years, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call the Health Unit: 884-1133; 887-5245; 832-1384; 297-3324. Richmond Hill Aquatic Club practice, Centennial Pool, 5:30 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, 12125 Yonge St. Info: 884-1689.	Thursday Free Topical Fluoride Clinic, for children 3-16 years old, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. See Monday's list for phone numbers. Richmond Hill Legion Bingo, Legion Hall, Ohio Road, 7:35 p.m. Richmond Hill Public Library pre-school story hour, Richvale Branch: 2-2:45 p.m. — Charles Connor Branch: 2 p.m. Pre-registration required. Senior Citizens bowling, Newkirk Bowl, 1:30 p.m. 884-6922. Richmond Hill Aquatic Club practice, 5:30 p.m. Centennial Pool.	Friday Ohio Road, 7 p.m. Info: 884-4521. Richmond Hill Youth Concert Band Rehearsals, St. Joseph's School, 7:30 p.m. Info: 884-8873. Richmond Hill Aquatic Club practice, Centennial Pool, 5:30 p.m. Richmond Hill Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills Road at Leslie, 10 a.m.-noon. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 10 a.m.-noon. Euchre, seniors club room, 10149 Yonge St. 1:30 p.m.	Saturday Ohio Road, 7 p.m. Info: 884-4521. Richmond Hill Youth Concert Band Rehearsals, St. Joseph's School, 7:30 p.m. Info: 884-8873. Richmond Hill Aquatic Club practice, Centennial Pool, 5:30 p.m. Richmond Hill Recycling Depot, Elgin Mills Road at Leslie, 10 a.m.-noon. Thornhill Recycling Depot, Bayview and Green Lane, 10 a.m.-noon. Euchre, seniors club room, 10149 Yonge St. 1:30 p.m.
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