

Letters

Energy program is needed in town

It was most disturbing to read on the front page of the October 17 Liberal that several of the Town Councillors did not agree to give the Energy Conservation Steering Committee the monies anticipated from the Town for their project.

One of the main purposes, in my opinion, of the Committee is to compile information which will be passed on to the public at large and especially a factual program to go into all the schools. This information or

part of it will possibly be available at a later date to communities throughout all of Canada. Regarding Councillor Gord Rowe's statement "EVERYONE is practicing conservation — the project is redundant" That is similar to saying,

if we provide a special truck to pick up newspapers at the taxpayer's doors everyone will tie them and cooperate. It is simply not the facts.

We appreciate those residents who do willingly co-operate with the newspaper pickup, thereby conserving resources, providing material for energy saving insulation and providing employment for Fred Jamin and two handicapped workers, George and Lloyd.

We are currently getting twelve ton per week which could quite possibly actually be twelve ton per DAY, thus increasing the entire recycling program with that additional income.

The Council has agreed to give \$4,350 and that is most definitely appreciated, but as to priorities energy conservation affects everyone, and should be near the top of funding projects.

Energy conservation in industry, schools, governments and our individual homes must improve and certainly is not at an acceptable level now.

Ma Murray, the retired Western Publisher, said several years ago, "There is no energy crisis, there is a waste crisis."

It is the clear cut job of the Energy Conservation Committee to reduce energy wastage by educating all the public.

As 50 per cent of the budget is allotted for salaries Councillor Wainwright felt people in Town would volunteer for most of this work.

It is to be noted many of our volunteers are already involved throughout the community and overloaded already.

Nevertheless there will be many, many volunteers from the recycling, service clubs, etc. who will be involved in the program as well as many, many firms and school boards who will be permitting their staff to devote many hours to this vital endeavour.

It is most regrettable Councillor Mike Burnie is out of the country and unable to voice his opinion on this matter.

Marlene Turner, Secretary Richmond Hill
Committee for Recycling P.S. Editorial re same Excellent.

Energy project should not be hampered by petty politics

The editorial regarding the energy project in Richmond Hill leaves some questions unanswered.

The matter of funding can be a legitimate question.

On the other hand, the taxpayer sees money being handed out to various small groups of people whose enthusiasm for their cause does not include trying to make it on their own.

We do not raise a hue and cry, nor question too much, although our taxes go up year by year without much to show for the increase.

Now comes a project whose aim is to alert the public to the immediate need to become aware of our crisis situation in energy and how best to cope with it in their own lives.

At this time and for this project surely all council members should get together and back the

undertaking 100 per cent. There are ways to find money and ways to make better use of what is available, but an important project such as energy conservation should not be hampered by petty politics.

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Consultant thanks town for energy contribution

I would like to thank Richmond Hill Council for providing Energy Action Richmond Hill with \$4,350 in support of this important energy conservation project.

There can be no doubt that this project provides the Richmond Hill community with an excellent opportunity to develop and implement really meaningful conservation initiatives.

Many people have taken the first steps towards conservation by doing things like insulating their homes, and are looking for ways to bring about more long-term changes in our energy consumption

patterns. In the less than two months that I have been involved in this experimental project, I have found the response from individuals and organizations in Richmond Hill to be excellent, and certainly indicative of the need for a co-ordinated approach to energy conservation at the local level.

Now that the steering committee has received financial support from Council, we are advertising for a resource person to assist on a part-time basis with this project.

The project already depends heavily on

volunteers, and we are always looking for people interested in volunteering for everything from publicity, to helping organize special events and projects, to working on energy conservation task groups.

This project is working because Richmond Hill citizens want it to.

I think that the community is setting a very valuable precedent for other communities to look up to.

Richmond Hill will be proud of its foresight in the crucial years to come.

Catherine Hunt
Project Consultant
Richmond Hill

Recycling Committee begins to bounce back

I would like to take this opportunity to thank The Liberal for the coverage you have given to the Richmond Hill Recycling Depot, partially through my writing, since we opened in October 1975.

Since the fire September 1979 which totally destroyed our buildings, but not our Recycling Operation the Committee would like to thank those who have shown concern

and regrets for a most unfortunate occurrence. The barn itself was such a loss to us all as it was over 100 years old with square nails and it had become a big part of us all.

Fortunately no one was injured. The loss included four years of work, six months supply of tin, six months supply of sorted office fine paper by volunteer Janet Fayle, \$900 Fire

proof paper room, \$300 baler just to start the list. Now is the time to help us by getting all the newspapers possible to us by garbage day pickup or to the Depot as they are mostly stored on the truck and shipped. At this point this income is most vital.

Thanks to all workers past and present at the Depot and to all recyclers in the area. It has been a pleasure to know you all.

As I will be moving shortly please call Betty Bailie at 884-2884 for information relating to the R.H. Recycling. Anyone able to help us with publicity or interested for being a contact person dealing with Recycling throughout Ontario please call me at 884-6671.

Marlene Turner,
Secretary,
Richmond Hill
Committee for Recycling

TV programs help troubled people

There are so many people out there who can't handle their everyday problems that they attempt suicide, and that's not the answer.

The answer to their problems is accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and being led by the Lord in everything that they do, and praying and reading the Bible, and getting back to the word of God.

There are programs during the day that will help them: 100 Huntley Street is on Channel 22 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The 700 Club is on Channel 3 at 7:45 a.m., and the PTL Club is on Channel 2 at 6 a.m. At 7 a.m. it's on Channel 22.

These programs will help the troubled who have a lot of problems that are driving them to suicide and insanity.

Read Corinthians Chapter 13: "I may be able to speak in the languages of men and even of Angels, but if I have no love my speech is no more than a noisy gong or a clanging bell. I may have the gift of inspired preaching, I may have all knowledge and understand all secrets, I may have all the faith needed to move mountains but if I have no love I am nothing, I may give

away everything I have and even give up my body to be burned, but if I have no love, this does me no good."

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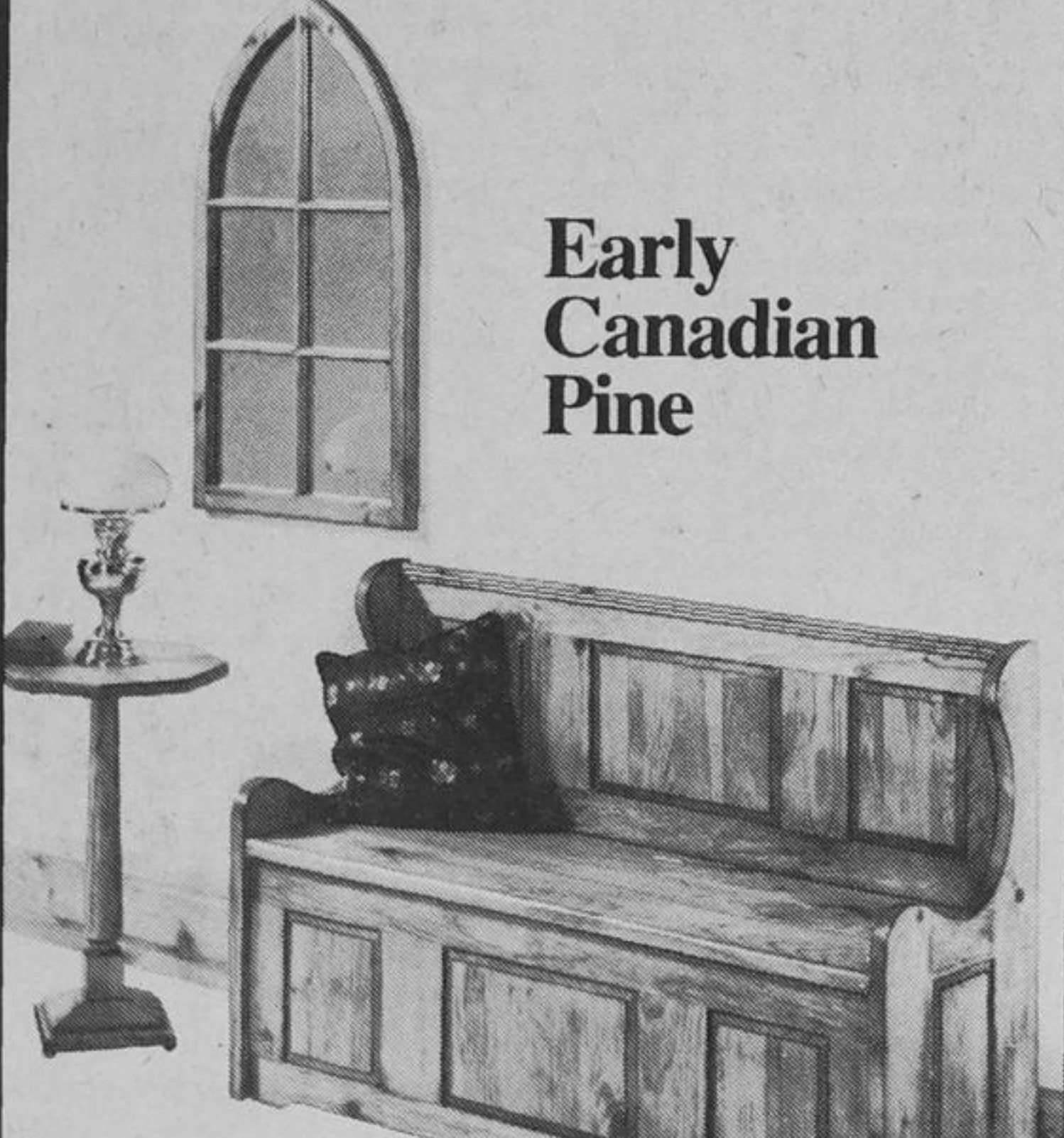
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