

Councillor Urges More Co-operation Between Council and Planning Board

Need More Discussion Says Councillor Spang

Ward 2 Councillor, Edgar James has urged that there should be more co-operation between the township Council and the Planning Board. "If we continually bypass the recommendations of the Planning Board, then I can see little use in having one," stated councillor James. Council were criticized last week by Planning Board members for giving two readings to a zoning bylaw that has virtually frozen the rural area of the township, north of conc. 3. Councillor Harry Ashton charged that an appendix should have been included with the Planning Board's map which would have designated various types of zoning for different areas.

Members Confused

Councillor James admitted that perhaps he had voted in favour of a motion without the proper knowledge of what was involved. He agreed that the north end of the Township had not been completely dealt with by the Planning Board.

"I certainly don't think that the whole north end of the Township should be zoned rural agricultural," he stated.

Reeve Sherman Scott agreed that perhaps some members of Council were confused on the true meaning of the bylaw.

"Revisions can be made and I feel must be made before a third reading can be given," suggested the Reeve. He informed Council that the Planning Board considered the action as being hasty. He said that no provisions had been made on the map for hamlets north of conc. 3. "I'm convinced that it is a very difficult job to show the hamlets included," he said.

Tempest in Teapot

Councillor Harry Ashton charged that the whole matter was nothing more than "a tempest in a teapot".

"Until the Planning Board sits down and sets up a workable appendix, I don't feel they should ask the Council for anything," he continued. "They argue back and forth like a bunch of children," he said. He charged that three different types of maps had been issued by the Planning Board. Councillor Ashton contended that the temporary "freezing" would not constitute a major hardship. "I don't consider that this condition will last forever and ever," he noted. "I can't see why one should worry about waiting more than another."

Trying to Co-operate

Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson said she resented the feeling retained by the Planning Board on Council's action in the matter. She pointed out that Planning Board had requested Council to take some action on a zoning bylaw that had been under consideration for the past eighteen months. "When we took action, then we were accused of acting to hastily," she said. "I resent that," she continued. She suggested that Council were anxious to proceed with the bylaw in order to co-operate with the Planning Board.

Would Take Too Long

Reeve Scott informed Council that as a result of their action, the Planning Board were now unable to grant any consents anywhere in the Township. "I would like to know what areas are to be zoned what," questioned councillor Ross Hawthorne. Councillor James contended that it would take too long to properly designate the entire Township. He urged that for the present, their efforts should be confined with the area south of conc. 3. In a motion, it was agreed that two previous resolutions presented to Council should be returned to the Planning Board and that a proper appendix should be substituted before a third reading could be given to a zoning bylaw.

Council Criticized For "Freezing" Rural Areas

Pickering Township Council were criticized by members of Planning Board on Friday night for their action in giving two readings to a zoning bylaw that has virtually "frozen" all land north of Conc. 3 as rural agricultural. Board Chairman, Mr. Geo. T. Todd expressed regret when a number of consents requested by individual deputations had to be withheld.

"Council's action certainly was not by recommendation from Planning Board," stated the Chairman. "I feel they should have waited," he said. Board member, Wm. Newman

pointed out that they did not wish to deal with zoning in the rural districts until the matter had been given more serious study. "For some reason, Council wished to have the North zone," he stated. "The Planning Board certainly didn't condone it," he concluded. He pointed out that unless the zoning bylaw is amended, it would be difficult for Planning Board to grant consents. "We feel quite badly about it," he noted. Board member, Wells Ritchie termed the action by Council as being "rather hasty".

Objects to Cost Of Culverts

Mr. Harry Tindell, a resident on the Uxbridge-Pickering townline, appeared before a regular meeting of Pickering Township Council on Monday night to voice objection to the \$55.00 fee charged for installing new culverts in private driveways.

Reeve Sherman Scott informed the ratepayer that the Township did not obtain a subsidy on driveway pipe. Mr. Tindell argued that he had consulted two road superintendents in two other municipalities, and was told that a subsidy was obtainable for such work. Road Supt. Jack Chapman supported the Reeve's statement. "No municipality obtains a subsidy on driveway culverts," he said.

Mr. Chapman explained that the cost of the culvert was \$43.60. In addition to \$5.00 for gravel, the cost of labor to install the pipe had to be considered. "We are doing the work at cost," he said.

Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson explained that if the old culvert was damaged or even under-size, it was replaced at no cost to the property owner. She noted that often old boiler pipe, logs, and fence rails were being used. She stated that when these were removed, the owner was required to pay for a new pipe.

"The township is not making any money on culverts," said the Reeve. He noted that the cost of steel pipe had increased by \$20.00 only recently. He said that the \$55.00 fee was a standard charge across the whole township.

CHERRYWOOD

The annual presentation of attendance awards took place at the United Church Sunday school, on Rally Day Sept. 27th. Receiving a special prize was Wayne Hollinger for his third year perfect attendance. The Campbell family set a record by all three, Susan, Robert and Lorna receiving a prize for perfect attendance. Receiving Alumni diplomas were Karen Wagner, Paulette Riches, Emma Laughlin, Margaret Milne, Joan Petty and Bill Petty. These have attended 75% of the year for eight years. Barbara Brown received her first diploma as did James Armstrong, Darlene Dart and Garry Payne. The latter three from the Beginners class. Getting second year seals were Luella Hollinger, Margaret Taylor, Sandra Goddard, Susan Hollinger, Heather Hollinger, Garry Benham, Donna Benham, Peter Harding, Elizabeth Harding, Rachel Aitken, Lorna Campbell,

Brig. Spragge Honoured by Red Cross



Brigadier John G. Spragge, D.S.O., O.B.E., E.D., one of Canada's noted soldiers of World War II, and treasurer of the Pickering Township and Village Branch of the Red Cross, has been appointed District Chairman of the Ontario division of the Red Cross Society.

At a meeting of branch members last week he was honored with a citation for his guidance in the formative years of the Pickering branch. Mrs. David Crichton, president of the branch, made the presentation.

Although Mr. Spragge will now be supervising the services of the Red Cross when disasters occur throughout the province, he will also stay on as honorary treasurer with the Pickering branch.

Mr. Spragge has had a distinguished military career, serving in the Queen's Own Rifles from 1925 to 1940. He served in the 2nd World War from 1940 to 1945, first as a Lieutenant-Colonel in the 1st Battalion of the Queen's Own and later as Brigadier with the 7th Canadian Infantry Brigade.

He is married to Mary Margaret Dunlop, daughter of the Hon. E. A. Dunlop, of Pembroke. The Spragges reside at R.R. 1, Ashburn, Ont.

Robert Campbell, Susan Campbell and David Robinson. Receiving third year seals—Allen Gates; fourth year seals—John Taylor, Dianne Shields; sixth year seals—Barrie Johnson, Robin Johnson, Dorothy Hollinger and Wayne Hollinger. A number of ladies met at the hall and quilting on Tuesday.

The L.A. of the Guides and Brownies met at the home of Mrs. Rhoda Almack for their monthly meeting with Vice Chairman Mrs. June Michell in the chair. Correspondence and business were dealt with. A presentation of a lovely table lamp was made to Mrs. K. Hayward for her faithful service as Captain in the Girl Guide Co. Mrs. Almack showed some beautiful slides taken of England and France during their visit there. A social half hour followed the meeting.

The Scout and Cub Mothers group held a wienner roast at the home of Mrs. Irene Payne on Thursday evening.

A number of Guide and Brownie mothers met at the home of Mrs. Ethel Browning who is an honorary member of the group, to pack a large variety of cookies which were so generously donated by all the mothers. On Saturday morning Claremont saw Guides and Brownies on all the streets selling the cookies. The public responded very generously and the girls sold about two hundred and

sixty dozen cookies which the L.A., Guides and Brownies appreciate very much and say thanks for a successful cookie day.

A very large number of Claremont people enjoyed Markham Fair on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. A. Lovyst was admitted to Ajax hospital on Monday. She was able to return home on Saturday and we are pleased to know she is feeling a little better.

The Recreation Committee will hold another Jr. Dance on Friday, Oct. 9, in the community hall at 7.30 p.m.

Mr. Grant Taylor attended a convention in Hull this past week.

The Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 8, in the Legion Hall. All members are asked to attend.

The Guides and Brownies and their leaders had a church parade to the United Church on Sunday where they attended the morning service.

Mrs. Phyllis Young was in Uxbridge Hospital this past

week and is feeling better now.

Mrs. Ann Gliddon who has been on the sick list for the past few weeks, was admitted to Toronto East General Hospital on Monday. Everyone wishes her a speedy recovery.

A stag party was held for Bob Benson on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Geer. He was presented with an arm chair and other gifts.

The Autumn Thank Offering meeting of the W.M.S. of the United Church was held on Sunday, Oct. 4 at 7.30 p.m. Meeting was conducted by Mrs. Robt. Jackson. The choir consisted of members from the Mission Band who rendered music entitled "Follow the Gleam." The guest speaker was Mrs. Fisher, President of Oshawa Presbyterial of W.M.S., gave a most impressive talk and chose as her subject, "Fruit and Harvest." After the service a dainty lunch was served.

The Women's Institute had a display entitled "The Wheel of Good Eating" at Markham Fair, for which they won \$13.

A few of the 4-H boys from Claremont won beautiful scarves and sweaters presented by Jack Fraser for the calf scramble Friday evening at Markham Fair. Mr. Ellis Britton received first prize for a bushel of oats.

The Goodwill class will meet Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the Sunday School Room. The program will be taken by Mrs. Wilker and Mrs. R. Morgan.

Miss Marie Lynn has completed a one-month training course at the Hamilton sanitarium.

Mr. and Mrs. Gord Taylor spent the weekend at their cottage at Hall's Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hedger visited with friends in Scarborough on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. McConnell are presently enjoying a two week vacation trip in the United States.

The Greenwood softball club are holding a Euchre in the Community Hall at Brougham on Friday evening, Oct. 9th at 8:15. A draw will be made for a mantle radio. The admission is 35c.

Planning Board Withholds Approval on Development

A scenic residential development proposed by Messrs. Clifford Dunkeld and Gordon Pearce for nine 2-acre lots bounded by conc. 8 on the north, and the Pickering-Markham townline on the west has been held up by the Pickering Twp. Planning Board. The property owners and their solicitor, Mr. Donald Hindson of Markham appeared before the Board, at a regular meeting on Friday night.

Eleven lots, fronting on the townline have been approved and sold. The owners wish to complete the residential block and sell off the remaining lots at the rear. The proposed homes would be 1,500 square feet in size.

Board member, Mr. Wm. G. Newman informed the deputations that, due to the "freezing" of rural areas in the township north of conc. 3 as rural agricultural, it would be impossible for the Board to grant consents.

"This is almost a subdivision and even without the zoning bylaw it should be given more consideration," suggested Mr. Sherman Scott.

Solicitor Hindson informed the Board that the proposed homes would be of adequate assessment to support any school addition that might be necessary in the future. He said that there was no immediate school

attendance problem in the section at the present time. He suggested that the development of the rear lots would increase the value of the lots fronting on the townline road. An ever-flowing stream cuts through the property. A concession road to the south would have to be opened and maintained.

"Since it's zoned R. A. we cannot take any action," stated Mr. Newman.

"Surely the areas of Brougham, Whitevale and Claremont should not be frozen," noted the solicitor. "I contend that it's not a good thing."

Member, Sherman Scott contended that Council were desirous of placing some type of zoning on both the north and south areas of the township but he felt that the rural section should not have been completely zoned R.A.

Board member, Mr. Edgar James said that the property had been inspected by a Committee and it was decided that any approval should be withheld until a greenbelt policy in the township was established.

"There is nothing wrong with the lots," he said, "it's a question of policy."

Mr. Wells Ritchie stated that the land lent itself to greenbelt zoning.

Road Supt. Says That Winter Works Program No Benefit To Township

Road Supt. Jack Chapman has voiced disapproval of a planned winter works program for Pickering Township. He attended a regular meeting of Council on Monday night. Mr. Chapman advised the members that more work would have been completed if the township had employed its own personnel and taken the cost out of the regular road budget. He said that a number of relief workers were difficult to handle.

"On one occasion they ganged up on the foreman and the incident was broken up only by the intervention of myself and Mr. Hicks," explained Mr. Chapman.

"There's little point in continuing the program if it is going to cost the Road Department money," noted Reeve Scott.

Welfare Officer, Mr. Cane agreed that a number of the men proved difficult to handle. He suggested that they might be used in other forms of employment, than on road work.

Limit Hunting In Township

"Hunters will be forced to carry a map as well as a gun in Pickering township," declared Councillor Harry Ashton at the council meeting here Monday night. The council chambers were crowded with hunters following a decision of council last week to extend hunting restrictions in the township.

First and second readings were given to a bylaw adding the following built-up areas to the "restricted zone" in the township: Squire's Beach, Pickering Beach, Heron sub-division, Martin sub-division, Riverside sub-division, and all of Hartwood avenue north of No. 2 highway, as well as some smaller areas.

There were no protests from the assembled hunters, and it was announced that nine game wardens would be appointed for the township. It was pointed out that even this number would not be sufficient to police the area properly, but it was expected that some assistance would be given by the OPP.

A bylaw was also passed to extend the life of the game committee for another five years. The committee is composed of Kenneth Resor, Lewis Jones, Lorne Jones, Bill Newman, Clare Balsden, Reeve J. S. Scott, and councillors Harry Spang and Harry Ashton.

Bill Newman, who spoke for the hunters, suggested that the new areas be added to a hunting map to be drawn up by the game committee.

It usually takes at least five minutes each way, going to and coming from a 10-minute coffee break.

Use Private Stream To Cool Beer; Asks Road be Closed

Pickering Twp. Council, meeting in regular session on Monday night, turned down a request for a gate to be erected at the entrance of a sideroad between lots 8 and 9, conc. 9. The property, owned by Mr. Clubb of Toronto, is, according to a solicitor's letter, being continually invaded by trespassers. The note explained that youths cool their beer in the private stream, then proceed over to Stouffville.

"We can't have toll roads in Pickering Township," stated councillor Harry Ashton.

"I would be loath to put gates across any township road," agreed Reeve Sherman Scott.

"A gate wouldn't stop trespassers," said councillor, Miss Violet Swan, "they would merely go over it."

Clerk Lloyd Johnston informed Council that the road was used by two property owners, Messrs. Arbuckle and Taylor in order to obtain access to adjoining ranch land.

"We could run into a lot of trouble by cutting off access to private properties," suggested councillor Ross Hawthorne. The sideroad is located east of Claremont. It is little-used except by two or three private property owners.

CLAREMONT—Mr. and Mrs. Don Beelby and family; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Walters and family; Miss Mary Beelby; all of Toronto, visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Beelby.

Ratepayer Charges Planning Bd. Aiding Land Developers

Accusations by a Pickering Township ratepayer that the Planning Board was working in support of outside land developers at a risk to township residents, brought bitter protests from Board member, Wm. G. Newman at a regular meeting of Planning Board on Friday night. Mr. A. W. Munroe, an owner of ten acres bordering on a development at Rougevale Acres, supported his verbal charge with a letter.

"Approvals granted to subdividers is like selling licenses to hunters," stated Mr. Munroe. He charged that he had never seen a copy of the subdivision plan nor had been contacted personally by the Planning Board. "I could sight about six instances where the rights of ratepayers have been placed at a risk to promote the big land developer," continued Mr. Munroe. "I feel, however, that it would only be a case of digging up dirty linen," he noted.

The remark brought a sharp denial from Board member, W. Newman. "I take exception to such insinuations," he shot back. "If anything is wrong, then I like to be told to my face," he continued. "If I have made mistakes, then I would be the first to apologize," he said. "Perhaps I wasn't even a member

of the Board at the time." Mr. Newman pointed out that the Planning Board did not proceed blindly ahead without taking fringe land into consideration.

"The meetings are always open and you are welcome to attend at any time," suggested Board Chairman, Geo. Todd.

"I feel that the Planning Board has neither the staff nor the obligation to prepare plans for adjoining properties," said Board member, Sherman Scott.

The developer, Mr. McIntosh noted that the proposed subdivision had been under discussion for many months and the complainant had had plenty of opportunity to register objections to the scheme. "Certainly we've held enough meetings over it," he noted.

Mr. Munroe partially apologized for his remarks. He said he had no intentions of stalling the development but did not wish his property to be land-locked by it.

Board member, Mr. Wells Ritchie suggested that the Twp. Engineer, Mr. Jefferson and Planning Consultant, Mr. Wallace Little should discuss the entire matter with the adjacent land-owner, Mr. Munroe. His motion was approved by the Board.

Pickering Tax Report Good

"It's a good tax picture," said Reeve Sherman Scott at a regular meeting of Pickering Twp. Council on Monday night.

"Very satisfactory," agreed Dep. Reeve, Mrs. Jean McPherson.

A report filed by Tax Collector, Mr. Ernie Baker showed that a total of \$52,634.74 of current taxes had been collected up to September. Arrears collected to the same date were \$12,844.35. Arrears outstanding to Sept. 30, 1959 are \$34,370.38. Outstanding to Sept. 30, 1958, are \$38,783.83. Clerk Lloyd Johnston pointed out the roll had increased by \$100,000.

Pickering Population Climbs to 16,175

Assessment Also Up

The population in the Township of Pickering continues to grow. According to the latest statistics, the figure now stands at 16,175. During the past year, from Oct. 1958 to Oct. 1959, the population has climbed by 749. The largest increase is in ward five which has accounted for 632. Ward 1 has decreased by 23. In spite of the population drop in ward 1, the assessment for the same area shows an increase of \$91,928.84. The total assessment growth over the past year is \$1,225,614.97. The total assessment in the Township stands at \$16,354,803.14. The largest assessment is in ward 5 with over four million. Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 vary only slightly.

Woodlots provide a good cash crop.

Hwy. Stands Said Illegal

Councillor Harry Ashton has charged that all highway fruit and vegetable stands located on the road allowance are illegal. He said he received his information from the Dep. Minister of Highways. The matter was discussed briefly at a regular meeting of Pickering Township Council on Monday night.

At a previous meeting, councillor, Miss Violet Swan stated that such stands had been responsible for a number of near accidents in the south-west corner of the township. She questioned the legality of the temporary stations.

Councillor Ashton noted that there were a number of legitimate stands in the Vineland-Grimsby area that were operated by the Province.

"Why don't the Ontario Provincial Police enforce the law?" asked Reeve, Sherman Scott.

Councillor Ashton said that either the O.P.P. or the township police could lay charges. He noted, however, that there was no law against persons selling produce if their stand was located off the road allowance.

Turkey Rancher Sweeps Fair Awards

Mr. Wally Woolhead, operator of the Green River, Turkey Ranch, won 18 prizes and a grand champion in the dressed poultry class at Markham Fair. He scored 6 firsts; 6 seconds; 3 thirds and 3 fourths in addition to the grand champion. Mr. Woolhead's ranch is located on the south side of No. 7 Hwy., the former Roy Carter farm.

In the live poultry class, Mr. R. M. Brown of Peterboro was equally successful.

Ask All Organizations to Assist In Drive for Museum Funds

Mr. Wm. G. Lawson, Chairman of the Pickering Township Historical Society, has asked that all organizations should rally behind a project to locate a museum in the municipality. The town of Ajax and the Village of Pickering are also included in the program. More than thirty organization heads were present at a meeting in Brougham on Thursday night.

Chairman Lawson informed the gathering that the Society was hopeful of obtaining the old Brougham Public School for the sum of \$2,500. This price would also include the one acre site. He said that the former school at Green River was also available for \$500. It will cost \$1,000 to move it to Brougham. A private party has promised the donation of a log cabin to assist the project. Mr. Lawson explained that much interest had been aroused in such a scheme since visitors to the Brougham school centennial had viewed the display of artifacts presented by Mr. Robt. Miller.

Praises W.L. Mr. Lawson praised the work of local Women's Institutes in the district. He noted that these organizations had suggested on various occasions that historical items of interest should be preserved. Mrs. Carter of Alving, Mrs. Gray of Brougham and Mrs. McKay of Pickering

presented their Tweedsmuir albums and briefly explained a number of items within the volumes.

\$10,000 Goal Chairman Lawson explained that the meeting had been called only to get the feeling of the various organizations in Ajax, Pickering Village and Pickering Township. No one voiced any objection to the scheme. Mr. Lawson suggested a goal of \$10,000. He noted that the museum would be owned by the Township and operated by one organization—presumably the Historical Society.

"We feel there is sufficient interest in present and former residents to raise this amount of money," he said. He suggested that a grant would possibly be forthcoming from Pickering Township and Ontario County. The Province would give an operating grant of \$600 when the museum was established. It was pointed out that an admission fee to the building would assist in caring for operational expenses.

Questions Fire Trap Mr. Harry Newman questioned whether the Brougham school would constitute a fire trap. "Don't get something because it's cheap; it will only be a headache," he advised. "The best way to make an old building fireproof is tear it down," he concluded.

Mr. Lawson noted that the building would be used mainly during the summer months. He pointed out that it would be very costly to erect an entirely new structure. He said he had discussed the matter with the Brougham School Board and they "were firm on their price". In reply to another question on why the Greenwood Conservation Park had not been selected as the proposed site, Mr. Lawson replied that a museum was no longer considered to be a part of conservation and the practice of building them in such areas had been discouraged.

Mr. Wm. G. Newman suggested that since some thought was now being given to the erection of a new municipal building, the present offices at Brougham might be available in the near future. The Secretary, Mrs. Storry informed the meeting that the present office building was located too close to No. 7 Highway and eventually would be torn down. She noted also that the site lacked the necessary parking accommodation.

To Report Back Chairman Lawson requested the representatives to take the information back to their organizations and return to the next regular meeting. He said he hoped that a canvass might be started later this month.

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