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Two Motorists Fined For Driving While Licence Suspended

A 25 year old man was fined \$50 and costs in Richmond Hill Tuesday when he was convicted of driving a car while his licence was under suspension.

Lawrence Fitkin, RR #2, Aurora, pleaded guilty to the charge, then changed his plea when he discovered a conviction would mean impounding the car for three months.

P.C. Ed Grimshaw of the Stouffville Police told the Court that he followed the 1957 model convertible from the corner of Mill and Main Sts. He testified that Fitkin's licence was under suspension and the car was registered to Donna Fitkin.

Crown Attorney Arleigh Armstrong produced the suspension document in Court and showed that it was still in effect.

Fitkin said nothing on his own behalf.

Magistrate Russell Pearse levied the fine with an alternative of 10 days. The car was impounded.

Same Charge

Ken Lintner, 22, of RR #2, Stouffville, also charged with driving while his licence was under suspension, paid the same \$50 fine when he was convicted by Magistrate Pearse.

P.C. Grimshaw said he followed the car south on Hwy. 47 and apprehended the driver when he turned into Sander's B/A station. The officer stated that Lintner could not produce a licence and did not own the car.

York County Rate Up 2.38 Mills For 65

A budget for 1965 totalling \$3,229,212 has been passed by York County Council.

The county mill rate will be 11.297 mills, an increase of 2.383 mill over the 1964 rate.

The general mill rate was set at 8.914 mills and the 1965 road rate at 2.801. Some objections were raised to these figures by Reeve E. J. Norris of Georgina Township. He noted that the \$322,977 being debentured for roads was not included in the road rate and felt it should have been.

There was general agreement that the figures given did not clearly reflect the cost of roads in the county and the clerk was accordingly asked to revise the figures, showing the rate applicable to general road maintenance, road debentures for new construction and the general rate.

The revised breakdown then showed a general mill rate of 6.779, 2.801 mills for roads and 1.716 for road debentures.

Virtually every item in the budget was up over last year, with the largest increase being an estimate of \$274,700 for assessment costs. However, there will be no assessment costs in individual municipalities this year, as the assessment of the entire county has been placed in the hands of a county wide assessment department.

Principal and interest on school debentures will cost \$527,570 this year as against \$492,430 last year. A sum of \$25,000 has been allotted to "planning" this year, whereas last year only \$220 was spent under this heading.

Reeve Norm Garriock of Woodbridge made a last forlorn attempt to shave \$5,000 off the budget by deleting the paving

of the parking lot at the county offices, but this was defeated.

An item of \$7,500 appeared in the budget for convention expenses and a resolution presented from the floor required that any councillor could spend up to \$300 on convention expenses.

Reeve Charles Hooper of Markham Township attempted to have the limit to be spent by each member on conventions increased to \$400 feeling that council members often did too much "for free".

The resolution was eventually amended to give the warden and commissioners authority to exercise their own discretion on permitting convention expenses over \$300 for any one member.

Reeve Garriock suggested that the warden and commissioners inform council members during the year as to who is going to conventions and spending over the \$300.

The resolution provided that any councillor could attend the convention of his choice after first notifying the warden and commissioners and receiving approval of the council.

Members objected that this would require a special session of council to approve such requests and on a motion of Reeve A. H. Rutherford of Vaughan Township the resolution was amended to specify that councillors would be permitted to attend conventions "subject to the approval of the warden and commissioners."

A motion by Reeve Norris to have minutes of meetings of the warden and commissioners distributed to members of county council was debated for some time. Reeve J. O. Dales of North Gwillimbury was indignant at the motion, feeling that the motion denoted a lack of respect for the warden and commissioners.

"There is a trend to treat the warden and commissioners like employers," he said. "They can be trusted to conduct business meetings."

A motion to table the resolution because one of the commissioners was absent was made by Deputy Reeve Stewart Rumble of Markham Township and was carried.

Although the warden and commissioners had recommended in their report that the county not join the Association of Ontario Counties, a motion to join the association again in 1965 was carried by a vote of 11 to 8.

Reeve Rutherford seconded Reeve Dales' motion to join the association again, noting that higher authorities were thinking of setting up regional instead of county governments. "If we don't keep close touch, we may be put in regional governments and we will have less control than if we are in counties," he warned.

It was explained that membership had previously been \$50 annually but had been jumped this year to \$303 for York County as membership fees were changed to a charge of a quarter cent per capita of population instead of the flat fee.

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*Any person who contravenes this bylaw, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding Fifty Dollars (\$50)."

1965 DOG TAGS

Bylaw 796 of the Village of Stouffville further provides that:

"The owner of every dog shall procure from the Clerk or Assessor, a tag for each dog owned by him and shall keep the tag securely fixed to the dog at all times during the year and until he procures a tag for the following year, and such tag shall be obtained before May 1st each year."

Owners of dogs must obtain their tags at the Clerk's Office before the first of May, as the Assessor will not be issuing them in future.

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