

# Brougham hamlet study attracts interest

Brougham — The future of the second largest hamlet in the Township of Pickering — Brougham was discussed by the planning board before an interested gathering of community residents.

This was the first in a series of Pickering hamlet studies, the next to consider future planning for Green River, Locust Hill and Whitevale.

Residents appeared to agree with the board's design for Brougham's future: commercial zoning where it presently is, on Highway 7, but not extensively increased because of entrance and exit on the highway; residential zoning in suitable places such as on the old Brock Road and directly east and in the area of the school.

Where the old Brock Road turns to meet the new road, it has been suggested that a county-owned parcel be developed as an attractive parkette, and in the same vicinity, at the end of a strip of housing, on a triangular piece that separates the old and new Brock Roads, a service station — restaurant com-

plex. An industrial area is destined for the east side of the Brock Road, south of Brougham, where there is already one commercial use; and another industrial area north-west of Brougham.

All this in the foreseeable future — yet "foreseeable" could not be defined as to date. Since there were no objections to the new plan of the hamlet, and if there are none forthcoming, it will be included in the Official Plan, revision of which is hoped to be completed this year.

It was a well-organized meeting with Ward I councillor Victor Rudik, a professional planner, as chairman, councillor Donald Beer, Planning Director John Faulkner, and all members of the board on hand had to answer the many questions, not only about the future of Brougham, but the future of Pickering Township.

**AIRPORT**  
Of vital concern to the questioners was a rumored monster airport to be located west of Brougham.

Plans were to be seen, said the questioners, at the University of Toronto.

No notification of such a project has been received by Planning Board or Council, and the chairman

said that until something official had been received, they were just rumors. He did, however, observe that if such an airport was required by the Federal Government that nothing

could be done to stop it, although there would no doubt be public hearings to air the landowners' opinions.

Mrs. Stewart McGuckin asked about a published

report on satellite cities — what bearing they had, and she was advised that this was a report designed for the era 2,000.

Pickering Township's policy of restricting build-

ing permits would permit growth in the rural areas only in hamlets, or clusters, with a process of infilling at perhaps two or three houses a year until the industrial — residential ratio improved. No subdivisions will be permitted at present.

Jas. Surphlis said that Brougham had an opportunity of getting a bank in the neighborhood, but because of council's restrictive policy the project was cancelled for the time being. He suggested that this restriction had a stranglehold on future development.

Chairman Rudik said the Ontario Municipal Board had ordered these temporary restrictive measures, and when hoped for industry came to the township, they would no longer be enforced.

Industry was something some in the rural area, and in the hamlet, said they didn't want. They had come from the city to enjoy peace and quiet.

"As far as Brougham is concerned, peace and quiet is out of the question,"



The Main Street of Brougham looking east along Highway No. 7.

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