Permit Victoria Square population growth to reach 433

4-stage development

MARKHAM TWP. - An . additional 56 new homes should be permitted in the hamlet of Victoria Square, raising the maximum population to 433, it was agreed at a meeting of Markham Twp. Planning Board, Feb 26.

At present, the area, divided by 18th Avenue and Don Mills Road contains 50 residential units and a population of 181.

The section outlined for development, lies east of Don Mills and will be serviced by an extension of Victoria Street. One exit and entrance onto Don Mills is proposed from Mortson Street. Phases 1, 2 and 3 run parallel to an Ontario Hydro power line while phase 4 is established to the south and west.

No new commercial lots are set out in the plan. It was agreed that such applications should be considered as they arise. The last building permit for a new house was issued

in September 1966. While there are no schools within the hamlet, education is provided at Buttonville (Kindergarten to Grade 2); No. 4 at conc. 3 (Grades 3 to 6); Mark 11, Unionville (Grades 7 and 8) and Bayview High

School (Grades 9 to 13). The report indicates that Buttonville School could be closed by the fall of 1971.

Additional development to the west of Don Mills is not advocated since accesses to and from this main highway artery would be required.

The 5-page brief was prepared by Director of Planning, Kunio Hidaka in co-operation with Planning

Assistant, C.M. Davies. Board member. Harry Maynard pointed to the demand for good residential building lots. "If they're put on the market, they'll sell like hot cakes," he said.

In explaining the reason for restricted hamlet growth, Mr. Hidaka said the township was acting on the advice of both Mr. Spooner and Mr. McKeough who frowned on residential buildup minus adequate water and sewerage services.

"Perhaps we shouldn't encourage this kind of growth," suggested board chairman, Napier Simpson, "perhaps we should

Mr. Maynard objected "Victoria Square is a very tightly knit com-munity," he said, "It would die very hard".

Deputy-reeve Anthony Roman argued in favor of even additional expansion. He termed the 4-stage development of 56 homes as 'very unrealistic'. He suggested too that some provision be made for shopping facilities.

Mr. Hidaka said even an ultimate population of 433, would not be sufficient to support this kind of en-

Mr. Roman argued however, that the church and the community park tended to attract persons into the area from outside and population figures of

the hamlet itself were not

significant. While it was agreed that the proposed Hwy. 404 could relieve traffic congestion on Don Mills, councillor Eldred King argued against com-mercial outlets fronting on this road. His motion that the Study be accepted was approved.

To study new school systems

YORK CITY - 'A Royal Military College at the secondary level' was one description of a proposed 'hard' school, the feasibility of which is to be studied by staff of the York County Board of

Education. The board asked staff to have the study prepared by next September and if found possible and desirable, the school could be prepared for opening in the fall of 1971, possibly in Richmond Hill High School.

The term 'hard' as applied to the school means highly structured in all areas, curriculum, disipline, dress and deportment, it was explained. "It would be a very demanding school," explained Director of Education Sam Chapman in putting the proposal before the board. "There is a percentage of people who are concerned about the direction all schools are taking. We have no right not to serve these people.'

The emphasis in the school would be on discipline and on selfdiscipline, it was explained. Self-disipline in this context means the demands a person makes. on himself, the expectations a person creates of himself because of the environment in which he finds himself. In effect, entering the school would be like entering into a contract and the student would have to agree to the conditions established by the staff and students of the school. For this reason, it will be necessary to give people a choice as to whether or not they wish their children to attend the

Richmond Hill - High School was suggested as an ideal place for the ex-



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periment because it is a different number of pupils small school (it will hold up to 750 students) and because transportation would be cheaply and readily available to Bayview Secondary proves with a smaller School. Extra transportation costs for those who did not choose to attend the school were seen as the only additional costs

involved. "This could become a school for scholarship, suggested Trustee Jack

"I think this is what it will become." replied Mr. Chapman.

Vice-Chairman Arthur Starr suggested that the board should also be investigating financial experiments, to find ways to save money.

Mr. Chapman suggested that the board could study an operation with a vastly

per teacher, perhaps 50 or 60. "There is no research I know of that states clearly that the quality of the learning experience impupil-teacher ratio," he said. Over the last 15 years, he noted, the number of teachers.

each 100 pupils has increased 50 per cent which is one of the many reasons for increased costs in education. At the same time, the behaviour of teachers has not changed a superintendent, expressed great deal. With 15 students a teacher behaves much the same as with 25 or .29.

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Open class plan

Parents express concern

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parents who have taken

the time to become in-

formed about the school

are usually understanding,

but, he added, there are a

few, opposed to the system, who have an axe to

Learning problems, added Mr. Hall, exist in

regular schools as well.

WHITCHURCH TWP. -Concern over the 'open class system' at Whitchurch Highlands School

has been expressed by some parents. Several feel that their children are not doing as well as they should under the new 'unstructured' program.
Two ladies, with teaching experience, set up a 'school' of their own in the Lemonville United

Church Hall for a period of six weeks, to tutor their children, as well as several others from the area, in formal grammar. Mrs. Grant Wells, one of the organizers of the out-ofschool program, said that the project has served its purpose, and classes will now be conducted 'around the kitchen table'. Mrs. Wells admits that

she is not unhappy with the school, but, she said, there are certain aspects of the program she does not like. For some children, she added, it seems to work but, for others, it doesn't. Parents have made the following comments: 'the

children are free - free to do nothing - and that's what they do.' 'There is little or no attention paid to spelling or grammar. Film strips are used over extensively.' 'There is not enough discipline.

The York County Board of Education plans a study of the open school system, to be made by a team of educators. Director of Education,

Mr. Sam Chapman, agrees that there will be problems until the students discipline their learning habits. Mr. Ron Hall, area the opinion that he is happy

with the Highlands system.

"Undoubtedly, there are

people who are not," he

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in there, they'd surely refuse to give any milk". Mr. King is a township councillor and one of the area's most enterprising farmers.

The planner made his point. Approval of the application was delayed pending a full attendance of all members.



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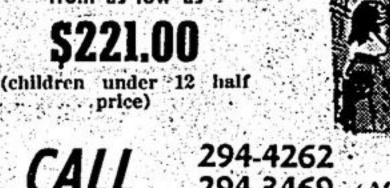


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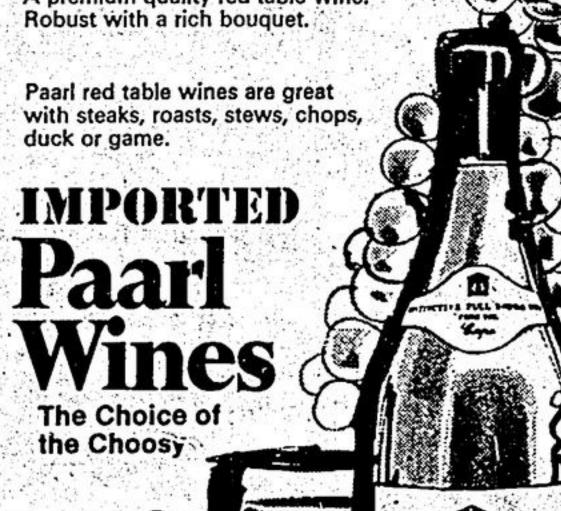
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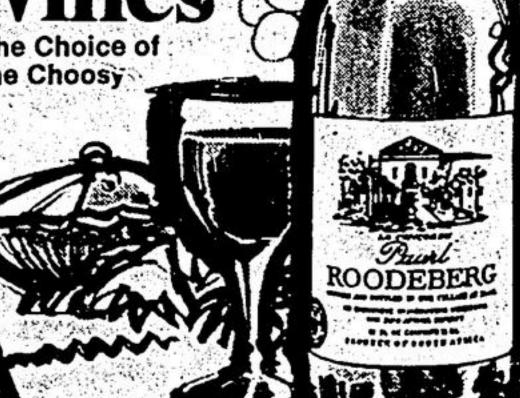
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