

Mayor of Newmarket would dissolve York Board of Education

YORK CTY. — Newmarket mayor Dick Illingsworth is so disenchanted with the operation of the school system in York County, he would dissolve the present Board of Education completely and turn the program over to a branch of the regional government.

This, he said at a meeting, April 2, would be his objective once regional government in York comes into being.

Mayor Illingsworth, in a prolonged castigation of Board practices, said that problems experienced in a 'hold-the-line type of budget' should have been revealed to County Council prior to its finalization and not after it was set. He called for an end to 'automatic increases' in teacher's salaries and a return to a standard whereby wage hikes are determined solely on a basis of merit. This, he said, would recognize the efficient members and weed out the others.

In reply, Board Chairman John MacKay said that after 31 meetings no salary agreement had yet been reached.

Mayor Illingsworth said he had been trying for the past 18 months to learn the non-staff members em-

ployed by the County Board as compared with the number under the area system. He suggested that 'disclosure of the facts' would likely prove shocking.

Education Director Sam Chapman said this comparison was difficult since such 'lousy records' had been passed on to the new administration from the old.

Mr. Illingsworth questioned why then, the County Board had continued to employ this type of personnel, the majority under higher sounding names and at increased salaries.

Mayor Alma Walker of Markham Town, commenting on the amount of money spent on bus transportation and driver education, suggested that it would be healthier and less costly if students rode less and walked more. She pointed out, too, that with a little more physical exercise getting to and from school, there would be less need for expensive gymnasium equipment.

Albert Rutherford, deputy-reeve of Vaughan defended the board's transportation program. He said that without it, hundreds of students would not get to high school at all.



Ice carnival is an all-color show

The 20th annual Stouffville Figure Skating Club ice carnival is this Friday and Saturday evening, April 10 and 11. The promenade of stars will include both tiny tots and accomplished seniors. Fourteen year old Jane Curtis, will play the part of Miss Osaka in the production Expo '70. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Curtis, Unionville, R.R.1.

Non-resident hunters

Licence fees up Sept. 1

By Wm. Newman, M.P.P. Ontario South

ONTARIO SOUTH — Lands and Forests Minister Rene Brunelle has announced an increase in non-resident hunting licence fees effective September 1, 1970. The non-resident moose licence which allows one moose, one deer, one bear, wolves and small game, has been raised from \$101.00 to an inclusive fee of \$125.00. The non-resident deer licence which allows a deer, a bear, wolves and small game, has been raised to \$40.00 from \$36.00. Bear is now removed from the small game licence which is now valid for game birds, waterfowl, rabbits and other small game. The fee for this licence has been increased from \$21.00 to \$35.00.

A new bear hunting licence valid from September 1 each year to the following June 30 has been established. The fee is \$15.00 and it will not be valid in any location in which there is an open season for deer and moose. Only one bear per licence may now be taken.

An export licence will now be needed for non-residents to take or send their game home. Export fees are under consideration.

Farm sold

ALTONA — Gerry Meharg Ltd., Realtors reports the sale of the Charles Barkey farm near Altona to Stouffville veterinarian, Dr. Dennis O'Connor. The stone house on this property is reported over 100 years old.

Whitchurch disposal site Test drills promised as pollution check

WHITCHURCH TWP. — The Ontario Department of Energy and Resources, working in co-operation with the Ontario Water Resources Commission, will continue its program of conducting water test drills in the area of the Bremner disposal site near Hwy. 48 in Whitchurch Township.

This assurance was given by John Heaman at a meeting in Vandorf, April 1.

In addition to members of council, the two hour discussion was attended by representatives of district conservation authorities along with the Whitchurch and York County Federations of Agriculture.

Derek Sterrett of the Holland Landing Conservation Authority said he had personally inspected the dump site and had found the waste deposits to contain a high percentage of acid. He said, in fact, the acid content was so strong, the manager was using lime in an effort to break it up. He said the result, in his opinion, had not been effective.

Lambert Willson, Whitchurch representative on the same Authority, suggested that since the water table in the area was at a depth of 140 feet, it might be wise for the Department to take its tests from this level rather

than from 20 to 30 feet. He said a check of this kind would tend to ease the minds of people who are fearful of water contamination.

Councillor Merlyn Baker estimated the closest well to be 40 rods from the dump site.

"What action would the Department take if tests do show a degree of water pollution?" asked Mr. Baker.

Mr. Heaman replied by saying he was quite certain contamination would not occur.

Donald Wilson of the Federation of Agriculture was not so confident. He recommended that all dumping on the Bremner property be halted pending the receipt of further test results. He also asked who would be responsible legally, should a contamination count be discovered.

Mr. Heaman declined comment. He did say that his Department was working closely with companies in an effort to have the acid percentage reduced. He recommended the township co-operate with his Department until a more satisfactory solution is found.

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Twp. of Whitchurch Planning board favors estate-type homes

WHITCHURCH TWP. — The Planning Board of Whitchurch Township is favorable to estate-type subdivisions with six or seven applications currently under consideration.

Three proposals considered at a meeting March 23 are located on properties at Ballantrae (55 lots), Preston Lake (32 lots) and Musselman's Lake (24 lots).

At Ballantrae, the site is situated at the south-west corner of Hwy. 48 and the Aurora Road. The applicant is Clayton Clouter, R.R.3, Newmarket.

The development at Preston Lake would include high-class homes valued in excess of \$50,000. The property contains 86 acres at the east end of the lake and the majority of lots would be two acres in size. The spokesman for the firm, known as Blue Mist Investments, was Malcolm Wardman, Christian Court.

Markham. Board members were impressed with the layout but requested several changes. Mr. Wardman agreed to submit a revised plan.

At Musselman's Lake, the proposed residential build-up is on conc. 9, south of the Aurora Road. Plans were presented by Robert Forfar with the homes to be erected on a new street to be called Forfardale Road.

Board members were also impressed with this proposal that would cater to class 'A' type homes.

MARKHAM — It's ice carnival time at Markham this week with 450 participants, ranging from tiny tots to more accomplished semi-professionals.

The two-night event, Friday and Saturday, begins at 7 p.m. The club president is Alex MacGregor.

The first half depicts the story of 'Jennifer's Rabbit' with the second half entitled 'Through The Pages of Time'.

The head instructress is Karen Lewis of Stouffville, assisted by Frances Allan, Aileen Hadley and Hans Algren.

Markham ice show April 10-11

YORK CTY. — Inlement weather, that blanketed the area in an early-spring snowfall, was blamed for lack of attendance at a meeting of York County Council, April 2.

Only 14 representatives were present and no business could be transacted.

The Board of Education reviewed its 1970 budget, a discussion that lasted two hours.

County council lacks quorum

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