

Town of Markham

# Study re-development plan for Main St. business area

\$200,000 scheme  
No. 7 to Parkway

MARKHAM - A \$200,000 Main Street re-development plan, extending from Hwy. 7 on the south to Parkway Avenue on the north, was revealed for the first time, June 17, before a joint meeting of Markham Town Council and Planning Board.

The detailed explanation of the scheme was outlined by Ian Macpherson, a director with the firm of Murray V. Jones and Associates Limited, urban and regional consultants.

While there is no thought of implementing any phase of the study immediately, Mayor Alma Walker said later that improvements within the area as defined, were long overdue.

While members ruled it premature to make public all aspects of the venture, one site slated for change is on the south-west corner of Robinson Street and Main where the present theatre building, now up for sale, would be removed and a shopping mall created to blend in with the I.G.A. and drug store now located there. The Bank of Montreal to the south would be included in the commercial complex.

On the east side of Main, a new Bank of Nova Scotia building is planned. Other proposals include a new 5-storey office building to replace existing premises of Thos. N. Shea Real Estate Company, a new Superbest service station on the north-east intersection of Hwys. 7 and



Mayor Alma Walker of Markham Town holds one of several maps pertaining to a suggested re-development plan for an area of Main Street from Hwy. 7, north to Parkway Avenue.

48, a new restaurant and dining lounge, two boutiques and an addition to the I.G.A. constituting a net gain in potential floor area space of 33,300 square feet.

This figure, the report revealed, did not include other suggested commercial projects that could conceivably come. The report warned against further increase in new retail sales space that, it said, had already reached a saturation point. On a per capita basis, the amount of retail and service commercial space was adequate to serve a market population of 13,200

persons. Markham Town's population at present is about 10,000 with a potential of 20,000. Objectives of the plan include (1). Assist in directing new development to the most appropriate sites within the central area; (2). Provide an administrative and

legislative framework within which to encourage new development and the rehabilitation of existing development; (3). Provide control over the design and appearance of development so that it is compatible with existing architecture; (4). Encourage the provision of additional off-street parking facilities in the area adjacent to the primary commercial core. (5). Encourage the development of residential uses along the creek bank to provide a pedestrian-oriented market near the core area.

While the cost in total may seem high, it was pointed out that improvements would result in the acquisition of added assessment to more than offset the debt incurred.

Mayor Walker said the means by which the \$200,000 would be raised had not been decided. Much of the success of the program will in large measure depend on the co-operation of owners and tenants working or living in the central area, the report explained. It was noted too, that collective action by merchants, businessmen and private enterprise would assist in seeing the project through to a successful conclusion.

Town solicitor, Lachlan Cattaneh said the area in question was now governed by a 'holding by-law', a type of 'freezing' order that could not be retained for an indefinite period. Mr. Macpherson recommended the introduction of a Private Bill to retain this means of control.

## Service largely attended

STOUFFVILLE - Donald Richard Rowbotham who would have been fifty in October was the adopted son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. Leslie Rowbotham (Nettie Reesor) of Stouffville. He received his education here and in Toronto and after Army Service, in which he was a Sergeant, he was connected with textile businesses in London and Toronto. For some years he commuted from his home here to Toronto but since the death of his father, he lived in North Shore Apartments on Jameson Avenue.

Five years ago after extensive surgery Mr. Rowbotham completed a retraining program, after which he joined the Federal Civil Service. He became an interviewer for the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in connection with future manpower requirements, which involved travelling throughout Southwestern Ontario. He had been at his work until late May and in the Toronto General Hospital ten days.

Donald was unmarried and had no closer surviving relatives than his aunt, Mrs. Frank Rowbotham, and cousins. Being a genial companion and because of his wide business associations he had many friends of all ages, as was evidenced at the O'Neill Chapel Service on June 11. The Rev. D.G. Davis, who had known him from his youth, conducted the service.

## Whitchurch boy drowning victim

WHITCHURCH TWP. - Service was conducted from Our Lady of Grace Church, Aurora, June 9, for Michael Grant Wood, 20, who died from drowning while swimming near Bradford in King Twp.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Edward 'Bob' Wood, Aurora Sideroad, R.R.3, Newmarket, Michael would have marked his 21st birthday on Thursday.

A former student of

Stouffville Dist. Secondary School, he had entered into a partnership with his father in dry-wall construction. The tragic news came as a shock to his many friends in the Stouffville-Whitchurch area.

Surviving besides his parents are five brothers and three sisters.

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## Car turns bulldozer

WHITCHURCH TWP. - A Stouffville R.R.2 man faces a charge of impaired driving following an accident early June 20.

John William Henderson, 28, was northbound on conc. 9 near the Bloomington Sideroad when he lost control of his vehicle.

The car went off the road, tearing up 61 feet of fence, 6 fence posts, bushes, shrubs, 2 gates, 2 garbage cans, 1 hydro pole, and one Bell Telephone pole.

Damage to the vehicle is estimated at \$1,000. The driver sustained head injuries.

P.C. John Murray of the Whitchurch Township Police conducted the investigation.

Wife: "You don't love me anymore! All you ever think about is golf. I bet you don't even remember the day we were married." Husband: "Of course I do. That's the day I sank that 40-foot putt!"



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## Blue Hills Academy receives \$1,100 student gift

RICHMOND HILL - A cheque for \$1,100 has been received by Blue Hills Academy, a residential treatment centre for the emotionally disturbed children of York County, from the students of Bayview Secondary School, Bayview and Markham Road, in Richmond Hill.

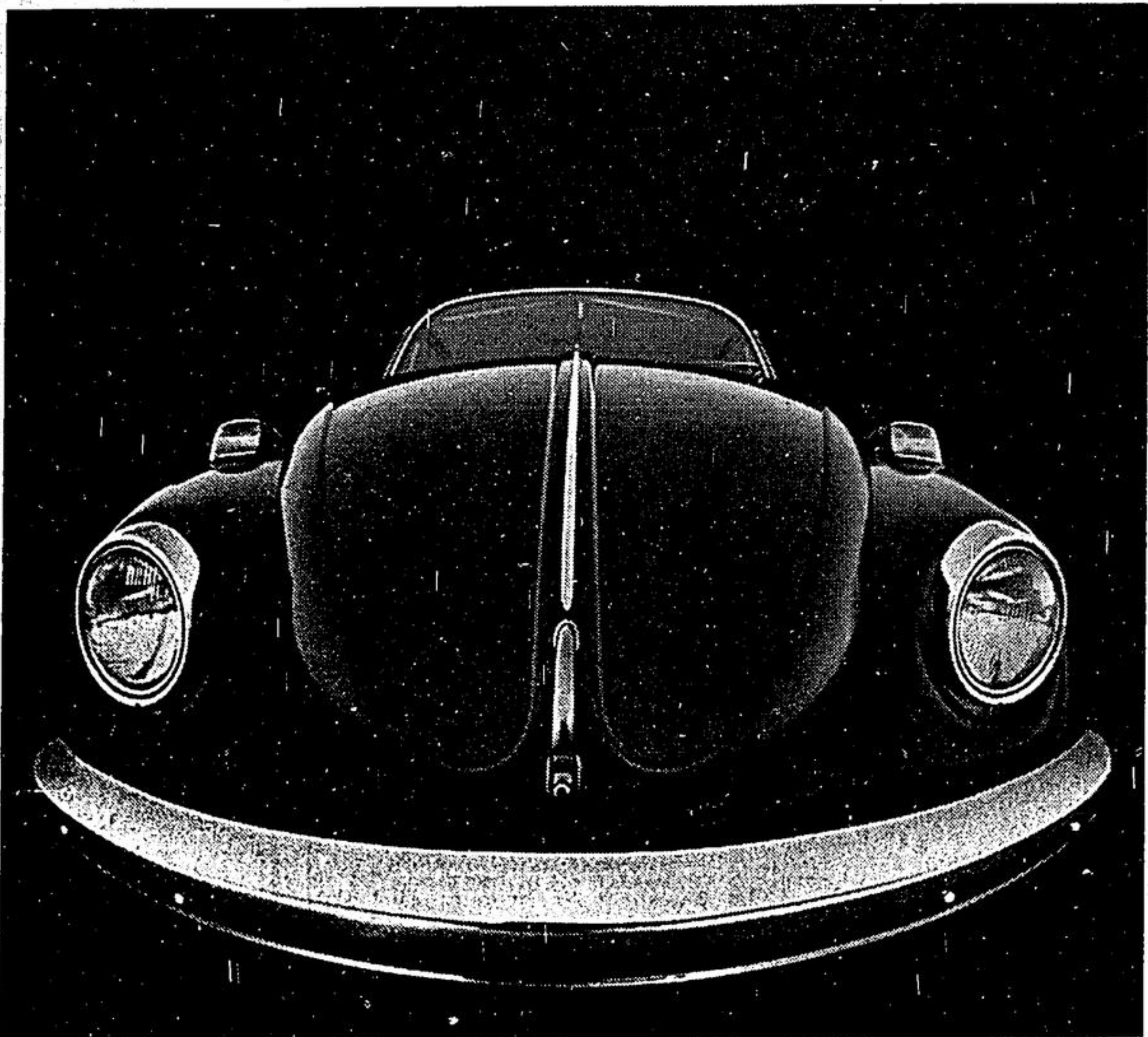
In a letter to Blue Hills, Miss Bonnie Brinkles, President of the Student

Council, and Mr. Barry McKillop, Chairman of the Korean Adoption Plan Committee of the Student Council, said, "Each year Bayview Secondary School has a fund-raising campaign in order to support seven Korean Orphans. This year the Korean Adoption Committee at Bayview was able to raise funds exceeding the amount required for the children."

"After careful consideration, we have chosen to donate \$1,100 to the Blue Hills Academy in Aurora. We are certain that this contribution will be used for the benefit of young people less fortunate than most of us."

Mr. Robert J. Sillcox, Chairman of the Blue Hills campaign to raise \$209,400, said, "Certainly we are grateful for all the support we can get. However it is always most gratifying when that support comes from youngsters wanting to help other youngsters."

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<p><b>TANG Orange Crystals</b> 4: 79c</p>		<p><b>LIBBY'S Relishes</b> 3: 89c</p>

<p><b>CREST Tooth Paste</b> 64c</p>	<p><b>HEAD &amp; SHOULDERS</b> 1: 49</p>	<p><b>SARA LEE CAKE</b> each 69c</p>
<p><b>SCOPE</b> 12-oz. bottle \$1.00</p>	<p><b>BABY OIL</b> 4 1/2-oz. bot. 69c</p>	<p><b>ORANGE JUICE</b> 12-oz. 2 for 69c</p>
<p><b>SECRET Deodorant</b> 79c</p>	<p><b>BABY SHAMPOO</b> 69c</p>	<p><b>BEEF PATTIES</b> 2-lb. 1.59</p>
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