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Premier says "thank you"

YORK CTY. — All's well that ends well.

This undoubtedly was the conclusion drawn by York County Board of Education members, Monday, on receipt of a letter from Premier Wm. Davis.

It read in part: "For a good many years, trustees, teachers and other educators, as well as successive administrations in government, have worked closely together to develop an enviable educational system in this province. I hope that in this same spirit of mutual co-operation and goodwill, we will continue to build and maintain an educational system of which we can be proud."

The Premier concludes: "I extend very warm regards to you and all members of the York County Board as you carry out your very important responsibilities."

Public hearing

MARKHAM — Plans to construct a collector sewer, to serve the Towns of Markham, Richmond Hill, Aurora, and Vaughan in York Region, as well as Cedarwood, Pickering and Ajax, will be discussed at an environmental hearing, April 18, in the Markham Council Chambers. Time of the meeting is 10 a.m.

The route of the line has been designed by an engineer with the consulting firm of James F. MacLaren Limited. Plans are available in advance.



Unity is strength

MARKHAM — The beautiful sanctuary of St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church accommodated a congregation of close to 400 for a Palm Sunday ecumenical service, sponsored by the Markham Ministerial Association.

The worship was convened by Rev. Paul Martin, (Wideman Mennonite), assisted by Rev. Terry Dunlop, (Markham

Baptist); Rev. Donald Parr, (St. Andrew's United) and Father Patrick Doran, (St. Patrick's).

The 50-voice ecumenical choir was under the direction of Mrs. Peggy Clark.

A drama, entitled 'The Demonstrator' was enacted by members of the Markham Little Theatre. The offering will go to Inter-Church Development and Relief.



Eleven Markham area ministers participated in an impressive Palm Sunday ecumenical service, April 7, in St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church. The pastors, standing under a wall plaque that reads: "Christ's Love... Brings Us Together" are (left to right) — Rev. David Peasgood, Grace Anglican, Markham; Rev. E. L. McDowell, Hagerman Mennonite; Rev. J. A. Shantz, Markham Missionary; Rev. Robt. Ball, Central

United, Unionville, Rev. Chuck Beaton, St. Andrew's United, Markham; Rev. Terry Dunlop, Markham Baptist; Father Patrick Doran, St. Patrick's, Markham; Father Jack Culnan, St. Patrick's, Markham; Rev. Fred Cromey, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Markham; Rev. Donald Parr, St. Andrew's United, Markham; and Rev. Paul Martin, Wideman Mennonite, Markham. — Jim Thomas.

Population-5,000

Residential development proposed

UNIONVILLE — A 405 acre residential development has been proposed for an area east of Kennedy Road and north of Hwy. 7, near Unionville that, if approved, could accommodate up to 5,000 people.

G. E. Winship, vice-president of Monarch Construction, Willowdale, met with Markham Planning Committee, April 4, to request approval or suggested changes in the draft plan already submitted.

The site, owned by the Monarch firm, extends from Kennedy Road on the west to the 7th concession (McCowan Road) on the east and from the C. N. R. line on the south to 16th Avenue on the north.

The Town, Mr. Winship was told, cannot consider the application until the Markham-Unionville Study is completed. "We'll have to see how it fits in," said Bill Power, Director of Planning.

The development is con-

sidered to be low density with 12.9 acres per person and no high-rise apartments. According to the current prospectus, 1,245 units are envisioned. Of these, 770 will be single-family dwellings and the remainder semi-detached, link housing and town houses. The plan also calls for two commercial developments on 21 acres.

The Monarch Plan provides for a Kennedy Road bypass, easing traffic congestion along Unionville's Main Street. Unionville is depicted as being closed off to traffic with a pedestrian mall in that area. Mr. Power described the mall as "a long-term consideration."

Before any construction can begin, adequate sewage capacity must be assured along with many other planning and technical details.

"There are many things to take into account," observed Mr. Power. "It's impossible to predict a starting date."

Where there's life -

MARKHAM — There's still a possibility that ratepayers, with properties fronting on Hwy. 48, between 16th and 17th Avenues, will be exempted from the cost of paying for a controversial watermain.

In a report prepared for Town Council by Clerk Joe Pickard, two methods can be adopted: (1) The project can be paid for through Local Improvement as previously intended, or council can apply for a Private Bill to be passed by the Ontario Legislature.

"This is the only avenue left

to pursue if Council wishes to assume the Local Improvement charges," members were told.

Councillor Gary Kay (Ward 1) recommended the issue be set aside and discussed at the next Works Committee meeting.

But councillor Ron Moran (Ward 6) objected. "If we delay this thing any longer, it won't be handled in the current session," he said.

Mayor Tony Roman said he had received no word back from the people themselves as to whether they are content with the revised rate. Court of Revision previously cut the assessment by about 22 percent.

A motion, instructing the solicitor to draw up a Private Bill, indicating the Town would assume the charges and that ratepayers would pay a frontage assessment if and when they were connected, was deferred.

Instead, a staff report will be prepared for discussion by the Public Works committee.

Mr. Ryan revealed that in 1973, his department had found 1,519 pets in the municipality, including 668 dogs and 794 cats.

Unclaimed

MARKHAM — Only a small percentage of stray animals picked up by Markham's Canine Control Officer are ever claimed by their owners.

This fact was contained in a recent report to Markham Council by James Ryan, R/R24, Stouffville.

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Police officer - citizen commended

MARKHAM — An Maple man and a York Regional police officer have been commended for their quick action at the scene of an accident in January, in Hwy. 7, east of Bayview Avenue.

Assistance rendered by James Dobson, Goodman Crescent, and Constable Eric Adams, were brought to the attention of York Regional Police Commission by Supt. G.S. Gray, of the Ontario Provincial

Police. Recounting the tragic, single-car crash, it was told how Mr. Dobson and his wife were in that particular area on the night of Jan. 27 and saw an auto, driven by Gary Powell, of

Unionville, veer out of control and plunge down a 17-foot embankment into a creek. While Mrs. Dobson ran for help, her husband waded into the icy water in search of the vehicle's occupants. He was able to locate Carman Stiver, also of Unionville, a passenger in the car. Stiver was clinging to some logs. His companion was still in the front seat. Dobson released him, brought him to the surface and commenced mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

Powell responded to the first aid administered by his rescuer, but died ten days later in hospital.

Constable Adams, dispatched to the scene, also waded into the water and assisted the Maple man in his efforts to revive the injured victims. They then assisted in placing Powell in an ambulance and continued to give first aid to Stiver.

A portion of the highway

where the collision occurred, is patrolled by the O.P.P., and when they arrived on the scene, they were so impressed with the conduct of the constable and Dobson, they submitted a recommendation for commendation.

Regional Chief Bruce Crawford recalled how Constable Adams had returned to his division later and reported the result of his investigation. He was wet, the Chief said, and merely requested permission to go home and change. "It was not until I received the letter from Superintendent Gray that this Force was made aware of the extent of his actions and those of Mr. Dobson," Chief Crawford said. He requested commendations to both men "for their alertness and unselfish regard for personal comfort and safety." He then added: "In my view, this is the type of conduct of which this Force and the citizens of this community have every right to be justly proud."

Refuse repairs-withhold taxes

MARKHAM — The old one-way bridge on 16th Avenue, east of conc. 10, is obviously a throw-back to horse and buggy days. And that's exactly where it belongs, say residents to the east. They want it repaired and braced beyond the present 3-ton load limit and until something is done, they're withholding their taxes.

"They've been promising, promising, since 1965," said Orazio Baggio, "it took a year and a half to have safety rails installed." He says school bus

operators refuse to drive across it and his children must walk half a mile to get a ride. He says fire trucks and snowplows can't use it and it represents a hazard even for lighter vehicles.

The structure that spans a branch of the Rouge River is located in the Cedarwood expropriation area and Markham Council is unwilling to have it replaced. "We wouldn't accomplish anything with \$15,000," said Mayor Tony Roman in discussing the problem, "we still couldn't get

the school buses or fire trucks across it and the Ministry of Transport won't come up with the money for a new one."

Mr. Baggio said he had paid half his taxes because the Town had promised to do something. "I'm not paying one cent more." He said six other residents felt the same. He sharply criticized Council's inaction on the problem. "Except for Mr. Moran, no one has done a damn thing to help us." He then concluded with the threat: "I might even run in the next election."

"Horse and buggy bridge"

Councillor resents road improvement request

MARKHAM — Communication between the Markham Fair Board and Markham Council, invariably stirs some form of negative reaction.

The latest incident of 'ruffled feathers' occurred following receipt of a letter from the Fair's secretary-manager, Gerald Mann, suggesting the

Town consider certain road and bridge improvements on 18th Avenue, between conc. 7 and Hwy. 48.

This route will serve as an entrance and exit to the Stan Watson property, recently purchased as Markham's new fair site.

"It would be nice if any bridge widening and other road work was done as soon as possible," the letter, read in part, "in this way, all would be sure to be ready by the big opening in 1976."

The tactful request wasn't considered in that light by Ward 1 councillor Gary Kay. "I don't like the tenor of the letter," he fumed, "we don't have to build anything. I have never seen any request for road-building or road widening. It's about time they took the Town into their confidence."

Mayor Tony Roman in attempting to pour oil on troubled waters, admitted the need for immediate communication between the Town and the Board. "They never contacted us when they purchased the land. I don't know at this point in time, what the Fair Board is planning to do. We should have a breakdown on the type of facilities to pass on to our engineering and planning departments. They (the) Fair, may need other services," he said.



A one-lane bridge, on 18th Avenue, Markham, between Hwy. 48 and the 7th concession, may have to be replaced, prior to the shifting of Markham Fair from its present site to the property of Stan Watson. Paving of the road may also be necessary to cope with traffic, during the 4-day event. The fair's re-opening at the new location is contemplated by 1976. — Jim Thomas.



Forestry expert

Edward R. Winnitroy, 2 Jonquill Crescent, is a forestry journeyman from Markham Area, presently on loan to Ontario Hydro (Central Region) Forestry Department for the balance of 1974. He is assisting in a tree-planting program that was started two years ago.