

'Noise and hazards' cited by neighbors

Markham council took action Tuesday to soothe irate residents in the Woodbine Ave., Hwy 7 area concerned about noise and industrial hazards produced by a nearby business.

Members of the Classics Community Association say noise produced by Janovski Counter Tops on Spy Crt. in Markham detracts from "enjoyment of our homes," and demanded action.

The matter was referred to staff for a report. Recommendations are expected to be brought forth at the next meeting.

The group also contends that a dust collector used to capture particles circulating in the plant was illegally constructed and should be removed.

Bill Walker, building director for the Town of Markham, said owner Jim Janovski overstepped the bounds of the building permit issued, but noted that it's not an uncommon occurrence.

He also said Mr. Janovski has been co-operative with the town to bring the collector into compliance.

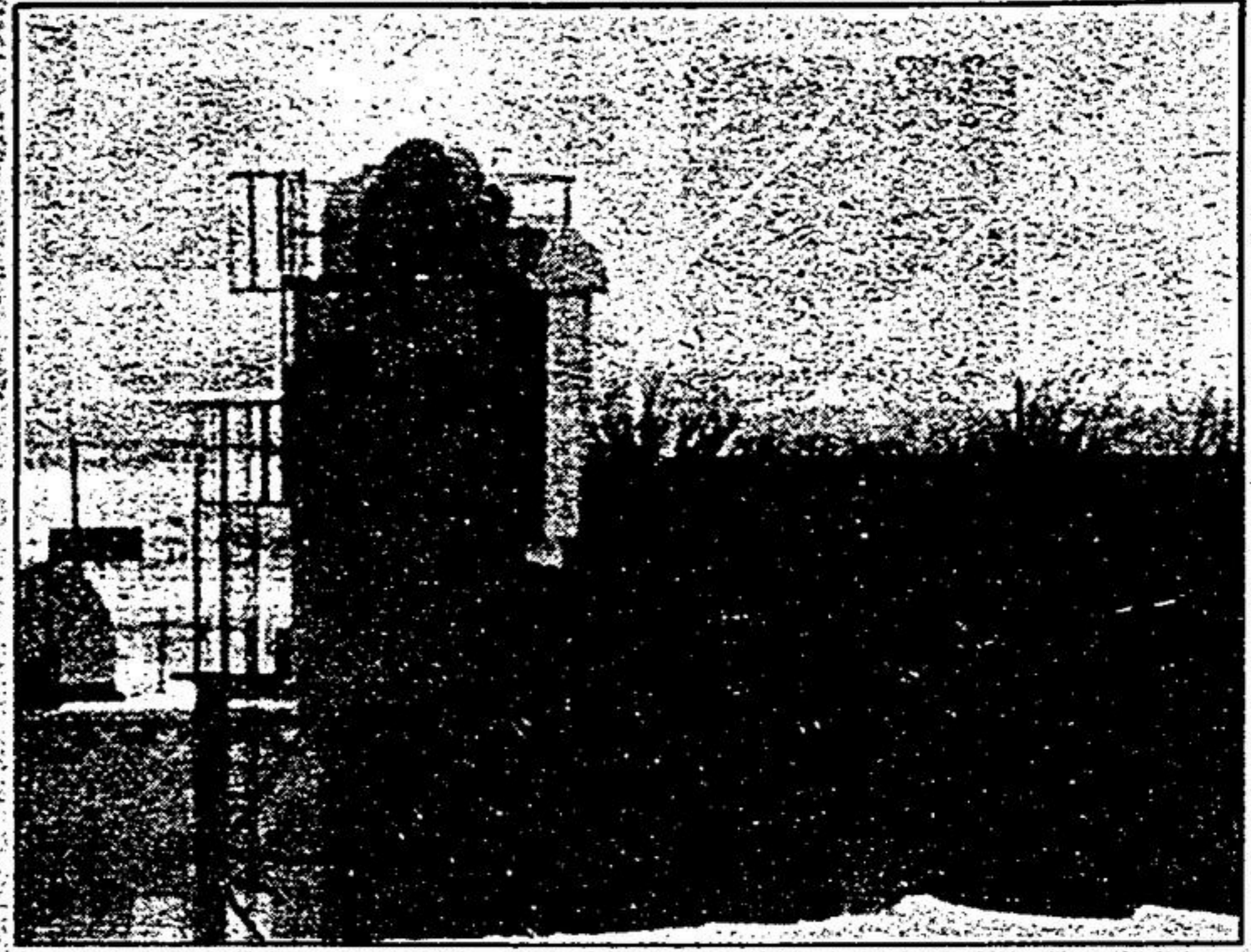
"I guess he assumed that what

ever he was going to build was covered under the (building) permit," said Mr. Walker. "This case is not special."

The Environment Ministry has been notified to investigate noise levels and will recommend muting measures to protect residents.

Mr. Janovski defended his right to operate the business and said residents there were aware of the nearby industrial subdivision's development.

He said the firm, which employs eight, operates during normal business hours.



The dust collector protruding from the roof of Janovski Counter Tops on Spy Crt. has certain neighbors objecting.

25-m. pool given nod, town centre approved

By STEVE HOUSTON
Staff Reporter

In a 7-4 vote Tuesday, Markham Council approved a 25-metre swimming pool for Milliken Mills — and rejected a plea that the pool be stretched to 50 metres.

The approval was part of the \$40-million 1987 capital works budget approved by Council. Included is an \$18 million allocation for a new municipal complex at Warden Ave. and Hwy 7 and \$3 million for the swimming pool.

The Markham Citizens for a 50-metre Pool made its final plea before members in a packed council chamber.

Markham resident Jim Jones, who spearheaded the drive for the facility, began his presentation to council saying the group would "lose tonight with dignity or win with dignity."

The group ran a comprehensive campaign, citing several examples of cost efficiency with the proposed plan but lost to councillors concerned with the increased costs.

Increased cost figures for the pool were generally pegged between \$1.3 to \$1.5 million.

"We don't want a Taj Mahal but just a conservative facility that can best service the whole community," said Mr. Jones in his presentation to council. "Let's swim, not sink on this much needed 50-metre pool facility."

Once again, he said the town could recover a large portion of its costs through the use of bulk-

heads, school board participation, tournaments, prudent management and fund raising.

The Markham Aquatic Club committed its group to raising \$250,000 towards the project.

Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti turned the proposal into a pool versus new municipal complex issue, saying he would vote for a "people first" project like the 50-metre pool.

"After looking at the final figures, no matter which way you cut it we can't afford the new municipal centre," commented Councillor Scarpitti. "If we approve this (the municipal complex) the public will get short-changed."

But those who voted against the larger pool — and for the municipal complex — Councillors Fred Cox, Bob Sherwood, Tom Newall, Bud Bonner, Ron Moran, Mike Popovich and Mayor Carole Bell — were generally concerned about the larger pool's cost adding to the town's projected \$6 million deficit in 1987.

And several were unconvinced that the need for a 50-metre facility had been sufficiently demonstrated.

Regional Councillor Ron Moran said the town would realize "no real savings," with the larger facility. He added that the town would pay a proportionate fee for a pool increased by 25 metres.

Thornhill Councillor Mike Popovich, concerned about the town's current capital budget for 1987, said he wouldn't support

spending additional money for the pool.

"We're facing a capital outlay this year of \$40 million," said Councillor Popovich. "That in itself is a big concern."

But supporters of the plan — Councillors Doreen Quirk, Gord Landon, Alex Chiu and Frank Scarpitti — believe the enlarged facility would suffice on a longer term and serve as a town-wide facility.

Markham firm fined \$3,000

By BRUCE ETHERIDGE

A Bullock Dr. company has been fined \$3,000 for spilling purple ink into a tributary of the Rouge River.

CIP Containers Ltd. pleaded guilty to discharging waste into a waterway and failing to notify the Ministry of Environment of the spill.

The company was fined \$1,500 on each count by Justice of the Peace George Cummings.

Crown prosecutor Jerry Herlihy, representing the Ministry of Environment, told the court that the company pumped water containing purple ink and paraffin wax onto the back of their property over a three-day period last November.

The waste water was carried off the property by heavy rains and washed down into a creek leading to the Rouge River.

CIP Containers Ltd., which manufactures cardboard containers such as milk cartons, apparently had a drainage line become plugged with wax causing the waste to back up.

A Markham resident, whose property backs onto the creek, spotted purple foam around the banks and called the Ministry of Environment. The waste, which caused a discoloration of the water, was easily traced back to company property via a ditch leading down to the creek.

Mr. Herlihy said that while the ink was "non-toxic and not harmful to aquatic or plant life in the Rouge River" he was concerned that the pumping had continued over three days.

Mr. Cowan, counsel for CIP Containers, said the company has now set up an internal drainage system at a cost of \$2,000 to prevent another spill.

Tension mounts over Mount Joy

By STEVE HOUSTON
Staff Reporter

Despite a growth suspension plan to soothe irate Mount Joy area homeowners, Markham Council Tuesday found itself confronted by residents demanding answers.

The group, currently in the process of forming a rate-payers association in response to the town's Official Plan (OP) review, demanded action on the proposed Mount Joy industrial designation.

But the town, which approved in principal a plan to redesignate the entire site a study area, still had to answer to residents.

Ward Councillor Gord Landon, who introduced the new proposal, said Mount Joy "will become a study area and return to the same status it had prior to the Official Plan review."

The new proposal prohibits development until a Markham bypass and 16th Ave. widening is complete and makes a provision for buffer zones should industrial development take place.

It was referred to the Official Plan review committee and staff for further consideration.

Mark Hassan, area spokesman for the residents, said residents insist on appropriate

buffers between their homes and potentially industrial developments.

"If it's just a garden perimeter; if that's what it is it's totally unacceptable to the 16th Ave. residents," said Mr. Hassan.

In a separate exchange, he requested that the town preserve a man-made pond on the north side of 16th Ave. near Brother Andre Catholic School.

But Councillor Landon said the development question is too early to consider and said buffer zones will be addressed later.

Mayor Carole Bell noted that further meetings on any proposals will be held in the fall.

The councillors were accused of "backpedalling" on the issue and told they were naive by another disgruntled resident. Mr. Hassan echoed those statements in response to council's prepared motion for a redesignation of the area.

"It seems to me this is a prearranged cop out to get us out of here early," he said.

After the bitter exchange, the two sides agreed to representation at a Monday night meeting at E.T. Crowle Public School.

The meeting takes place at the school at 7:30 p.m.

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We have a winner

To focus attention on several heritage homes and buildings in Markham during Heritage Week, the Weekender announced a contest co-sponsored by Heritage Markham in the Feb. 14 edition.

The winner was Stephanie Dawes of Unionville who correctly identified all the buildings. She wins \$100 courtesy of the newspaper and Heritage Markham.



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