

Unveil Unionville development plans

UNIONVILLE - A visionary plan, which looks ahead 40 or 50 years to project a population of 50 - 60,000 in the Markham-Unionville area, was unveiled, Feb. 18.

The proposals were described by representatives of Monarch Construction Ltd., at a Ward 3 ratepayer's meeting, called by councillor Keith Kennedy and held in the auditorium of the Kennedy Chiropractic Clinic. About 50 residents attended.

Monarch Construction is interested in building a housing project in Unionville, but their plans went far beyond the usual outline. Among other things, the drawings included the first real public look at the route of a proposed bypass one-half mile east of the downtown sector. Councillor Kennedy chaired the meeting, and introduced Mayor Tony Roman, councillors Murray Henderson and Norm Tyndall, and Markham treasurer Alec Barton.

Mayor Roman emphasized strongly that Council has not yet studied the Monarch proposal, and described it as "a concept". In a brief address, the Mayor reviewed work done by Council during the year. He specifically mentioned a 10-acre plot which will become a recreation centre, located on the east side of the 7th Line, north of Bullock Drive.

Mr. Roman urged citizens to make their views known to Council. "We don't claim to have all the answers," he said, "Council wants to receive advice, hear complaints and proposals from average residents who will be affected by plans such as the one described tonight."

A Monarch representative, Mr.

Region. The Monarch subdivision, as proposed, would increase the village's population by about 4,800. Beyond this, the planners see a major shopping centre, a recreational complex, and industrial area, and some land designated for "fringe infilling."

A lively discussion was sparked by John Shultz, President of the Ward 3 Ratepayers' Association. He attacked apathy among citizens.

"The Association is inactive, because people feel there aren't any problems," he said.

Mr. Shultz praised Mayor Roman and the Council for understanding the problems in Ward 3. He urged that residents take up the Mayor's invitation to get involved at the Council level, and enumerated some matters of concern that might be discussed. These included sidewalks, stop signs, and a 25 mph speed limit.

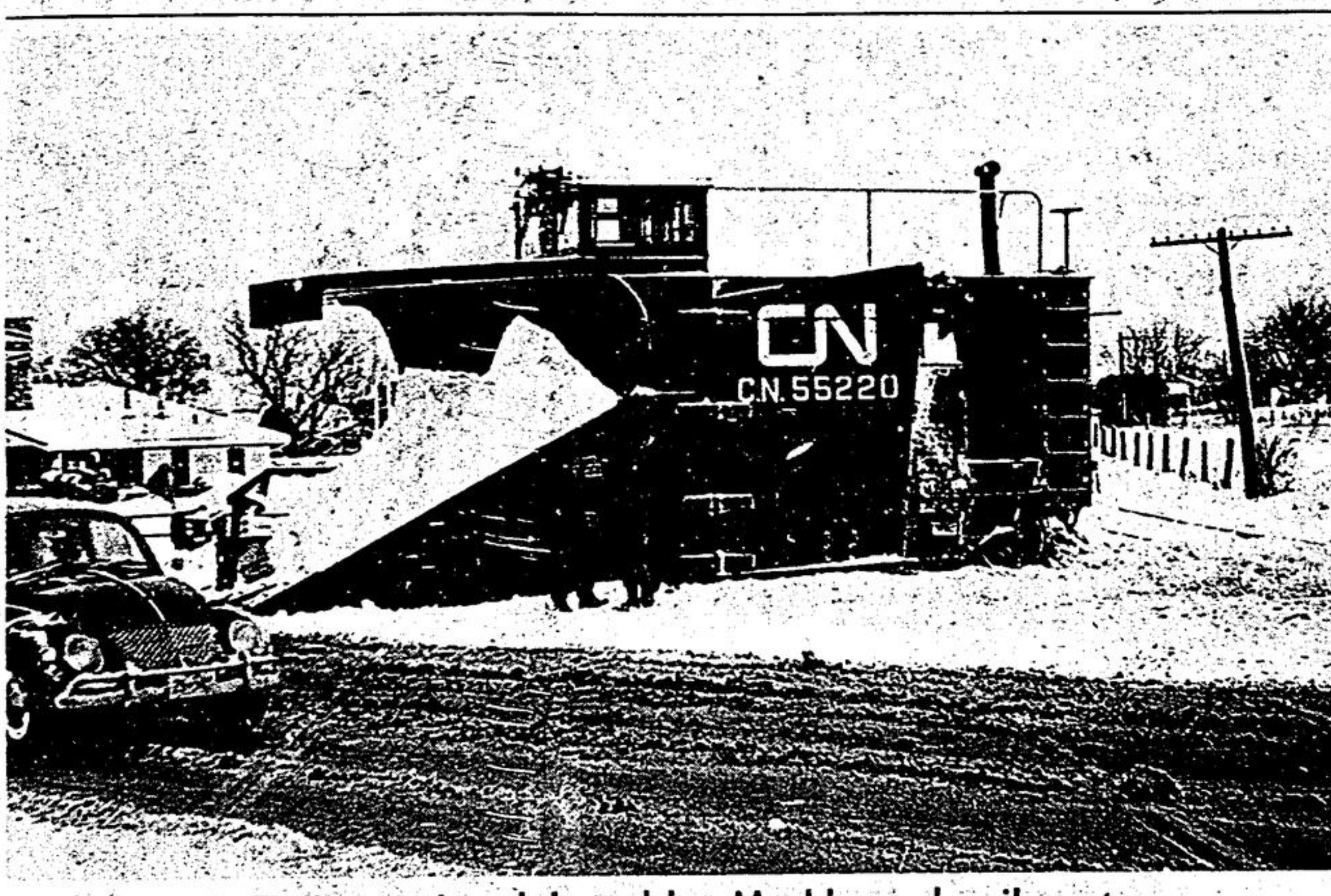
"It's easy to sit back and wait for somebody else to do it," he said, "That's what we've been doing."

Other residents expressed their opinions on the plan, and considerable time was spent going over maps and questioning various aspects of the Monarch proposal. It is hoped that the ratepayers will have a delegation present to state their position when the submission is considered by Planning Committee and Council.

Winthrop, explained that plans had been placed before Council's Planning Committee recently, and the company asked permission to present them at a public meeting. He echoed Mr. Roman's warning, stating that the scheme had "no official status". Mr. Winthrop said one of his company's main concerns was to protect the downtown core of the old village; he pointed out that schools, parks, and a "village green" would take up about 130 acres of Monarch's total 415. The houses described by Mr. Winthrop are of the low-density type, mostly single-family detached units.

Monarch's planner, John Williams, described the layout more fully. He cited the Toronto-Centred Region Plan, which calls for a sub-regional centre in the area. The drawings on display showed the area bounded by 16th Avenue on the north, the proposed Highway 407 on the south, the 5th Line on the east, and the 9th Line to the west.

Mr. Williams also described an alternative bypass, which would make the 5th an arterial road to lead traffic away from downtown Unionville. The bypass question is presently being considered by York



Train service delayed by Markham derailment

The weekend storm presented problems for many people, including the railways. On the Stouffville-Toronto C. N. R. line, traffic was blocked when a diesel snowplow veered off

the tracks at Markham. Dayliner service to Stouffville was restored by Monday evening.

—Mark Niblett.

Cancel hydro talks

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Uxbridge Township council meeting, Feb. 7, that she had received a telephone call that day from Jim Shedden, of Hydro's Planning Branch. As a result of the call, the meeting has been postponed "for 6 to 8 weeks". No reason was given.

Ontario Hydro has recently run into trouble with other municipalities, which have refused to approve the proposed route.

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Capital works forecast - \$6½ million

PICKERING TWP. - Township Council has asked Ontario Municipal Board approval of a 5-year capital works program, extending from 1972 through 1976. Total expenditures forecast come to more than 6½ million dollars.

Highest figure for any one year is in 1972, where the amount anticipated is \$1,799,200. The largest

chunk of this, a half million dollars, will go towards establishing industrial land. Other projects will include \$429,200 for water mains, \$250,000 for extension of the Don Beer Arena, and \$150,000 for a municipal garage. Sanitary sewers will cost \$385,000, while \$85,000 will be spent on Rouge Hills building and furnishings.

In 1973, the \$1,420,000 program will be broken down into: water mains, \$345,000; sanitary sewers, \$300,000; industrial land, \$100,000; aerial fire truck, \$105,000; Bay Ridges com-

munity centre, \$100,000; purchase of parkland, \$100,000; construction and furnishing of a public library at Brougham, \$50,000; Bay Ridges library, \$20,000; and an addition to the municipal building, \$300,000.

With a budget of \$1,045,000 for capital works, 1974 will be the lowest year. The money will be distributed among water mains, \$345,000; sanitary sewers, \$300,000; industrial land, \$100,000; purchase of parkland, \$100,000; and expansion of the Greenwood arena,

\$200,000. Total expenditures will swing upwards again for 1975, with \$1,125,000 allocated. The breakdown is: water mains, \$345,000; sanitary sewers, \$300,000; industrial land, \$100,000; a pumper fire truck, \$30,000; purchase of parkland, \$100,000; a new community centre in the Liverpool - Glen Grove area, \$100,000, and an addition to the central library to the municipal building, \$150,000.

Another increase is planned for 1976, with a total budget of \$1,245,000. The largest single item is \$400,000 for a curling rink, squash courts, and bowling alley in the Liverpool area community centre. Other figures are: water mains, \$345,000; sanitary sewers, \$300,000; industrial land, \$100,000; purchase of parkland, \$100,000.

Roadside parkers liable to fine

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Township residents now share a problem common with homeowners in Metro: If you park too long on roads; impeding snow removal, you might discover your car has been towed away. At a meeting, Feb. 7, Council passed a bylaw "to regulate parked vehicles on Township roads". It provides that any vehicle parked in such a manner as to obstruct either traffic or snow removal can be towed away. A minimum fine of \$25 is imposed.

Councillor Frank Hendy said he didn't agree with the measure, but declined to comment further. He asked for a recorded vote, but was told by Reeve Bob Nesbitt that this is not allowed on third reading. Councillors Darcy Higgins and Clark Muirhead supported the bylaw. Deputy-reeve Don Jackson was absent. Councillor Hendy was opposed.

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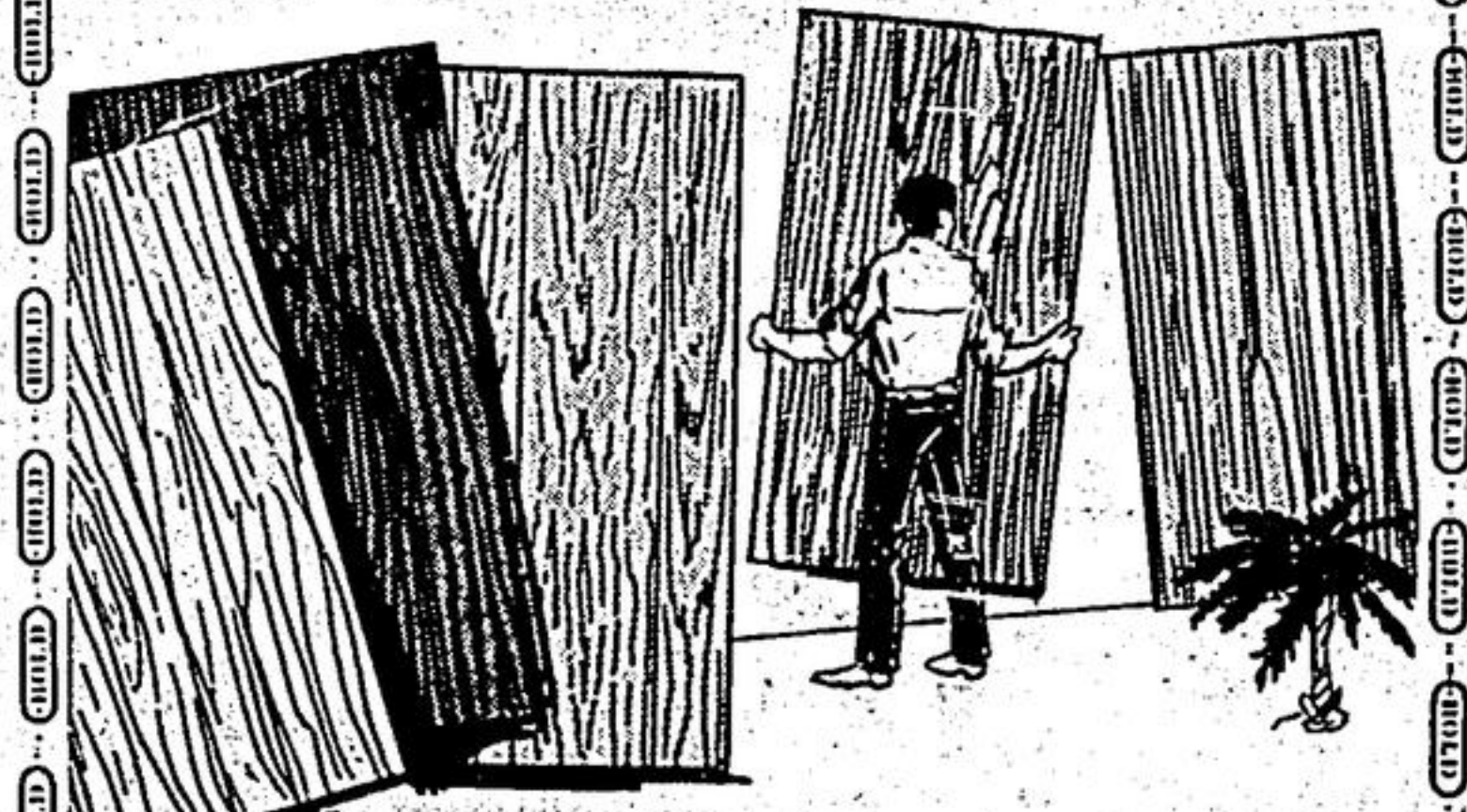
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