

Buttonville jet-craft use concerns Markham planners

Public hearing - Sept. 7

MARKHAM - An application by Toronto Airways Limited, for permission to extend the north-west, south-east runway at its Buttonville Port, a distance of 1,200 feet, was given an attentive audience at a meeting of Markham Planning Committee, Aug. 3.

But the fact that Ian McCuaig, executive assistant to the President, declined to assure members that no jet craft would utilize facilities at the site, brought reaction from Roy Muldrew. Both he and the chairman, Jim Jongeneel suggested that such a possibility would undoubtedly arouse feeling among residents in the area.

Mr. McCuaig explained that "a new generation of jets was coming along", a type of craft that, he said, were quieter than prop planes now in use. He assured the committee that Buttonville would establish a maximum noise criteria, and if a jet failed to meet that limit, it would not be permitted to land.

Chairman Jongeneel said the Board would need to know what that maximum noise level might be.

Mr. Muldrew asked

that a business-type jet be flown in so members could judge for themselves the noise problem (if any) it created.

Mr. McCuaig agreed to arrange such a demonstration, prior to a Public Hearing, Sept. 7.

In a Brief, prepared for the meeting by Planning Director Wm. Power, it was explained that a longer runway would decrease present landing and takeoff hazards, particularly during adverse ground and weather conditions. It would also increase the effective use of facilities, the report read.

Mr. Power was commended by the chairman on the completeness of the Brief, covering 11

pages. The report pointed out that the Buttonville Port had, over the past five years, become an integral part of the present Toronto Area Airport System. It was noted that the proposed International Airport in Pickering would tend to increase the importance of this site.

"There will be no noticeable increase in air traffic at this time due to extension", the Brief stated. "However, we do anticipate future increases, as do all airports in general".

Mr. Jongeneel urged the applicants to have all pertinent information available for the Hearing. "And don't get too technical", he asked, "so people will understand".

Markham Planning Committee

Motel-bank complex on Don Mills Road

VIC. SQUARE - A half-million dollar

complex, to include a motel, restaurant, general store, bank and service station, is back on the drawing board before Markham Town Planning Committee.

Dusan Miklas, representing Dawnwood Estates, termed the project "an old blister that's been around for a few years". The location,



Entry in junior golf tournament

There were 230 entries in the annual Junior Golf Tournament, at Sleepy Hollow, Stouffville, Aug. 3. One of the participants was Rick Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood. Lindsay and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Art Wood, Church St., Stouffville and Mr. and Mrs. Albert King, Lloyd Avenue, Stouffville.

—Jim Thomas.

on the Don Mills Road, north of 17th Avenue, will be serviced by septic tanks.

The motel, Mr. Miklas said, will contain up to 27 units when completed.

While a public hearing on the application is not required, chairman Jim Jongeneel said, all owners within 400 feet of the site will be notified.

Member Roy Muldrew was not satisfied. He charged that 400 feet would include only about three people. "That's ridiculous", he said. Mr. Jongeneel said the survey area could be expanded to 1,000 feet "or whatever the committee feels is fair".

Planning Director

Wm. Power said that if a portion of the Cachet Country Club was included "it would be difficult to know where to stop". Mr. Miklas estimated the Cachet-Development at three-quarter miles away.

Mr. Power agreed to prepare a map of the area to indicate how many properties would be included in a 1,000 foot arc.

Latcham magic

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feats of close-up magic there recently. Following the show, he was presented with an engraved plaque by Premier Wm. Davis.

M.P.P. calls for disclosure of private airport holdings

YORK-CENTRE - Don Deacon Liberal M.P.P. (York-Centre), has called for the full publication by both levels of government of the names of all owners of property affected by the Pickering Airport and North Pickering new town proposals.

Mr. Deacon made his remarks following

upon a copyrighted story in the Toronto Globe and Mail revealing that Ontario Attorney General Dalton Bales is a part owner of a large tract of land in the Pickering area.

"Nobody who knows Mr. Bales would accuse him of any impropriety in this

matter" stated Deacon "and I believe that he has acted properly throughout." However, Deacon pointed out that the airport and North Pickering new town decision were in direct conflict with the Ontario Government's previously published Toronto - Centred - Region Plan. "The Ontario Government's complete about-face in the matter of the Plan," said Deacon, "leads one to wonder whether some parties might not be profiting unduly from the decision. After all, Ontario is not without previous cases of conflict of interest!"

The only way to clear the air is for the government to publish a full list of all owners of property whose lands are affected, including the names of

those with major interest in any corporate ownership of property, and the dates on which these lands were acquired".

Mr. Deacon pointed out that the Town Planning Institute of Canada had condemned the Pickering proposal saying that major airport facilities should not be situated close to existing or future urbanized areas. "Such an extreme change in direction by the Government in only a few short years must raise questions in people's minds."

Government works best when it works openly," stated Mr. Deacon. "Full disclosure of ownership can do nothing but good. I urge the Government to take action on this matter immediately."

Developer suggests estate-type homes for Lake area

STOUFFVILLE - Another subdivision plan for the Musselman's Lake area - this one involving estate-type homes - was considered by Planning Committee Aug. 4.

The plan, located on the west part of lot 16, concession 9, was described by Mr. John Fritz. The land involved totals 33 acres, southeast of the Lake, on which Mr. Fritz proposes 27 lots.

All lots, he said, would be a minimum of one acre, and houses would be in the \$45,000 and up range. An easterly extension of Victor Drive would serve the site.

"Right now, we just want to know if this can be considered," Mr. Fritz told Committee members.

It was noted that the land in question does not fall in either the

"freeze" area, or in that section designated for a study by the Region's Area Services Branch. Mayor Ken Laushway, pointing out that the parcel would need rezoning, felt it should be included in the study.

Acting Chairman Merlyn Baker warned Mr. Fritz that such a proposal had to be approved by several bodies. Mayor Laushway indicated problems could arise at the provincial level.

"It might as well be in the freeze area, because the province will block rezoning until runway locations are finalized," he predicted. He cited a similar reaction to the Forfar Subdivision, a mile to the north.

The proposal will be forwarded for consideration by the Area Services Branch.

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