

'Bloomington'

"No name for a doghouse"

YORK REGION - Backed by 100 years of tradition, Mayor Ken Laushway has staved off an attempt to change the name of the Bloomington Road. At a meeting of Regional Council, Aug. 10, members considered an Engineering recommendation to rechristen the east-west artery. Pointing out that it bears different names in different parts of the Region, the Committee suggested the entire length be known as "Blue Hills Drive."

Mayor Laushway was instantly on his feet, to move that the report be amended to make the name, "Bloomington Road". "I can't see any reason for a change," he stated. "It's had that name for a century or more, and it's known far and wide."

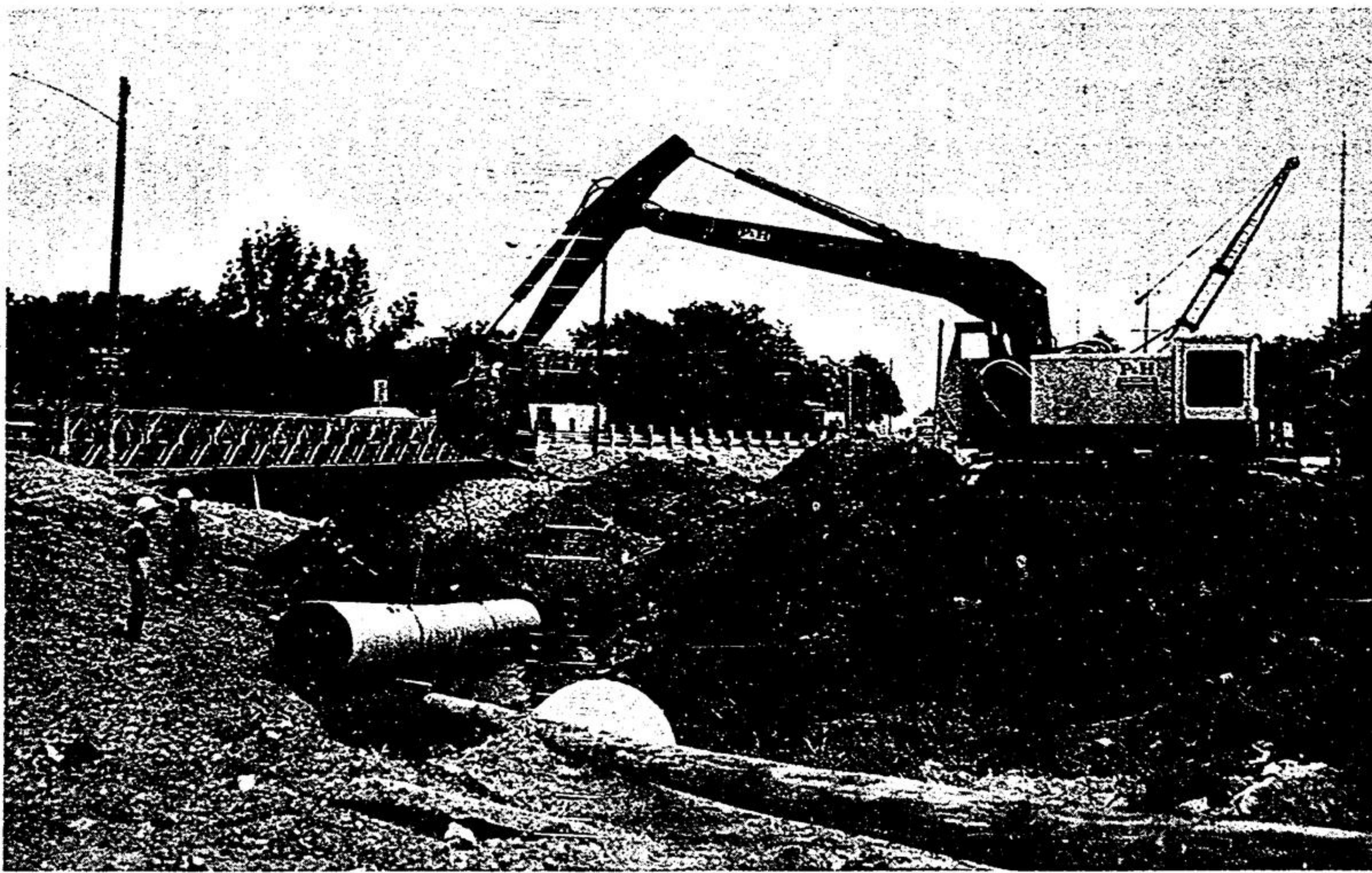
Mayor Laushway added that the municipality was not consulted about the proposed change. Aurora Mayor Dick Illingworth, vice-chairman of the Engineering Committee, revealed the request had originated with Blue Hills Academy. He suggested a compromise, as the road will be broken by Highway 404: name it Bloomington Road on the east, and Blue Hills Drive on the west.

Mayor Illingworth was opposed to making it Bloomington Road for the entire width of York Region. "People in Aurora would never adopt the name," he said. "We wouldn't call a doghouse Bloomington."

Richmond Hill Mayor Bill Lazenby suggested the report be referred back to committee, to be discussed with the local municipalities involved. Vaughan Mayor Garnet Williams, however, supported Mayor Laushway.

"These little hamlets are disappearing too fast," said Mayor Williams. "This is one way of preserving the name."

After considerable discussion, confused further by uncertainty over what was being voted upon, Mayor Laushway's amendment carried. A last-ditch attempt by Mayor Illingworth to impose two names was ruled out of order.



Work is proceeding on a \$2½ million re-construction project, on Hwy. 7, between Markham and Unionville. When completed, in early August, 1973, the road will be widened to 4 lanes. This location is east of Kennedy Road where a temporary Bailey bridge has been erected to accommodate traffic.

—Jim Thomas.

York Regional Police

Recent promotions

YORK REGION - Several recent promotions have been announced, as part of the continuing re-organization of the Regional Police Department. The Police Commission, at a meeting, Aug. 14, approved the step-up in rank recommended by Chief Bruce Crawford. Promoted from Patrol Sergeant to Sergeant are: Evan Kelley, Clair Penrose, Ron Dayton, Ted McBrien, Gordon Bacon, Harry Diamond and David Fellows.

In addition, a number of constables have been advanced in rank to Patrol Sergeant. They are: Doug Davies, Jack Hamilton, Lorne Stevenson, John Morrison, George Heppell and George McQuillan.

At the same meeting, 18 new constables were sworn in. Chief Crawford stated that advertising and interviewing for additional officers was still in progress. The force was earlier authorized to add 30 men, for a total strength of 220. According to Chief Crawford, the present compliment is 202.

Shareholders' meeting

The annual shareholders' meeting of the Stouffville Arena Ltd., will be held, Aug. 28, at 8 p.m., in the rink. Business arising from the financial statement will be discussed and directors elected for 1972-73.

Pump stolen
The firm of Chas. Richards and Sons was the location of still another theft. Between Aug. 5 and 9, a pump from a spraying unit was stolen. The loss is valued at \$100.

Dogs for medical research

Uxbridge Township Council adjourns decision

UXBRIDGE TWP. - Mrs. Ann Barrett, the municipality's canine control officer has viewed first-hand, the laboratories at the

University of Toronto. While the issue was considered as controversial when first raised, members reported very little public response. Reeve Bob Nesbitt re-introduced the subject, Aug. 14. Deputy-reeve Don Jackson agreed that

dogs were needed for research purposes, and if left unclaimed, he could see nothing wrong with disposing of them in this way. Councillor Darcy Higgins concurred, but only if the animals were healthy. Councillor Clark Muirhead said he

didn't feel qualified to come to a conclusion. Mrs. Barrett admitted her initial reaction was negative. She said she would be willing to inspect a lab where experiments are carried out. On the question of sharing the Goodwood pound with the neigh-

boring township of Scott, council declined action, pending a formal request.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Plumber and girls, age 3 and 2 weeks, have purchased a home at 175 Church Street. Formerly of Vivian, Mr. Plumber is employed with I.B.M.

York budget underspent - \$5 million

YORK REGION - At the half-way point for 1972, the Region's budget was underspent by more than \$5 million. This glad news was given to Regional Council Aug. 10 by Treasurer John Hlynski. He detailed the surplus and deficit

in each department, adding comments for the major items. The only significant over-expenditure, \$20,000, was in the budget allocated for reforestation. Mr. Hlynski noted that the entire year's funds for land acquisition have already been spent.

The Roadways budget, in contrast, has been underspent by \$2,800,000. Mr. Hlynski warned that this is not a realistic half-year comparison, as many construction projects are just beginning, and debt charges are not payable until later in 1972. Also well within budget was the Regional Police Force, which showed a June surplus of almost \$600,000. Not reflected in this figure are several items, notably purchase of new vehicles and equipment.

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