

JUNGLE TALK MARKHAM LIONS CLUB

District A-16

Region 18

Zone 18 West



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PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

Membership continues to be a major focus for our club. The March 15th meeting, which is the publication date for this issue of the bulletin, is our biggest membership drive so far. We expect to show off our club to a large number of prospective members and hopefully some (many) will be encouraged to join us.



Spring is in the air, the snow and ice are melting and the equinox is fast approaching. With Spring comes Spring Flowers. With Spring Flowers comes Lion Jack Dawson and his team who have done a magnificent job so far in getting prepared for one of our most rewarding fund raising activities of the year. Not only do we raise money for the club but we also contribute to the beautiful gardens of proud homeowners in Markham. I fully encourage everybody to support Lion Jack and his team to make this year the best yet in terms of sales and happy customers.

Spring also brings the Victoria Day weekend. And, this means fireworks. Lion Bill Hosking is once again getting ready for another great fund raiser in our year. I know it is only March but Victoria Day is only 9 or 10 weeks away and we all know how time flies.

Spring also brings the A16 convention. And, at the A16 convention our very own Lion Carl is running for Region Chair. We

are all wishing Carl all of the very best and I am sure he is the best Lion for the job. He will be in an election situation but I am confident that he will be successful. Good luck Carl.

While Spring is only just around the corner we already have our sights on

the Wedding Show. Lion Jack and his team are well

prepared to start their efforts to have a successful Wedding Show. Again, this will be a lot of hard work and will need the involvement of many Lions. It is a very interesting project and one that will provide us with many challenges and rewards.

It seems that I made some sort of dubious history for the Markham Lions Club 2 weeks ago. Thursday March 1st was the day of the snow and ice storm that happened in the afternoon and early evening. After careful consideration of the situation and taking in reports from some Lions who were out in traffic and with the thought of personal safety for the members of the club I decided to cancel the dinner meeting. Well, it seems that in the 63 years, and 63 winters, of the Markham Lions club that this was the first one ever to be cancelled. If anybody was offended by this decision then please accept my apologies and also accept that I believed I was acting in the best interest of our members.

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IMPORTANT EFFECTIVE SPEAKING INFORMATION

The finals will be held on March 24th at St James Anglican Church in Fenelon Falls. The church is located at 7 Bond Street East just around the corner from the theatre.

The following schedule of times is based on the number of speakers and their categories from the last two years.

The Junior French and English will speak in the morning with registration at 9:00 for a 9:30 start. The group will be finished by noon. The winners will be announced after lunch.

The Intermediate and Senior French and English will speak in the afternoon. The registration for this group will begin at 11:00 p.m. with a 1:00 start. This will allow time for the second group to participate in the lunch if they desire.

A simple lunch will be provided to all in attendance. This will be sandwiches, dessert and beverage.

Dear District Coordinator,

I am pleased to announce that CSFII has raised a total of US\$71,632,626 toward our minimum goal of US\$150 million. You have personally been responsible for helping to raise US\$7,610.05 in District A 16. Attached, please find detailed information regarding funds raised in your district as of February 27, 2007. You will be receiving this information monthly, and I encourage you to use this information to motivate all groups and clubs in your district to further success.

Much has been accomplished, but much work remains for us to reach our minimum goal of US\$150 million. As Knights of the Blind, we must take this opportunity to raise funds that will help prevent blindness and change the world for the better.

Yours in Lionism,
Dr. Tae-Sup Lee
Past International President
Chairperson, Campaign SightFirst II

Results for CSFII Group II-1-B-A 16-B (FRED SHEEHY)
MAPLE -14765-C \$0.00
MARKHAM -14981-C \$2,001.29
MARKHAM MILLIKENS MILLS -60301-C \$0.00
RICHMOND HILL -14768-C \$892.86
RICHVALE -14769-C \$1,366.07
THORNHILL DISTRICT -14774-C \$446.43
UNIONVILLE -34639-C \$0.00

Region 18W is the highest contributor in A16 as of Feb. 27/07.



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Thank You from Markham Stouffville Hospital



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February 22, 2007

Mr. Ken Tranter
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Dear Mr. Tranter: *Richard & Monica Peet.*

On behalf of all the staff on 3Centre, Inpatient Surgery, at Markham Stouffville Hospital, I would like to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for your generous gift of the Transfer Bath Bench. This gift will be a real asset to both our patients and our staff in assisting in the recovery process.

Thank you again for the ongoing dedication of the Markham Lions Club. Your commitment and belief in our community hospital is truly an inspiration to us all.

Sincerely,

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MARKHAM LIONS CLUB GENERAL MEETING

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Markham Lions Club was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Grace Anglican Church. First Vice President Grace Medland opened the meeting with the singing of O'Canada, the Lions Grace and a toast to the Queen.

After a sumptuous Italian dinner, announcements of the various lists in circulation and roll call; Lion Vice President Grace asked if there were any guests. There were 9 guests joining the Club for dinner, many of which were from the Whitby Millennium Lions Club.

Tail Twister Lion Mike Hiatt fined several Lions for offences such as lateness, curling misdemeanours and not listening to the Club member's names during roll call. Lion Mike tested various Club members on their knowledge, or lack of same, on Canadian Geography. Lion Rick Fita of the Whitby Club won the 50/50 draw.

Two-minute speaker Lion Bill Milligan told a very amusing story about a bricklayer and a barrel full of bricks. Lion Bill also recited a Scottish poem with an accent as delicate as the single malt he is known to enjoy.

Guest Lion Noel Rousseaux invited the Club to attend the Omeme Lions Club charter night being held on June 21st and he encouraged our Club to support the Lions Tag Day

for Diabetes being held on September 22nd.

Lion Dave Galloway introduced our guest speaker, Bill Leach of Ducks Unlimited. Bill who is a retired investment specialist from CIBC Wood Gundy started the Ducks Unlimited chapter in Markham. He discussed the history, the mission of the organization and the accomplishments of the Markham chapter.

As these minutes will not be read at a meeting, they are included here for you to review. Please give any comments to the Secretary or Assistant Secretary.

Lion Eddie Mees thanked Bill for his very interesting and enlightening talk.

Assistant Secretary Lion Jack Dawson read the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the February 1st, 2007 regular meeting were approved as corrected on a motion by Lion Jack Dawson and seconded by Lion Ken Harris.

The only correspondence was a letter from Lion Eleanor Caldwell which was read to the Club.

Lion Vice President Grace presented a Lions Foundation of Canada Life Member certificate and pin to newly inducted Lion George McKelvy.

Committee Reports

Health Services Chair Lion Bill Milligan reported he hosted a committee meeting last week that handled a number of requests and tabled a plan for eye glass collection. The committee is currently working

on a request from Shania Johnston for Food Booth help during her April Sunflower of Hope Fun Fair at the Fairgrounds.

Youth Services & Community Chair Lion Carl Vanseader acknowledged a thank you note from Bowling for Kids and one from Vanessa Ventali.

Bulletin Chair Lion Dave Galloway announced that the all new and exciting February issue of the Jungle Talk was available for pickup after the meeting.

Membership Chair Lion Ken Harris reported that the special membership promotional dinner meeting on March 15th is taking shape. The meeting will feature Bev Berger and her dog Jasper, Markham Councillor John Webster and Past Council Chair Lion Carl Young. Each and every Club member is challenged to bring one person who is interested in becoming a Lion. Lion Ken is collecting pictures of Markham Lions at work and play.

Sick and Visiting Chair Lion Tom Goldring reported that Bill Ilott had a cataract removed, Toots Miller is now resting comfortably at home and Eleanor Wride is undergoing radiation treatment.

Nomination and Constitution Chair Lion Dick Peel announced a committee meeting will be held at his house on Wednesday at 7:15. Fred Sheehy moved **that the Markham Lions Club nominate Lion Carl Vanseader as a candidate for Region 18 Chair during the 2007-2008 Lions year. Motion seconded by Dick Peel. Motion carried with wild ap-**

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February 8, 2007 Director's Meeting



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The Board Meeting was held at the Markham Police Station **on Thursday, February 8, 2007**. President David Hitchen called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Lions present: Tim Armstrong, John Bell, Jack Dawson, Dave, Tom Goldring, Ken Harris, Mike Hiatt, David Hitchen, Steve Kowalchuk Jack McBride, Grace Medland, Eddie Mees, Bill Milligan, George McKelvey, Fred Sheehy, Ken Tranter, Carl Vanseader and Mandy Galloway.

MOTION Moved by Lion Mandy Galloway, seconded by Lion Tim Armstrong that the January 11, 2007 minutes be accepted as amended. Carried.
TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was accepted on motion of Lion Ken Tranter and seconded by Lion Grace Medland.

Moved by Lion Ken Tranter, seconded by Lion Bill Milligan that the report of funds released be accepted. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE - The Secretary read a thank you letter from Dr. Tae-Sup Lee for our contribu-

tion to Campaign Sight First 11. We received a badge for our generous donation

COMMITTEE REPORTS

HEALTH – At a recent committee meeting, Lion Bill Milligan questioned why we belong to the Canadian Diabetic Association. Lion Ken Tranter answered that we take the magazine and on a recommendation from Lion Jack Dawson the next issue of the Canadian Diabetic magazine will be given to Lion Bill Hoskings. Lions had a request from Comcare and a Newmarket Lions Club responded. A young girl with a brain tumour and her parents are raising funds for neuroblastoma with a Fun Fair on April 28th. Lion Bill Milligan plans to sit in on their organisational meetings to see how we can help. There is an opportunity for publicity.

Vision Screening with take place on February 26 and 27 at James Robinson Public School.

MOTION – Moved by Lion Bill Milligan, seconded by Lion Jack Dawson, that the Markham Lions support the April 28th Fun Fair and cook hot dogs and hamburgers.

YOUTH and COMMUNICATIONS – Lion Carl Vanseader reported that at a recent committee meeting, it was decided to give money to Lions Quest, Native Children, Effective Speaking and the YMCA. A young Markham District High School girl plans to go to India this summer with Project Abroad. Lion Carl offered a pamphlet about a Tag Day for Diabetes on Saturday, September 22, 2007. Lion Carl received a request from Yvonne Duffoe for engraving for the Octagon Club.

BULLETIN AND PUBLICITY – Lion Dave Galloway said there would be a bulletin for the next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP – Lion Ken Harris, referring to our special meeting on March 15th, said the Mayor as unable to attend as well as Governor Ray Howlett. Lion Fred Sheehy has invited Lion Carl Young. Bev Berger and Jasper are coming. We need to get pictures of past major events and socials to the March 15th evening.

SICK and VISITING – Lion Tom Goldring reported

- he delivered a plant and card to Toots Miller
- he delivered a plant and card to Eleanor Wride who recently had surgery
- He attended Muriel McCarty's funeral. Muriel was the wife of former Lion Chuck McCarthy.

PROGRAM, GREETERS AND VISITATION – Lion Grace Medland said that on February 15 the meeting is at Grace Church. The committee is Lions Dave Galloway and Eddie Mees. Two-minute speaker is Lion Bill Milligan.

FINANCE – Lion President David Hitchen apologised for not getting the budget spreadsheet ready.

NEW BUSINESS – Zone Chair Carl Vanseader said there is a Joint Zone meeting on March 5th in Thornhill. On February 12th Lion Carl will visit the Milliken Mills Lions Club.

ANYTHING ELSE FOR THE

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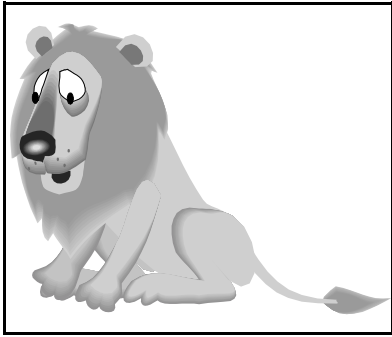
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Clockwise from left: Lion grace and friend, "When in doubt blend in and keep quiet," Lions Ken, Steve and John at Turkey Roll, Mascot, Lion Mike telling story, Two minute speaker Lion Carl and Lion Gord.





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THE POSITIVE SIDE OF LIFE:

Living on Earth is expensive, but it does include a free trip around the sun every year.

How long a minute is depends on what side of the bathroom door you're on.

Birthdays are good for you; the more you have, the longer you live.

Happiness comes through doors you didn't even know you left open.

Ever notice that the people who are late are often much jollier than the people who have to wait for them?

Most of us go to our grave with our music still inside of us.

If Wal-Mart is lowering prices every day, how come nothing is free yet?

You may be only one person in the world, but you may also be the world to one person.

Some mistakes are too much fun to only make once.

Don't cry because it's over; smile because it happened.

We could learn a lot from crayons: some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some have weird names, and all are different colors.... but they all exist very nicely in the same box.

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour.

Working for God on earth does not pay much, but His Retirement plan is out of this world.



KIDS AND SCIENCE

These are supposedly answers kids gave on science quizzes.

Q: Name the four seasons.

A: Salt, pepper, mustard and vinegar.

Q: Explain one of the processes by which water can be made safe to drink.

A: Flirtation makes water safe to drink because it removes large pollutants like grit, sand, dead sheep and canoeists.

Q: How is dew formed?

A: The sun shines down on the leaves and makes them perspire.

Q: How can you delay milk turning sour?

A: Keep it in the cow.

Q: What causes the tides in the oceans?

A: The tides are a fight between the Earth and the Moon. All water tends to flow towards the moon, because there is no water on the moon, and nature hates a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.

Q: What are steroids?

A: Things for keeping carpets still on the stairs.

Q: What happens to your body as you age?

A: When you get old, so do your bowels and you get intercontinental.

Q: What happens to a boy when he reaches puberty?

A: He says good-bye to his boyhood and looks forward to his adultery.

Q: Name a major disease associated with cigarettes.

A: Premature death.

Q: How are the main parts of the body categorized? (e.g., abdomen.)

A: The body is consisted into three parts - the brainium, the borax and the abdominal cavity. The brainium contains the brain; the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abdominal cavity contains the five bowels, A, E, I, O, and U.

Q: What is the fibula?

A: A small lie.

Q: What does "varicose" mean?

A: Nearby.

Q: Give the meaning of the term "Caesarean Section"

A: The Caesarean Section is a district in Rome

Q: What does the word "benign" mean?"

A: Benign is what you will be after you be eight.





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Dear District Governor,

There is no doubt about it. Today's families are busier than ever. Technology allows parents to work harder and be more productive than ever before. With school activities, athletic programs, art and music instruction, children have more opportunities to grow and learn than ever before. I have nothing but admiration for those who accept the challenge of raising a family in this fast-paced environment.

But there can be a down side to all this activity: families just don't spend enough time together as families. Some forget that there is more to life than their own hectic schedules. Sometimes they even forget to have fun. With family time at such a premium, it's easy to see why young parents are reluctant to sacrifice any of it, even for the best of purposes.

Lions Clubs can change all that. Through the Family Membership Program, we can remind families that meaningful service to others is more satisfying than an entire lifetime of conference calls, piano lessons and soccer games.

And we can remind them that serving together is fun!

I am pleased to tell you that in January alone, 42 new family-oriented clubs were chartered (with at least 25% of the charter members coming in as family members) and that international headquarters has sent more than 4,500 certificates recognizing Lions for their participation in January inaugural kick-off activities.

This new wave of Lions Clubs and Lions Club members will be a tremendous benefit for our communities and for our association. Our communities will have countless more hearts and hands to serve their needs and Lions Clubs will

International President's Letter

benefit from the new ideas and new energy these members will bring. Perhaps most important, it helps ensure that there will be a next generation of Lions prepared to step-up and fulfill our motto - We serve.

I ask you to keep this new wave rolling by doing all you can to bring family members into existing clubs and establishing new family-oriented clubs.

One important way in which clubs can benefit from family members is by establishing club branches. These branches provide the full benefits of Lions Club membership while accommodating families and other groups with convenient meeting schedules and activities focused on their special interests. Consider extending full Lions membership to Lionesses and "graduating" Leos by establishing club branches tailored to their needs.

Please remember: people join - and stay with organizations that meet their needs. To be sure that clubs in your district are working to meet the needs of these vital new members, please see the video report on family membership in the January edition of Lions Quarterly online magazine.

You can maximize the impact of new members on clubs and their communities by taking part in Worldwide Induction Day on April 21. It is an outstanding opportunity for recruiting and to make Lions activities known throughout your district. Start planning your event now.

Finally, I am also pleased to announce that I have reached my goal of organizing 15 new Lions Clubs

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GOOD OF LIONISM -

MOTION — Moved by Lion Fred Sheehy, seconded by Lion Tim Armstrong, nominating Lion Carl Vanseader for Region Chair for 2007-2008.

Lion Steve Kowalchuk was born in

the same year, 1917, that Lions International was founded.

February Director's Minutes

There are several Lions members going to the Sweetheart Bonspiel this Saturday the 10th.

The meeting finished at 9:25PM.

Lion Mandy Galloway
Secretary
Markham Lions Club

The symbol on the pound key (#) on a telephone or computer keyboard is called an "octothorpe."



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Ski Story

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Jack decided to go skiing with his buddy, Bob. So they loaded up Jack's minivan and headed north. After driving for a few hours, they got caught in a terrible blizzard. So they pulled into a nearby farm and asked the attractive lady who answered the door if they could spend the night.

"I realize it's terrible weather out there and I have this huge house all to myself, but I'm recently widowed," she explained. "I'm afraid the neighbors will talk if I let you stay in my house"

"Don't worry," Jack said. "We'll be happy to sleep in the barn. And if the weather breaks, we'll be gone at first light." The lady agreed, and the two men found their way to the barn and settled in for the night.

Come morning, the weather had

cleared, and they got on their way. They enjoyed a great weekend of skiing.

But about nine months later, Jack got an unexpected letter from an attorney. It took him a few minutes to figure it out, but he finally determined that it was from the attorney of that attractive widow he had met on the ski weekend.



He

dropped in on his friend Bob and asked, "Bob, do you remember that good-looking widow from the farm we stayed at on our ski holiday up

north about 9 months ago?"

"Yes, I do." said Bob

"Did you, er, happen to get up in the middle of the night, go up to the house and pay her a visit?"

"Well, um, yes," Bob said, a little embarrassed about being found out "I have to admit that I did."

"And did you happen to use my name instead of telling her your name?"

Bob's face turned beet red and he said, "Yeah, look, I'm sorry, buddy. I'm afraid I did." Why do you ask?"

"She just died and left me everything."

(And you thought the ending would be different, didn't you?... now keep that smile for the rest of the day.)

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plause.

Programme Lion Chair Grace said the next meeting is on March 1st, at St. Andrew's United Church. It is nomination night and the two-minute speaker is Lion Al Webber.

Social & Convention a committee member stated that race night is coming up.

Historian Lion Grant Malcolm announced there would be a meeting

February 15 Minutes

at his house on February 23rd starting at 10:00 AM and that single malt would not be served.

Wedding Show Chair Lion Jack McBride said there has been little activity but they did receive 2 signed contracts thus doubling the results to date.

Food Booth & Property Chair Larry Tod announced there would be a meeting at his house on Tuesday February 20th at 7:30 PM and that there is single malt.

The Club thanked the members of the Whitby Lions Club for joining us with a very appreciative round of applause.

The meeting closed with the Maple Leaf Forever.
Lion Jack Dawson
Assistant Secretary

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during my term as international president. How are you progressing toward the goal of establishing at least one newclub in each district during this Lions year?

Lions News

As always, I thank you for your dedicated service.

Sincerely,
Jimmy M. Ross

International President

Editor's Note: I have removed the references to web sites to make this item easier to read. These are, of course, available on request. I hope the IP forgives me.



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Sightfirst II Thank You



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CAMPAIGN SIGHTFIRST II

February 12, 2007

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Dear Club Officer:

Thank you for your club's gift of \$1,785.71 to Campaign SightFirst II. Through this gift, your club is playing a very important part in helping Lions reach our most cherished objective—the eradication of preventable blindness. Your club's support, along with that of many others, will help Lions exceed our minimum goal of US\$150 million.

Campaign SightFirst II and the SightFirst Program are the most ambitious undertakings in the history of the association. Despite the extraordinary success of SightFirst, much work remains. Even though we have already been responsible for preventing vision loss and restoring vision in more than 27 million people, many more can be saved. I hope you take special pride in having helped to change the world.

On behalf of the Lions Clubs International family and those who will benefit from your gift, thank you again for your club's generosity.

Yours in Lionism,

Dr. Tae-Sup Lee
Past International President
Chairperson, Campaign SightFirst II

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Turkey Roll Pics



Clockwise from top left: Lions Karim and Mike at Blackjack table, Lion Bill and single malt? Lions Gord and Tom at dice table, Lion Larry spinning his wheel, Lion Don on guard at door, Lions Jim and Carl taking money (favourite pastime.)

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Calendar of Events

2007 April

• **12—Regular Meeting**
Heritage United
Elections

• **8—Board of Director's**
Police Station

• **26—Regular Meeting**
Unionville Presbyterian
TBA

2007 May

• **3—Regular Meeting**
Grace Anglican
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• **4,6—A16 Convention**
Haliburton

• **10—Board of Director's**
Police Station

• **17—Regular Meeting**
St. Andrew's United
TBA

• **23,27— MD A Convention**
London

2007 June

• **7—Regular Meeting**
Heritage United
TBA

• **14—Board of Director's**
Police Station

• **21—Regular Meeting**
St. Andrew's United
Ladies and Installation Night



Last month the editorial was on communication — and this month I will continue on that theme.

As you will remember we were discussing the new Lions Club. This club is currently meeting in Richmond Hill and RH Lions are upset about this, upset to the point of holding a meeting to discuss whether they should continue. The comment from those active at District is that they are two distinctive and different types of clubs and there will be no problems. This seems to work in Newmarket where two different

types of clubs exist and simply agree not to get in each others way.

But consider this. A few years ago Richmond Hill Lions were selling Christmas Cakes in Hillcrest Mall. They were spotted doing this by a Richvale Lion who complained to District. As I understand it District told RH that this was Richvale Territory and they could not conduct fundraisers there. Now apparently District comes along and sets up another club in Richmond Hill and does not bother to notify RH Lions who found out by accident. Pretty much the same way we in Markham found out about it.

Given this I expected there would

be a full discussion at the recent Zone meeting. Guess what, Richmond Hill included it in their report, but there was nary a word from District.

Methinks we need to improve communication. When I did MBA Classes we were advised that you should go to the people involved prior to making the decision if you are willing to take their input into account and after if you are not. Notice that both alternatives require you to COMMUNICATE with those involved, it is simply a matter of when.