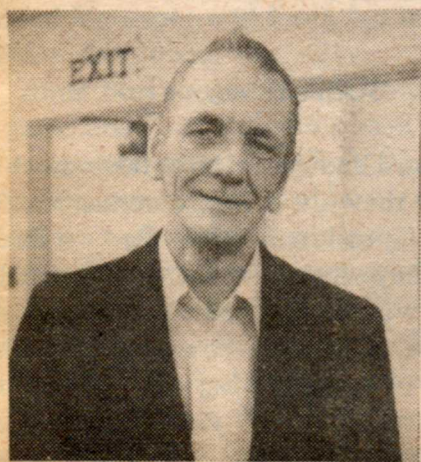


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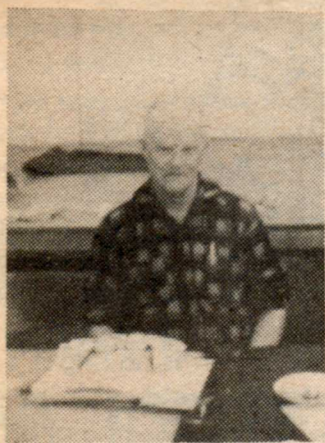
NOMINEES FOR EXECUTIVE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR RPCIA



Sam McPherson (above) nominated for President.



Arthur Scullion (above) nominated for President.



Pat Travis (above) nominated for 1st Vice-President.



Mira Marsden (above) nominated for Secretary.

Other Candidates will be pictured in our next edition.



Iris Jackman (above) nominated for Treasurer.

Acting President Arthur Scullion read his report which is in the next column.

The Election Committee Nominees were the following: Mr. Ulric Callendar, Mr. Bob Woodgate, Mrs. Clara Little, Mrs. Marg Varey, Mrs. Tiboe, Mrs. Phyllis Archer, Reverend Dayfoot, Mrs Venett Christie. These people are responsible for operating a fair and impartial election, and gathering the names of those people nominated for office.

The Board of Directors Nominations will close on Monday March the 7th. and the Elections will be held at the end of March.

At this time the Nominees are:

President: Sam McPherson, Arthur Scullion

1st V.P.: Dennis Perry, Pat Travis

2nd V. P.: -----

Secretary: Mira Marsden

Treasure: Iris Jackman

The Representatives of North and South Regent will be presented in our next issue.



MESSAGE FROM THE ACTING PRESIDENT

For the benefit of the people who were not at the last meeting we emphasized the importance of voting at Election Time whether it was for Federal or local or any other type of election, people should come out and vote as it is you who put the people in to make decisions concerning your health and well being. In the Park alone in 1972 33% or 1200 people came out to vote. In 1974, 15% or 550 people came out to vote. In 1976, 21% or 760 people came out to vote. The Regent Park Unit Reps got the vote out in 1976, and if we do it again perhaps we will get back some of our political clout.

There will be an election called sometime around June, so get out and vote. Last but not least, our own election for a complete new Board of Directors for The RPCIA will be held shortly, so come out and get involved and elect your choice of who you want to run your RPCIA.

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General Membership Meeting

The General Membership Meeting was held February 28 in Regent Park United Church. It was well attended by approximately 50 members and guests. Mike Carson of the Metro Tenants Council gave a brief talk on the progress of his organization in organizing people of all the projects to work for the common good in getting an equitable rent scale worked out with O.H.C., implementing a 2 year lease, seeing that hydro charges are included in the rent, and the funding of FOTA. He also said that the proposed takeover by Metro from O.H.C. would only mean another level of bureaucracy for the tenants to deal with. He announced that a meeting of all Public Housing Tenants would be held March 10 at 10 am at City Hall Toronto to present our case to the politicians and the media and urged all to attend.

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As most of you know by now we are in negotiations with the OHC regarding a new contract for the Tenant Management Programme we have had 2 meetings already which didn't get anywhere as they have cut down the Unit Reps to 15 from 27 and we are asking for 30, they also want to cut out the Assistant Manager, Bookkeeper / Secretary and the 2 Resident Visitors plus the fact they have cut down the amount of dollars we are to receive from \$320,000 to \$230,000 a difference of \$90,000. You can see, we on the negotiating committee are not satisfied and of course you can be assured I will not sign this contract as Acting President of the RPCIA, as OHC is trying to push us to sign this contract and it won't be signed.

As you may have read in the Community News the RPCIA is fighting to try and get St. Cyril's Church for the new Community Centre and a survey is being conducted among the residents to determine their desires.

We have had 2 very successful dances at St. Cyril's church and I must at this point recommend the entertainment committee for the work they have put into running the dances, bingoes, and bake sales.

The Home-help programme has been cut back due to a lack of funding, but we still have Marg Campbell working on a part-time basis. We have also received a LIP grant to finance the following projects: Newspaper Editor, Home-helper, Sec/Bookper, Employment Counsellor, Coordinator.

Finally, I hope you can support me in the upcoming election.

Sincerely-
Arthur Scullion



Margaret Campbell shown above met the members of the Busy Bee club Wednesday March 2 at 41 Oak street. She showed her concern for their problems and the problems of all the residents of Regent Park by her talk which was warmly received by members and guests. Although she represents St. David's Riding which is across the street as she put it. She talked with a thorough knowledge of the problems faced by people on a fixed income, Who have to relate to a bureaucracy with a slot-machine mentality. Mrs. Campbell related an incident in which a granddaughter was living with her grandmother to the mutual benefit of both when the "authorities" heard of this they forced the granddaughter out, and recommended institutionalizing the older woman. The granddaughter returned to her parents, who in turn were forced to find another larger apartment miles away from the grandmother. This shows the inflexibility of the "system" and the tragedy it causes.

Mrs. Campbell stayed after her talk to enjoy the cakes and coffee and talk to various individual members of the Busy Bee club.



David Millette Supervisor of the Regent Park Youth Project in Dixon Hall is happy with the response to his program, which features Arts, crafts and wood-working. Leon Grant shown here is putting the finishing touches to a drawer. If you wish a piece of furniture made to order or refinished or upholstered call 863-0499, Monday to Friday 8am-3pm. ask for Dave.



David Powell shown above is part of the Inner City Angels, here he is teaching students at the Duke of York school the art of making puppets.

WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

The questions come in all shapes and sizes. Most persistently, we are asked, "Are you a motorcycle gang?". One young man casually informed us that the name sounded like a bunch of "hoods".

For better or for worse, the Inner City Angels have one of the most unusual names possible for a charitable organization. To some, it is an attractive and catchy "moniker". For others, the name may be the source of some confusion.

The Inner City part is fairly easy to understand. When the ICA was founded, in 1969, the term was coming into popular usage. Though the downtown sector remains a vital focus for the Angels, the changing patterns within the city begin to challenge any attempt to form geographical boundaries around the inner city or the work of the Angels within the city of Toronto.

The Inner City Angels are making the arts more accessible for everyone in Toronto. Inner City Angels --- Not a motorcycle gang, heavenly choir, or hoodlums-- but the unseen helpers of the arts in Toronto. Maybe "Angel" isn't such a bad word after all.

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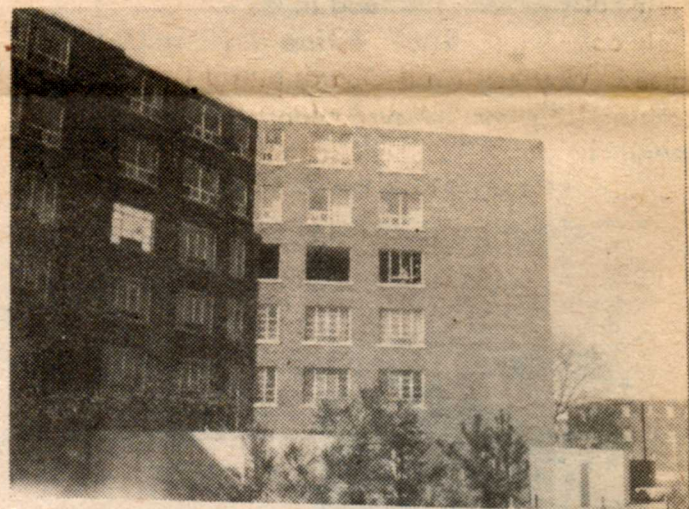
ROLAND BURNELL AT THE
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364-2909

CONTRACT

The Tenant Management Contract negotiations have been proceeding as planned. The Tenant Management committee met again this week with OHC and say that they were met with more cordiality than the previous time. The Co-ordinator of RPCIA and our Lawyer were allowed to sit in on the meetings perhaps that is why. The TMC have another meeting planned for Thursday of next week and hope to hammer together the next contract.

SURVEY

Peter Bernhard and Associates have announced that they are going to conduct a survey among residents of the Park to find out where they want their Community Centre. We hope it will be St Cyril's. That will prevent a delay in building a new Centre and get the place operating



248 Saskville Green is having its windows replaced. One residents complimented the crew on their speed and efficiency, but felt the old windows provided better ventilation.

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BUILDING MEETING

A building meeting was held at 407 Gerrard St. Tuesday Feb. 22, 1977 to discuss maintenance and Security because of the numerous complaints of the Tenants as to the lack of response they had been receiving from O.H.C. as to maintenance and the Community Guardians as regards Security.

Present were: Community Guardians Bob Green (Supervisor), Lee Alexander, C.S.O. from #51 Mike Majury, Unit Rep. Ulric Callendar, Assistant Manager Janet Ross, Secretary Vickie Grainger, Marilyn Williams Resident Visitor. Unfortunately there were no representatives of O.H.C. present. There were approximately 50 residents present.

Subject- Maintenance

Mrs. Smith of #114 complained of a radiator which has been broken for six weeks and still has not been repaired. Mrs. Savage complained of the same problem in #108. Mr. Carter of #113 complained that new screens have been needed for weeks and there has been nothing done about it.

Janet Ross suggested that in case of an emergency, you should phone emergency maintenance at 789-7901. If there is no response to your problem you should report it to your Unit Representative.

Security-Many problems concerning this subject were mentioned. The porch lights had been pulled out and also the hall lights. The Tenants complained that the security guards did not respond to their calls or took too long in answering their complaints. The question was raised "Why can't the Guards patrol the parking lot?" or "Why couldn't they patrol the halls?" Supervisor Green explained the fact that the GUARDS cannot arrest anyone unless they catch them in the act of committing a crime. he also said that there are only three guards in all of Regent Park, 2 in the north and 1 in the south. They report to

to their calls in order of priority which sometimes makes it difficult for them to respond immediately to all their calls.

A tenant from #112 has had her door burned twice. She phoned when it happened and the guards didn't show up until the next day. Mr. Green asked her the date and time of a report to the guards in case there are any complaints then they can find out who is responsible. Also that if anyone who is not satisfied with the dispatcher or switchboard operator should ask to be put in touch with the supervisor. It was mentioned that the teens were largely responsible for the damage in the building. The reason most of these teens are getting into trouble is the lack of recreational facilities. A Community Centre would be most helpful but funds are needed to furnish it. A suggestion was made that the Unit Reps. should be on the first floor of the building to help prevent some of the damage.

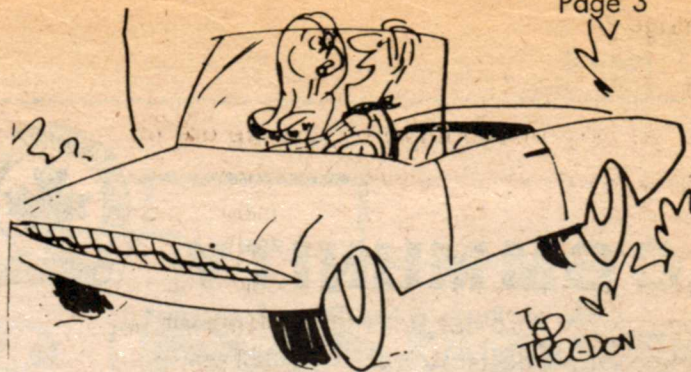
A counter proposal was that maybe the Unit Reps. should be in an altogether different building for safety reasons.

The main consensus of opinion was that there were too few men to patrol all of Regent Park and that to hire more men would be the best alternative. It was suggested that a petition be made to Margaret Scrivener to get some action. Also a meeting with Mr. Black of O.H.C. might help.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

JOIN THE RPCIA

The Regent Park Community Improvement Association needs your help. Become a member and join your voice with that of your neighbor to improve our Community. PHO. NE 364-2909 or Contact Your Unit Representative.



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DENTAL UNIT	364-2265
AMBULANCE	489-2111
REGENT PARK COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION	364-2909
REGENT PARK SERVICE UNIT	863-1768
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CALENDAR

Café cu Port- a traditional cabaret with a Marseillaise- style atmosphere, presented by l'association France-Canada at 8 p.m. Monday March 7, free at harbour front York Quay.

MEET ME AT THE STATION- an exhibition of photographs by Elizabeth Willmot of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association. Selections from her book about railway stations. 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Week-ends free at York Quay until March 31.

Poetry Evening With guest poet Eugene McNamara, 8:30 p.m., free at York Quay, Tuesday, March 8.

Wednesday Night at the Movies- A Canadian feature film free of charge every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. This Week Fortune and Men's Eyes, directed by Harvey Hart. York Quay. Wednesday March 9.

Square Dance- featuring Angus McKinnon and his Scots-Canadians with Bobby Brown. Caller Jack Hayes. \$1 membership to the Harbourfront Square Dance Association, 50 cent raffle. Instructions for beginners. York Quay, Friday March 11.

Apré-midis recreatives pour enfants- A French-language programme for children 6 to 12 years, twice monthly until June. Drawing, creating with odds and ends, puppet shows from 2 to 4 p.m. Presented by L'Association France-Canada at York Quay. Saturday March 12.

Toronto Arts Productions Apprentice Theatre Programme- Fouth in a series of productions presented by this company at Harbourfront. Simon Johnston directs four one-act plays: Trouble in the works, by Harold Pinter; Camera Obscura, by Robert Patrick; The Man with the Flower in his Mouth, by Luigi Pirandello; The Unexpurgated Memoirs of Bernard Mergendeiler, by Jules Feiffer. 1:30 and 3:30 p.m. free at York Quay Sunday, March 13.

The Regent Park AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP meets every Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. at The Regent Park United Church, 40 Oak St. The group is for persons with friends or relatives with a drinking problem. Call 366-4072 for information.

The St. David NDP will be nominating a candidate for the provincial election tonight at 7 p.m. at CUPE Hall 43 at 386 Ontario st. Wednesday March 9.

The Don District INTER-AGENCY GROUP is meeting at the Parliament Street Library at 10 a.m. For more information call 924-2543 Thursday March 10

The Citizens Advisory Committee for the East End is holding a meeting tonight at the Beach Branch at 7:30 to discuss the young people's collection of books. Everyone is welcome. Wednesday March 9.

The Riverdale Intercultural Committee is holding a multicultural Spring Festival on March 12, at Earl Grey Senior Public School, 100 Strathcona Ave. From 3 to 10 p.m. The program will feature games and displays, international buffet, and multicultural music, songs and dance. Admission is free.

The Christian Community Centre is operating a clothing store, open to all residents. There is a minimal charge for clothing. Hours are Monday to Friday 10 am to 1 p.m. For information call 929-9614.

Old Age pensioners who are eligible for Guaranteed INCOME SUPPLEMENT benefits have to apply for renewal by March 31.

LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Peter Harris is available to answer your questions on the LAW every Monday night at 7 p.m. in the RPCIA office 44 Blevins Place. He is offering his services free to all the residents of Regent Park.

KILOS FOR KIDS

The Downtown Boys and Girls Club will sponsor a Walkathon April 2 starting at 8 a.m. 540 Dundas st. East. We need sponsors for more information phone 367-0648.

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ladies interested in playing Softball also sponsors -call Clara Little or Sam McPherson at 364-2909

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Vera Wheeler shown above is the new home-maker for Regent Park Seniors, She says she enjoys her work and meeting the Seniors.

TO ALL RESIDENTS OF REGENT PARK

There exist four (4) vacancies for the position of Unit Representatives for North Regent Park.

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