

PLAYGROUND FOR PITT TOWN

Owner Donates Land

COUNCIL APPLIES FOR SUBSIDY

RECEIVING at its last meeting a very generous and appreciated offer by the owner to donate enough land for the proposed children's playground at Pitt Town, the Windsor Council decided at its last meeting to make immediate application for Government subsidy towards the project.

IN a letter to the meeting, the Pitt Town Civic Club forwarded, to be added to the amount previously handed to the council, a sum of £12/10/-, donated by the Pitt Town Lodge of the R.A.O.B. towards the scheme.

In a further letter, the Civic Club thanked the council for its decision to acquire the land, and added that, in view of the owner's wish to build herself a home on the block selected, it had been decided that the rear half of this block would be sufficient for the playground.

GENEROUS GESTURE

In a letter to the council, Mrs. Brown, the owner of the land, wrote that this land had been in possession of three generations of the Hobbs family, and she intended building a home on it as soon as the materials were available. She offered, however, to donate to the council half the land, if it were named the "Joseph Hobbs Memorial Park," after her nephew, Signm. Joseph Hobbs, who had been a prisoner of war, and a plaque to that effect were erected by the council.

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the council. This offer was accepted with general expressions of appreciation by the aldermen, whereupon the hon. secretary of the Civic Club, Mr. J. T. Alder, on being given permission to address the council, mentioned that the "Buffaloes'" donation made a total of £93/16/- subscribed by the people of Pitt Town and handed over to the council for the playground.

COUNCIL HELP

He added that the Civic Club was grateful for the pleasant ending to the negotiations for the land, and particularly that the council had not, thanks to Mrs. Brown's generosity, had to take "drastic action" it had contemplated.

As the council had now been spared the expense of resuming the land, he would suggest that the council now consider devoting some of that saving towards, say, a shelter shed on the proposed playground, similar to those sheds erected in McQuade Park at Windsor, Mr. Alder added.

SUBSIDY ASKED

In a short general discussion which followed, it was pointed out that the people of Pitt Town had contributed approximately £100, and the council was prepared to spend another £100 on the project, and it was decided, therefore, to ask for Government subsidy of this amount on a £ for £ basis, making the subsidy £200.

Before leaving the subject, the Mayor (Ald. W. J. Ross) expressed his appreciation of the interest the Civic Club had devoted to this matter, and to Mrs. Brown "for her very fine gesture, which is fully appreciated."

Ald. Gillespie added that the parks committee of the Civic Club would later make recommendations as to the improvements that it desired to have carried out in the area.