

Public Hearings

The Advisory Committee on Financial Assistance for Students will be holding public hearings to discuss submissions by interested groups and individuals on future student assistance programs.

Date: Tuesday, January 20, 1976
Wednesday, January 21, 1976

Location: Macdonald Block, 2nd Floor
St. Clair, Thames, Erie Rooms
Queen's Park
Toronto, Ontario

Time: 10 a.m.



Ministry of
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Ontario

Hon. Harry C. Parrott, DDS, Minister
Dr. J. Gordon Parr, Deputy Minister

Pioneer Village is on the rocks, may have to curtail operations

By DEBBIE PEKILIS

Unless it can get more funds from the provincial government to cover a large financial deficit, Black Creek Pioneer Village faces serious trouble when it reopens in the spring.

This beautiful landmark of Ontario's cultural heritage, located at Jane St. and Steeles Ave., is running a deficit of \$75,000 carried over from 1975. And, according to Russell Cooper, the Administrator of the Village, this deficit will be \$108,000 in 1976 if it continues at the same rate.

Cooper blamed the deficit on, among other things, the inflation of the past few years and the hot summer of 1975.

"When it's hot out, people want to go swimming, not to Black Creek," he said. "The hot weather affected attendance."

He said village attendance each year is around 300,000, of whom 55,000 are school children on guided tours. Usually attendance goes up 10 to 20 per cent from one year to the next, but last year it was the same as in 1974.

"We budgetted for an increase in attendance, but we didn't get it," he said.

The Village's revenue of \$500,000, earned from gate and sales receipts, was not enough to meet expenses of \$575,000 in 1975.

Cooper said Black Creek gets an annual grant of \$12,000 from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, the same as small museums in the province. But they need more money from the government this year if they are to cover their deficit.

"We started trying in April

(1975) to get more money," said Cooper. "We prepared a brief and went down there (the Ministry). We were turned down in November (1975) because of fiscal restraints." He added that Black Creek has asked the province to reconsider its answer.

If Black Creek is unable to obtain more funds from the government, it will have to close two days a week when it resumes operations in the spring, "probably Monday and Tuesday. We would have to limit the number of school children who can come by three-fifths of what it would ordinarily be."

Because the village is closed now for the winter, the staff is cut anyway. But they will not, without sufficient funds, hire more staff in the spring, said Cooper.

He foresees a grim outlook for 1977 if costs, including wages, rise and there are insufficient funds to cover them.

In its request for more provincial funds, Black Creek is supported by various individuals and church groups who have been passing around petitions to send to the government. As well, various museums and historical societies have written letters to Premier Bill Davis and Robert Welch, Minister of Culture and Recreation, asking them to grant Black Creek the extra funds.

Cooper said the money from Wintario was intended to finance cultural and recreational activities in the province. It has gone to bands and other groups to help with their trips.

"I don't think money should be used for luxury trips and recreation when something as im-

portant to our heritage as Black Creek is in jeopardy," said Cooper.

He hopes that the government will reconsider its refusal to grant the extra funds. Black Creek represents the early pioneer villages in Southern Ontario that developed first into towns and then into cities, like Toronto and Hamilton.

"We are the only place that shows in a living graphic way the pioneers who built Southern Ontario," he said.

He said the Metropolitan Toronto Regional Conservation Authority, which has given Black Creek close to \$1,000,000 in development money for construction purposes, is willing to pick up a small deficit, "but it does not have enough money to pick up a larger deficit."

Peter Jackman, Director of Information for the Ministry of Culture and Recreation, told Excalibur that "we can't fund deficits. If we funded deficits, everyone could expect the government to cover their deficits."

He said Black Creek was given their annual grant of \$12,000 which is the maximum grant given to museums in Ontario that are open all year round.

"If Black Creek wanted to spend more than they had, they should have found out where they were going to get the money before they spent it."

He said that he knows of no planned political action to save the village. He added that Black Creek is not a provincial institution and that it is the responsibility of the Metro Regional Conservation Authority to decide how to run it.

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Second Semester

1. Beginner Hebrew

This course is for the student who knows the Alef-Beit and is able to do elementary reading.

Teacher: Ms. Beela Langsam
Location: 300 Administrative Studies Bldg.
Day: Wednesday, beginning Jan. 21
Time: 1:30 p.m.

2. Intermediate Hebrew

For the student who knows the present tense and is able to read without vowels.

Teacher: Ms. Beela Langsam
Location: 224 Administrative Studies Bldg.
Day: Tuesday, beginning Jan. 20
Time: 6-7:30 p.m.

3. Advanced Hebrew

In this course the students will read Hebrew newspapers. You must have knowledge of the tenses and elementary conversation.

Teacher: Ms. Beela Langsam
Location: S105 Ross Bldg.
Day: Wednesday, beginning Jan. 21
Time: 3-4:30 p.m.

4. Jewish Cooking

For beginning cooks who have a lot to learn... This class is a great place to collect recipes.

Teacher: various experienced cooks
Location: BBYO Kitchen,
15 Hove St. Downsview
Day: Tuesday, beginning Jan. 20
Time: 7:30 p.m.

5. Israel & Judaica Stamp & Coin Study Group

Follow the makings of Jewish Culture and Identity through the ages and the teachings of famous Jews. Explore the socio-economic livelihood of Israel today. Use the medium as ancient as the holy books and as modern as the 21st century.

Teacher: Jeffrey Jacobs
Location: S173 Ross Bldg.
Day: Tuesday, beginning Jan. 20
Time: 4-5 p.m.

6. Israeli Dance Workshop

Everyone is invited to come and learn Israeli dances.

Teacher: Zvi Ragol
Location: 202 Vanier College
Day: Sunday, beginning Jan. 18
Time: 7:30-9:30 p.m.

7. Calligraphy

An orientation course to teach the use of a pen and quill, different Hebrew alphabets, how to make pens, how to get even strokes, and how to make round and straight letters.

Teacher: Mr. Joseph Rotenberg
Location: BBYO Library,
15 Hove St., Downsview
Day: Monday, beginning Feb. 2
Time: 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

8. Beginners & Intermediate Yiddish

Teacher: Mr. Simchovitch
Location: 111 McLaughlin College
Day: Monday, beginning Jan. 19
Time: 1-2 p.m.

9. Mishna for Beginners

The course will be an introduction to the study of Talmud.

Teacher: Rabbi Gansburg
Location: N142 Ross Bldg.
Day: Monday, beginning Jan. 19
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Classes are open to everyone in the community, and will begin the week of January 18, except for calligraphy. The term will end the week of March 29th. There will be no classes during reading week. Feb. 13 through Feb. 22. For further information call 667-3647.

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Staff meeting January 18th 5:30 p.m.
Shaare Shomayim, 470 Glencairn Avenue