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## Municipal jobs should stay at home

While we hate to see council throw money away, their decision to re-tender the printing contract for Clarington promotional material was the right one.

The the York Region Printing Companies bid price for the 2004 Municipal printing requirements was \$10,000 less than the bid from the local printer which in no way translates to a \$10,000 savings.

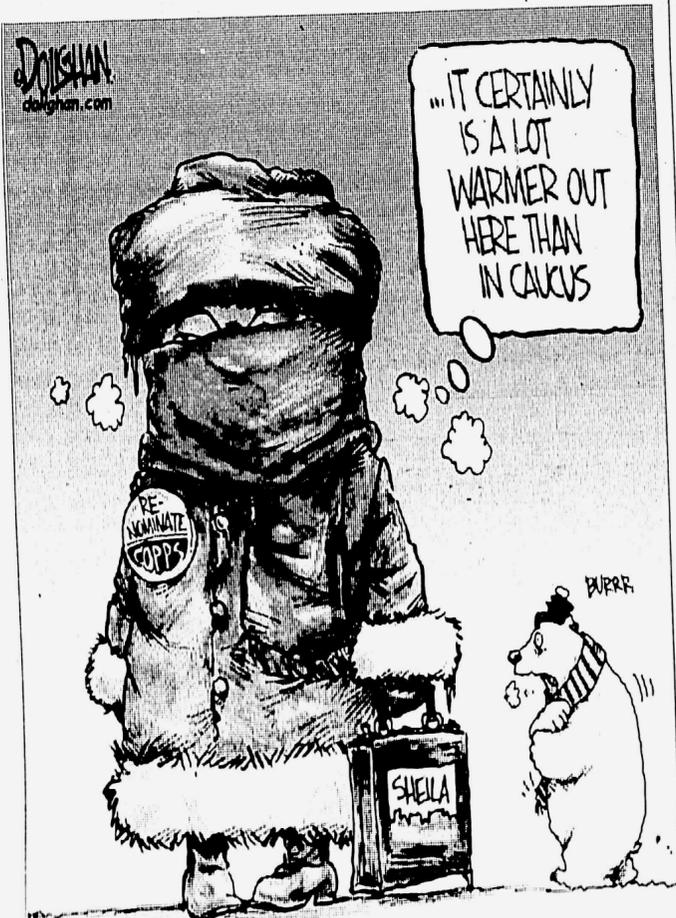
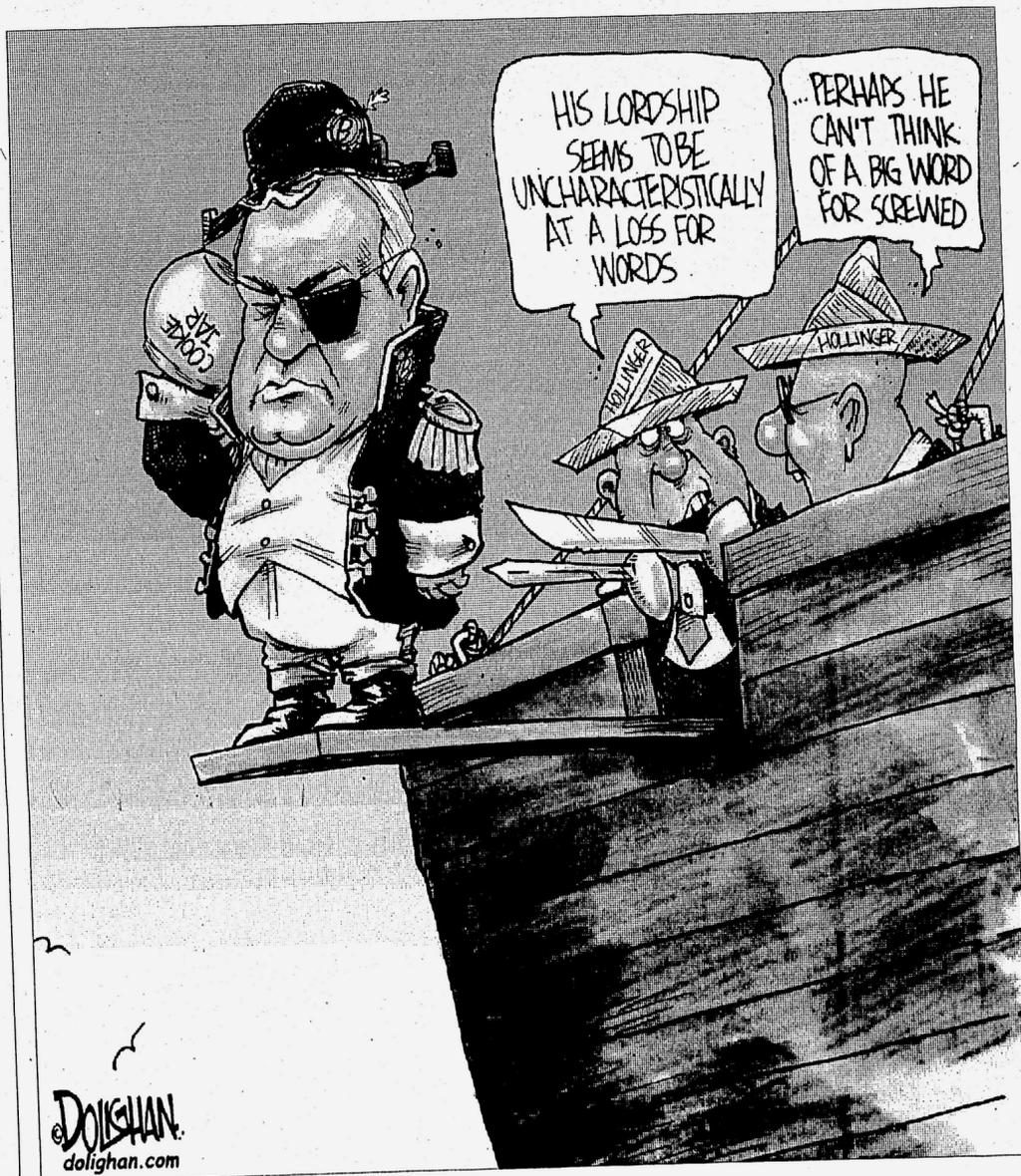
As Rick James of James Publishing in Bowmanville previously stated in a presentation to council, his company has paid taxes in this municipality for over 100 years, they sponsor sports teams, support local charities and employ nineteen people of whom all but one live in Clarington—paying taxes and spending money here.

York Region Printing which is situated in Newmarket and is owned by Metroland would just be taking money out of the municipality.

Whereas York Region Printing had anticipated conducting most of their business with Clarington over the internet, in reality, when dealing with press proofs, you often still have to deal with the hard copy. The \$10,000 savings would soon have evaporated in staff trips to Newmarket.

Judging by the length of time councillors spent behind closed doors with the municipal solicitor at Monday's council meeting, there must be some legal reason why they could not award the printing contract to the local company without re-tendering it, even though the call for proposals stated that the lowest tender would not necessarily be selected.

At least there is sufficient political will to keep the contract at home, where it belongs.



## Letters to the Editor

### Non-essential service costing taxpayers

Dear Editor,

Mayor John and council spent taxpayers' money on a feasibility study concerning a coffee kiosk to be located in the new Bowmanville Library. The study determined that the proposal would have to be subsidized with taxpayers money. I firmly believe the majority of us could have made this no-brainer decision. Let's see... non-essential service going to cost tax payers' money. Yes—let's try this money losing venture for six months. Have all levels of government been walloped with the same stupid stick? Hello!

The six month report verified the expected red ink for this non-essential service

experiment. Once again—a no-brainer.

So... let's see... ponder... ponder. We receive "X" for a cup of coffee and it costs "2x" to supply it... yes... this will work if we get a bigger truck. Let's continue this money losing Tim Horton's. Hello again!

How can we expect accountability from government when the apparent funny math disease strikes so early in the political forum?

Roll up the rim! We're doomed!

Kelly Adams  
Orono

Dear Editor,

This letter is in regard to the Bowmanville Library coffee

fee kiosk article in your newspaper dated Wednesday January 14/04.

Councillor Schell, \$6,600 is not a "small enough amount." When libraries are short of funds, including the other small libraries of Clarington, the money would be better spent on programs and books. If people want to purchase coffee, they can do this in the many businesses in Bowmanville who sell coffee. Why should taxpayers lose money when there is no need?

Mayor Mutton, it is not difficult to eliminate a service when it is losing money and the service is available elsewhere.

Diane Tressider  
Newcastle