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ice initiated in 1973," the

Markham treasurer reported

MORE TELEPHONE

Markham received an ex-

REVENUE

tra \$127,000 last year as a

result of a new provincial

gross receipts tax formula

ALEX BARTON

Surplus In Markham

ula, Bell Telephone previ-

ously was under-assessed in

Markham. The new formula

yielded Markham more than

twice as much revenue as

before from Bell Telephone.

ment taxes were levied be-

fore the new revenue from

Bell was assured. Markham

Town had already collected

and paid the board of edu-

cation and York Regional

revenue requisitions when

the new Bell Telephone

money became available. So

this year local taxpayers are

getting the money back in

the form of a bonus against

this year's tax levy, says Bar-

Last year local govern-

most municipalities like

In terms of the new form-

"Another area of increas-

these charges.

to town council.

All To Have Full Say On Maple Garbage Dump

"In Essentials Unity: in Non-Essentials Liberty; in all things Charity"

By FRED SIMPSON

Environmental Hearing Board Chairman David Caverly told Maple ratepayers present Friday morning of last week that his five-man body will continue their sessions "until everyone has had the fullest opportunity to present their cases."

With that he adjourned a hearing - which had consumed 16 hours since opening Tuesday morning of last week - until tomorrow (Friday) at 9:30 am in the Maple Community Centre.

The board is hearing an application by Disposal Services to be granted a provincial certificate to dump garbage on a 20-acre site located on Keele Street just north of Maple.

Also scheduled to be heard is Disposal's opposition to a Vaughan Town zoning bylaw prohibiting any further dumping on the controversial site.

Chairman Caverly said that the hearings will also be heard, if necessary, on March 26 at 9:30 am at the community centre and March 27 and 28 in the council chambers.

The present hearing opened Tuesday morning of last week on a somewhat contradictory note with Disposal garbage trucks continuing their trips to the 20-acre

generally of a technical na- York Centre, said this week.

ual design" for operating the Deacon said. proposed dumping pit which Just prior to the last included a series of 100-foot stages on the strike Mr. Dealong trenches, eight feet con and Ontario Liberal deep, where the refuse Robert Nixon had advocated would be deposited.

filled daily thereby maintain- or else resign and let the ing a fairly aesthetic ap- Ministry of Education take pearance at all times. This over. surrounding the acreage.

drainage system and instal vincial government. a storage tank to prevent leachate (unsanitary sludge) from filtering through the

sandy soil. Once the topsoil was excafilled to capacity by late fall. DUMPING ILLEGALLY

tention as outlined Thomas Pratt, solicitor for the ratepayers and Tom Fraser, solicitor for the town, centred around two points on the first day.

They maintained that the company had been illegally (Continued on Page 3)

Winning Streak



Streakers of the world unite, you have nothing to

In fact, the police just can't seem to get a thing

on them.

Monday morning in provincial police court in Richmond Hill, Judge Russell Pearse dismissed a charge of committing an indecent act against Michael Martin, 22, of Weston.

tin had raced down Woodbridge Avenue in Woodbridge, March 15 in the buff, shouting: "Streak-

He didn't streak fast en-

policeman. have been laid under some

Elementary Teachers' Salary Talks Next

Attempts are being made to arrange a meeting between York County Board of Education negotiating team and the Elementary Teachers salary negotiating committee for March 26 or 27, it was announced at a special board meeting last

The board said it had held "three very productive" meetings with the teachers, January 31, February 5 and 7, but two other scheduled meetings since had been cancelled by the teachers.

The last one had been tentatively set for March 20, but as it fell during the mid-winter break, the teachers said it wasn't suitable, the board said. Taxpayers save \$1.24 million in teacher's sala-

Deacon Forsees

Despite the end to the sixsite outside while the hear- week strike of York County ing rumbled on laboriously Secondary School teachers, the problems in York's edu-TECHNICAL NATURE | cation system are far from First day evidence was solved, Donald Deacon MLA

ture with William Pinkerton, ". . . There is little queschief sanitary engineer with tion that public apathy of the company hired by Dis- the past is gone and the posal to do a soil study on trustees will find real interthe 20-acre site, on the stand, est and concern is taken as Mr. Pinkerton outlined they strive to correct defects what he termed a "concept- and rebuild morale," Mr.

that the trustees appoint a The trenches would be new negotiating committee,

appearance would be enhanc- Mr. Deacon subsequently ed by the creation of earth- asked registered voters to en walls which would block sign a request to the provout the actual dumping oper- ince to fire the present duly ations from the main roads elected board and to set up a trusteeship to get the schools He also stated that the back into full operation on company would construct a terms agreeable to the pro-



(Photo by Susan Samila)

Off To A Good Start

Lovely 1974 Winter Carnival Queen Debbie Poulet got the 1974 Legion Midget Hockey Tournament underway as she dropped the puck to start first game between Richmond Hill Legion Midgets and Ottawa. Thirty-two teams are entered in the big annual tournament sponsored by Tournaments Inc., coming from as far away as Sydney, Nova Scotia.

Markham Council Deadlock

vated, the pit would have a capacity for 185,000 tons of garbage and would likely be No Needy Seniors Tax Rebate

A voting deadlock in Markham Town Coun- an amount up to \$100. But Avenue (Don Mills Road), a Council increased during The defence's main concil that Mayor Anthony Roman declined to decide the tax money thus lost has line just south of Gormley the elections of 1974. Late in ancial trouble spot has debenture debt charges for Classes Proposed for the other eight members Tuesday of last to come out of the pockets Sideroad, with the new Regweek had the result of denying needy senior cit- Regional Councillor Ad- ham on the east side. izen resident homeowners a \$100 annual gift. ams said he agreed with Kay The decision involves all residents of Markham in that young couples establishthe Thornhill postal area east of Yonge Street. | ing homes are having a hard

from the province and which prices. Part of the tax remust be repaid when the home bate would come out of their Parks Study is sold or changes hands. pockets. This new \$100 rebate doesn't have to be repaid if the municipalities grant it.

RECORDED VOTE But Markham Council on a recorded vote with all members present turned it

Voting against were Old Markham Ward 5 Councillor Mrs. Alma Walker of 25 Princess Street; Regional Councillor Harry Crisp of 191 Henderson Avenue, South Thornhill; Unionville Ward 3 Councillor Mrs. Carole Bell of 12 Tuscay Court; and South Thornhill Ward 1 Councillor Gary Kay of 86 Aberfeldy Crescent, German

Voting in favor were Regional Councillor Robert Adams of 17 Ida Street, Thornhill; North Thornhill Ward 2 Councillor Roy Muldrew of 53 Romfield Circuit; Dickson's Hill - Victoria Square Ward 6 Councillor Ron Moran of RR 2, Markham; and According to police, Mar- Old Markham Ward 4 Councillor Bud Bonner of 18 Glad-

DIFFICULT FOR YOUNG The issue was first raised in council two weeks earlier by the then Acting Mayor ough, however, and was ar- Robert Adams while Mayor rested by a fully-clothed Roman was on holidays, when notice of the new leg-Martin pleaded quilty to islation was received from the charge, but after hear- the province. The council at ing the evidence, Judge that time voted to have a Pearse withdrew the guilty proposed bylaw prepared

plea. The charge should and a staff report presented. Councillor Kay ,the youngother section, Judge Pearse est member of the council, said; it didn't fall in the opposed the proposition on category of an indecent the grounds young couples trying to establish homes are SEE earlier story on Page? standards.

The province recently al- now far more in need than cil should do what it could dumping on the site since lowed municipalities to give seniors who are long time for this small deserving January and should be stop- senior citizens aged 65 years owners and have seen their group of seniors, whether or ped immediately. Mr. Pratt and over a free and clear an- properties multiply several not it could do anything for charged that the dump was nual tax rebate of up to \$100 times over in value in rec- any other group. He said on property they own and ent years. He said senior most municipalities are grab-

> the guaranteed income sup- ition to take advantage of day's old people had their plement under the Old Age large sums in capital gain turn at a hard time when This is in addition to, and establish homes are faced and families. completely apart from, the with highly prohibitive and \$100 tax credit available often impossible house

> > OTHERS MUST PAY A local council can grant a tax rebate to residents of any age from 65 up and in

Vaughan Pays \$96,000 Maple Property

Purchase of the restaurant property south of the community centre hall on Keele Street, Maple, at a price of \$96,000 was authorized by Vaughan Town Council at its meeting March 18. It is proposed to add this property to the

community centre site. It was pointed out that the average price per square foot of two other properties on the west side of Keele Street, sold last November, was \$2.90 and that the price being paid for 10,166 Keele Street is \$2.53 per square foot.

offer had been signed back by the owners with the price amended to \$96,000, it was reported.

It was further noted that the tenant operating the the property.

of other taxpayers.

time. But he said the counoccupy if they are receiving citizen owners are in a pos- bing at the chance and towhile young people trying to they were establishing homes

Markham Town is the first (29%.) local municipality here to un-

meeting Tuesday of last week in the region. approved the hiring of the community planning firm of Johnson, Sustronk, Weinstein and Associates Limited of 819 Yonge Street, Metro, at an estimated cost of \$9,-

Amid a period of exploding residential development in recent years the town has found itself without sufficient parks and recreation land reserves. The result has been an apparent shortage of land for community purposes, especially in the Thornhill area. The town was recently Council had authorized forced to buy an expensive an offer of purchase at parcel of land at John Street \$72,500 February 18. This and Bayview Avenue for a community centre.

Recent suggestions in council for establishment of adequate municipal land reserves have included proposals for a large park land site restaurant has a lease ex- in mostly rural northern piring September 1 this Ward 6 (Victoria Square year, If that lease were to Dickson's Hill area) and of be renewed an additional a municipal golf course. The payment to the tenant park land study would prowould be necessary in vide information necessary order to gain possession of for the setting of long term policy and public open space

"Family To Stay"?

"Is the Family Here To Stay?" will be the theme of the fifth annual meeting of Richmond Hill and Thornhill Area Family Services March 28.

The speaker, Professor Ben Schlesinger, joined the faculty of social work at the University of Toronto in 1960 and is internationally known for his writings and talks on family, particularly the single parent family.

During 1971 and '72 Dr. Schlesinger was visiting lecturer at the University of Western Australia in Perth. Australia. Author of "One Parent Fa-

mily", "The Multi-problem Family", "Poverty in Canada and the United States", 'Jewish Family', and "The Modern Family in Canada" Dr. Schlesinger has had 100 professional papers published in Canada, Australia, In-

101 Edward Avenue at 8 pm, the past year and the public is invited.



PROFESSOR SCHLESINGER Authority On The Family

dia, Jamaica and the U.S. He Director Dr. Frank Fidler rer and frequently inter- ling and volunteer staff will viewed on the family on te- be reporting on the work of the agency, and the board of place in the auditorium of bert Alexander will present

The public is invited. Re-Family Services Executive freshments will be served.

Markham Wants 2 More Region Seats

Markham Town Council is applying to the present session of the Provincial Legislature for five seats on the 17-member York Region Coun-Since the region was established in 1971

Markham has had three seats on region council, the same number as Richmond Hill. These two towns have more regional seats than any other increased assessment of \$65,- protection, libraries, transit, local municipality in York.

ional representation.

Markham Town includes of the total Region of York most of Thornhill, Gormley, tax levy in 1973. Unionville and Markham "Therefore the council of postal areas, being bounded the Town of Markham feels by Steeles Avenue, Yonge there is strong reason to Street, Highway 7 East, a have Markham's representaline just west of Woodbine tion on the Region of York ional Municipality of Dur- ution asking the Minister of

The submission to the province is, in part, as fol-

"Since that time (1971) ion of York Council from some areas of the region three to five. have experienced spectacular growth while others haven't. And Markham, below the order of the order of the spectacular growth while others haven't. And Markham, below the order of the ord

assessment to \$502,000,000 islature.

dertake an overall parks tion growth of 52% of the pointed chairman and seats Aid Society to provide ser- Mr. Van Camp said, in urg- marks are available for York study by professional com- region total and a taxable for the various municipali- vice" to these minors under ing the Society to take some County students for admismunity planners. Markham assessment growth of 52% of ties as follows: Markham (3), the Child Welfare Act. The action. includes the portion of the the region total in this per- Newmarket (2), Richmond resolution, which was pro- The resolution will be for- The governments bill was Thornhill postal area east of iod (three years) indicate Hill (3), Vaughan (2), Georg- posed by Executive Director warded to the provincial go- approved by a vote of 57 to Yonge Street between High- the Town of Markham has ina (2), Whitchurch-Stouff- Donald Van Camp, said such vernment. way 7 and Steeles Avenue. and is growing faster than ville (1), Aurora (1), East action was necessary as there For further stories on the NDP members opposing the Town council at its regular any other municipality with- Gwillimbury (1), for a total was a "service void for per- Society annual meeting use of compulsory arbitration

province. The council says tion while it has 26% of the ized," he said. assessment has grown very 31% of the region's total Markham Town last year aclies. much faster than in any taxable assessment. It counted for approximately other municipality and the should also be pointed out one-half of all the growth in paying approximately 30% Region.

> 1973 council passed a resol-Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs to consider increasing the number of Town of Markham tennesentatives on the Regrepresentatives on the Reg-

haven't. And Markham, be- not only make Markham's ing one of the more success- representation approximately ful areas, respectfully re- 30% (five of 17) or if you quests that its concern over wished to add two more of York Region wants autho- Mr. Van Camp said his see that universities gave the imbalance of regional members to the regional rity to provide services for resolution was prompted by special attention to the probrepresentation be given due council it would be 26% children between 16 and 18, the recent suicide in a Toconsideration by the prov- (five of 19) and in view of who are not currently provi- ronto jail by a 16-year-old the foregoing statistics far ded for this way under the girl, who had been incarcera- measures possible to study "At the time the region more equitable. It would law. was formed the population also prevent an even greater Meeting last week at the tence report. The girl had re- felt that, because of the of Markham was 36,000 and imbalance by the time of the Highlands Golf and Country fused to be placed in the period of time they had misthe total taxable assessment next future election in 1976, Club in Aurora for their an- custody of such institutions sed, they were at a disadwas \$389,200,000. By 1973 if present growth trends con- nual dinner, the Society pas- as the Salvation Army or the vantage," Wells told the Leour population has risen to tinue," said the Markham sed a resolution calling for Elizabeth Fry Society in the gislature.

of 17 members.

Predicts Markham Will Hold Property Tax Line

Markham Town is likely to be able to pretty | sired self-sustaining aspect well hold the line on property taxes this year, (of arena operation) will be Treasurer Alex Barton told town council Tuesday of last week as he presented his annual financial report. The town had a \$168,000 surplus in 1973.

Now if the Regional Municipality of York and the York County Board of Education can come up with a similarly optimistic tax prediction, the town's property owners and businessmen can relax. York Region has been reducing its tax bite in the past. But the big question is likely to be the school board with its teacher contract strike problem.

30% of the local government | tion and maintenance proproperty tax dollar, York gram within the restric-Region took 20% and the Education Board took 50%.

Markham includes that Transportation and Comportion of the Thornhill postal area east of Yonge Street is also well known as a lectu- and members of his counsel- between Steeles Avenue and either have to convince the Highway 7. It also includes Ministry to provide more that area from Woodbine Av- subsidy, reduce spending, or enue (Don Mills Road) east continue to put more of its The meeting will take directors headed by Dr. Ro- to the new Durham Region own revenues into roads exboundary, between Steeles penditures. the new ARC Industries at its report of progress over Avenue and a line just south of Gormley Sideroad.

that the following statements to expand. Actual expendireflect a satisfactory end re- tures in 1973 were \$13,007,sult for the year 1973. Fort- 056, well in excess of the unately this appears to be \$11,768,915 total budget for my standard opening re- the year. Actual spending mark on year-end reports in 1972 was a much lower presented over the past num- \$10,390,520 and in 1971 was erous years. But I believe \$9.988,259. we have reason to be partic- Last year the province Treasurer Barton, explaining imposed. In 1972 the proa Bell Telephone tax one- vincial contribution figure ble for most of the \$168,000 treasurer's report.

Barton had a word of caution however, pointing out the complete provincial grant structure won't be confirmed until early

The Children's Aid Society | crepancy in the law."

"amend, alter or change exis- remain in jail,

sons 16 to 18 due to a dis-please see Page 16.

tions and limitations calculated by the Ministry of munications.

He indicated the town will

TOWN EXPANDING

Spending by Markham SATISFACTORY YEAR Town is growing as the "I am pleased to report town's population continues

ularly satisfied with the year contributed \$1.18 to Mark-1973 since the favorable re- ham Town for every dollar sults will benefit 1974," said of realty and business taxes year windfall was responsi- was higher at \$1.26, said the

Markham's growth in 1973 "This surplus figure of expenditures has come large-\$168,000, coupled with our ly in town planning, fire 000,000 should compensate sewers, streetlight, engineerfor, and practically offset, ing services and parks-recre-Markham Council Tuesday "The Town of Markham anticipated expenditure in ation. Planning staff has of last week approved a re- with only three members on creases in 1974. Our 1974 been expanded and planning port on regional representa- the regional council of 17 municipal rate, therefore, consultants are being extenstion for submission to the has only 17.6% representa- should be reasonably stabil- ively used. General administration costs are up sub-Markham's population and region's total population and New development in stantially, mostly for salar-

RISING COST AREAS Treasurer Barton says intown should have more reg- that Markham is currently assessment in all of York creased costs can be expected in transit and parks-

recreation this year. April when the Provincial Arena Operations, based on Treasurer presents his present revenue structures. York Summer School budget. He said one fin- won't be able to absorb the been the town's inability 1974. I don't expect the de-

for Bell Telephone assets in Last year the town took to keep its road construc- municipalities. Bell previously paid tax on a mileage assessment on its lines. This was replaced by a local government tax formula based on the number of telephones in a municipality.

"The major area of concern for 1974 will focus on recreation and parks. Our new Markham Centennial

Education Minister Thomas Wells said last week he had told the Legislature to discuss the possibility of summer courses with the York County Board of Education to help students make up for time lost during the recent teachers' strike.

lems of graduating students, "We are going to take all ted while awaiting a pre-sen- ways to help anybody who

He said too, the Ministry

would assist in setting up

make-up classes and would

47,600 (32%) and our taxable Town submission to the Leg- the provincial government to meantime, so was ordered to The Council of Ontario Universities recently stated At present the York Reg- ting legislation to ensure No one was assuming res- that "the universities have ". . . a (Markham) popula- ion Council includes an ap- authority of the Children's ponsibility for this age group, agreed to accept whatever sion purposes."

29, with both Liberals and to settle the strike.

York Regional Government

Large Salary Hikes For Department Heads

"I can't support or defend the salaries," Mayor Evelyn Buck of Aurora told a meeting of York Regional Council last week after the administration committee had handed down its recommendations for salary increases for the various depart-

ment heads. The raises, which cover the clerk, treasurer, planning, engineering and health and social service commissioner, solicitor and chief administrative officer, were approved by the meeting and will now be subject to approval by those concerned.

Mayor Robert Forhan of New-

market, chairman of the admin-

istrative committee, recom-

mended acceptance of the in-

creases that had been proposed

and discussed earlier in com-

mittee of the whole, and also

suggested council conclude its

before it returned to vote on its final recommendations. The salary proposals will see Chief Administrative Officer Jack Rettie go from \$38,000 to \$40,500; Health Commissioner

discussions on them in camera.

Council was out for an hour

Dr. Owen Slingerland will now receive \$36,825, up \$2,825; while Solicitor Edward Oakes will go from \$32,000 to \$34,200. Other salary proposals: clerk, \$21,500 to \$23,435; treasurer, \$25,000 to \$27,250; planning commissioner, \$27,500 to \$29,-975; engineering commissioner,

\$24,000 to \$27,000. The corporation will also increase its contributions to the Ontario Health Insurance Plan and Group Insurance Plan from 75 percent to 100 percent.

In making its recommenda-

the salaries of the health commissioner, solicitor and chief administrative officer were increased in accordance with the sliding scale of percentage increases, without additional increments adopted recently for general staff increases.

tions, the committee noted that

The salaries of the clerk, treasurer, planning commissioner and engineering commissioner were all increased by 9 percent of their 1973 rates, with the engineer receiving an additional increment of \$840.

Effective April 1, 1974, all employees who are required to use their own cars for regional work will be paid 15 cents a mile for all miles driven.

The following is the result of the recorded vote, as requested by Mayor Buck, on the salary increases:

For - Mayors Joe Dales, Georgina Township, Robert Forhan, Newmarket, William Lazenby, Richmond Hill, Gladys Rolling, East Gwillimbury and Anthony Roman, Markham; and Councillors Jack Gilbert, Vaughan, Robert Pollock, East Gwillimbury, Gordon Rowe, Richmond Hill and Ray Twinney, Newmarket.

Against - Mayors Buck, Aurora, and Gordon Ratcliff, Whitchurch - Stouffville; and Councillors Robert Adams, Markham, and Lois Hancey, Richmond Hill.

Absent for the vote were Mayors Margaret Britnell of King and Garnet Williams of Vaughan; and Councillor Harry Crisp, Markham.