#### Letters

### Board budget bind

Dear editor:

of Education budget of \$60 penditures are used in the been suggested . .

approximately 70 per cent carefully monitored. of the total board budget. Employee benefits high levels without Teacher salaries alone represent approximately penalties. which account for over 80 3 per cent of the total Third: some of the because of the salary plan for teachers in the subsidized by the agreements already 1975 salary agreements, government, so that signed.

guaranteed to the until 1976. teachers in existing Utilities represent Fourth: there will be government.

relatively constant in economies can be made. be realized. 1975, but this obligation The above functions Undoubtedly there are

is expected in 1976 as in charges, rent etc. 1975.

the introduction of wage figure of 10 per cent. and price controls and However, though the 1976 budget.

and services represent 2.5 trying to keep the tax per cent of the total increase to not more than budget and although for a 10 per cent. one-year period could be The budget is not cut back, in the long run, necessarily tied into the poor maintenance of mill rate by which the assets is false economy taxes are calculated, and and results in greater it may well be possible to expense in the future.

of the total budget and as to around 10 per cent. per maintenance supplies There are a number of described above will ways the board could

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cent. Over 70 per cent of reaching the absurd

this increase will affect realized by quantity requirements. the York Region mill purchases through Second: the govern-Salaries represent and the quality of supplies ceilings to enable the

agreements increases the approximately 2 per cent increased assessment to budget by 10 per cent of the budget and with apply to increased costs. alone. Other staff salaries gas, fuel oil and hydro Fifth: the entire staff, will also increase by at increasing by up to 25 of teachers, caretakers, least the minimum level per cent there is little secretaries, and adof the wage controls possibility of reducing ministrators can be established by the federal this function's cost. In enlisted in a campaign to Debenture debt conservation campaign resolving this financial represents approxima- aimed at reducing con- crisis. With their support, tely 9 per cent of the total sumption of heat and savings heretofore budget and should remain light, so few additional thought impossible may

cannot be reduced so no represent approximately other ways to keep the saving can be realized. 95 per cent of the YCBE mill rate down, and I hope Contracted services budget in 1975 and the we will find them. It is my account for ap- remaining 5 per cent intention to do everything proximately 5 per cent of covers a multitude of possible to develop a the total budget. The cost functions, such as books budget that will not cost of transportation and and periodicals, travel the taxpayer in York contract caretaking are expense, personnel Region more than 10 per not easily controllable if training, tutition fees, cent. the same level of service advertising, bank

One can visualize These costs will in therefore something of crease by up to 20 per cent the predicament the since many of the in- board is in, in trying to creases in these functions keep the budget from have taken place prior to increasing by the magic

will be most felt in the budget will increase by 17 per cent to 25 per cent in Maintenance supplies 1976, the board will be

have a budget increase of Supplies account for the above proportions, approximately 3 per cent but hold the tax increase

increase by up to 20 per keep the mill rate from

The York County Board the total supply ex- proportions that have

million in 1975 will in- schools by the students First: practically all crease by more than 10 and a further 12 per cent spending, except per cent in 1976. The is to maintain cleanliness essential services, could following breakdown will in the schools in the form be stopped for the explain why the budget of caretaking supplies. remainder of 1975, to will increase by more Already significant accumulate some surplus than 10 per cent and how economies are being funds to apply to the 1976

centralized purchasing ment may increase board to spend at certain

per cent of the board's budget, but with the programs and functions salaries, will increase by implementation of the such as, french and approximately \$6 million cost sharing of the dental transportation are highly the full impact of this much of the increase is The increase increase will not be felt not a large burden on the

York Region ratepayer.

1974 the board instituted a reduce spending to help in

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By Alf Stong **MLA York Centre** 

It has been almost two months now since election day in September but I have advanced some distance in my experience at Queen's Park; especially from the day after the election when I attended for the first time and was handed by one of the veteran secretaries a guide to the

now been completed.



Ontario Legislature cessful with the Bell designed for school Telephone getting earlier installations for my The shuffle at the constituents than I have Parliament Buildings has for myself at Queen's ceremony. Park.

All of us are now in our Nevertheless my own offices and even as telephone has been inlate as today have been stalled and my number is assigned our own phone 965-5806. If any of you has numbers. I must admit I a problem for which I can have over the last two be of assistance, please months been more suc- do not hesitate to contact

alf stong reports

me at that number.

of arranging to have an condominiums. 887 number installed to serve my constituents. apartment dwellings, minister of transportation I intend to meet with upon the completion of The solicitor general Buttonville Airport. installation.

Pauline McGibbon read a January 1976. brief, seven-page Throne This legislation applies I informed the minister my chance before the Speech which promised to stores of more than that the elected Christmas recess. I will action on a number of three employees and representatives of the inform you again from campaign commitments feet of retail space. Small Richmond Hill had current events in your

new program - a change

Assessed at present as Honorable James Snow, deliberations.

has introduced legislation I have been advised by I have been placed on The 30th Ontario designed to force large him the issue is before the the rostrum of freshmen Legislature opened Oct. retail stores to close on provincial cabinet for MPPs in order to make 28 with a minimum of Sundays and defined consideration but the my maiden speech in the holidays or face fines of cabinet has not yet had Leghislature. However, Lieutenant Governor up to \$10,000.00 beginning time to devote to this because of the time

news and tobacco stands of Buttonville Airport to together with small have the drugstores will be per- surrounding the airport mitted to stay open and re-zoned to allow the there are other specified sought after expansion. exemptions as well.

matter.

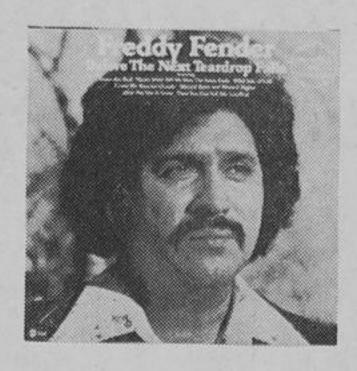
Airport issue

He assured me he would meet with me I am also in the process in taxation procedure for I have been in personal further on this matter contact with the prior to the cabinet's

I will advise you of this condominiums will and communications him and represent to him 887 number in a sub- henceforth be assessed as concerning the extention the views of my consequent report to you single family dwellings, of runway 15-33 at - stituents effected most seriously in this situation.

allocation I may not get Conservative election more than 2,400 square Towns of Markham and week to week of the most and contained just one grocery and milk stores, rejected the application provincial Legislature.

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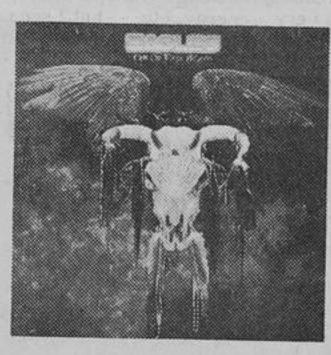
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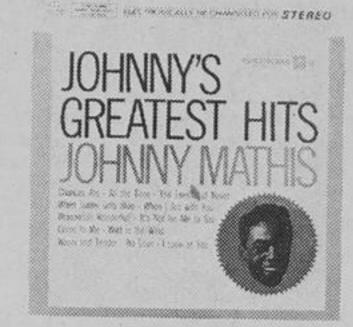


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