Letters

Why region concern on garbage?

Dear editor:

On one of the back pages of the May 26 edition of The Liberal was an article entitled "Region tackles garbage problem".

It stated, "A report of the engineering committee recommended the region assume responsibility for solid waste management in York; acquire ownership, control and operation of future solid waste facilities; and develop a master plan for waste management, taking into account Metro requirements, expected to reach three million tons annually."

I do not understand why the region is so concerned about Metro's garbage.

They should be more concerned about reducing garbage by educating people to use returnables and to recycle, or are they not aware of these possibilities.

We now employ a works department which arranges for the looking after of our garbage as well as many other services.

What then does the new arrangement mean to the taxpayer?

It sounds to me like more expense employing more people to somehow handle it from a large regional level.

I personally cannot see the benefits. The markets are not available as yet for a resource recovery centre, so I hope they do not suggest such a monster as now exists in Scarborough.

The mayors on whom the decision lies, partly, are in a very difficult situation to vote on this matter I believe, because it is difficult to see clearly

exactly what is involved. I feel York region has enough other problems and certainly wish they would stop worrying about Metro's garbage and try educating the taxpayer to reduce his garbage and therefore the expense incurred.

How people can be so unconcerned about the high cost of garbage removal is difficult for me to understand.

This extends from the home to most parts of government.

When the mayors of the region vote, I hope they will have looked deeply into the matter.

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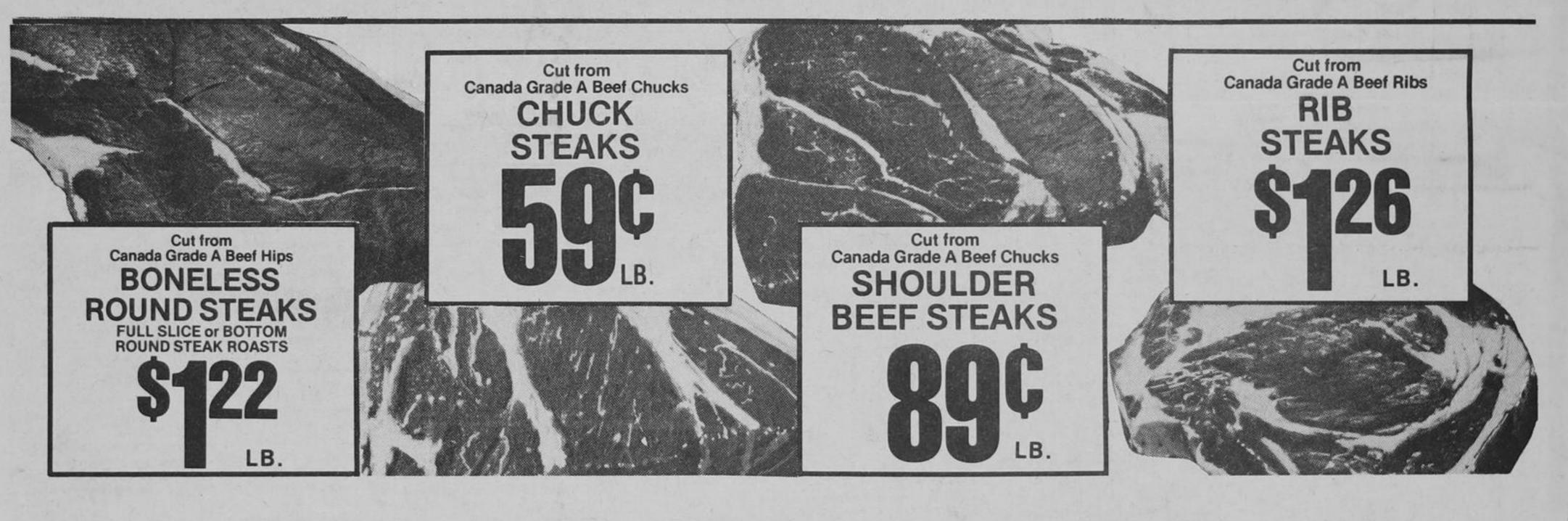
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