

# Budget cutback perplexes police

By Jim Irving

NEWMARKET — York regional council last week approved its 1976 estimates, including the recommended \$7,465,900 for the police, within the first five minutes of its meeting. Then it sat back and respectfully listened later in the afternoon to pleas from members of the police commission that no cuts be made in its budget.

Appearing before council were Judge William Lyon, chairman of the police commission, and York Police Chief Bruce Crawford. The two had appealed council's earlier recommendation that it chop \$200,000 from the estimates.

The ramifications were many, Judge Lyon said. Salary negotiations were now under way and were being negotiated within Anti-Inflation Board guidelines.

However, they couldn't be certain

they would be within the eight per cent mark. In fact, the original request had been for a 20 per cent increase.

The police were now saddled with an additional \$29,000 in insurance costs, the judge said, an amount that hadn't been included in the first budget presentation.

In the latter, the commission had indicated that seven more police were needed, Lyon said, and the budget was drawn up on that basis.

"Chief Crawford has since renewed that request, because of the increase in crime and demand for services," the judge said.

The commission wanted council to be aware of this new request.

Chief Crawford told the meeting that crime in the region was up 19.7 per cent in the first five months "in almost all categories except sex."

Citizen demands were also up 12 per cent for the first time in five-and-half years, with the public demanding "more and more each year."

This increase in crime and additional demand for services could probably be attributed in part to the number of people — 5,600 — who had moved into the region in 1975, Chief Crawford said.

This necessitated more manpower. "If you don't authorize an increase this year, we'll have to find manpower from someplace else," Crawford said.

"I would have to recommend to the board that some existing services and some manpower be taken away."

When asked about the use of volunteers to handle citizens' demands about such things as barking dogs and fence disputes, Chief Crawford said that such volunteers were auxiliary policemen, who were "generally speaking" used to "ride shotgun" with police.

Mayor Evelyn Buck of Aurora wondered whether the addition of seven more police would have prevented the recent murder in Aurora, for example. "No," said the chief.

The 19.7 increase in criminal activities represented a very small part of police work, Buck said.

Crawford agreed, but said he would be happy if the police could spend all their time investigating it.

Mayor Buck said she was also concerned that "these statements were frightening people in the region. Statistics can be frightening and I object to it."

Said Chief Crawford: "I hope what I've said causes you some alarm, because I'm alarmed."

Among the services that would have to be cut along with the budget cut would be the youth-bureau, safety bureau and boat safety program.

Mayor George Burrows of Georgina said that, "to save money on the police budget is a damn poor way to save money."

"If there's any way the public would want to spend money, it would be on the police."

He said there would be increased activity in his area this summer and more police protection would be needed.

Richmond Hill's Gordon Rowe said that he had recently been hit with a forged, certified cheque — "Don't ask me how" — and had great praise for the police for many hours they had spent tracking it down.

Chief Crawford said that, if no cuts were made, the police would manage with the amount and would hope to come back with a surplus.

Judge Lyon said that, if the com-

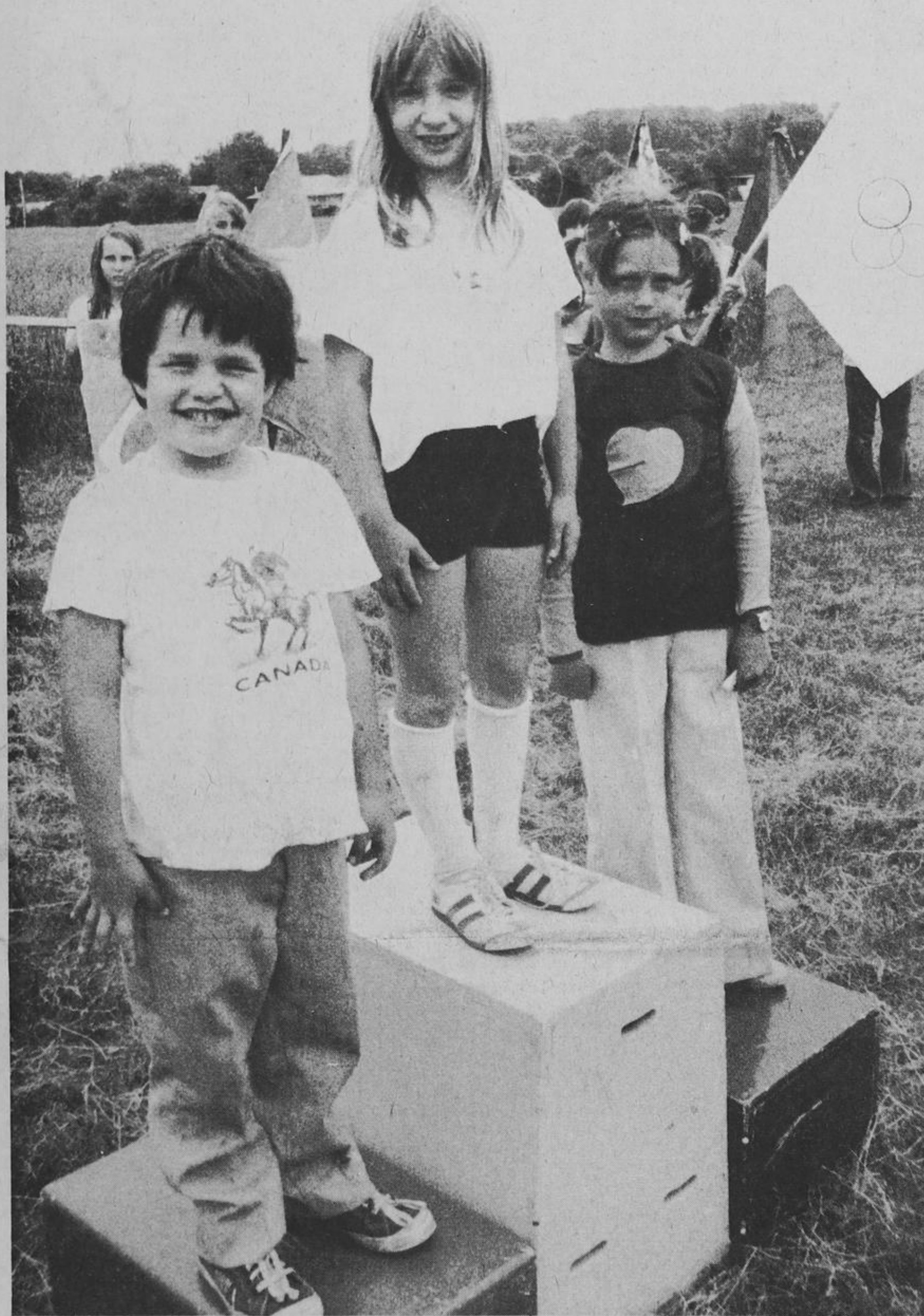
mission could negotiate the salaries at eight per cent, it would mean a savings of \$100,000 — minus the \$29,000 for insurance — which would allow them to maintain present services.

A motion by Councillor Ray Twinney of Newmarket, who is also a member of the police commission, that \$100,000 be put back in the budget, was lost.

Twinney said after the meeting it would cost \$52,000 to hire five men from July to December and the commission "could be broke by Christmas."

He said the board could appeal the decision to the Ontario Police Commission.

Although none of the police commission members was approached at the time for comment, it was understood that shock among them was evident when they realized the estimates had been passed before they made their presentation.



'Olympics' stars

A full day of Olympic-oriented activities, starting with a parade and torch carrying ceremony, was held at 16th Avenue public school last week. Among the winners in track and field events were

this trio — Chrisoula Dimitropoulos, first (centre); Craig Dimock, second (left); and Vondalex Barnetson, third.

(Photo by Hogg)

## Mini-Olympic games

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OAK RIDGES — All the schools nold field days or play days, but Lake Wilcox School wanted to be different this year. So, in honor of the Montreal Olympics held a mini Olympics at the school site.

The primary classes were divided to represent countries of the world and ribbons given to the top three competitors in each country. The winners: Switzerland — Giles Collins, Gabrielle Eisenman and Cathy Thornloe.

Germany — Glen Collins, Kevin Neil and Tina Clews.

Russia — Glen McKenzie, Adam Pauze and Dale Wright.

China — Scott Windsor, Doug Hansen and Kelly Musselwhite.

Japan — Darren Hesselhurst, Jamie Blundell and tied for third, Brenda

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Near and Adam Dodwell.

Canada — Jeff Bennett, Lori Milligan and Wayne Murphy.

The primary champion is Adam Pauze and he is now the proud owner of an Olympic silver coin.

The juniors were divided into teams for various events. Winners of each event received a laurel leaf headband and first place ribbon. Second and third place winners received ribbons.

The events and winners are: Gymnastic Balance — Kim Milligan, Lori Ramage and David Mackey.

Frisbee throw — Robbie Parker, George Margerum and Billy MacArthur.

Javelin — David Mackey, Peter Schepens and Werner Prelle.

50 Meter — David Mackey, Peter Schepens and Andy Bachlow.

Softball throw — Peter Schepens, David Mackey and Andy Bachlow.

Long Jump — Andy Bachlow, David Mackey and Peter Schepens.

100 Meter — Peter Schepens, Andy Bachlow and David Mackey.

Pentathlon — Peter Schepens, David Mackey and Andy Bachlow.

The overall winners are not too hard to guess; they are: first — David Mackey, winner of a laurel leaf headband, a clay figure, an Olympic silver coin and a ribbon; second — Peter Schepens, winner of a clay figure and a ribbon; and third — Andy Bachlow winner of a clay figure and a ribbon.

### Pot luck farewell

Last Wednesday saw over 150 people gather at Bond Lake Arena to honor Rev. Robert McElhinney, his wife Dorothy and their daughters Lory and Joanne at a farewell pot luck supper.

Rev. McElhinney was greeted by community friends, St. Paul's congregation members, and his co-workers in the ministry. They came to thank him for his work in the community over the past six years.

Bob Anderson, chairman of the Board of St. Paul's, was master of ceremonies. Gladys Gardiner presented Mrs. McElhinney with a corsage and V.N. Styrmo presented the family with a painting of St. Paul's done by Diane Styrmo, local artist and church member.

York Presbytery was represented by Ella Taylor, chairman.

The two daughters were presented with necklaces by Diane Foster.

Frank Mount presented a purse of money as a farewell gift to Bob and Dorothy, who will live in Toronto.

### St. Paul's closes

St. Paul's Church will be closed for July and resume normal services the first of August. The stand-by minister will be Rev. Douglas Paterson of York Pines United in Kettleby. He may be reached at home at 727-2008 or at the office at 727-8118.

Vacation Bible School will be held as usual at the end of August. Please watch the column for further details.

### Picnic a ball

Members of the Wheelhouse club went on a picnic last week to Centre Island. Everyone had a good time and the ladies especially enjoyed the exquisite gardens.

One thing the seniors really enjoyed was seeing the youngsters going across on the ferry with their classes and on the island. These two groups of people seem to have a special affinity.

Members of the Wheelhouse also did their good deed last week: They work hard for their money, but they like to see it doing some good. They presented a cheque to cover the purchase of a wheelchair to York Central Hospital representative, Joan Paton. Mary McKenzie, hospital auxiliary photographer, was there to record it on film.

The seniors club is planning a quiet summer, but things will resume with a bang in the fall with a huge rummage sale and a bake and craft sale.

### Money distributed

We now have a complete list of all the organizations which will receive money from the recent Lions' club bike-a-thon.

They are: Audobon Society, Bond Lake Skating Club, Crippled Children's Society, King City Baseball Association, Lake Wilcox Public School, Oak Ridges Minor Hockey, Oak Ridges Public School, 1st Oak Ridges Scouting, Ontario Humane Society, Our Lady of the Annunciation School, St. Paul's United Church, Explorer's Group, Wilcox Activity Group.

### Lions name officers

Oak Ridges Lions recently held elections for an executive for 1976-77. Officers are: past president — Joe Tanzos, president — Don Cook, secretary — Joe Tanzos, treasurer — Dave MacAdams, 1st vice president — Joe Taylor, 2nd vice president — George Neil, 3rd vice president — Bob McColl, 4th vice president — Carl Burns, lion tamer — Eric Findeison, 1st year directors — Carl Burns and Kjell Styrmo, 2nd year directors — Jack Blyth and Cap (Ed) Hawman.

### civic corner

RICHMOND HILL — The following meetings of civic interest have been scheduled during the next two weeks:  
Monday, July 5, 7:15 p.m. — Council chambers — regular council meetings.  
Wednesday, July 7, 7 p.m. — Committee room "B" — By-laws, procedures, fire and personnel committee meeting.  
Thursday, July 8, 7:30 p.m. — Council chambers — Parks and recreation committee meeting.  
Thursday, July 8, 8 a.m. — Office of the commissioner of works — engineering committee meeting.  
Wednesday, July 14, 7:30 p.m. — Council chambers — planning committee meeting.

## Big tournament is July 1

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### king city

KING — An all-day ball tournament will be held at King City Memorial Park on Canada Day, July 1, featuring intermediate teams.

A beer garden will be open from 2 to 4 p.m. and the O'Keefe Caravan will be on display. There will also be food booths.

The final game will be played at 7:30 p.m. Admission for adults all-day is \$2 and for children 50 cents. Admission for the final game only is \$1.

King Township Historical Society invites all residents of King to view the unveiling of a historical plaque on July 1 at 11 a.m. at King Township ad-

ministration office (King Road west of Highway 400.)

The plaque commemorates the participation of King Township citizens in the Rebellion of 1837. It also contains a duplicate of the time capsule in the Lloydtown cairn.

Our present form of government evolved following the rebellion, which eased the oppressive colonial rule of earlier days.

The large hand-carved historical plaque is a credit to its designer and creator, King Township resident Basil Self, also known as the "Crooked

## Roselawn school has awards ceremonies

RICHMOND HILL — The rain held off just long enough for graduation exercises at Roselawn senior public school last week.

John Hincks, principal, introduced guest speaker Art Murch, principal of Thornlea Secondary School, to which some of the students will be going in September.

William Armstrong, principal of

Langstaff Secondary, which takes most of Roselawn's students, made the valedictorian award.

Special academic awards went to Forest Anne Lenney, Connie Colaveccia, Karen Michel, Dora Cifelli and Dawn Carter.

An art award was given to Robyn Smith and physical education awards were received by Jackie and Joe Gibson and Heinz Lossberg.

Doug Allan, chairman of York County board of education, presented the boards award to Patti Baker.

Perry Eisenschmid's valedictorian address gave mention to the ways in which Roselawn had come to the fore during the past year; claiming most awards for the Heritage Day competition, the most winners in the Area 3 science fair, having the new band perform at the mall, being the first in the area to go to Quebec, and coming third in track and field.

"Thumb."

Refreshments will be served following the ceremony and historical souvenirs will be available. Those attending are asked to bring their own lawn chairs.

Although the development has been named Observatory Hills, the observatory was never consulted, Bolton said.

He said he did not object to the development in principle, but felt that high density such as that proposed

would likely produce a great deal of light pollution, hampering the observatory's research.

Fred Gerard, a long-time 16th Avenue resident, said he was concerned over possible drainage problems, and his remarks were echoed by other residents of the area.

"If this development takes place without proper sewerage and drainage, I'll be needing a boat to get to my house," said Frank Brass of Duncan Road.

Planning committee members indicated they were not opposed to the concept of development on the site but suggested it be postponed until proper sewerage and drainage are available.

## Lake Wilcox loses principal

LAKE WILCOX — Bob Anderson, principal of Lake Wilcox public school for the past four years, will take a position in Newmarket as principal of a special education school next fall.

Anderson, who will continue to live in the community, has expressed his appreciation to parents and residents for their support of the school during his tenure there.



(Photo by Hogg)

### Dancing dolls

Raggedy Ann and Andy were among the characters in a delightful performance Saturday when Star Dance Studio of Oak Ridges staged its recital at the Richmond Hill Curtain Club. Many

talented young dance students showed their skills, including (above) Denise Paliga of Lake Avenue, Oak Ridges, and Cindy Heavener, Bayview Avenue, Oak Ridges.