

Moran wants roads instead of parks

BUTTONVILLE — Regional Councillor Ron Moran Thursday called for more money to build roads in Markham in 1977. He wants a cutback in parks and recreation spending.

Moran's comments came during a committee discussion for the proposed \$958 million road budget for 1977. This figure includes \$398,000 in provincial subsidies.

The largest expenditures will be on John Street. \$360,000 is allocated for the extension of John Street from Don Mills Road to Highway 404. \$292,000 is for the reconstruction of the street from Porterfield Crescent to the CN overpass.

Land costs
Property acquisition for the extension of Highway 7-B from Yonge Street to Eliza Street would cost \$180,000, with no provincial subsidy.

But a bridge on 19th Avenue at Conc. 7 would cost the province \$64,000 and the town only \$16,000.

Councillor Tom Grove felt money should be in the budget this year for a feasibility study for an overpass at the CN tracks on John Street.

Engineer Dipen Mukherjee said the overpass would not be built for five years. After being pressed, he said it could be built within five years.

But he believed Green Lane could more easily be improved to carry increased traffic when new subdivisions in Thornhill are built.

Bell upset
Councillor Carole Bell was upset that unpaved streets in the old part of Unionville were not included. "Dipen, you promised," she said.

The three streets she wants paved are Station, Eurika and Euclid. Station Street was the most important.

Councillor Walter Grieve suggested there should be some dust around to help maintain the historic character of the village.

He was joking, but Mrs. Bell did not find it very amusing.

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Lion fails to roar

MARKHAM — Children at Thornhill Community Centre's Saturday morning program learned one thing about animals in Africa — you just can't tell how fast a lion will grow. It was the first time in five years that the African Lion Safari of Rockton failed to produce a lion for a scheduled public appearance. The young cub, arranged for last June, apparently grew too quickly and became too fierce to meet the children. And the potential understudy was still too young to keep the engagement.

Forester, J.D. Griffiths recommended in his report to regional planning committee last week that it take a closer look at completing the regional forest acquisition. "The need to purchase certain key parcels of land to connect and complete several properties is great and becomes more urgent each year", the report says. The total Forest area since 1975 remains at 4,944 acres, divided into 18 tracts. The report recommends that the parcels be purchased as soon as possible before they are built upon and become unavailable. "I hope that we can set aside some money in the budget to acquire these lands," said Dr. George Burrows, Georgina Mayor.

No 'u' for us

THORNHILL — Architect Napier Simpson Jr. has objected to the misspelling of Colborne Street with a "u". The spelling "Colbourne" has appeared on some maps in the town planning department, he said and is quite wrong. Colborne Street was named after Sir John Colborne, a prominent early citizen of Canada, "and Markham, like many of the older municipalities in Ontario can be proud to have a Colborne Street."

School evaluation

RICHMOND HILL — The York Region Roman Catholic separate school board is in the midst of a total evaluation of two schools within their system. The chosen two are Our Lady Help of Christians in Richmond Hill and St. Anthony's in Thornhill. "Both schools have been prepared," Frank Bobesich, superintendent of programs told the education committee last week. Bobesich, one member of a five member team engaged in the evaluation, said that the plan is to evaluate all schools every three to four years.

A sale per house

BUTTONVILLE — Markham town staff are looking at the possibility of licencing garage sales, with the view to limit them to one per year per household. A few town residents have found the sales such good things, they keep on selling. "One place in Markham had a garage sale every weekend last summer," said Councillor Alma Walker.

\$80,000 bridge

MARKHAM — The bridge on 19th Avenue near the 7th Line of Markham has to be replaced immediately. The Ministry of Transportation and Communication has advised Markham it is structurally inadequate. The town is putting \$80,000 in its budget for a new structure.

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Cattle burn

MARKHAM — A barn and 22 head of cattle were wiped out in a fire in a barn belonging to Thomas Onizuka, Highway 7, Unionville, Feb. 1, about 5:50 a.m.

Cause of the estimated \$45,000 barn fire was unknown.

The cattle were owned by Wayne Patterson of R.R. 1, Unionville. They were valued at \$6,600.

Stouffville fire department attended.

Not insured
A house belonging to Larry Patton, Dearborne Ave., King, was destroyed Feb. 6, in a fire of unknown origin.

Police said that owner of the house, which was not insured, was away at the time.

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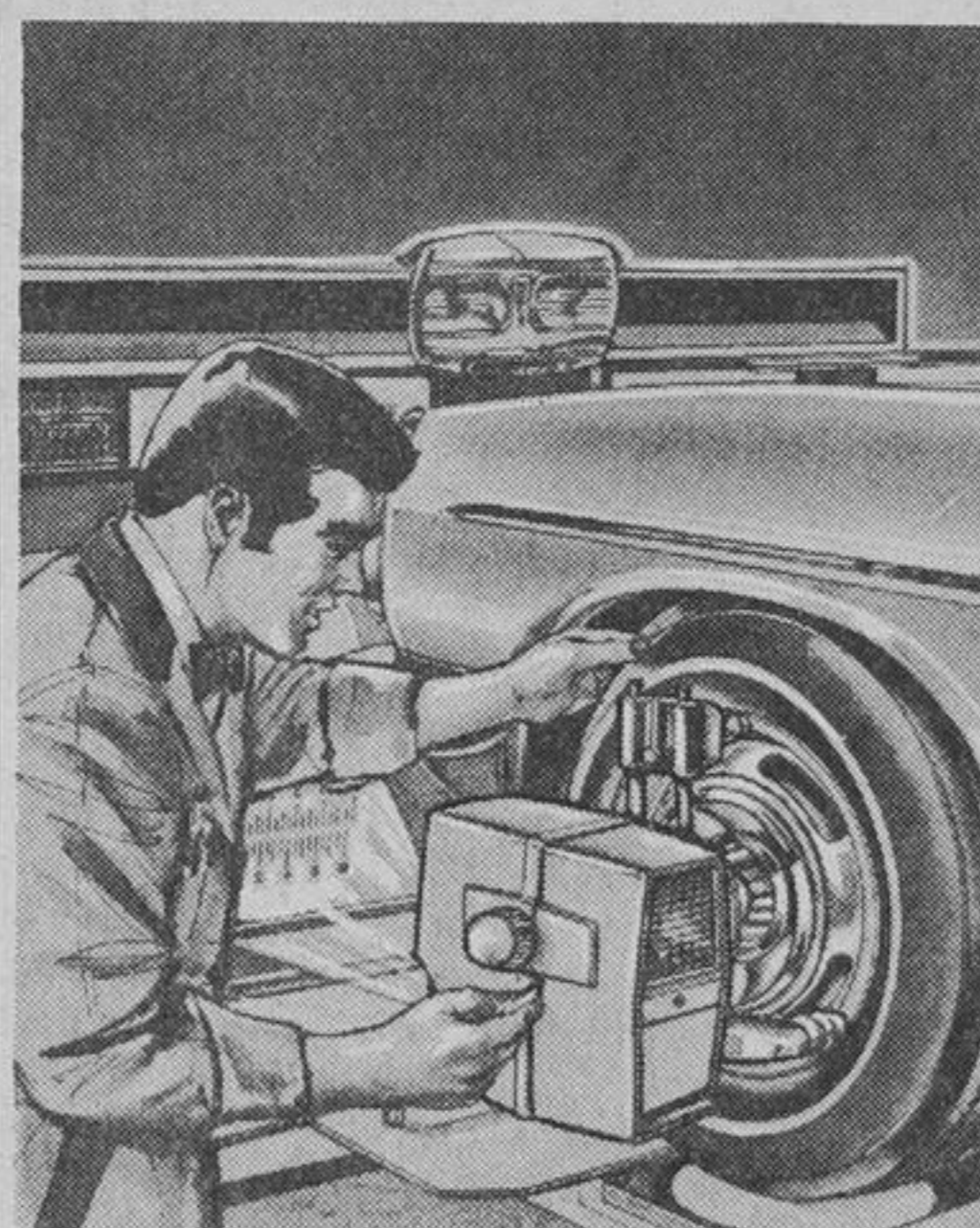
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