



Readying for their performance tonight, the Bayview Secondary School Band follows the lead of teacher Ray Barton during a concert for the students last week. The band's annual

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Police help pay for new Georgina station

Regional Council has approved a final design for its new police station to be built in Georgina Township and has awarded the \$552,000 contract to M.A. Butt Construction.

The Region was originally prepared to spend no more than \$443,000 on the project but had to make some adjustments to the mechanical specifications of the building when all six tenders came in too high.

Nearest tender for the job was \$134,000 over estimated costs of construction.

The York Region Police Commission, however, has consented to lend a hand and kick in \$100,000 from surplus it achieved over the year.

The architect, Don Hallford, said he wasn't aware of additional costs until he had completed substantial work on the working drawings.

By then, a decision either to re-tender or to change some of the features of the building and try to negotiate a lower tender, had to be made.

The building advisory committee and Regional Engineer Bob Hodgson felt the latter that was the only logical way to go. Further delays to re-tendering and waiting until Spring could have added 15 per cent to the total cost.

Richmond Hill Mayor Dave Schiller wasn't happy about the oversight in spending estimates and when questions arose about the surplus in the police budget, he supported the commission.

"When we discussed this in the budget debates of 1979, we had hoped there would be some close work among the staff, the police building advisory committee and the commission," said Mr. Schiller.

"That obviously hasn't happened... during our review of the police budget, we seemed to have accounted for every dollar — now apparently there's a surplus and rather than a windfall surplus, I'd say it's more likely a result of good administration."

He noted it could have been negligence on the architect's part for not

explaining any increased costs to his client.

By changing the roof design, council was able to modify the cost by \$35,000. It went ahead and approved spending \$4,500 on better quality insulation because it felt savings in energy cost would be recouped quickly.

Justifying the \$100,000 surplus, Police Chief Bruce Crawford said it's not unusual to end up with a 1-5 per cent surplus with an annual budget of \$9.88 million.

"We didn't plan on the extra \$100,000. It was like Mr. Schiller said, because of good administration," he said.

When first asked to comment, the Chief said "things are going so well, maybe I shouldn't say anything."

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