

Editor's Mail

Revenue could aid recreation centre

Dear Jim:
I found it very enlightening to read that Whitchurch-Stouffville exports over two million tons of itself every year in the form of sand and gravel and that two weeks later, mention is made of four cent per ton revenue for the Town in the future under the proposed Aggregates Act.

What a light in the forest.
Except that this was suggested to the Town over a year ago as possible revenue to put towards the new Recreation Complex.

What a waste! As each ton goes out unlevied, a beautiful community centre slips further and further out of our grasp until we will be left with only the bare essentials—our own No-Name Centre.

Here we have a community that sends out sand and gravel to make more homes for more people to send more garbage back up to us: The classic Vicious Circle.
But wait a minute. As everyone else is racking their brains trying to turn lead into gold, haven't we Whitchurch-Stouffville taken a first step towards that end by proving you can at least take common sand and turn it into real metal cans, a wide array of plastics, super solvents, dirty diapers, and seagulls, the very essence of life?

You mean to tell me that a tiny community is expected to raise two million dollars on its own while two of the most lucrative industries freely deface our land and our lives? I think that substantial contributions towards our Community Centre is small compensation for all the milk and honey they've raped from us. Four cents a ton levy on gravel for a fixed period of time is too little. Five cents, six cents is not much extra for Toronto and Markham to pay to construct their buildings and get rid of their garbage. And I should think a dollar a ton levy for 750,000 tonnes of garbage (already partially deposited but not yet collected upon) would go a long way to give us a fine Recreation Centre of which we could all be proud.

Nothing is more degrading than the thought of us blindly scurrying and scrounging to put our nickels and dimes together, while we are being walked all over by companies that are making millions of dollars on our plight. We must appear to them to have "sucker" written in big letters across our foreheads.
One more thing while I have the floor. It irks me that it was suggested that the four cent levy would go to "roads" and not to a Complex. Are scientifically ditched roads going to help our "growing-ups" to find something to do here? No! It will just make for better roads leading out of the community to others that have activities for people to do. Let's put our money where our heart should be—at the centre of this Town, not someone else's.

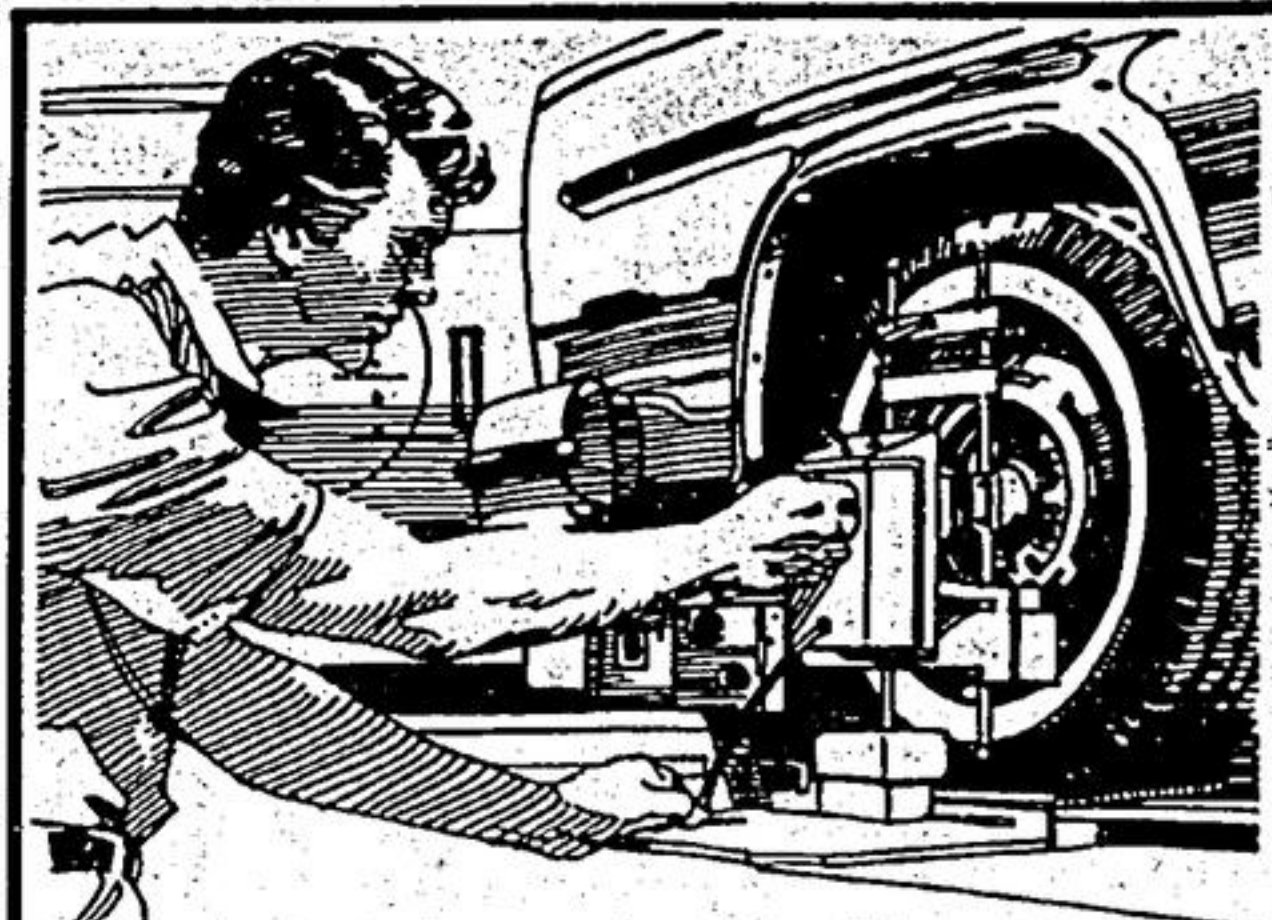
It frustrates many to think that ice-rinks for hockey get priority over an indoor pool. Can all members of a family use a hockey rink together? Especially the ones with special needs? Most handicapped can use a pool. Can the majority of senior citizens

use an ice rink? Might they rather have a pool as Phase 1? I'm sure socializing teenagers will flock in crowds to the new arena to watch the Pee-wees flit around the ice. Better make sure we have adequate seating to accommodate them all.

With sizeable revenue guaranteed, all facilities could be constructed at the same time. The only priority that would concern us is that as many state of the art energy saving devices and innovations are incorporated into the primary construction.

Let's plan for a full future. Give the Council the backing they need to approach these industrial giants.

Sincerely,
Elaine Fritz,
R.R. 2, Stouffville.



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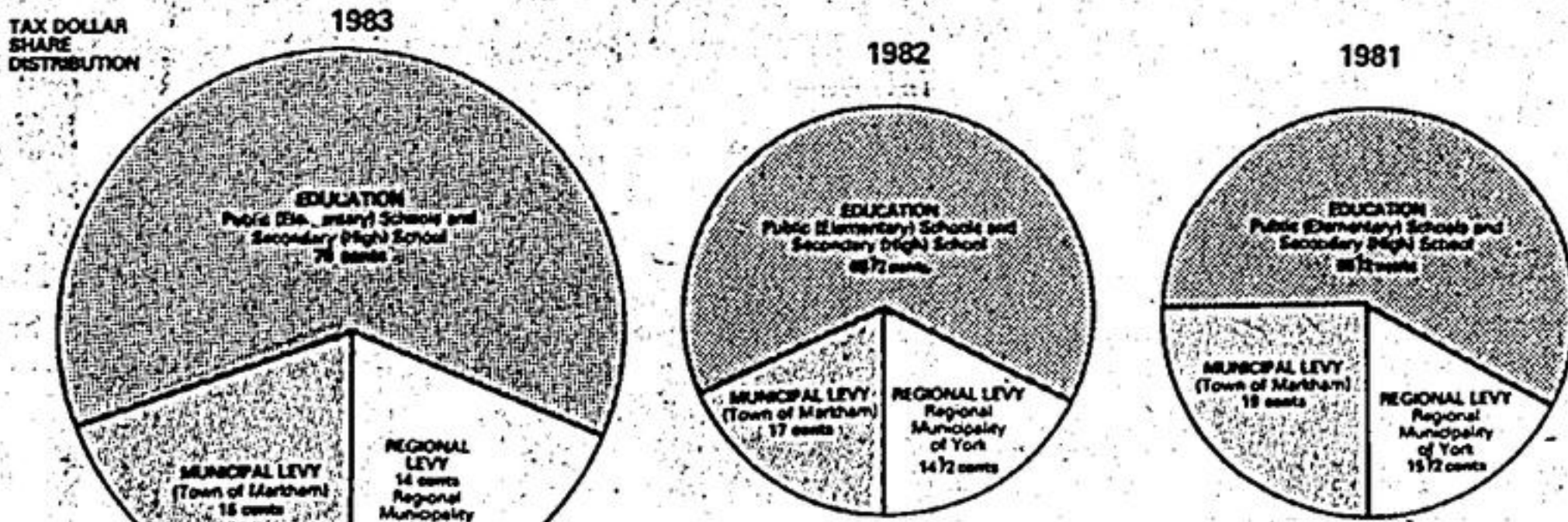
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NOTICE 1983 TAX BILLING

Your 1983 tax bill was mailed on August 5th, 1983 with payments due on the following dates.

FIRST PAYMENT IS DUE ON SEPTEMBER 15, 1983
SECOND PAYMENT IS DUE ON NOVEMBER 15, 1983

If you have not received your tax bill please contact the Treasurer's office 477-7000 immediately. If you have received your tax bill but your payments are made through your mortgage company, will you kindly forward this tax bill to them for payment promptly. We trust you will appreciate the courtesy of this reminder notice.



DISTRIBUTION OF YOUR 1983 TAXES OUTLINING RESPONSIBILITY & JURISDICTION based on an average residential assessment of \$30,000.00

	TAXES 1983	TAXES 1982	TAXES 1981	TAXES 1980	TAXES 1979	TAXES 1978	TAXES 1977	TAXES 1976	TAXES 1975
Education (Public School Supporter)	\$ 945.00	\$ 879.00	\$ 774.00	\$ 699.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 604.00	\$ 549.00	\$ 504.00	\$ 428.00
Regional (Region of York)	181.50	181.50	181.50	181.50	181.50	177.00	171.50	159.50	158.00
Municipal (Markham) General Rate (**)	223.00	223.00	223.00	223.00	229.00	229.00	229.00	199.00	199.00
TOTAL TAX (Public School Supporter)	\$1349.50	\$1283.50	\$1178.50	\$1103.50	\$1060.50	\$1010.00	\$949.50	\$862.50	\$783.00
Education (Separate School Supporter)	\$ 972.00	\$ 905.00	\$ 789.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 697.00	\$ 652.00	\$ 583.00	\$ 556.00	\$ 478.00
Region (Region of York)	181.50	181.50	181.50	181.50	181.50	177.00	171.50	159.50	158.00
Municipal (Markham) General Rate(**)	223.00	223.00	223.00	223.00	229.00	229.00	229.00	199.00	199.00
TOTAL TAX (Separate School Supporter)	\$1376.50	\$1309.50	\$1193.50	\$1129.50	\$1107.50	\$1058.00	\$983.50	\$914.50	\$835.00

**PLEASE NOTE: Your Municipal General Tax Rate for the years 1976, 1978, 1979, did not increase and in 1980 your Municipal General Tax rate was actually "reduced". This reduced mill rate was continued for the year 1981, 1982 and again in 1983.

	INCREASE FOR 1983	INCREASE FOR 1982	INCREASE FOR 1981	DECREASE FOR 1980	INCREASE FOR 1979	INCREASE FOR 1978	INCREASE FOR 1977	INCREASE FOR 1976
Education (Public School Supporter)	\$ 66.00	\$105.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 49.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 78.00
Regional (Region of York)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	4.50	5.50	12.00	1.50
Municipal (Markham) General Rate(**)	NIL	NIL	NIL	(6.00) Reduction	*NIL	*NIL	30.00	*NIL
TOTAL TAX INCREASE	\$ 66.00	\$105.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 50.50	\$ 60.50	\$ 87.00	\$ 79.50
Education (Separate School Supporter)	\$ 67.00	\$116.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 69.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 78.00
Region (Region of York)	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	4.50	5.50	12.00	1.50
Municipal (Markham) General Rate(**)	NIL	NIL	*NIL	(6.00) Reduction	*NIL	*NIL	30.00	*NIL
TOTAL TAX INCREASE	\$ 67.00	\$116.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 49.50	\$ 74.50	\$ 69.00	\$ 79.50

MUNICIPAL TAXES STABILIZED

Your MUNICIPAL TAXES (Town general tax rate) have been efficiently stabilized for seven consecutive years from 1977 to 1983 inclusive, despite the inflationary conditions prevalent in the economy. In 1980 the Town general taxes were actually "REDUCED" and in 1981, 1982 and 1983 this REDUCED mill rate was CONTINUED which accomplishment reflects beneficial financial stability.

You will note, however, that your EDUCATION TAXES HAVE AGAIN BEEN INCREASED for 1983 but this cost increase is beyond our jurisdictional control.

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM
Anthony Roman - Mayor



E.A. Barton
Treasurer, Tax Collector
& Industrial Commissioner

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