

Weekender

Comment

2-man cars needed now

Just over a year ago, a York Regional Police officer investigated a silent alarm in the Esna Park industrial area of Markham.

What he uncovered when he accosted the burglar ransacking a warehouse we probably never be known. You see, Constable Douglas Tribbling never came back. He was gunned down before his backup arrived.

This tragedy might have been averted had Regional government allocated additional funds to establish two-man patrols. However, hindsight won't bring back Douglas Tribbling.

But Regional Council has a chance to hopefully prevent such an occurrence happening again. All councillors have to do is come to grips with the financial situation and grant the York Regional Police Force's wish that two-man patrols.

Not only would this move end the current work-to-rule campaign by the police, but help ensure a safer community in which to live.

In Metropolitan Toronto, where there are two-man cars during the night shift, an alarm usually brings several cruisers with two men in each car. Instead of facing one constable, as is the case in York Region, a thief may be dealing with 10.

Now we're not saying that the York Region needs a force the size of Metro's, but surely a thief encountering two officers, plus two more when the backup arrives, may think twice before committing the crime.

It is up to the taxpayers of York Region, especially in this, an election year, to make your feelings known. Tell Regional Council in no uncertain terms that you don't mind increased taxes for the purpose of two-man patrols. It will mean a safer York Region for all concerned.



Speaking Out

What do you think should be done with regards to ticket sales for major concerts? (Asked at Markville Shopping Centre and Main St., Stouffville)



Gus Polemiotou
Markham Student

"So far every time I've bought concert tickets, its been good."



Michelle Morra
Stouffville Student

"I think they should do all of it by phone."



Ken Pierce
Markham Maintenance

"They should do what is being done here (Markville). They're organized. They've got it here."



Leslie Mitchinson
Stouffville Student

"They should make more out-lets so there is less commotion. They should also make aisles for pretty good lining up."

Editor's Mail

Richards says thanks to those who helped

Dear Sir,
I would like to ask for the courtesy of your columns to express my thanks to certain individuals and organizations for their support concerning my recent resignation from Heritage Markham.

First, I want to thank you for your fair and ample reporting of this incident. I felt that it was a matter of principle, and I am pleased that you appeared to have thought so too.

Second, I would like to thank the many friends and some strangers, who have gone to the trouble of expressing their support in writing and verbally.

Third, I would like to thank my friends in Heritage Markham. Those are dedicated and concerned men and women, voluntarily working long hours for little public recognition and, sometimes, no thanks. I would like your readers to join with me in expressing our approval and

thanks for a difficult task being excellently performed.

And lastly, I would like to thank Mr. Graham. In my view, Mr. Graham has been cast, quite incorrectly, as the villain of the piece. I see Mr. Graham as a victim of Council's ineptitude, as well as the stigma of lack of social conscience by his new neighbors on Albert St.

In these circumstances he has seen fit to adopt; I must assume out of good will, more than half of Heritage Markham's recommendations. His house, as built, bears only a passing resemblance to the application drawings submitted to, and approved by Council. For this I think we should all be profoundly grateful. I believe that Mr. Graham deserves our thanks.

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