

# 'She did us proud'

MARKHAM — "A fantastic job — she did Markham Fair proud." That's how Bryan Armstrong, the Board's Immediate Past President described the reign of Cathy

O'Connor in a year that concluded Saturday night. Cathy participated in the crowning of her successor, 19-year-old Marie Beckett of R.R. 2, Markham, the Queen of Markham Fair 1985.

The pageant's M.C. was Bunty Webb of Markham. Cathy and her attendants were everywhere, Bryan said, in describing their involvement throughout the five-day event. In addition, he said, they attended Santa Claus Parades in Markham and Stouffville and the Fair Convention at Toronto's Royal York Hotel.

Cathy was Markham's representative in the 'Sweetheart of the Fair Pageant' at the C.N.E. Bryan presented Cathy with an engraved plaque as a memento of her reign. In reply, the Queen of '84 said she considered it a privilege to represent "one of the finest fairs in Canada." "I feel lucky to have so many good memories to hold and to treasure." She described Fair Board members as "a

wonderful group of people." Cathy thanked her mother and dad for their support. "Markham Fair is a major family event," she said, "without the support of my family, this position would have been very different for me."

Marie Beckett, daughter of Donna and the late Bert Beckett, will take over Cathy's responsibilities, assisted by her two attendants, Cathy Knott, R.R. 1, Markham and Christine Hodgson, Loretta Crescent South, Stouffville.

Other pageant participants were Brenda Mullett, Grandview Blvd., Markham; Shirley Mahoney, Village Parkway, Markham; Karina Watson, Grenfell Crescent, Markham and Karen Wilson, Dorman Drive, Stouffville.



Bryan Armstrong, Immediate Past President of Markham Fair, presented 1984 Fair Queen Cathy O'Connor with an engraved plaque as a memento of her reign. Cathy presided at the crowning of a new queen during the Pageant Saturday night.

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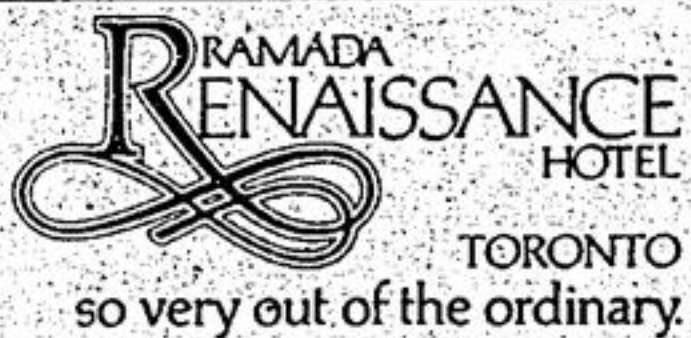
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Marie Beckett, (right), of R.R. 2, Markham, is the new queen of Markham Fair 1985. She was crowned by the Queen of '84, Cathy O'Connor, also of Markham, R.R. 2. — Jim Thomas

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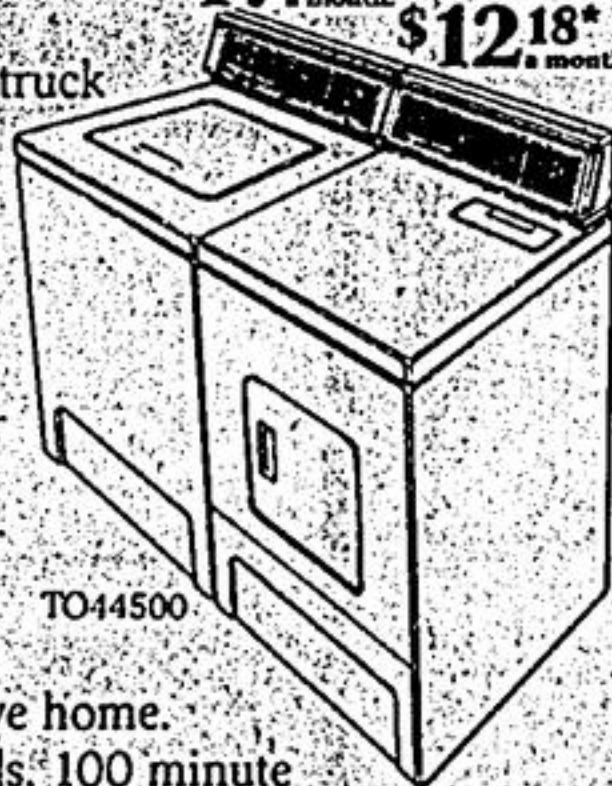
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## Editor's Mail

# Ratepayers' group supports Mayor

To The Editor:

At a recent meeting of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Rural Ratepayers' Association, there was deep concern expressed regarding the number of subdivisions being proposed for the rural areas, and their effect on the environment.

Some of the people were astounded to learn that our present Planning Board consists solely of Council members—in other words, Council IS the Planning Board and the Planning Board is composed ONLY of councillors. This seems a little like the Judge being the jury and the only member of the jury is the Judge.

What does this actually mean? Basically, it means the Planning Board makes recommendations to Council and then Council makes the final decisions BUT, Council makes its decisions based on the recommendations that they themselves as the Planning Board, have put forth. This is a ridiculous situation that has existed for ten or twelve years.

The gathering was told that this is one of the situations that our Mayor, Tom Wood, proposes to correct if given the mandate to continue on Nov. 12.

He feels the Planning Board should be comprised of one resident from each of the six wards, plus two councillors.

By their own admission, several councillors have indicated that, on occasions, they have failed to even view the proposed land-severance sites, and have relied on the opinion of their fellow council members and have voted on this basis.

It was further revealed that Mayor Wood intends to put a similar arrangement in

place with the Parks and Recreation Committee that, for two years, has also been comprised SOLELY of council members. Again, there would be one member of the public from each ward; two councillors, plus one member from each of the various local sports organizations that use the facilities.

In this way, the public would be participating in the Government.

We heartily approve of and applaud Mayor Wood for his stand on these issues. It is a big step in the right direction that has been long overdue.

Bravo, Mayor Wood.

Sincerely,

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Rural Ratepayers' Association  
P.S.—An invitation is extended to all residents to attend an All-Candidates Meeting in the Ballantrae Centre, Monday, Oct. 28 at 8 p.m. Candidates for the Mayor's position; Board of Education and Wards 1, 2 and 3 will be available to explain their platforms and answer questions.

## See the Jays

STOUFFVILLE — Recently, The Tribune sponsored a subscription contest among its fifty carriers in the immediate area; with the top salesboys and salesgirls receiving tickets to the Blue Jay game, Aug. 31.

The following were winners:  
Kim McLean, 29 Greenwood Road, Stouffville; Jason Rennie, 50 Clarke Street, Stouffville; Kathy Stafford, Lakeshore Road, Musselman's Lake; Keith Northey, 315 Cam Fella Boulevard, Stouffville and Suzanne Plewes, Goodwood.

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