

Markham Council Milliken school given go ahead

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Fear not Milliken, Wilclay Public School's fate is no longer unknown.

A colored drawing of the school was presented at a Markham Council meeting to the satisfaction of all the council members.

At a meeting two weeks ago, council was appalled at the appearance of the school, which is identical to Ramer Wood Public School in Markham.

The drawing which council members disliked was an elevation, which is two-dimensional.

The more appealing impression was a three-dimensional perspective of the school. The perspective shows a more realistic likeness of it.

A liaison committee of school board and council members met with staff members from both organizations last week to discuss a number of issues related to new and existing schools.

The committee came up with six recommendations to make the establishment of new schools easier to accomplish.

• That the elevations for Wilclay

Public School be approved.
• That the site plan for Wilclay P.S. be signed forthwith.

• That the Building Department be authorized to issue a foundation permit for Wilclay P.S. as quickly as possible.

• That the York Region Board of Education and the York Region Separate School Board be requested to show council through its Liaison Committee the design of schools at the sketch plan stage.

• That the department heads be requested to consider the feasibility of assigning an "expediter" to each new school so that school projects may be built on time and on budget.

• That the Town of Markham encourage both school boards to apply for a building permit before they go to tender on a school to avoid expensive extras.

Ward 5 Councillor Gord Landon took exception to the idea of providing an expediter for schools when there are so many individuals and businesses who must endure red tape when they wish to develop.

The recommendations were received and referred to the administrative committee.

Officer honored for Jessop work

By CHRIS SHANAHAN
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For Metro Toronto Police Sgt. Gordon Hobbs, spending four days in jail with a suspected child killer is all part of his job as a crack undercover policeman.

He was recently honored along with fellow officers and a group of civilians at an awards night held by Durham Regional Police Force's board of commissioners.

Information gained during Sgt. Hobbs' four-day undercover stint in a Whitby jail cell back in 1985 was used during the trial of Guy Paul Morin, charged with the first-degree murder of Queensville schoolgirl Christine Jessop.

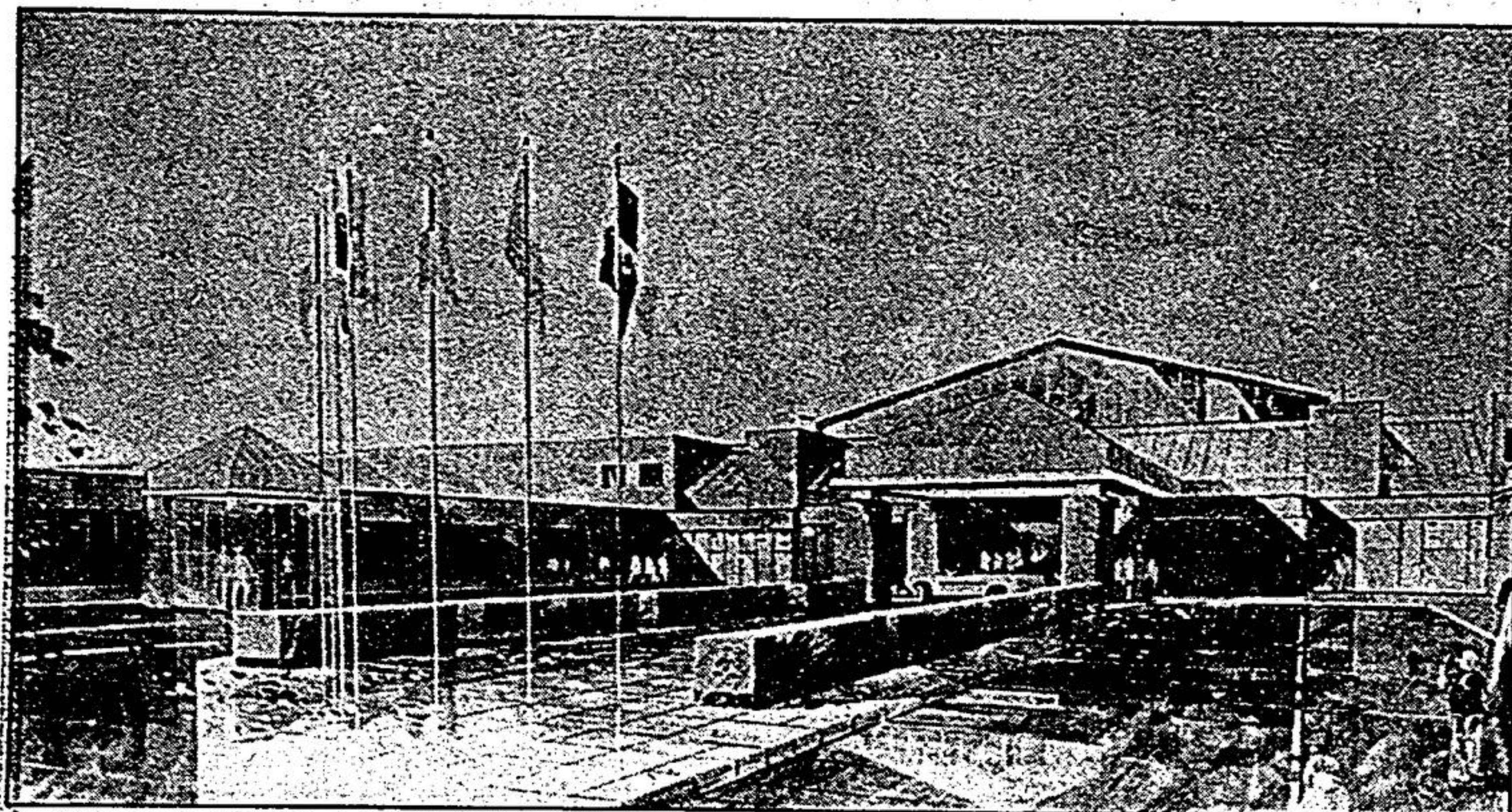
Morin, a member of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Concert Band at the time of his arrest in April of 1985, was later acquitted by an Ontario Supreme Court jury. The Crown Attorney's office has appealed the decision and a hearing has been scheduled for Feb. 4, 1987.

According to a news release, "Sgt. Hobbs was placed in a cell in the Whitby jail along with the suspect. Conversations were taped between the two parties and later transcribed. Bits and pieces of information extracted from the suspect later became vital evidence.

"Sgt. Hobbs with four other officers then undertook the long and tedious task of transcribing the tapes, many hours of which were his own time. This task took hundreds of hours. His evidence both at the preliminary hearing and the trial was presented in a highly professional manner."

The sergeant, who was called in to assist the Durham police force in the Jessop case, declined further comment because it is under appeal.

"Sgt. Hobbs is our hero here tonight," Durham Sgt. Sandy Ryrie said at the banquet. "He spent four days in prison under extremely dangerous circumstances."



New hospital sketch

Construction of the Markham Stouffville Hospital will be underway in less than two weeks thanks to approval this week of the first phase. Above, is a sketch plan of the main entrance to the \$50-million facility to be located at Hwy 7 and the 9th Line. It is expected to be completed by late 1988.

1986 Santa Claus Parade planned

The snow shouldn't begin to fly for a while yet, but already plans are in full swing for Stouffville's 1986 Santa Claus Parade.

The town's Kinsmen Club plans to hold the popular annual event on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m. The theme this year is 'the good old days of Christmas'.

"The year 1986 marks the 20th anniversary of our involvement in this community event and we look forward to the most successful parade ever," according to a Kinsmen letter to council. "We are confident that once again the

support of the town and the merchants will make this an event to remember."

Ward 4 councillor Wayne Emmerson encouraged his colleagues and Town staff to get involved, namely by entering a float in the procession.

Council passed a bylaw at its Tuesday meeting authorizing the temporary closure of a portion of Main St. and the 10th Conc. Parking will also be prohibited during the parade, which is expected to run to about 4 p.m.

More information is available from parade chairman David Monaghan at 640-1366.

Council says no to drag strip

Drag racers will remain on the lam with no place to call home.

That was the unanimous decision of Markham Council at its meeting Tuesday night.

Despite the plea of a Richmond Hill man and a pledge of \$60,000 from a local businessman, the councillors had no second thoughts about turning down the proposal for a legal drag strip.

Drag enthusiasts suggested the town donate a piece of land on 14th Ave. for a strip.

But Regional Councillor Bud Bonner said the racers were mistaken if they thought the town owned a half-mile strip of land on 14th Ave.

Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti questioned whether or not establishing a legal strip would solve the problem.

"The thrill of doing this is that you're doing it on public roads and having police chase you," he commented.

Inquest called into crash

An inquest will be held into a 1985 Brock Rd. accident that claimed the life of a five-year-old Brougham boy.

Jamie Scott of Orchard Heights Dr. was killed last December when a car driven by his father, Rolly Scott, collided with a tandem truck near Taunton Road.

The crash also sent Mr. Scott and another passenger, James Chapman of Oshawa, to hospital.

The driver of the truck, 34-year-old Glenn Hurlbert of Oshawa, has since pleaded guilty to driving while being disqualified.

The inquest begins at Whitby courthouse on Oct. 22.

Local plaza break-ins

Police are investigating two separate break-ins at a plaza on Fincham Ave. in Markham.

On September 18 between 4 and 7 a.m. cigarette cartons and 15 video cassette recorder tapes worth \$1,000 were taken from Scarboro Fair variety store.

The next day \$250 was taken from a cash register at Elit Cleaners store.

Police say entry into the dry cleaner's was gained by breaking the glass in the front door between 1 and 3 a.m.

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