

# Ratepayers aim to block Bullock Rd. extension

By BRUCE ETHERIDGE  
The Markham Heritage Ratepayers Association plans to take the Town to court to stop the extension of Bullock Dr.

Town council approved a resolution last November to extend Bullock Dr. to Main St. and widen it to four lanes as far west as Laidlaw Blvd. in an attempt to relieve traffic congestion along Hwy 7.

"The Town is committed to building the road," said Gord Lewchuk, legal advisor for the association. "It will be a long fight, as long and as costly as the Studio 134 fight."

The association hopes to delay construction of the extension — scheduled to begin May 1 — until the next municipal election in 1988 and make it a political issue.

In a meeting held Wednesday night at James Robinson Public School the group set a mandate to raise \$10,000 to begin legal action against the Town. Mr. Lewchuk estimated it would cost at least \$40,000 to drag the issue into next year.

But Jim Worsley, who has been fighting plans to extend Bullock Dr. since 1965, conceded there "may not be enough people

opposed to it now."

The association sent out 650 flyers publicizing the meeting — approximately 50 people showed up.

Mr. Lewchuk told the gathering he believes the extension can be held-up by the courts on the grounds that the Town hasn't complied with various procedures and requirements necessary to begin construction.

The association and residents voiced the following concerns about the plan:

- The Bullock Dr. extension, which will bypass nine traffic lights along Hwy 7 and Main St., will become bottlenecked with the increased volume and the traffic will filter down into residential sidestreets in the area.
  - Homes which will back onto the extension will be effected by noise and air pollution.
  - The extension will become an ambulance route for the new hospital being built on the 9th Line. It may become a truck route.
- Mr. Lewchuk accused the Town of trying to slide the project through by approving the extension as a resolution rather than a bylaw. Residents could have taken the issue to the Ontario Municipal Board if the proposal had been approved as a bylaw.

## Markham Council Briefs

### Town pays for service to move

Home Support Services of York Region is able to move into new premises this year with a \$2,000 grant approved by Council Tuesday.

The grant allows the service for York Region seniors to move into Markham's new one-stop Neighborhood Support Centre location at 27 Wellington St. (near Hwy 48).

The group plans to move in April 1.

The Markham chapter of Home Support Services for seniors requested an annual \$2,000 grant.

tricted driveway space.

Members voted to refer the bylaw to the engineering director to consider alternatives for residents and review the bylaw "as soon as possible."

### Local street is renamed

A Thornhill residential street will be renamed to curb confusion among Canada Post, home service businesses and emergency crews.

Council approved in principle Tuesday a plan to rename Cricklewood Ave. to John Brunskill Lane.

The matter arose as a result of a Thornhill resident's complaint of confusion about nearby Cricklewood Cres.

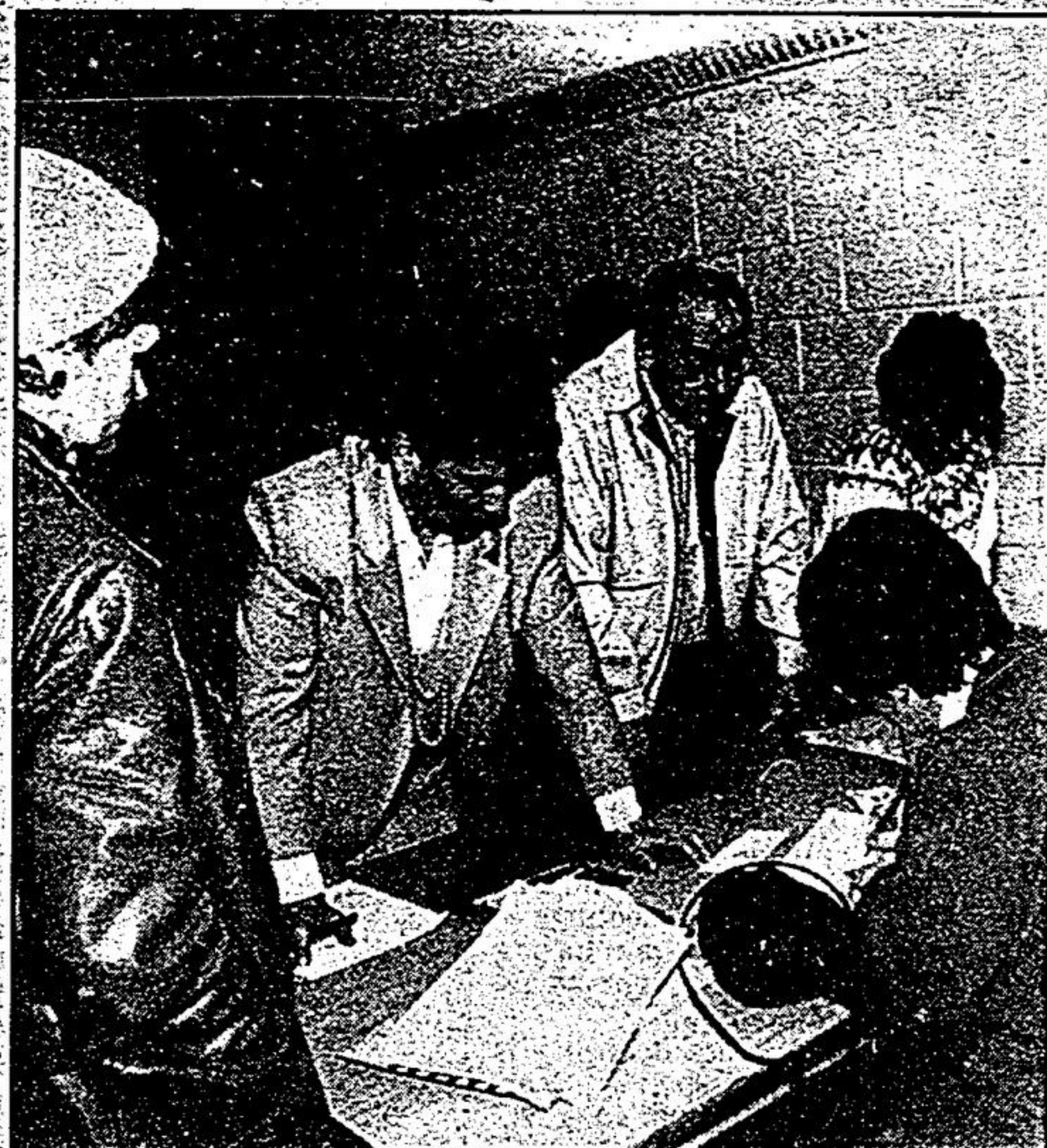
Walter Blonski said there had already been mix-ups with deliveries and mail services in a letter to council. In one case a pool installation firm arrived at the wrong address.

### Residents get bylaw break

Markville Rd. residents at odds with the town over a new no parking bylaw were given a break Tuesday as members voted to review the regulation.

Brothers Steven and Brian Smith want the bylaw that restricts overnight parking on their street revoked.

They contend they need the street to park because of res-



The Markham Heritage Ratepayers association held a meeting to discuss possible opposition to the Bullock Dr. extension at James Robinson Public School. Estimates put the cost of fighting the plan at \$40,000. Here, members of the association take down the names of new members spurred to join over plans to extend Bullock Dr. to Main St. — Photo BRUCE ETHERIDGE

## Pupil suspended after walkout

By PAULA CROWELL  
Staff Reporter

A Grade 12 student was suspended for five days after he took part in a walkout to protest his teachers' work-to-rule sanctions.

Andrew Veltri, a 17-year-old St. Robert's Catholic High School student said he was asked to leave shortly after taking part in a demonstration outside the school Tuesday. About 40 students arrived at school without their proper school uniforms and marched outside.

Mr. Bahen said he could not discuss the reason why Andrew was suspended, because an appeal could be launched by the boy's parents.

But he did say, "He was not suspended for walking out. He was the only one suspended that day."

Mr. Bahen said the other students who walked out were dealt with in other ways. The older students who didn't have their uniforms at school were sent home. Grade 9s and 10s were given detentions. Any students who had uniforms at school were permitted to attend classes.

Mr. Bahen said suspensions can range from one to 10 days depending on the seriousness of the offence and the past record of the student.

Andrew, who aspires to be Prime Minister one day, said he supported the walkout because he believes in fighting for what's right.

"If the teachers are going to harm us, why shouldn't we have the right to protest," he said.

He added that he and his fellow students are tired of not knowing what's happening between the two sides in the contract dispute.

Negotiations between teachers and the York Region Roman Catholic Separate School Board broke off in January. The two sides will meet with a mediator next week. If no settlement is reached, teachers will go on strike March 25.

## Police warning parents

After a suspicious couple attempted to lure a 5-year-old girl into their van with candy, York Regional Police are asking parents to streetproof their children.

The incident involving a Kindergarten student occurred near E. T. Crowle Public School last month and police are still investigating.

Sgt. Rod Sine said parents should teach children to identify potential dangers and responses to threatening situations.

The police, who teach streetproofing from Kindergarten through Grade 8, are renewing calls about safety as the March break approaches.

York Regional Police offer the following streetproofing tips:

- Never accept a ride with a stranger.
- Try to always travel in pairs or groups.
- If confronted by a stranger, yell and run the other way.
- Report any suspicious incidents to either your parents, teacher, block parents or police.

The students were protesting the cancellation of all afterschool activities, trips, clubs and tutoring.

Some of the demonstrators went inside the school to warm up, but were told to go back outside, Andrew said. When he returned to the school and phoned the media, he was suspended by vice principal Peter Bahen.

### Toyota stolen on test drive

York Regional Police said a Toyota was stolen Wednesday afternoon after being taken for a test drive from the Don Valley North Toyota lot on 3120 Steeles Ave. East.

The red, two-door 1984 Toyota was valued at \$7,900.

## Ed and Claudette

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"Hey Harry, how much is this copy of Dr. Ruth's Guide to Good Sex?"

## Leafs in Markham

For only the second time since his Jr. A Waxer days, Markham's Steve Thomas will be back on Markham Centennial Centre ice.

It's all part of the second annual Toronto Maple Leaf practice here, sponsored by the Waxers. Thomas and the Leafs are slated to hit the ice from 10:30 to noon on Monday.

An autograph session follows the practice. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for children, available at the Centennial Centre. Doors open at 9 a.m.

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