

# Wave your own flag

A new town flag is being planned for Markham and local residents are being invited to submit designs.

But the new look will have to maintain a balance between the Markham of today and the small village of yesteryear.

Advertising and Public Relations Committee Chairman Fred Cox said the town plans to introduce a local contest to invite public participation in designing the new look.

"Maybe by going out to the public we'll get a better idea," said Mr. Cox at Tuesday's council meeting. "The (flag) we have now isn't being used."

Markham's current official flag is a reproduction of the town's official seal — a beaver set against the red background of a maple leaf.

But some members disputed the proposal to promote a new flag.

Markham Councillor Elson

Miles said the current flag depicts the Town's long history.

And Regional Councillor Bud Bonner said in an interview the plan "isn't in the best interest of the Town."

"I don't think changing the flag is something you do just to keep up with the times," noted Councillor Miles at the meeting.

Despite their arguments, the design contest will be brought out

this summer for residents to participate in.

Councillor Cox said a decision on the new flag, to be flown at fire halls, schools and corporate buildings, will be made in the fall.

"We want something that will signify exactly what is happening in the Town of Markham and what we are all about, while at the same time showing our heritage," he noted.

## Robbery suspect flees local bank

Police said a man suspected of robbing the TD bank on Bridle Trail in Markham was spotted in the bank's lobby last Saturday and fled when noticed.

The bank was robbed on February 13 of this year by a man fitting the same description.

The suspect is described as white, 5' 8" tall, around 45 years

old with short dark hair. He was wearing a dark parka, dark glasses, a baseball cap and a scarf over his face at the time.

Police said someone observed him in the lobby of the bank around noon and recognized him as the suspect in the February robbery.

## Theatre student is top volunteer

Markham District High School (MDHS) student Kristin Head has earned May's student volunteer award, presented by Mayor Carole Bell Tuesday.

The Grade 13 student had just received a letter of acceptance to the University of Western Ontario hours before the presentation, and was bursting with excitement.

Kristin spent most of her last year in MDHS's theatre. She was involved in every performance this year, either as a cast member, or in her role as treasurer. She also maintains an A average.

Reesor Park students took advantage of Kristin's dramatic talents this term while working with her on a series of puppet shows, which included making their own puppets and presenting the shows once a week.

She was also the secretary of the Blue and White club at MDHS, which does volunteer work within the school.

"You don't really think anyone notices all the things you do," she said. "I'm really happy I won this award." She received a pen and pencil set from Markham Council, and a plaque from the sponsors of the award; the TD bank and the Economist and Sun.

After completing her economics program at Western, Kristin said, "My ultimate goal is law school."

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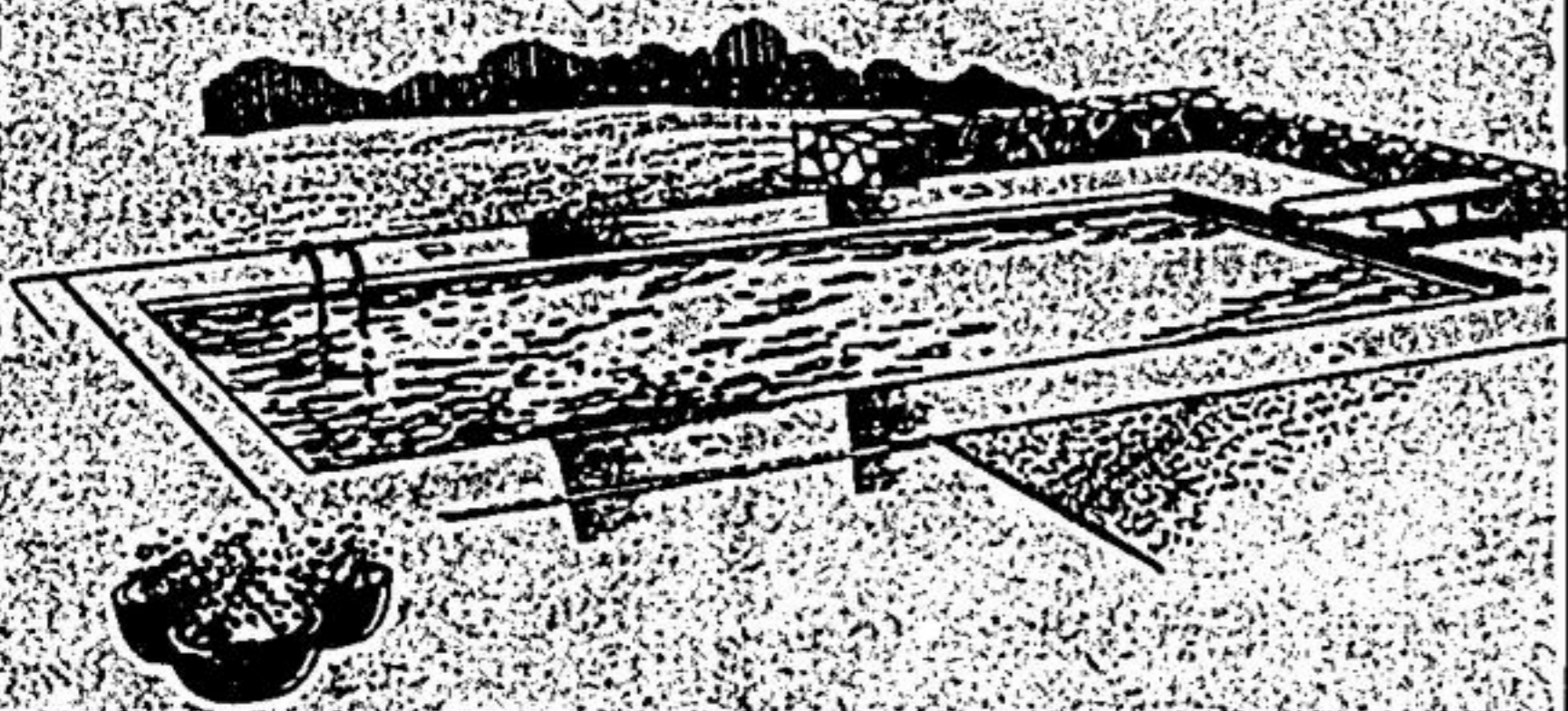
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