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Town addresses racism

By RUTH BURKHOLDER
York Region officials, including a representative of Whitchurch-Stouffville, had the opportunity to learn more about race relations last week.

The town of Vaughan invited elected and municipal officials of York Region to a luncheon Feb. 26 to introduce its Committee on Race and Ethnocultural Relations (C.R.E.R.) to the region.

The committee is comprised of 22 members representing the council, school boards, police, community groups and social institutions of York Region. Harry Bowes, trustee with the York Region Board of Education represented Whitchurch-Stouffville.

MPP Greg Sorbara, standing in

for MPP Gerry Phillips, pointed out that 50 per cent of newcomers to Ontario belong to a visible minority. We all share much in common, he said, like pride and a belief in equality that is essential in becoming useful citizens.

The committee was formed to foster good race relations within York Region. Ed Lamm, Race Relations Officer for the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, noted that race discrimination is often covert and unintentional. One of the functions of committee is to heighten public awareness of subtle discrimination and help people to be accepted regardless of language or color.

There is overwhelming concern

at the federal and provincial level that all Canadians are included in community life and C.R.E.R. is an opportunity to make sure that problems are identified before they get out of hand. Programs in Vaughan are being developed by the schools, recreation department, public health department, police, library and other community groups, so people of all backgrounds can be involved in their local community.

Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson noted her disappointment that only one other regional mayor was in attendance because she felt that this was an important development and should become part of every local municipality.

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