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Hot enough for you?

Jason Fontana, 10, tests the temperature for hibernation in his terrarium during the Area F Science Fair at Orchard Park Public School Thursday. Jason attends Whitchurch Highlands.

Marshall charges: No need for more town staff

TRACY KIBBLE
Staff Reporter

Ward 1 Councillor Margot Marshall does not want another full-time employee added to the town's roster, she told officials Tuesday evening.

Staff recommended council approve the hiring of a building inspector, but Marshall said "there is no need for it."

Hiring
She added the town should look into hiring an inspector on a contract basis when the need arises.

But town Administrator Bob Panizza told council the town is not doing its job if the vacant spot isn't filled.

Panizza said the town has been without an inspector for about five months and added the town needs an experienced tradesman for commercial and

industrial inspections. "If we don't acquire a building inspector we are shirking our responsibilities under the Building Code," Panizza said.

Incorrect
He added that Marshall is incorrect when she stated there is no need for an inspector.

"We do have the workload to justify hiring an inspector."

"In fact we're still completing work from 1988 and 1989," Panizza said.

And Ward 6 Councillor Jim Sanders said he trusts staff assessment of the matter.

Need
"The report shows we need a person. If we ever want to help the community get out of the recession, we'll need an inspector who can do the job properly. It's a very important

position as far as the economy is concerned," Sanders said.

However, Marshall said the backlog is from the early '80s building boom and also because "people take so long to complete renovations."

"We do not need another permanent employee," Marshall added.

However, council voted to support staff recommendations and hire a building inspector.

Marshall was alone in her vote against the motion.



BOB PANIZZA
workload



MARGOT MARSHALL
no new employee

environment Recycling by region reducing space in local landfill sites

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Staff Reporter

York Region spent about \$4.6 million last year on recycling initiatives, and less garbage to Keele Valley Landfill site in Vaughan proves the efforts are making a difference.

Neil Embree, director of the municipal branch of York's engineering department released statistics to *The Tribune* last week that show the region is making headway in garbage diversion from the landfill.

"There is absolutely no question recycling is making a difference," Embree said.

Figures down

Statistics show York dumped 426,080 metric tonnes of waste in Keele Valley in 1990, down from 485,655 metric tonnes in 1989. These figures coincide with York's population, which is growing at a steady rate.

The latest figures show York's population was 473,057 in 1990 - up from 458,000 in 1989.

In 1989, each person in York dumped about 1 metric tonne of garbage in Keele, but 1990 figures show a decline in the amount of waste entering the landfill site, Embree said.

Recycling

These figures are encouraging but cannot "honestly" be attributed solely on recycling efforts, Embree said.

He pointed out a downturn in the economy, which has caused an alarming number of business bankruptcies are also partly responsible for the downturn, he added.

"Businesses are closing and therefore are not producing the garbage." However, York's continued efforts in recycling are making a positive difference and the region will continue to fight the garbage crisis, Embree said.



Final tallies in for Ward 2

The final vote results from the Feb. 25 Ward 2 by-election are as follows:

- Stephen Bellerby.....211
- Ginny Burrow.....141
- Thomas Evans.....131
- Sheldon Rae.....74

The final tabulation also confirmed *The Tribune's* earlier report that the 557 votes cast of a list of 2,672 voters represents 21 per cent voter turnout.

Council congratulated
Bellerby on his landslide victory Tuesday afternoon at a council meeting, of which Bellerby was present.

He will begin his new post in about two weeks time as the new councillor for Ward 2.

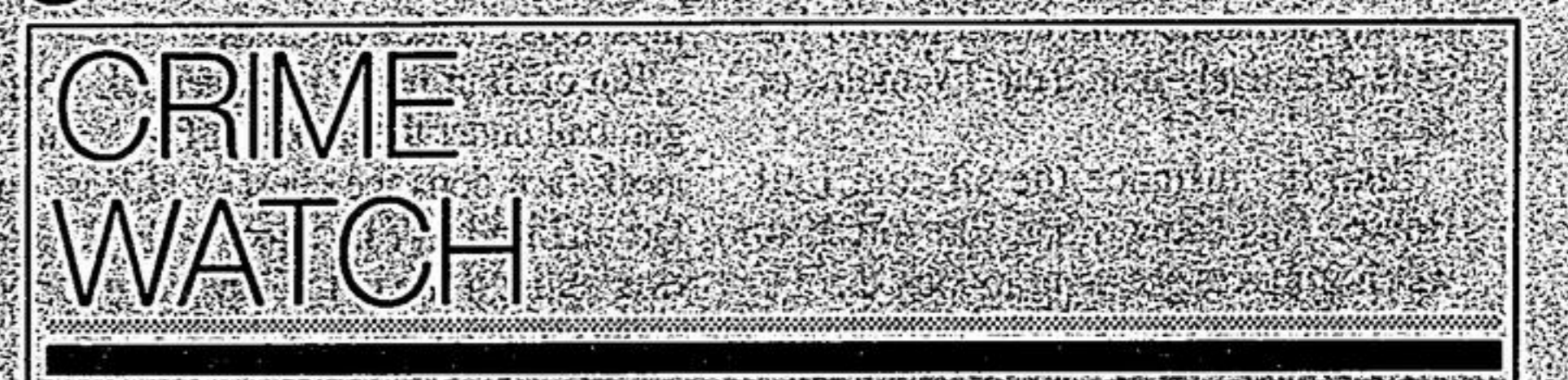
Police charge GO train boarders

A GO Transit train car was boarded by intruders early Friday morning.

York Region police were called to the train station in Stouffville at Blake St. and Hwy. 47 March 1 at 2:29 a.m.

By following footprints, officers were led to coach 201 and two culprits.

Charged with break and enter are two Whitchurch-Stouffville residents, an O'Brien Ave. man, 23, and an Edward St. man, 22,



They are to appear in court April 2.

Three nabbed
Three Stouffville Rd. man were nabbed with 41 grams of marijuana destined for the streets.

On March 1 at 11:35 p.m., York Region police entered a Stouffville Rd. house and found \$615 worth of the drug.

Charged with possession of narcotics for the purpose of trafficking are three men, two

aged 29, and a 26 year old A Newmarket woman, 19, of Srigley St., was also charged.

Machine left
A Whitchurch-Stouffville man was charged with theft after a \$50,000 construction machine went missing.

A Super E loader backhoe was stolen from a Georgina location near Riverglen Dr.

A 38-year-old RR 2 man was charge with theft over \$1,000.

overview

Environment a key issue in airport dispute

ENZO DI MATTEO
Staff Reporter

"A proposal to expand the Markham Airport has been variously described as "insane," by opponents concerned about its effects on the environment.

But it is also seen as having the potential to create an economic boon for the Markham-Stouffville area by its chief supporter, Markham Airport owner Alan Rubin.

Whatever the view, there are no definitive studies, save for a noise study conducted in 1984 when a limited expansion was proposed, that reveal what a major expansion of the airport would mean to the environment.

That study indicates that few in the Hwy. 48-18th Ave. proposal area would be adversely affected by noise levels from flights of light aircraft overhead.

But Rubin's plans include larger planes and the airport owner downplays the impact a major expansion would have on the environment, pointing to advances in aeronautic technology and the airport's

relatively remote location.

Rubin prefers to have his proposal viewed in the context of what it would mean to the area economy, especially to the eroding industrial base of Stouffville where he says he has substantial political support for his plans.

"The environment is important," Rubin says. "But at what cost?"

On the other hand, those adamantly opposed to Rubin's plans, including Markham town council, suggest a dramatic impact on the area environment - despite the fact the surrounding area remains largely undeveloped.

And speak of longterm planning consequences that they say have not been considered, will change the entire nature and shape of future growth and development in the area, and involve untold millions of dollars in infrastructure costs.

"The town didn't plan for a major international facility of the kind Rubin is talking about," says Markham planning committee chair, Frank Scarpitti.

"The planning implications would be drastic and longterm."

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