

NDP budget means big tax hikes over next three years: Region

Ontario's first New Democrat budget will almost certainly mean \$5 billion worth of tax increases in York Region over the next three years, York officials heard last week.

York's treasurer forecasts the budget will have a long-term effect on the region past 1994, estimating the record \$9.7 billion debt will decrease only to \$7.8 billion by

1995. "Lack of spending restraints" in the four-year plan and the fact that the deficit is being used primarily to finance current operations, will affect the region's various services, a report shows.

For example, an increase in municipal transfer payments by \$1.5 billion will result in a significant funding shortfall in the 1991

REGION BRIEFS

General Welfare Assistance Budget, approved by York Regional Council this year, the treasurer stated.

The report also indicated social assistance demands for 1991/92 will reach \$4.9 billion in Ontario - a 40 per cent increase from 1990.

The \$215 million the province will transfer to municipalities for social assistance "falls far short" of the needs, since it will cost \$450 million to hire new caseload workers across the province.

Police board names

York Regional Council will submit two names of persons it would like to serve on the region's police services board, officials decided last week.

Solicitor General Mike Farnan has requested York suggest two people who would reflect the government's commitment to community policing and employment equity.

Legal fees paid

York Regional taxpayers will foot the bill for a staff member's legal fees, it was decided last week.

Officials voted 9-8 in favor of paying the nearly \$5,000 tab for deputy engineering commissioner John Ireland's legal fees during the inquest which saw the firing of engineering commissioner Bob Hodgson last month. Ireland obtained a lawyer during the one-day inquest.

Hodgson claimed he never received a memo from Ireland that

reminded him of a \$800,000 savings to the region for a land deal in Richmond Hill.

Ron Moran was the sole Markham councillor to vote in favor of the payment, while Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury nayed the plan.

No leg-hold traps

York Regional Council last week endorsed a resolution passed by the City of Toronto to ban the use of leg traps.

The resolution calls for the Ontario government to prohibit the using, setting, maintaining, selling, leasing or distribution of leg-hold traps, snares and conibears.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Fran Sainsbury told officials a recent incident in her community has prompted a local outlet to post education literature on what to do if an animal is caught in a leg-hold trap.

"It is very important what they are trying to accomplish," Sainsbury said.

TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons in possession of land in accordance with the Weed Control Act, Ontario, that unless the noxious weeds or weed seeds growing on their lands within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville are destroyed by June 15th, 1991 and throughout the season as often as it is necessary to prevent the ripening of their seeds and dispersal of their pollens, the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has appointed a Weed Inspector to cause said weeds or weed seeds to be destroyed in such manner as he may deem proper, and that the expenses incurred by the said Weed Inspector in the discharge of his duties shall be placed on the Collector's Roll of the Municipality against the respective lands concerned and that such amounts shall be collected in the same manner as taxes.

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By-law Enforcement Department
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

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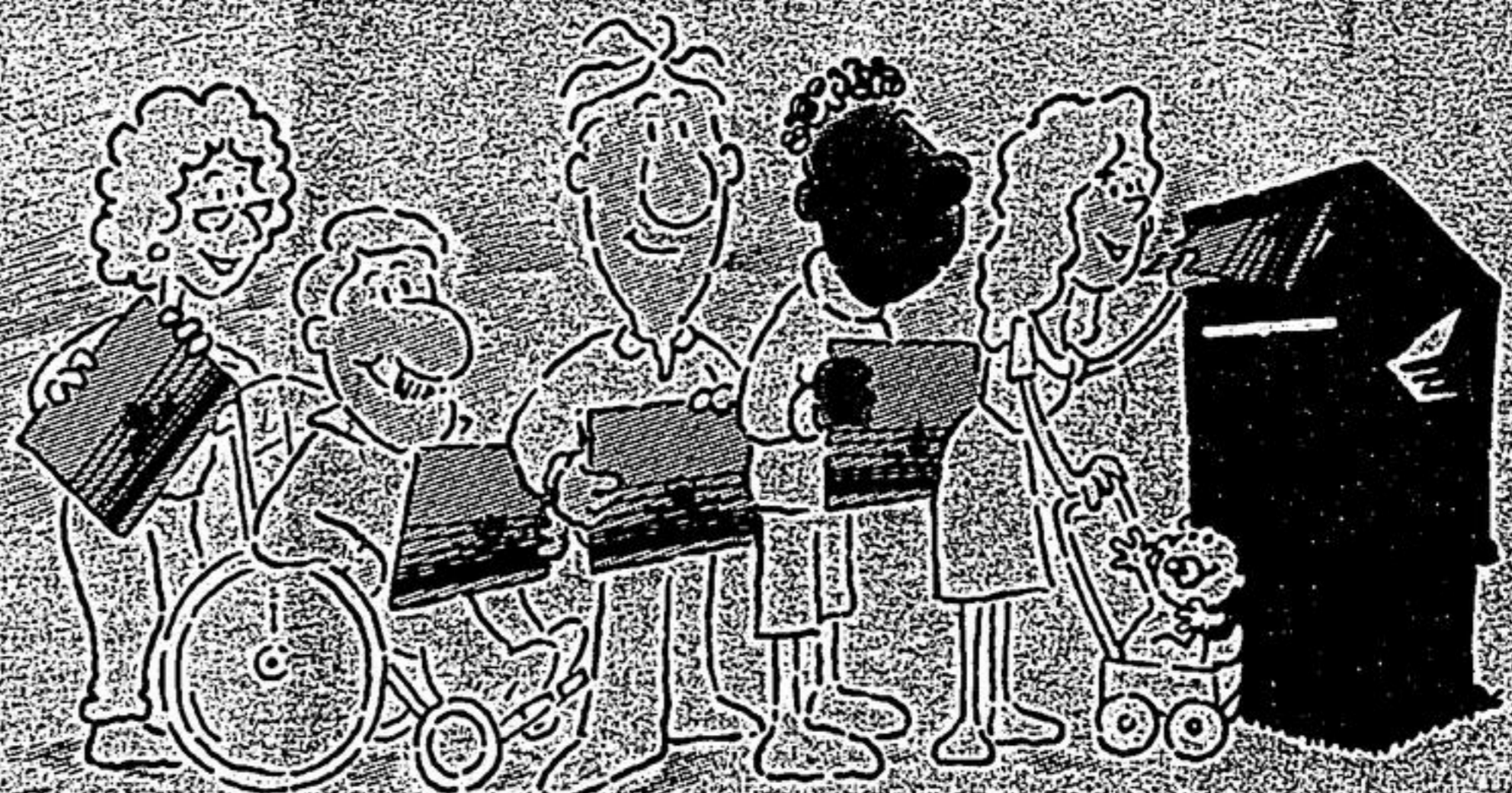
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