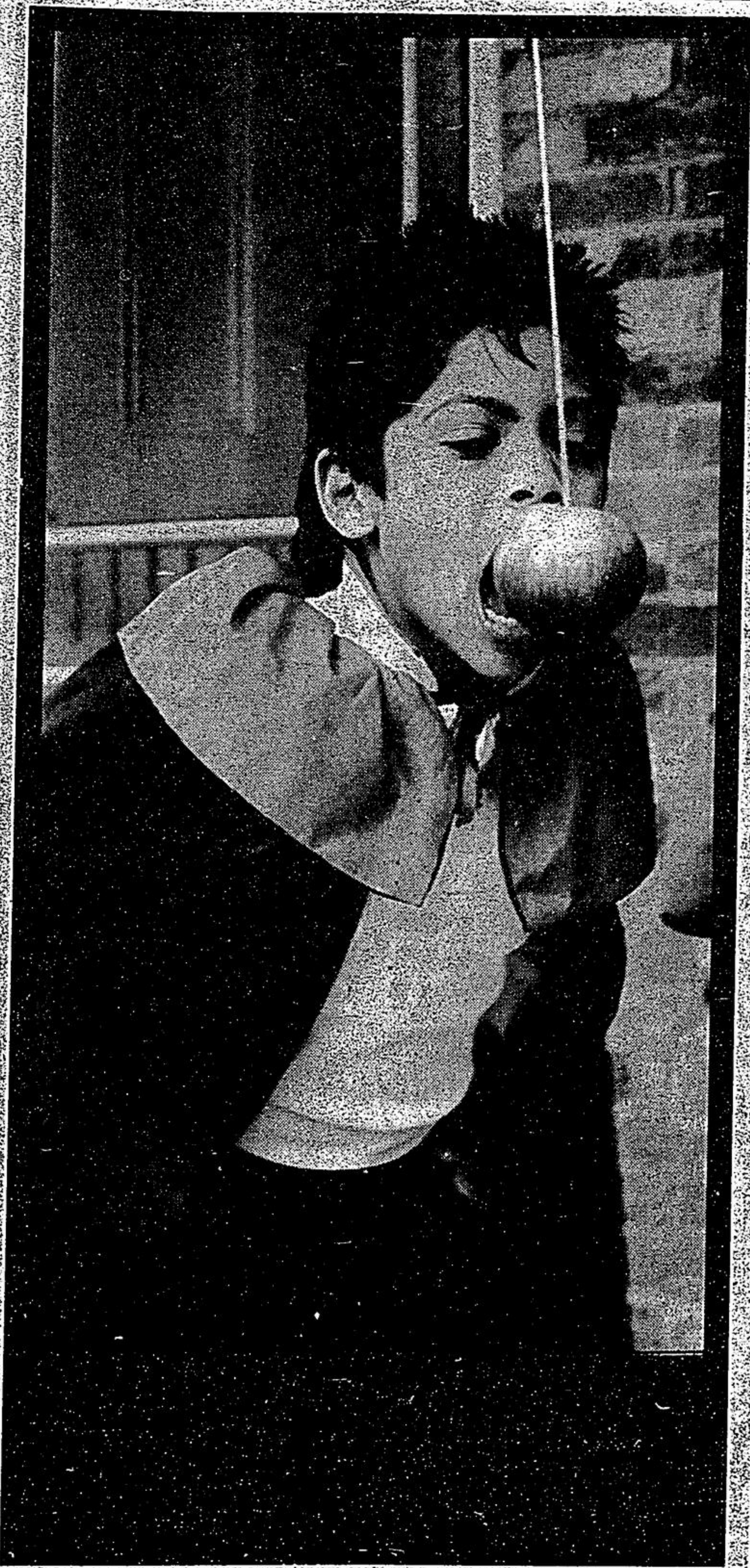


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King vows to continue fight against Metro waste

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York won't drop its fight to keep Metro waste out of the region if chairman Eldred King gets his way.

The region has already spent more than \$80,000 in lawyer's fees to challenge the province's Interim Waste Authority (IWA).

Environmental lawyer Ian Blue now expects the price to drastically jump due, in part, to the IWA's unexpected slow response to the matter.

Council will vote next week on whether to increase Blue's budget or end the case entirely.

"I would trust that council would not drop the matter. I'm sure we have a substantial case," King said.

York's legal battle was launched last summer on grounds the IWA, a crown corporation owned by Environment Minister Ruth Grier, was ignoring waste management options like rail haul and incineration.

The IWA will release its short list of sites this month from a long list of 54 selections made

from six communities across the region. The IWA is expected to select a 600-acre site next spring to be shared by York and Metro Toronto.

But the region has vowed not to sit idly by while 40 million tonnes of city trash are dumped on its doorstep for the next two decades.

"York will not be the sole importer of Metro Toronto waste," King told *The Tribune* last week. He added councillors would be shortsighted to expect a lawsuit of this magnitude to run smoothly and without clinches when dealing with the IWA.

"We have a heck of a case here and you can't know how complicated it can get - no one can know," King said.

"You don't take a case like this and apply monetary limits," he added.

Blue told reporters several months ago that if York chose to take the IWA all the way to the Supreme Court of Canada it could cost taxpayers about \$3.5 million.

"It just may take that," King vowed.

Council

Homes would end hunting: Petition

Local officials last week ignored staff recommendations and will look at severance plans that could see homes built on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Despite a planning report urging officials to turn down the request, council will allow Walter and Ilse Bose to sever five acres from their 12-acre Vandorf Rd. property.

The Bose's plans were also enthusiastically supported by neighbors who submitted a 32-name petition urging officials to support the request.

Residents said allowing homes to be built on the lot would put an end to unwanted hunters and unsafe gunfire.

Heidi Hochgeschuz said hunters misconstrue the area as public property.

"A lot of people from the city

come to our area thinking this is wild land and not realizing it's private property."

She said her and her neighbors don't object to a few more homes in the otherwise desolate area.

"(The land) would be better taken care of and would make the area more attractive," Hochgeschuz said.

And Jim McMullen said the prospects of the lot becoming residential properties would end a slew of illegal dumping on the lot.

"The more visible houses the better," McMullen said.

There was one objection to the plan submitted by Bruce Huntley who stressed concern the severance could trigger requests from nearby landowners.

Additional homes in the area would "inherently detract from the estate resi-

dential quality of properties that presently exist," a letter from Huntley's agent states.

Town staff said the plan represented poor planning and warned the severance approval and zoning change could "encourage similar applications on neighboring properties which would contribute to the existing strip development in the area and along Vandorf Road."

"Planning staff is more concerned with the cumulative effect of a number of severances than any single severance," the report states.

Despite staff concerns, council will allow the zoning bylaw amendment due in part to the approval from both the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the York Region Public Health Department.

How about that...

The library in Stouffville is tops among social services. According to Kubas Consultants, the library ranked higher with residents than other municipal services, including public works, parks and recreation, education services and police.

Kubas, commissioned by The Tribune, found that 27.7 per cent responded that the library services were excellent. The survey stated 54.9 per cent said services were good, 11 per cent felt the library was fair, and 1.4 per cent found it to be poor. Five per cent didn't respond.



MP Attewell seeks second term

Progressive Conservatives were expected to nominate Markham-Stouffville MP Bill Attewell as their PC candidate in the next federal election, last night.

PCs, along with guest speaker Stanley Hart, former chief of staff to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, met last night at the Markham Theatre to nomi-

nate Attewell to his second term.

Attewell, who has served the Markham-Whitchurch-Stouffville riding since 1988, has been a member of



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parliament since 1984 and is known for his leadership in human rights issues and his involvement in the many law and order concerns facing Canadians today.

Marjorie Nielsen, riding association president, calls Attewell the "ideal candidate" in a release issued last week.