

Welfare rolls up 41% in York Region

More than 8,600 unemployed York Region residents cashed welfare cheques in October, a 41 per cent increase from the same period last year. York's community services department this week reported 8,612 people (or nearly three per cent of York's population) cashed a welfare cheque in October, up

from September's figures of 8,454 (or 2.2 per cent of the population) and up dramatically from October, 1991 with 6,111 cases. The region paid out more than \$7.7 million to pay welfare to its unemployed residents - up from \$5.9 million in September. The number one reason given by nearly

4,000 people, was inability to find regular employment. About 570 people said they needed welfare because their unemployment insurance benefits ran out. Provincial taxpayers dished out \$55 million in October to allow their unemployed neighbors the social assistance monthly cheques.

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Sainsbury, Bellerby to remain on board

Officials reverse decision to leave lake board

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A decision made in the heat of the moment.

That's what apparently happened several weeks ago when Ward 2 councillor Stephen Bellerby and Mayor Fran Sainsbury resigned their seats from the town's newly-formed Kettle Lakes Advisory Board (KLAB).

Tuesday night, however, the officials decided to repeal their earlier decision and remain on the board.

Both officials said they resolved several controversial issues that have been plaguing the board's progress, and have decided to remain at their posts. Bellerby and Sainsbury threw in the towel on the board Nov. 17 after hearing complaints from about 40 lake front property owners at Mus-

No boat ban says MNR

Boating on Musselman Lake is a "traditional activity" which could be regulated, but not banned, states the Ministry of Natural Resources.

"In areas where a safety problem exists we try to regulate the activity rather than eliminate it. The only exception to this would be where all parties agree to a total ban," states an MNR letter obtained by *The Tribune* this week.

Ministry (MNR) officials say boating restrictions are normally placed into regulations under the Canada Shipping Act for safety reasons, not environmental concerns.

Environmental issues may be

selman Lake regarding a summer survey.

Lake front residents had accused KLAB of being biased towards a boat ban, and complained they weren't included in a survey which stated 60 per cent of lake residents approved of a ban.

The two officials denied pushing for a ban and said the group was investigating concerns as a public service and had initiated the survey as a

way for residents to air their environmental concerns.

After the session ended, however, Sainsbury requested KLAB be "dismantled" as of Jan. 1993, stating the residents wouldn't be happy no matter what was done.

Bellerby said this week he denies ever wanting KLAB to fold, but insists his intentions to investigate a boat ban were "dragged through the mud."

He agrees it wouldn't be "sen-

sible" to initiate a boat ban, nor would it be within council's jurisdiction, but said the issue had to come up in order to make that decision.

"I wanted to find out if this kind of (boat ban) talk was sensible - it's not," Bellerby said.

And Ward 5 councillor Bob Ancheril said he was "surprised you considered to disband the group just because people disagree with you."

Sainsbury chastised those

officials who offered no support of KLAB's position during the heated Nov. 17 meeting. "If council wants this group, you must support this group," she said.

"We will proceed onward and hope there will not be quite so much disagreement. Just because we cost and study projects doesn't mean we will implement them, but we have to do the homework first," Sainsbury added.



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