

# The Year in Review

## Dumps, taxation dominate headlines in 1992

### JANUARY

York Region approves an expenditure of \$2.1 million to hire 37 social service workers to handle the rising number of welfare cases throughout the region.

Stouffville gets hit with the worst snow storm in five years causing havoc on local roads, and a power loss due to high winds.

### FEBRUARY

Long-time corporate citizen McNeil Pharmaceutical sells its building to Novopharm, which will use the location for manufacturing generic products.

York Region announces the first of many cost overruns with the construction of its administrative centre in Newmarket.

Stouffville businessman Ed Hakonson, calls for the town to cap its employees' salaries and requests a tax freeze due to recessionary times.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury warns municipal taxes may rise as high as three per cent. (In fact, they passed a zero per cent increase.)

Ward 6 councillor Ken Prentice refuses to support the purchase of a \$28,000 portable floor for the arena - requested by the Chamber of Commerce so it can hold its annual home show before the ice comes out.

### MARCH

York Region examines an 8.8 per cent tax hike, raising fury among residents and groups.

The two school boards reject a merger of its administrations although the two initiate some joint cost-saving measures such as shared school buses.

A report leaked to *The Tribune* reveals town senior employees may get pay hikes as high as 9 per cent - a \$266,000 cost over two

Whitchurch-Stouffville homeowners' tax bill.

The Deer Park Inn, ravaged by fire in 1991, fell victim to arson once again, May 10. Several young offenders were charged in the offence.

A survey resulting from a Tribune-sponsored forum showed that nearly 80 per cent of local teens wanted a youth centre.

The town and public works employees signed a first-ever Canadian Union of Public Employees two-year agreement.

Five Markham-area teens were charged with assault after a Memorial Park rumble on April 3 involving Stouffville and Markham youths.

### JUNE

Council cuts back its weekly blue box pickup to twice a month to save \$22,000 a year.

The community reacted with outrage at the province's announcement that the town had been targetted for three potential sites for a 600-acre mega dump to be shared with Metro Toronto.

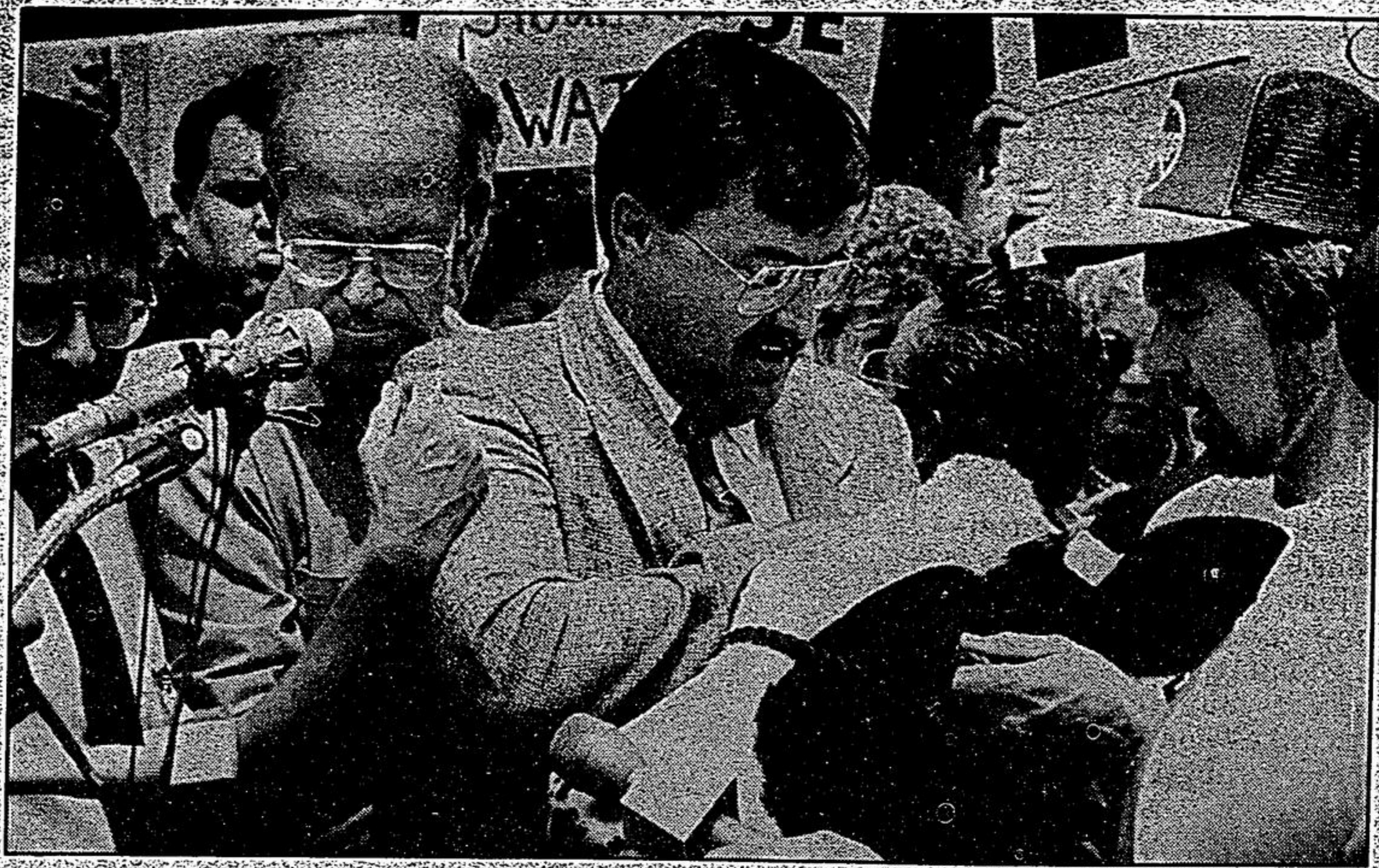
Mayor Fran Sainsbury vowed to keep Canada's largest dump out of Whitchurch-Stouffville, while citizens began to organize anti-dump protest rallies.

Long-time town residents, Bruce and Bunny Burton were named Citizens of the Year.

The anti-dump movement continued to gather steam, with 1,200 town residents attending a meeting at the Rec Centre, June 24.

### JULY

The Toronto Philharmonic Orchestra graced Memorial Park with its talent as Whitchurch-Stouffville celebrated Canada's 125th birthday with a huge party,



MPP Larry O'Connor meets dump protesters at Queen's Park.

on the grounds they violate ministry guidelines, which recommend landfills not be located within eight kilometres of an airport.

Council approves the purchase of a \$500,000 fire truck. The board of education votes against charging a fee for use of its schools by non-profit groups.

Taxpayers foot the bill for a fourth name change of Kennedy Lane North, this time to Spring Vista Lane.

The town comes under fire for contributing \$17,000 towards the cost of the 'red arrow' sculpture at the Latham Gallery.

The Interim Waste Authority announces that the short list of dump sites will be delayed until late November.

George Ross retires from his Main St. photographic store after almost 20 years in business.

Responding to concerns about conflict of interest over the dump issue, MPP Larry O'Connor resigns as parliamentary assistant to Environment Minister Ruth Grier and is sworn in as parliamentary assistant to Health Minister Frances Lankin.

### OCTOBER

Stouffville's Joe Sherrin, an active campaigner against the dump, is elected as Markham-Whitchurch-Stouffville Reform Party rep.

Stouffville United Church celebrates its 100th anniversary.

MP Bill Attewell kicks off the Yes campaign on the constitutional accord by urging residents not to use their vote to vent anger at politicians.

A tragic car accident takes the life of 19 year old Dan McNeil of Stouffville, a member of the Uxbridge Bruins Junior C hockey team, who was on his way home from a game with teammate Jeff Cowley. McNeil's funeral was attended by more than 1,300 people.

The country says No, but the riding of Markham-Stouffville votes Yes to the constitutional accord by a comfortable majority. York Region Board of Education chairman Harry Bowes announces he will seek a new term only as a last resort.

### NOVEMBER

Seven-year-old Bobby Shaw, paralyzed in a car accident which took the lives of his mother and sister in July, is flown to Disney World as part of the 16th Dreamlift to Disney, sponsored by the Sunshine Foundation of Canada.

Meanwhile, the town's dump fight bill is estimated at \$70,000.

### DECEMBER

Mayor Fran Sainsbury and Ward 2 councillor Stephen Bellerby elect to remain on the Kettle Lakes Advisory Board and the Ministry of Natural Resources says boating on Musselman Lake may be regulated, but will not be banned.

A major snow storm dumps more than 35 cm on Stouffville, causing havoc on the roads and the cancellation of school buses.

York Region announces it will grant municipalities involved in fighting the dump up to \$100,000 or a maximum of 50 per cent of legal and consulting costs.

Council votes unanimously in favor of initiating a 325 acre industrial park in Gormley.



Residents rallied to fight the dumps.

years for taxpayers.

Ward 6 councillor Ken Prentice is chastised for calling an agreement reached outside council chambers between the Chamber of Commerce and the town a 'dirty backroom deal made in a beer parlour.'

Fire guts a \$1 million estate home despite a 12-hour fire-fighting marathon by the local brigade. The Stouffville Sun goes up for sale, but is unsuccessful in finding a buyer.

### APRIL

A teen rumble involving Markham area and local youth erupts at Stouffville Memorial Park, bringing in 12 police officers, and resulting in several charges.

Council passes a zero per cent tax increase, but warns the restraint will cost taxpayers in 1993.

### MAY

The York Region Board of Education hiked its levy by 5.5 per cent, adding \$102 to the

### July 1

*Tribune* reporter Tracy Kibble travelled to New York State to investigate incineration as an alternative to landfill.

On July 14, 12 local citizens met with Environment Minister Ruth Grier to protest the IWA process.

### AUGUST

The town chastised the province's plans to legalize basement apartments stating the idea would strain water and sewage services.

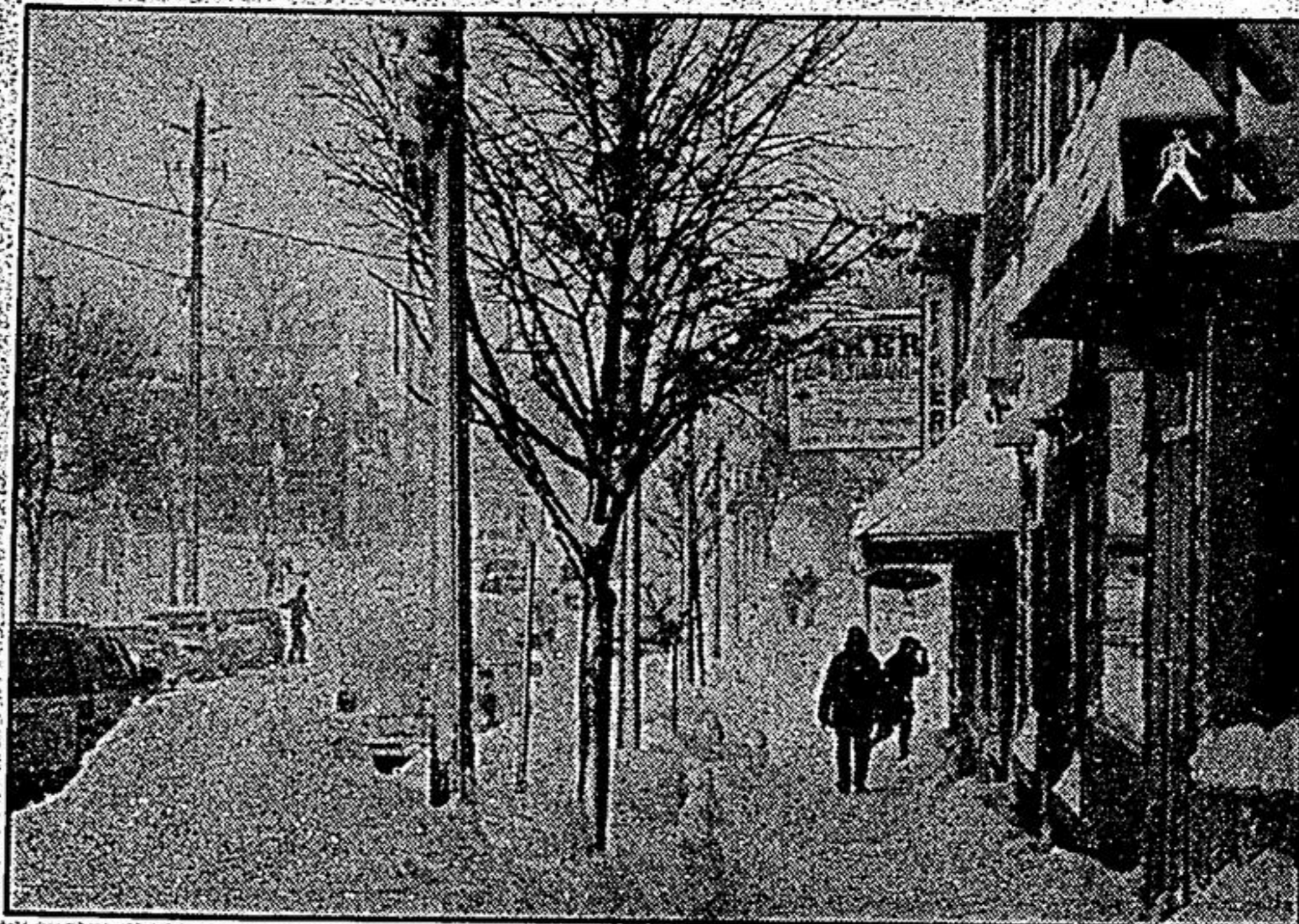
The town announced there would be no financial reimbursement for citizens groups fighting the proposed dump.

The town votes to spend \$75,000 over the next two years to scale down its industrial park plans in Gormley.

Council approved the purchase of a \$17,000 piece of art, known as The Red Arrow, for Latham Gallery.

### SEPTEMBER

York Region asks Transport Canada to oppose local dump sites.



Stouffville was hit by a major snow storm in December.

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