

Police

No jobs cut on York force - yet

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Staff Reporter

Although jobs won't be lost now at York Regional Police, it could be just a matter of time.

Cutting 76 jobs this year would bring the York Regional Police budget in line with provincial social contract laws.

The Police Services Board has already shaved nearly half a million dollars from its current budget, and is refusing to lay off any officers to save the additional \$1 million needed to meet its provincial obligation "If we tried to meet Regional Council's demand we feel it would jeopardize the police force

so badly," said Newmarket Mayor Ray Twinney, a member of the board.

The board was asked to cut \$1.44 million from its 1993 budget to comply with the provincial expenditure control plan. Only \$460,000 was found, and the remaining \$964,000 will not be chopped until 1994.

"You can still only cut so much," Twinney said, adding that 84 per cent of the budget pays for salaries and benefits. Police refused to use their salaries to meet the expenditure control plan.

Because the department is charged with finding \$1.44 million in each of the next two years as well, it

will enter 1994 with a \$2.4 million deficit and the possibility of police lay offs.

"We'll have more control next year to find (the mandated cuts) through lay offs when we get the budget early in 1994," Twinney said.

Regional Chair Eldred King, also a police board member, said cutting the police budget would have been easier in February rather than late in the summer.

Twinney said the board will hand in an early budget to council next year.

"It's easier to spread (cuts) from February to the end of the year rather than start now," he said

yesterday.

He said most taxpayers would be willing to pay \$5 more to keep police services as they are rather than face the consequences of a diminished force, although Markham regional councillor Carol Bell criticized the police board for not meeting its target "on the backs of taxpayers."

Deputy Police Chief Bob Wilson said all accounts are being monitored and officers have been placed back in the field from court duty to keep up with the increasing demands for service.

- with files from Tracy Kibble

Police step up traffic law enforcement

York Regional Police are stepping up road enforcement to save lives. So far this year, 23 people have been killed in 21 traffic accidents on regional roads. This represents a 54 per cent increase over the same time last year. This jump in traffic deaths has forced local police to step up speed and seat belt enforcement and clamp down on impaired drivers. High accident locations and peak times will be

targeted to nab speeders, and more focus will be placed on arterial roadways. Officers in each of the five districts in York Region will assist RIDE patrols to stop up to three times as many vehicles in the nightly roadside checks. Police said seven people would not have lost their lives if they'd buckled up properly. To increase seat belt awareness, daily seat belt spot checks have been started.

New ratepayers group addresses council after break with SOS

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A new ratepayers group, called the Whitchurch-Stouffville Citizens' Association, was expected to talk to local officials last night about fiscal responsibility for the upcoming year.

Local dairy farmer, Paul Hulshof is chairman of the new group and was on hand to introduce the association to council members and to let them know how it feels about certain economic positions faced by the town.

Mike Schneider are both expected to speak about fiscal restraint — a subject they have become locally infamous for — which stemmed from the town's purchase of a custom built, half a million dollar fire truck earlier this year. A municipal election is only about 14 months away, and ratepayer groups - largely from the rural areas - are letting politicians know early in the year that they are watching and monitoring the goings-on of municipal politics.

Hulshof's group is among several ratepayer associations, including the Save Our Stouffville (SOS) group, which is expected to keep officials on their toes during the final year of local political careers.

SOS spokesmen, Marion Wells and



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Council expected to vote on tender issue

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the town it could help pare about \$100,000 from its annual

\$513,000 garbage collection budget. But Prentice argued the money spent to pick-up

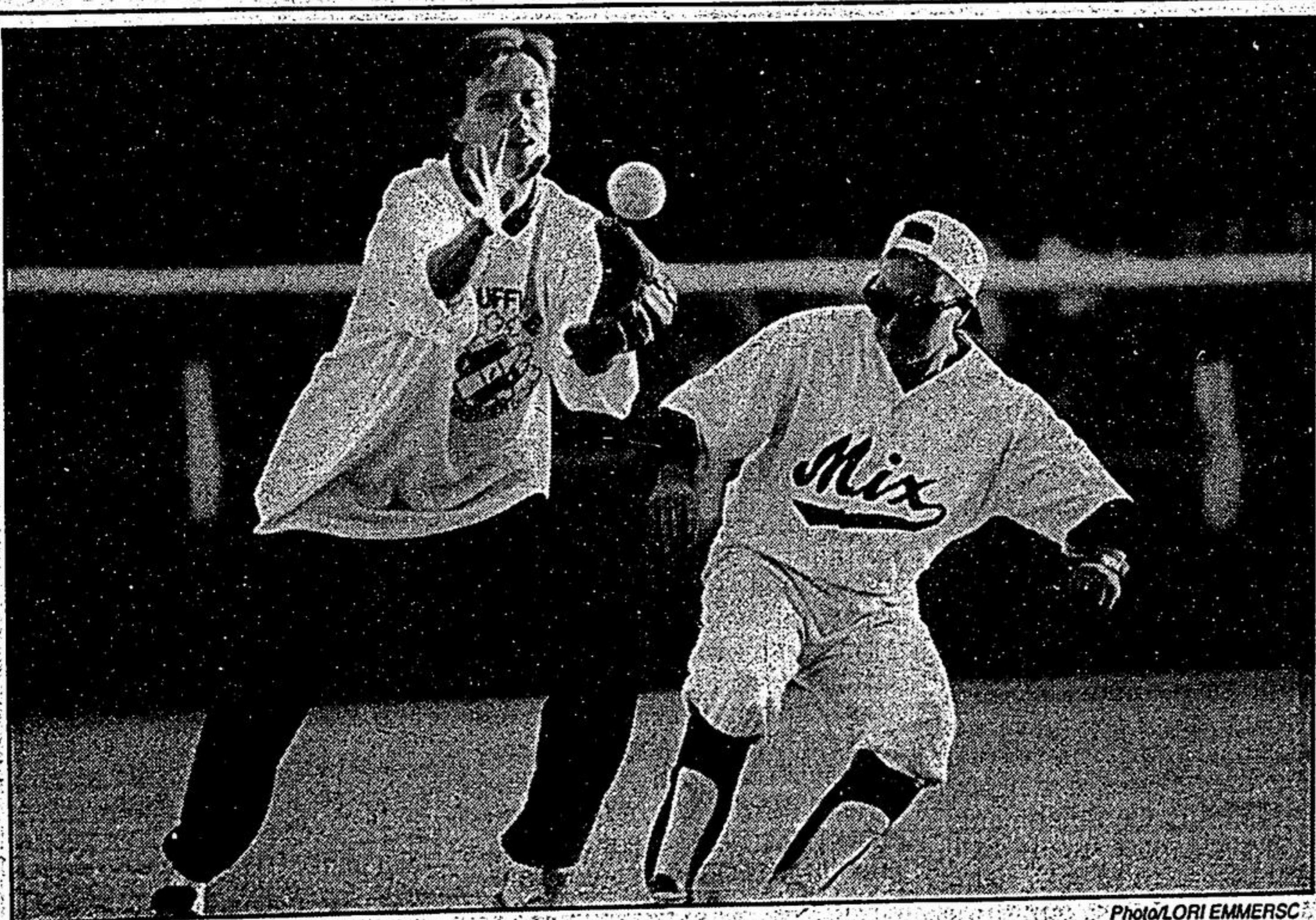
and dispose of the town's trash could well have been overpriced these last few years

since the economy has floundered.

In order to turn council's decision around, two politicians would have to flip-flop on their earlier vote to waive the policy. If only one councillor jumps on the tendering bandwagon, the vote will be a 4-4 tie — and the motion on the floor (which will likely be to go to tender) will be defeated. Officials were expected to make a final decision last night.

Stouffville residents also turned over more than 1,100 car batteries and tires plus paint, motor oil and pesticides, gas cylinders, needles and syringes.

The program costs regional taxpayers just more than \$1 million each year to operate.



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Helping Cystic Fibrosis campaign

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Three days set aside for HHW

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Whitchurch-Stouffville will host three consecutive household hazardous waste (HHW) days later this month to help local residents clean up and safely recycle wastes unsuitable and prohibited at the local landfill.

In co-operation with York Region Environmental Services Department, the town will hold a three-day HHW collection depot from Thursday, Sept. 23 to Saturday, Sept. 25 at the recreation complex with the help of region-hired contractor, Hotz Environmental Services Inc.

Residents are encouraged to drop off old paints, thinners, medicines, cleaners, batteries, tires and the like from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sept. 23 and from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sept. 24 and 25.

Last year, 781 Whitchurch-Stouffville residents helped recycle and safely dispose of more than 12,960 gallons - or nearly 60,000 litres - of hazardous wastes during the September collection.

Organizers are hoping to meet or top that amount this year.

The annual York-sponsored event is one of 11 collection depots set up across the region.

Last year, more than 10,400 York Region vehicles unloaded about 151,830 gallons - or 690,000 litres of chemicals - plus 9,273 batteries and tires to be safely recycled, treated, processed or disposed of during the autumn programs.