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The Year in Review

The Tribune is pleased to present our look back at 1993. It was a year of hard times for many, but there were many bright spots as well.

January

RCMP confiscate nearly \$1 million in black market cigarettes and booze from seven tractor trailers parked in rural Whitchurch-Stouffville marking the Newmarket detachment's largest bust ever and the end to a local crime ring which resulted in numerous charges for more than three people, one from Uxbridge.

A Stouffville woman gives birth to Markham Stouffville Hospital's first 1993 baby, Jonathan Christian Wiseman, born 56 minutes after midnight on Jan. 1, 1993.

Long-time resident Walter Atkinson - founder and builder of the town's most famous landmark, the Stouffville Flea Market, dies, leaving behind a legacy of successful projects including ownership of the Deer Park Inn.

The local Hydro commission raises its rates by seven per cent - blaming an 8.2 per cent hike imposed on them by Ontario Hydro.

Citizen's group, Save Our Stouffville (SOS) and the town lock horns on local monetary issues and decisions such as the town's purchase of a \$450,000 fire truck; staff salaries; and the town's use of reserve account funds.

Susan White, a long-time local resident and volunteer, dies after a courageous struggle with cancer. She had earned a provincial award for her untiring work at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library.

Citizen's group, Save Our Stouffville (SOS) holds a meet-

ing in Lemonville which draws 125 disgruntled taxpayers who join to discuss the group's initiatives and goals in keeping municipal taxes from rising.

Mayor Fran Sainsbury

defends the town's decision to boost its staff salary scale, which the town said was necessary to bring it in line with what other civil servants are making. Sainsbury, who said Stouffville employees were

earning 14 to 20 per cent less than staff in other municipalities, called the old pay schedule "slave labor."

Town chief administrative officer, Bob Panizza resigns to

take a job as Markham's clerk, after less than three years in Stouffville. He cited personal reasons and planning road-blocks due to size restraints as the deciding factors of his departure.



Separate board receives first grant in 1993

February

The Education Ministry bails out the debt-stricken York Region separate school board with a \$12.6 million grant to help the administration bail out of its \$30-mil-

lion debt.

York Region once again delays the long-awaited 911 emergency telephone system while it looks into a state-of-the-art set-up boasted by officials to be the best in the province. The 911 system was supposed to

be ready Jan. 1, 1994, but it has been plagued with further snags.

Card's Hardware celebrates 25 years of service to the Stouffville public, and the owner Graydon Card is named president of

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