

**Editor's Mail**

# Mayor states budget process is far from complete

Dear Editor,  
It is most unfortunate that the story headlined Minimum 4% Take Hike For Residents? left the reader believing that there would be a tax increase of

not less than four per cent when the budget process is far from completion. This article has caused great concern to our residents. This same story was also repeated

on several radio stations. The treasurer and I have tried to explain to those who have called that council has not finalized the 1993 budget. The process will include the items mentioned but they may not necessarily be the reason for a 1993 increase (should there be

one). Budgets are a long and complicated procedure. In fairness to all, we really must not assume percentages and figures until the budget process is near finalized. We hope to complete this task in April and a press release of all the facts will be distributed at

that time. I thank *The Tribune* for this opportunity to explain to all residents that the percentage increase has not yet been established.  
**Fran Sainsbury**  
Mayor,  
Whitchurch-Stouffville

## Provision of good health care should be the right of every Ontario citizen

Dear Editor,  
I am sending you an excerpt from a letter I wrote to (former) Ontario Health Minister Francis Lankin, that might be of interest to your readers.

"...I would also like to express my concern about the proliferation of private health clinics, which are financially prohibitive to the average person. What is happening to universal access to good health care? If doctors are recommending private clinics over OHIP (covered) clinics, is it because they are perceived to be superior?"

"I think in our wealthy country that the provision of good health care should be the right of every citizen, no matter what our financial circumstances. At the same time, I am willing to pay the cost of such a system. I think we all would acknowledge that good health, acquired through prevention, intervention or rehabilitation is the single most important factor for a good life."

**Rita Berzins**  
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<p><b>Wed. Mar. 24, 1993</b> 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.</p> <p>Latcham Centre 121 Queen Street Port Perry</p>	


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