

BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING

The Mayor and Members of Council invite you to a Public Information Meeting to discuss the 1993 Operating and Capital Budgets for the Town of Markham.

Time: Monday, April 26
7:30 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers
Civic Centre
101 Town Centre Blvd.

All members of the public are invited to attend. Copies of the 1993 Budget will be available from the Clerks Department after 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 26.

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Mayor reacts to councillor's criticism

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other than already adopted public documents can be obtained by a majority vote of council. This system prevents an abuse of staff time by some members who have "private and hidden agendas." Council is the "boss" so to speak, not any individual member, including myself.

The budget process has been the same these many years; six months of deliberations can hardly be termed "rushed." Financial-

ly business oriented council members have no difficulty with this process. I realize others may not understand as fully or as quickly. The pay increases mentioned by Councillor Prentice are part of the general government budget, wages are an operating expense, they are not in reserves.

The issue of the treasury budget can be explained by the fact that the Treasury Department is responsible for many functions of the town that remain fixed in level, despite economic declines.

New growth that occurs in any year adds to the tax role and the workload of the department and remains fixed at that new level. Also, difficult economic times significantly increase the efforts required in such areas as arrears collections and in financial analysis to support difficult and timely decisions.

No department was able to reduce its normal operating cost by 10 per cent and the Treasury Department increase was not the highest.

The guidelines of a 10 per cent reduction in every department was not an attainable goal due to the varying nature of the costs in different departments. However, on a town-wide basis, cuts were made to allow a 1 per cent overall tax increase. To single out any department head without all the correct facts was wrong.

In 1987 the council of the day had a 5.4 per cent increase and added an extra 1 per cent for road reserves. This is not a new idea. Some residents objected to council spending reserves in 1992 to help with a 0 per cent increase.

The 2 per cent increase in 1993 will be placed in a rural roads reserve account and can only be used for this purpose and for no other expenditure, including salaries. This item was not discussed behind closed doors.

Fran Sainsbury
Mayor

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Bob Innes, owner of Silver Pools in Markham, stands on top of the large trailer displaying the many spas on sale this week. Silver Pools has been serving the area for over 20 years.

Silver Pools: the spa specialists

For sterling service in spa and pool sales and installation, Silver Pools is the preferred choice.

The professionals at Silver Pools have been serving the Markham area for over 20 years, so they have the expertise required to assist customers in choosing and installing the best pool or spa to suit their needs. Owner Bob Innes reports that, although the summer weather was disappointing last year, their first year at their Hwy. 48 showroom/store was a good one, and he and his wife Joanne are looking forward to seeing their old customers and greeting new ones now that the pool season has started.

Silver Pools specializes in backyards - pool construction, openings and closings, landscaping

and servicing. The company carries a full line of pool accessories and chemicals, and offers free water testing using a new upgraded computer program to those who purchase their chemicals at the store.

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manufacturer, and they're relatively close to Markham, it doesn't make sense to go with a foreign make," he added.

Until tomorrow, Silver Pools is holding a Giant Truckload Sale of spas, and everyone is invited to come into the store and see what they have to offer. Prices start at just \$1,995.

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