

# Local politicians, town staff showing insensitivity to public

Dear Editor,  
 Tracy Kibble, good for you!  
 Re: Column entitled '\$15 hike a lot more than some people think' in the April 21 edition of *The Tribune*. The insensitive comment from "one better-paid town staff member" is a reflection of the general attitude of council. Other

recent remarks reported have described the \$70,000-\$80,000 salaries of senior Stouffville public servants as "slave wages." The same person, on another occasion, stated that "people have a lot of money stashed away, they just don't want to spend it." When will these politicians

wake up? According to Stats Canada, our real incomes have declined substantially in the past few years. Many of our neighbors in Stouffville have lost their jobs or businesses. A great number of those families with the most expensive homes, who will be slammed with the largest proper-

ty tax increases, have already been destroyed financially by the recession. Does council want to force even more of these families from their homes?  
 Tax cutbacks, not increases, are needed now. Our politicians have built up personal empires and monuments to themselves that we never needed and can no longer afford. It's past time to pare down to the essentials of government, by a third or a half, not by minor tinkering. Many of our local politicians share that arrogance and insensitivity with

their counterparts at every level of government. Let's remember these insults for election time.  
 We need to strongly resist these continual attacks, like the large Stouffville property tax increase, on our shrinking financial resources. We need to insist on the kind of restructuring in public service that private industry has been forced to implement. We need to take back control of our lives from these incompetent politicians.  
 Glen Morehouse  
 Stouffville

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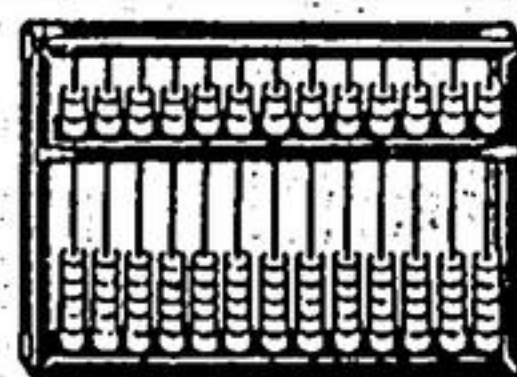
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### THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK PROPOSES TO PASS A BY-LAW AUTHORIZING:

1. VIVIAN ROAD (YR 74) RECONSTRUCTION - TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE
  - (a) the widening and reconstruction of Vivian Road (YR 74) from approximately 600 metres east of Kennedy Road (YR 3) to Highway No. 48 in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to a basic width of thirty (30) metres, where widening is required, with additional widening at cuts, fills and intersections to provide a two (2) lane rural road with additional turning lanes at the intersections at the 7th Concession and Highway No. 48;
  - (b) the realigning of Vivian Road (YR 74) at its intersection with the 7th Concession;
  - (c) the acquisition of the necessary lands and interests in lands for the work described above; and
  - (d) the carrying out of all related works and undertakings in connection with the above.

Pursuant to Section 300 of the Municipal Act, the Transportation and Environmental Services Committee of the Regional Council will, at its meeting to be held at 9:00 a.m. on the 18th day of May, 1993 in the Council Chambers at the Regional Administrative Building located at 62 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket, hear any person who claims that his lands will be prejudicially affected by the by-law and who applies to be heard. Anyone wishing to be heard is requested to advise the Office of the Regional Clerk (Telephone 895-1231 or 731-0201, Extension 287). If any party entitled to be heard does not attend at the hearing the Committee may proceed in his absence and he will not be entitled to any further notice in the proceedings.

The proposed by-law and plans showing the proposed works may be inspected at the office of Ronald Gee, Director, Planning and Design Branch, at the Regional Transportation Department Building located at 16042 Woodbine Avenue (YR 8), two kilometres north of Aurora Road (YR 15) (Telephone 895-2303 or 364-8731).

DATED at Newmarket this 28th day of April 1993.

DENNIS HEARSE  
 Regional Clerk  
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