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Marshall appointed to York services board

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Former Whitchurch-Stouffville politician Margot Marshall has been appointed to the Ministry of the Solicitor

General to serve on York Region's Police Services Board. Marshall, who served a single term on local council for Ward 1 from 1988 to 1991, will help set policies and formulate budgets for one of the largest growing police forces in the province.

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Marshall, who says she is extremely pleased and honored to have been chosen to sit on such a high-profile committee, says the board's duties are "a lot like municipal government, but on a bigger scale."

"The board acts as a go-between with the public and the police," under established provincial guidelines, Marshall said.

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these services through taxation then what are we doing there?" Prentice said.

He accused the mayor of "trickery" when she called for a recorded vote after Prentice voted down the motion to go ahead with the sidewalk using funds contributed by Parkview.

"This whole process is just an active slight of hand," Prentice added.

He said the town is making it look as though they are providing the sidewalk when really Parkview is paying for the work themselves. "We didn't do a thing for Parkview. Using Parkview Village money isn't taxation money. It's no different than having money raised through a bake sale," Prentice fumed after the meeting.

Prentice said he is concerned because York Region might take over responsibility of the Ninth Line and will want the \$29,000 to improve the Ninth Line at that time.

But Sainsbury said York has made no commitment to take over the road, and has no money in its budget this year to take such an expensive road swap.

Parkview Village administrator Lloyd Hogg, meanwhile, said Parkview's board of directors decided at a special meeting this week to make "no comment regarding the source of funds" to build the sidewalk, but agrees with "the concept" of installing it.

"It's not our money anymore. It's up to the town to decide how to finance the sidewalk," Hogg said.

But Hogg added the board worded its letter to the town "very deliberately" as to not legally imply either way how the board wanted the sidewalk to be funded.

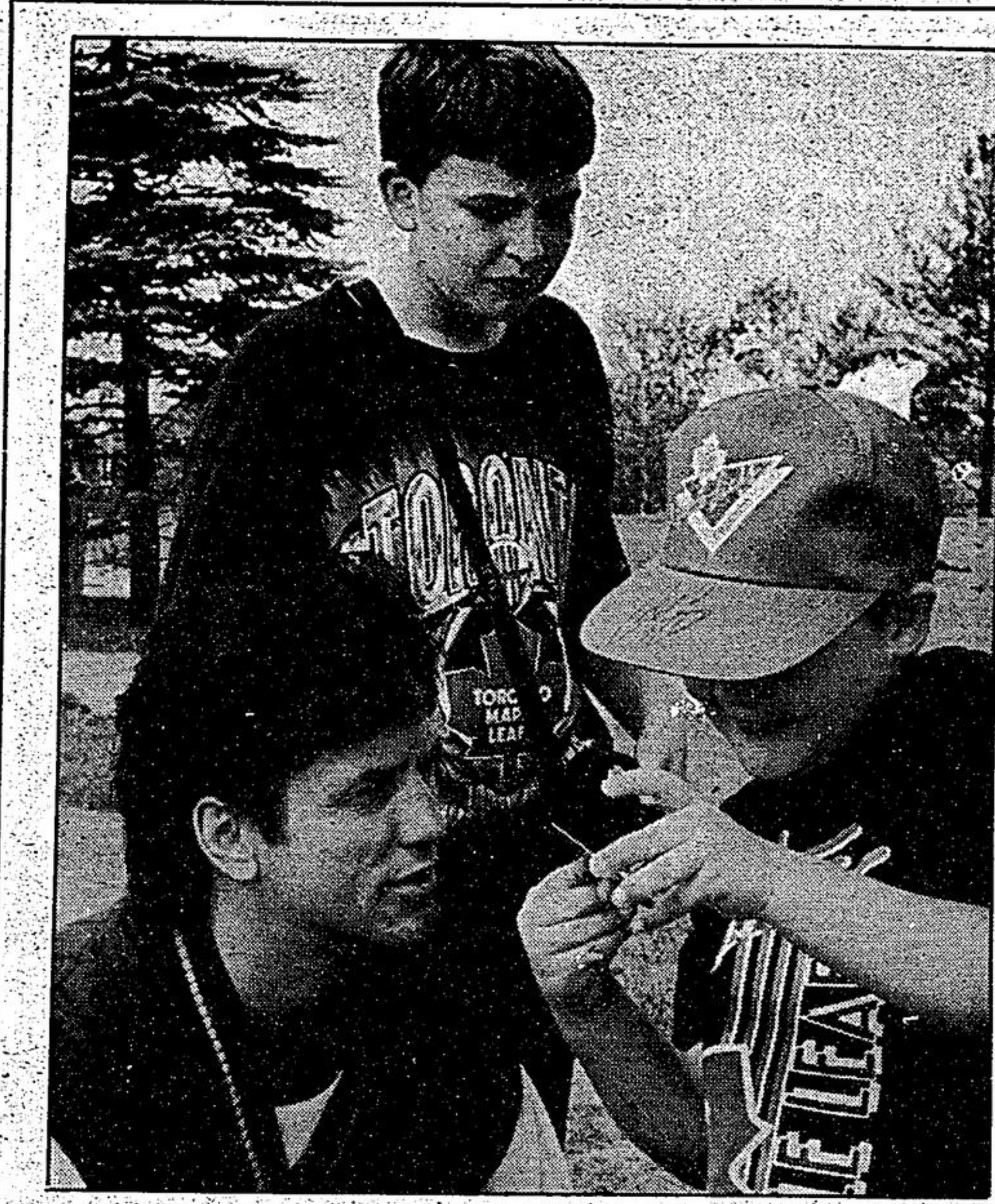
"There is legal implication either way, and we have concerns of casting a view one way or the other. The board is not prepared to make a further statement other than we support the concept," Hogg said.

He said some board members are questioning, however, why the move to use the funds came up so quickly.

"Why all the rush? We've been talking about it for some time," Hogg said.

Ward 1 councillor Stephen Bellerby, Ward 3 councillor Nick Tatone, Sainsbury, Ward 5 councillor Bob Ancheril and Ward 4 councillor Cliff Dunkeld voted to build the sidewalk with funds from Parkview's road improvement contribution, while Prentice and Ward 1 councillor Ivanka Bradley voted it down.

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Meeting their idol

Hockey hero Doug Gilmour gave these Stouffville boys the thrill of their young lives when he stopped to chat with them and sign some autographs at the Metro Toronto Police And Peter Zazel Charity Golf Tournament at the Maples of Ballantrae on Tuesday. Here, Christian Chicorli, 7, examines his newly-signed hockey card. See page 20 for a story on the meeting.

Photo/BRUCE STAPLEY

Warden Ave. patchwork 'waste of money' for Stouffville taxpayers

Patch roadwork on Warden Avenue is a waste of taxpayers' money and a "ridiculous" way to repair one of the worst roads in Whitchurch-Stouffville, local politicians heard this week.

Two residents and workers of King Cole Duck say they have hundreds of signatures from people who use the road every day and who want it fixed properly.

The residents are reacting to council's decision last week to chop \$30,000 from the \$67,000 Warden Avenue road repair budget. Council instead allocated the monies to fix several other broken rural roads this year.

After viewing a road priority 'hit list' prepared by public works department, outlining which roads require immediate attention, officials decided the \$30,000 should be used to temporarily repair several roads suffering frost breakup this year - one of the worst in 10 years.

Bev Murby, a Warden Avenue resident speaking on behalf of King Cole Duck employees, said people are furious the town has cut its Warden Avenue repair funding in half this year when the road is barely passable.

"This road is in a very bad state. It is wrecking all our vehicles and nothing has been done in 25 years. Every year we watch and wait, watch and wait," Murby said.

Murby told politicians she wants a traffic count to prove the road is used not only by local resi-

dents, but by motorists who travel the rural road as a bypass to busy Hwy 404.

Pat Thompson said residents watch local road crews each year apply patch jobs to the road's many potholes, but calls it a waste of time.

"We feel bad for these roads people. It's such a mess and it's a non-stop process. They're fighting a losing battle," Thompson said.

She urged officials not to ignore the Warden Avenue problem just because it's out of the way.

"Because it's tucked up in the corner you don't realize how heavy a traffic area it is. You should at least look at how much traffic uses this road," Thompson urged.

Officials had decided to hold off one more year on Warden Ave. and make it top priority in 1994. Town roads expert Paul Whitehouse said a proper and complete re-construction project could cost about \$300,000.

Whitehouse said he realizes the poor state of the road, but based on his criteria, repairs to Warden came second in line to McCowan and Vandorf, where the town will spend a combined \$200,000 this year in spot repairs.

Whitehouse said he will recommend Warden as top priority next year including rail way crossing improvement, gravel ditching, culvert placement and surface treatment. Officials voted to perform current traffic studies and promised to make the work top priority in 1994.

Strawberries ready this weekend

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and features a playground and wagon rides. Chepack's Country Market is on 9th Line at 19th Avenue and you can buy pre-picked berries as well as home-made pies and fresh produce.

Reesor Farm Market, also located on 9th Line, has a good supply of pre-picked berries, along with other fruits and vegetables of the season.

Mangione's, on 10th Line, just north of the Stouffville Country

Flea Market, opens for the strawberry picking season this Saturday at 8 a.m.

Fresh local strawberries will also be on sale outside the IGA on Saturday, July 3, during the Strawberry Festival.

CISS FM in town to 'mug and kiss'

Whitchurch-Stouffville residents who like country music can get 'mugged and kissed' next Friday morning as the 92.5 CISS FM New Country radio station crew sets up its drive-thru station at the Recreation Com-

plex. Each Friday morning, the station sets up shop in a community mall or parking lot and gives CISS FM mugs filled with Hershey candy kisses away to everyone in every car that drives through its promotion sta-

tion. The 12-man CISS FM crew will be set up at the Stouffville Recreation Complex from 7 to 8 a.m. on Fri., July 2 and will be announcing events in Stouffville on the radio all next week.

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