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Water

Residents vote 'yes' for system

By MIKE RUTA
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The numbers are in, and its good news for those who want a communal water system for Ballantrae and Musselman Lake.

The town released the results of the survey on Friday

afternoon.

Eight-hundred and thirty-nine letters were sent to residents.

Of those polled, 376, or 44.8 per cent, sent a reply to the town, indicating they were against the water system.

The replies, representing 46.9 per cent of the assessed value of the properties in the survey area, mean the town can authorize work to begin.

But town engineer Tom Parry, in the water survey report, is recommending that council wait until the region amends their development charge by-law, when they will assume well and tower costs.

According to Parry, regional council will discuss the matter next month.

If the region kicks in funding, the estimated frontage rate would be reduced from \$13.85 per foot to \$7.69 per foot.

The report said that many objectors included in their reply the reason for their no vote.

These were:

wanted sewer and water installed at the same time.

cannot afford the cost even if they wanted water - retired or on fixed incomes.

proposal too expensive and

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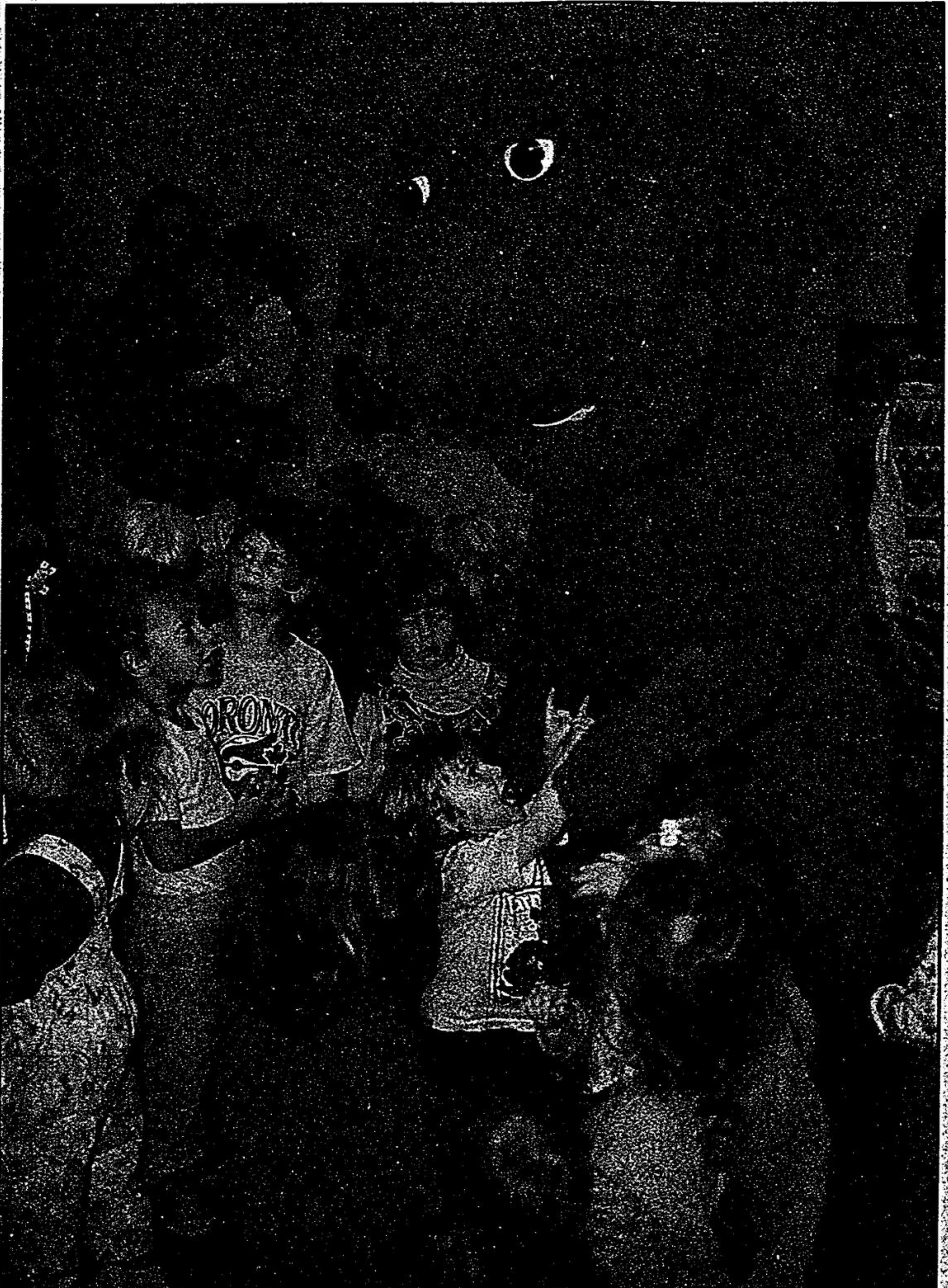
Sword runs in Ward 5

The race in Ward 5, the only one thus far, is getting interesting.

Along with Norma Jean Urquhart and Marie Adams, Stephen Sword and Judy Scala have recently filed. Sword, 40, has lived in Stouffville for six and a half years. He is married and has a son. Sword has been an election assistant for the town of Markham since June. He recently helped organize the Mayor's Challenge Walkathon for the York-Durham Heritage Railway.

Scala is a communications specialist for a research project for Nielsen Marketing research. She has lived in Ward 5 for seven years.

Scala, 47, is married with two daughters attending Summitview Public School.



Hug from a friend

Children were wide-eyed with delight as Barney the Dinosaur paid a visit to Stouffville Pentecostal Church last week.

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