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Council

Water system gets green light

By BRUCE STAPLEY
Correspondent

If the price is right and a consensus is reached, water will flow into Ballantrae and Musselman Lake.

A resolution passed by council at a special meeting in Ballantrae Tuesday night will allow the town to proceed with the tendering process for the proposed Ballantrae/Musselman Lake communal water system.

The session also saw council pass a second resolution allowing it to consider objections from residents if the cost of the pro-

ject is 15 per cent or higher than what has been estimated. An original figure of 20 per cent was reduced to 15 per cent at the request of Ward 2 councillor Ed Lyons. Residents have been told they will pay roughly \$7.69 per foot for individual frontage rates to hook up the communal water system.

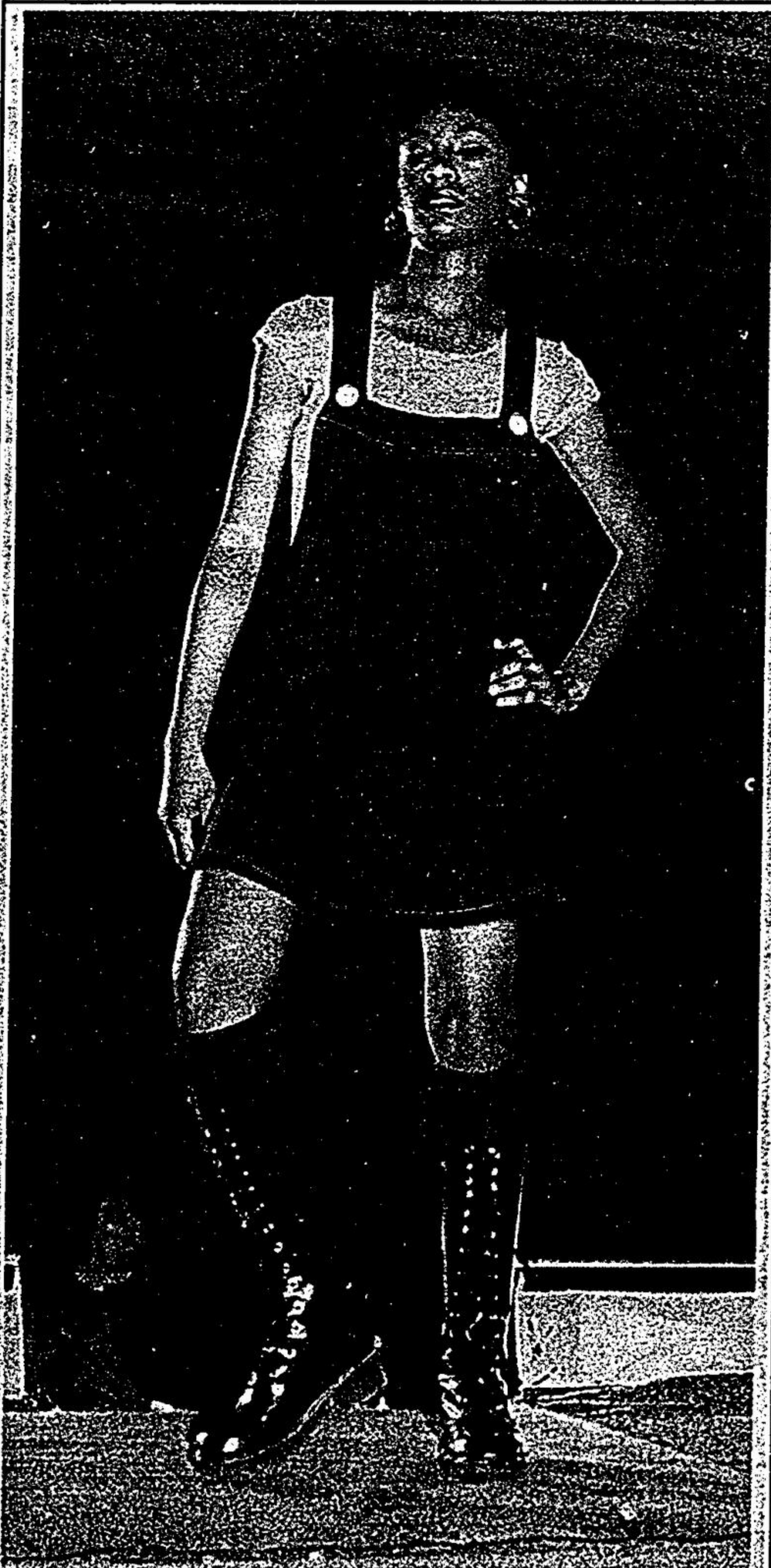
Mayor Wayne Emmerson said that while concerns still remain regarding the costing of the project, it was essential to at least begin the process that would determine the true price tag. The system would bring clean water to residents of Ballantrae and Musselman Lake.

Emmerson said that because a provincial government grant is being counted on to pay 67 per cent of the project, everything must be done to maintain eligibility for that funding. "Construction costs could go sky high or they could come in under what has been estimated. But we only have until March 31, 1996 to begin construction or we lose the grant," said Emmerson. "We have to get going to get the costs."

Emmerson said it would likely take from one and a half to two years until the taps are finally turned on. He said it would be November of this year before the tendering process would determine the cost of the project, but that he would inquire from town staff whether the process can be quickened.

Objecting to the resolution was Ward 1 councillor Ivanka Bradley and Ward 6 councillor Mark Kostandoff. Bradley said she voted against the motion because she is opposed to the project being undertaken as a local improvement requiring area residents to pay towards

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Fashionable

Sarolah Hendrickson had the look of a professional model as she and other SDSS students from the entrepreneurship program put on a fashion show this week. See page 14 for more.

More arrests in phone scam case

By JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

More arrests have been made in connection with a country-wide telephone scam which included victims from Stouffville and Uxbridge, a police detective reported Wednesday.

Detective Sergeant Barry Elliott of the Ontario Provincial Police said investigators with Project Phonebusters have now arrested a total of seven Quebec residents.

Of those, two were charged by the police earlier this week.

Two Uxbridge seniors and a Stouffville woman are keeping a close eye on the cases.

The local residents sent con artists between \$500 and \$1,000 after being convinced over the telephone that they were contest winners and the prizes were cars.

The car pitch and cash pitch are also used where victims would send money up front to cover taxes and other charges associated to these prizes, said Elliott.

Victims' statements, including those collected from the Uxbridge and Stouffville residents, will be used in the court cases.

It's estimated that 5,000 Canadians have lost about \$5 million, Elliott reported.

More than half of the cases took place in Ontario.

The accused are scheduled to appear in a Toronto court on June 1.

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