

Letters

Pad, pool a waste: Reader

Dear Editor,
Many of the letters seen in this paper in recent weeks would lead the reader to believe that taxpayers in Stouffville want their money spent to build a new pool or ice pad. I think that supporters of such facilities have allowed their enthusiasm to get the best of honesty.

There has never been an independent, scientifically conducted survey of residents that confirmed, or even suggested, broad-based support of the use of taxpayer dollars to construct a pool or a second ice pad in Stouffville. In fact, in any conversations I have had with other ratepayers, such ideas are vociferously condemned.

These frills are "wants" not "needs" and they are wanted by a very small group of people in either case.

For their convenience, these folks are quite willing to see millions of our hard-earned dollars squandered to construct and maintain expen-

sive recreational facilities.

It should give proponents of these expenditures second thoughts to consider that, after 10 years, not only have we not paid for the existing ice pad, we will be paying that debt, with interest, for many years to come. Have they considered the long-term, total cost of land, construction, staffing, maintenance and debt servicing for additional facilities? Do they think it reasonable and fair that the majority of residents, who will never make use of these luxurious toys, should pay the major part of their cost?

The goal of this mayor and council should be, at the very least, to hold the line on taxes. If possible, efforts should be made to make the tax burden smaller and more equitable. Leadership includes resisting pressure, from special interest groups like the ice pad and pool people, to waste general revenues.

Glen Morehouse
Stouffville

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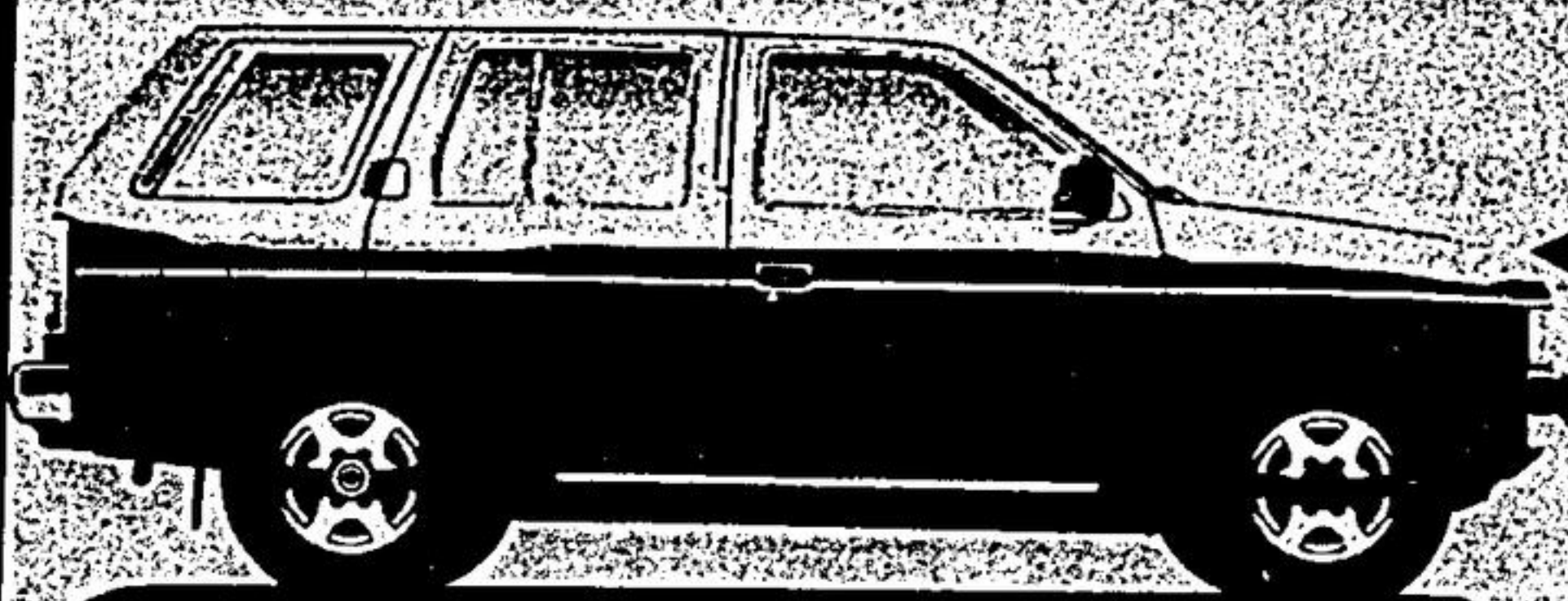
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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this work, please do not hesitate to contact the Public Works Department at 640-1900.

Paul Whitehouse, C.E.T.
Director of Public Works

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