

Letters

Golden Report on GTA available for readers' perusal

Last week, our column focused on Bill 26, the Omnibus Bill, which was approved a few days ago by the Ontario Government.

This Bill is only one of many official documents that arrive at our library for public perusal and information during a year.

As an information source, our library is often a depository for official proposals that require public scrutiny. Our evening and weekend hours make accessing this material relatively convenient for most residents in our community.

At the moment, in our Reference area, there's a copy of the Report of the Greater Toronto Area Task Force (euphemistically referred to as the Golden Report). This is a very controversial document that proposes the amalgamation of four regional governments, including York Region, into a Greater Toronto megalopolis. There has been mega-reaction to its initial release and the concept is bound to generate prolonged debate. Anyone who wants to keep a finger on the GTA pulse will find the Golden Report informative and relatively easy to understand without a degree in economics. We have an extra copy in circulation that can be checked out on a short loan. From York Region we have an annual report (Dec. '95) from the Board of Education on the Assessment and Evaluation Program which was implemented in area schools in 1993. The A and

E Program is the primary means of monitoring the achievement levels of students in mathematics and language at Grades 3, 6, 9, and 12.

From the local scene, we have

important background information on proposed amendments to the restricted areas of By-law 95-73 which is a by-law to regulate the discharge of firearms within the Town Again, this is a

controversial proposal which will generate diverse opinions. These can be voiced at a public meeting to be held at Latcham Hall, March 25, at 7 p.m. Meanwhile, anyone who wishes to

view or pick up a map of the proposed areas of prohibited gun use can do so at the Recreation Centre, the Municipal Offices, Vandorf Museum and, of course, our library.

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