

Town gives municipal budget final approval

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It's a wrap.
On Tuesday, local council approved a \$13.2-million budget reflecting a zero per cent tax hike for Whitchurch-Stouffville ratepayers.

It means the average homeowner in Whitchurch-Stouffville will pay about \$525 for the municipal portion of the three-way tax bill.

The same taxpayer will pay \$411 in regional taxes this year. This represents a \$20 hike.

York's school boards will set their budgets very soon.

The high ticket items on this year's capital budget includes money towards a town hall-library complex and

a new fire hall for Ballantrae. The fire hall is expected to cost about \$400,000. Town officials are in the process of buying land in the Aurora

Sideroad and Hwy. 48 area for the fire hall site.

While money was not earmarked for an indoor pool, council agreed to continue to

review the facility.

Mayor Wayne Emmerson has stated that he hopes a pool will be built in town by 1998.

Courts

Trial in hostage taking underway

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The trial for a man charged in connection with a hostage taking, involving a four-hour police standoff in Ballantrae, resumed in a Newmarket court today.

The trial for Steven Andrew Tribbling, 22, of Stouffville got underway Thursday. The court has been told that in March of 1996 police were sum-

moned to a home in the Hwy. 48 and Aurora Sideroad area where a knife-welding man was holding a two-year-old in one hand and a 12-inch knife in the other hand.

A woman suffering a knife wound had escaped along with an uninjured woman.

A police command post was set up; a negotiation team, complete with a robot was called in and after four hours, the accused surrendered. The child was unharmed.

Tribbling was charged with two counts of confinement, assault with a weapon and two counts of threatening death.

Trial starts in traffic death case

A Downsview man, charged in connection with the death of a Stouffville teenager, will return to court Wednesday, April 2.

Tonino Iafrate, 23, was charged with impaired driving causing death after 16-year-old Darlene O'Blenes of Musselman's Lake died of injuries soon after the Aug. 28 single vehicle accident in which a car went out of control on Ninth Line.

Cautionary approach urged on GTSB plan

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The services board is designed to take in all of York, Durham, Peel, Halton and Metro Toronto to represent a population of 4.3 million. It could oversee such things as water, sewer, economic development and garbage.

Helene Johnson, president of the local chamber, said the GTSB is the way to go.

"We recommend that in order to eliminate unnecessary duplication in the delivery of services, the region be disbanded," she said.

Chamber officials want the GTSB to have elected politicians, as well as representation from GO Transit, marketing alliance and others where appropriate. Johnson is, however, suggesting a cautionary approach.

"The GTSB should not become too large and cumbersome," said Johnson.

CAO proud of budget

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resources grows more difficult each year. Still, Wells said he's "extremely proud" of the team effort and creativity that has gone into this year's budget.

Also, Wells recognized regional council members for their part in putting together a fair budget. "The result is the lowest cost regional government in the Greater Toronto Area," said Wells.

In addition to police and welfare services, York Region provides public health as well as long-term care, child care, roads and transportation, sewer and water systems, planning and economic development.



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