



Alexandria Bull throws a ball for her dog Ozark as her other pet, Sadie, (right) politely waits her turn with the stick as they play in the outfield of the Stouffville Memorial Park ball diamond last Tuesday.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

CAS deficit at \$500M

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Crothers, now chairperson of York's public school board, and 11 of 14 elected directors resigned from the board, complaining the society was drastically underfunded.

Pointing out York's CAS received the lowest per-capita funding in the province, the 1991 board left the organization with a \$1.7 million deficit.

Although York continues to receive less funding than any CAS in Ontario, York's agency has managed to turn its finances around since the early 1990s.

This year's deficit - the board approved a budget of \$7.59 million - comes after four years of budget surpluses.

To gain control over its finances, the board was forced to lay off more than

30 employees, close two group homes and shut down a counselling program.

Agencies such as Kinark Child and Family Services and Blue Hills Child and Family Services now provide the CAS with some services.

"This phenomenon of 1997 was not anticipated. It wasn't a conscious decision on the part of this board to overspend. In fact, we've been trying to deal with this month by month. This is a different approach in attitude."

Because the region now pays 20 per cent of the CAS budget, Mullen said York taxpayers will be responsible for paying \$100,000 of the shortfall. The province is taking over 100 per cent of funding for societies beginning in January.

- Lisa Queen
Metroland Staff

**Don't miss the
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2 p.m.**

ADVERTISING CORRECTION

In our Christmas Storewide Book, included in this newspaper, this week. Please note: Page 4 - Work Connection blouse shown, on sale until November 30, 1997 only. Page 12 - women's slippers offer, does not include Isotoners brand. Page 20 - Cuisinart everyday collection pricing should read: Our Reg. \$59.99 to \$449.99 Sale \$29.99 to \$224.99. Page 23 - Claudia sofa, will be available Dec. 15, 1997. Also, in our Christmas Magic Book, from last week, Page 107 - Calvin Klein underwear price range should read: \$20.00 to \$36.00.

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