

Beware of drastic plumbing inspection changes

Dear Editor,
It has come to my attention again, that York Region intends to transfer the responsibility of Plumbing Inspection to the nine municipalities that presently make up the Regional Municipality of York.

As a retired former Supervisor of Plumbing Inspection with York Region, I feel a responsibility to speak out.

At present, plumbing inspection operates out of one centrally located office with a qualified inspec-

tion staff, all Certified Class 1 Plumbing Inspectors by the Ontario Plumbing Inspectors Association, as well as having their Certificate of Qualification in plumbing which requires five years of apprenticeship and also a minimum of 10 years plumbing experience.

Considering the current economy, you can be sure that many of the area municipalities may not be able to afford to add qualified plumbing inspectors to their staff. This means that some, or all of the

time, we will end up with persons without the qualifications of the present staff inspecting plumbing in some areas.

As a resident of York Region, I find this unacceptable.

We must try and look at what is right, fair and best for all of York Region.

We must be concerned with the protection of the homeowner, the

plumbing and drain contractor, the builder, our environment, public health and the safety of our potable water supply.

As a past supervisor, with twenty seven (27) years experience with plumbing inspection and currently a master plumber operating a plumbing business in the Region of York and knowing the ramifications of eliminating plumbing inspection as a Regional function, I strongly urge you to ask your elected officials why they would want to make such a drastic change

especially when the immediate future of the entire Greater Toronto Area is so uncertain.

Regional Plumbing Inspections is a viable means to ensure proven quality, uniform plumbing installations, economically administered over a large area comprising various population centres of diverse economies.

This exemplifies Regional government working well, safeguarding the health and environment for the people of York Region.

George Woodruff

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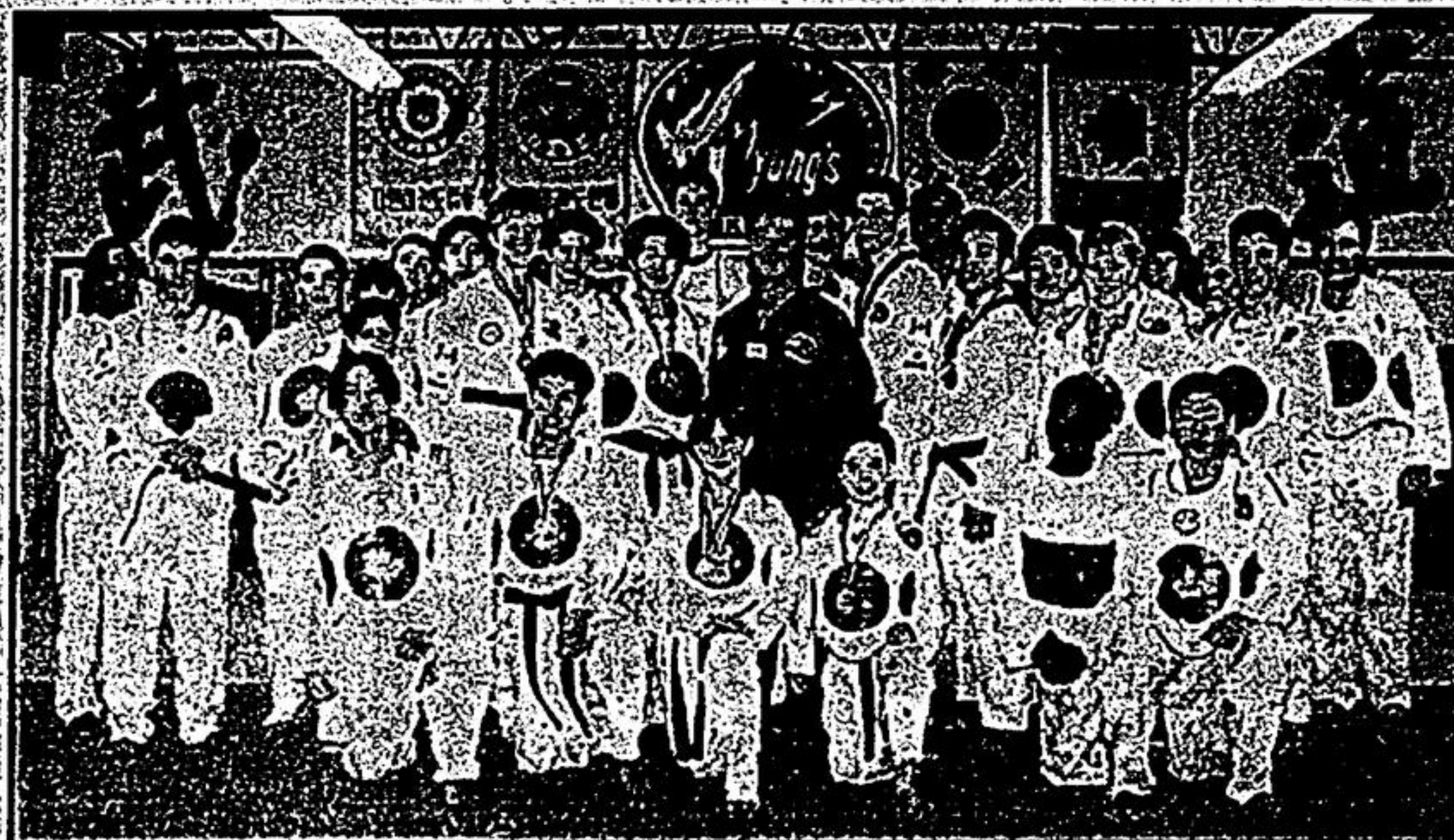
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