

Live and silent auction to aid African clinic

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One of the largest live and silent auctions ever held in Stouffville is slated for April 4, beginning at 6 p.m.

Held at the Stouffville Missionary Church on Main Street, the event will help build a much-needed medical clinic and dispensary in East Africa.

Dinner-auction tickets are \$20 each.

The live auction will be under the direction of champion auctioneer Gary Hill.

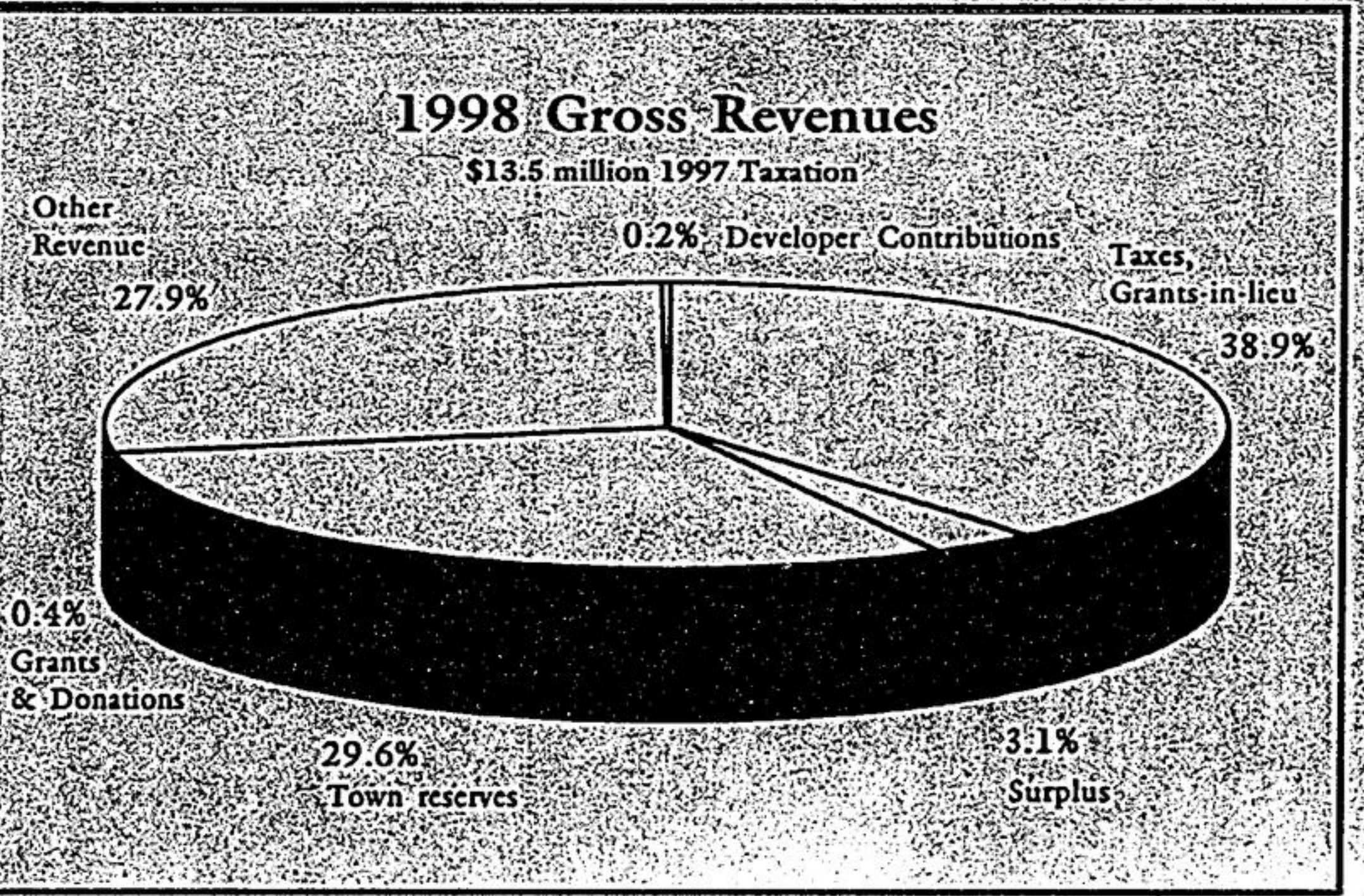
More than 100 items will be in the auctions. Items include a personal hand-held computer, an air hockey game, a pine blanket box, a golf putter, a car cleaning kit, a hockey sweater, a hand painted jewelry box, football tickets, a night at the Delta Chelsea Inn, a cord of firewood, a set of dinnerware, a popcorn maker and dessert once a month for a year.

The dinner menu includes caesar salad, chicken a l'orange, roast potatoes, carrots, green beans and chocolate raspberry trifle. For tickets and more information call 640-3911.



DOUBLE VISION: Students paired off as twins – and some as triplets – at Glad Park Public School on Friday. Back row, from left: Scott Goldman and Calin O'Beirn, teachers Ed Jackson and Michael Cohen, Sarah Reilly, Becki Hewlett, Lisa Mehak, Lisa Flepchuk, Rana Yassa, Basma Yassa, Lauren Warner and Christine Macdonald in bunny ears. Middle row, from left: Andrew Clarkson, Isaac West (standing) and Peter Liaros, Kristen Morse, Alex Williams, Mcagan Thompson, Heather Drudge leaning behind her twin Holly Lamont, Samantha Richards and Sommer Watts, Stephanie Jupp and Amber Daniels. In front are Ashley Robson, left, and Amanda Fockler.
Photo by LORI EMMERSON

Town plans for zero-per-cent increase budget



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for the municipal portion of the three-way tax bill.
The following is a breakdown of the \$13.8 million budget:
• General Government – \$2.4 million in capital and \$1.8 million in operating costs
• Protection for Persons and Property, including the fire department – \$447,000 in capital and \$950,000 for operating costs
• Transportation Services, including public works, roads, sidewalks – \$1.8 million in operating costs and \$734,000 in capital
• Environmental Services,

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including garbage pickup – about \$738,000 in operating costs
• Parks and Recreation and Culture – about \$1 million in operating costs and about \$70,000 in capital for recreation and \$15,000 for cultural services. Meanwhile, \$71,000 is earmarked for local community centres.
• Planning and Development, including Engineering – about \$392,000 in operating costs and about \$30,000 in capital.

Former chief makes court appearance

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Former York Regional Police chief Bryan Cousineau made a brief appearance in Newmarket Court yesterday.
Cousineau is facing five counts of breach of trust after the discovery of alleged irregularities in his use of cell phones, computers and credit cards.
He was charged last month after an 11-month-long Ontario Provincial Police investigation. The OPP were called in after senior officers complained to a provincial audit team there on a routine probe.
Cousineau officially retired just hours before he was charged which allowed him to retain his \$70,000 a year pension and other substantial retirement benefits.
The York Regional Police Services Board is now conducting an international search for a new chief. Interim chief Peter Scott will continue in the position until it is filled.
Cousineau will appear next in court May 6.

Help Yellow Brick House

The Yellow Brick House is holding a fundraiser that is sure to fire your engine.
A 1997 Harley-Davidson DYNA Convertible is the grand prize in the fundraiser to benefit the emergency shelter for abused and homeless women and their children.
Yellow Brick House serves all of York Region and is located in Aurora.
The grand prize will be drawn Tuesday, May 26 at Angus Glen Gold Club in Markham. To purchase your \$50 ticket call 1-800-263-2231. Early bird draws for cash prizes will be held on April 2 and May 1.
The Yellow Brick House is also hosting a garage sale on April 18 and 25, and donations from the community are welcome.
Some of the needed items include gardening tools, jewellery, typewriters, books, games, electrical appliances, dishes and cutlery, skates, beds, sofas and office equipment.
For donation information, call 726-1367.



TEAM PLAYER: Kyle Vesh, 5, signs up for soccer with the help of mom Jacquie and twin four-year-old sisters Jordyn and Hayley at Stouffville Arena Saturday.
Photo by STEVE SOMERVILLE