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20 Region's tax woes continue to be debated by politicians and business people.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENT: BIA Great Grand Garage Sale
WHEN: Today, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
WHERE: Main Street from Hwy. 48 to 10th Line

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York Region eyes town for trash facility

Stouffville on list to house sorting station

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
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All of York Region's trash could soon be dumped on Stouffville's doorstep.

A land search committee is eyeing Stouffville to house York Region's new \$50-million wet/dry recycling and composting transfer facility.

The committee is looking at 36 potential sites across the region — several of which could be in Stouffville, confirmed York's waste committee chairperson, Gord Landon.

Landon refused to identify where the sites are, but confirmed a number of properties within Whitchurch-Stouffville are candidates. The site will be chosen in about 10 months.

"Yes, it's possible that Stouffville could be it," Landon said.

"But, of course, we'd have to take it through the environmental process," Landon told *The Tribune*.

When building such a facility, Landon said the proximity to Hwy. 404 is critical to keep trucks away from residential streets.

While the site could be built on land as small as 15 acres, 100-acre parcels would be best, Landon said.

Whitchurch-Stouffville is not alone as a potential site for the facility — Richmond Hill and East Gwillimbury are also in the race.

The wet/dry transfer station will be both dry and odourless, so attracting a host community shouldn't be difficult, Landon said.

"There will be no problem finding

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EDUCATION: Johnson announces back-to-work legislation for York Region's Catholic teachers

Province steps in

BY PATRICK CASEY
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York Region's 45,000 Catholic students will be in class no later than Oct. 7, after the province announced plans to legislate striking teachers back to work.

But exactly what working conditions will be imposed on returning teachers remains unclear until Education Minister Dave Johnson introduces the controversial legislation Monday afternoon.

On Thursday, Johnson emerged from his second meeting with four York Region parents

to announce the legislation affecting eight of Ontario's 72 school boards, where there are strikes or lockouts, including five across greater Toronto.

It will not affect rotating one-day strikes, a tactic used earlier this month by York Region's public high school teachers.

Students could be in class Tuesday if opposition parties endorse the legislation, but the NDP has already said it will stall the bill.

Without their leader's approval, Liberals will oppose the legislation on principle because

Johnson did not wait for the Education Relations Commission to rule the school year is in jeopardy.

Over its 24-year history, the ERC has waited between 27 and 56 days to recommend teachers be legislated back to work.

"I guess the Liberals and NDP just don't want to get elected when they say they'll block any legislation," commented Aurora's Gwenda Trimble, one of the parents who met with Johnson.

"Just think of how many voters in this province have children. Blocking legislation and saying

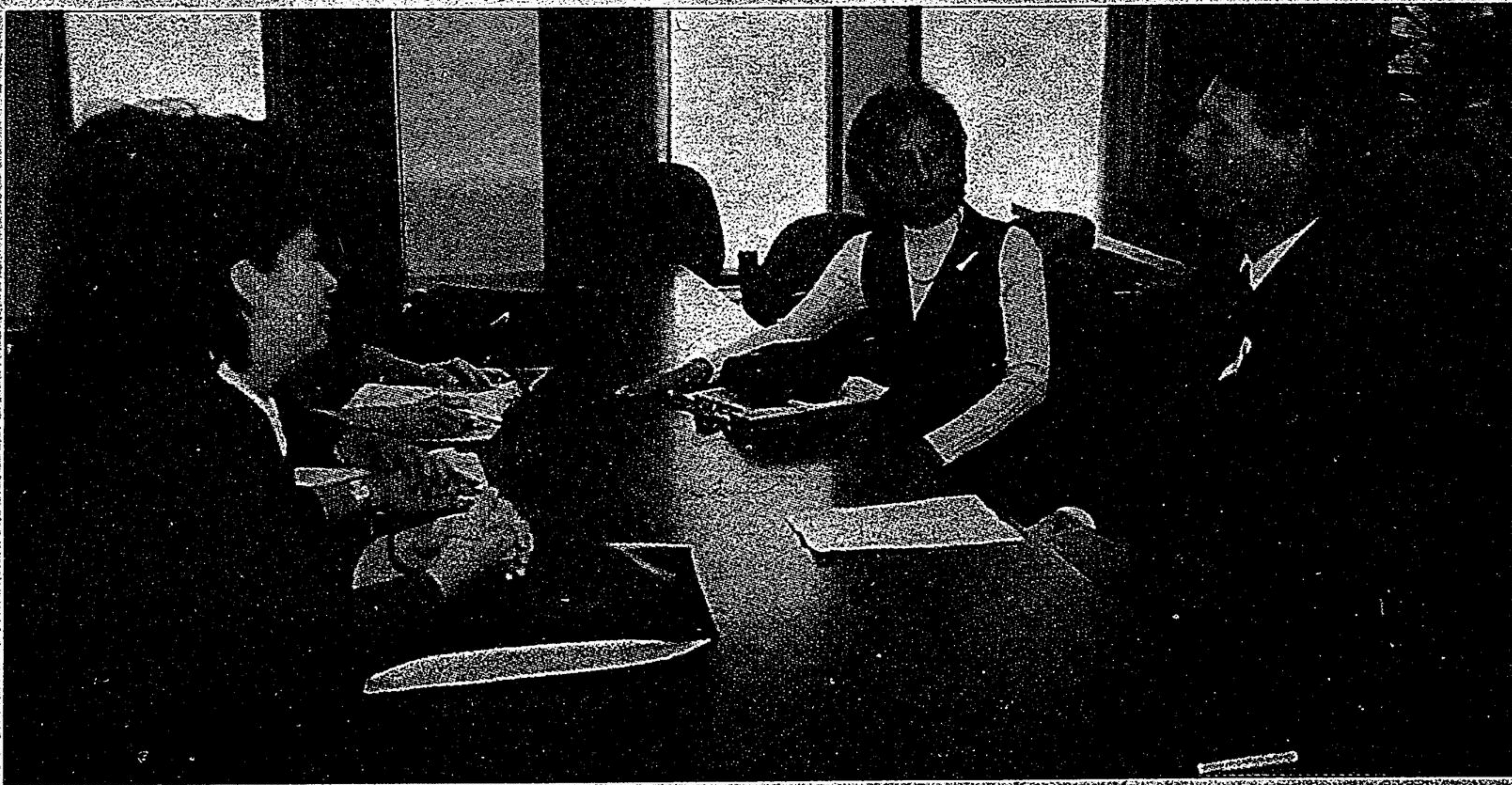
that's what people want is ridiculous."

With three children set to miss their 15th straight day of class at Our Lady of Grace Catholic school Monday, Trimble is encouraging parents to lobby their MPPs to support the legislation.

Despite Johnson's announcement, the fastest way to end the strike is still for the school board and local union executives to reach a new collective agreement.

Although the school board contacted mediator Bruce Janisse

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TABLE TALK

Mary Misko, left, and Stouffville's Loula Bigioni are two of four York Region parents who met with Education Minister Dave Johnson Thursday at his Bay Street office to talk about back-to-work legislation.

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