

THE REGION

Surplus returned to welfare budget

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York Region is setting aside money to pay for sudden increases in welfare and social housing costs in case of another recession.

The province passed on the costs of social programs to regional governments last January. Council set aside \$158.5 million this year for welfare and social housing, includ-

ing the \$93 million York must contribute to Toronto's social costs.

But the region is spending \$6 million less on social assistance and subsidized housing than anticipated. Chief administrative officer Alan Wells argued the surplus should be set aside to pay for unforeseen social expenses in the future.

Without the reserve funds, Wells warned York would be in

trouble if costs suddenly skyrocketed.

Unlike the province, which has several taxation methods at its disposal, he pointed out the region only has one chance a year to raise money through property taxes.

If costs jumped mid-year, the region would have no way of paying its bills. Wells warned the region could be left \$10 million to \$20 million short.


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TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Markham passed by-law 247-98 on the 15th day of December, 1998, under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of the Town of Markham, not later than the 20th day of January, 1999, a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a cheque in the amount of \$125.00 payable to the Treasurer of Ontario.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law is below. A key is not provided since the by-law applies throughout the Town of Markham. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. For more information, please contact Bob Crews, Development Services Commission, at (905) 477-7000, ext. 3600.

DATED at the Town of Markham this 31st day of December, 1998:

Bob Panizza, Town Clerk
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

Note: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a zoning by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

By-law #247-98 is a general amendment to all of the Town's urban area Zoning By-laws to clarify that gambling, gaming, betting and/or wagering uses are not permitted 'as-of-right' in commercial or industrial zone categories.

A number of the Town's By-laws contain existing permissions for 'places of entertainment' and 'indoor recreation establishments'. In most instances, these terms are not specifically defined in the By-laws; as such, the range and character of uses considered as permitted are open to a degree of interpretation. By-law #247-98 clarifies the Town's intent that gambling and gaming facilities (eg. casinos) are not considered as permitted by current commercial or industrial zoning. Any proposal for such a facility would require a specific rezoning.

By-law #247-98 does not prevent or prohibit the Town from considering a proposal for betting or wagering facilities as a use 'accessory' to an otherwise permitted use, such as a hotel or a restaurant. The By-law only clarifies that such uses are not permitted as the sole or principal use of a property in commercial and industrial zone categories.



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