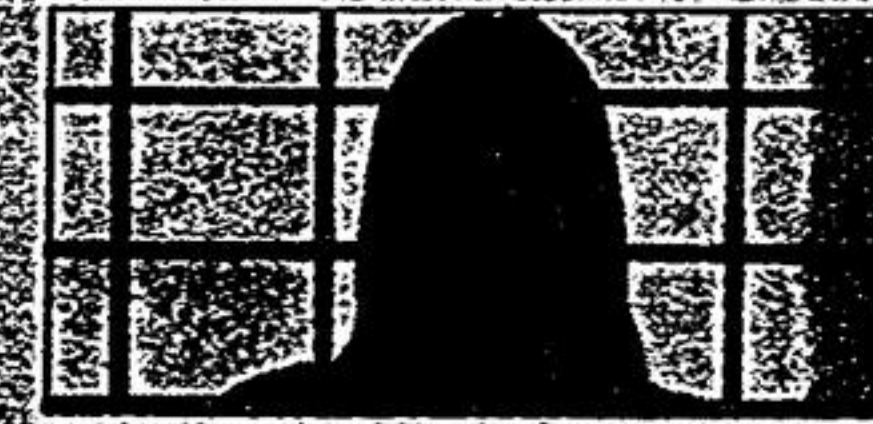


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Teachers fuming over proposed Tory cuts

Truce over between government, unions

BY JENNIFER BROWN
Staff Writer

The ceasefire is over. After almost a year of labour peace in education, there are rumblings that proposed Tory cuts to education could send school boards and teachers back into battle.

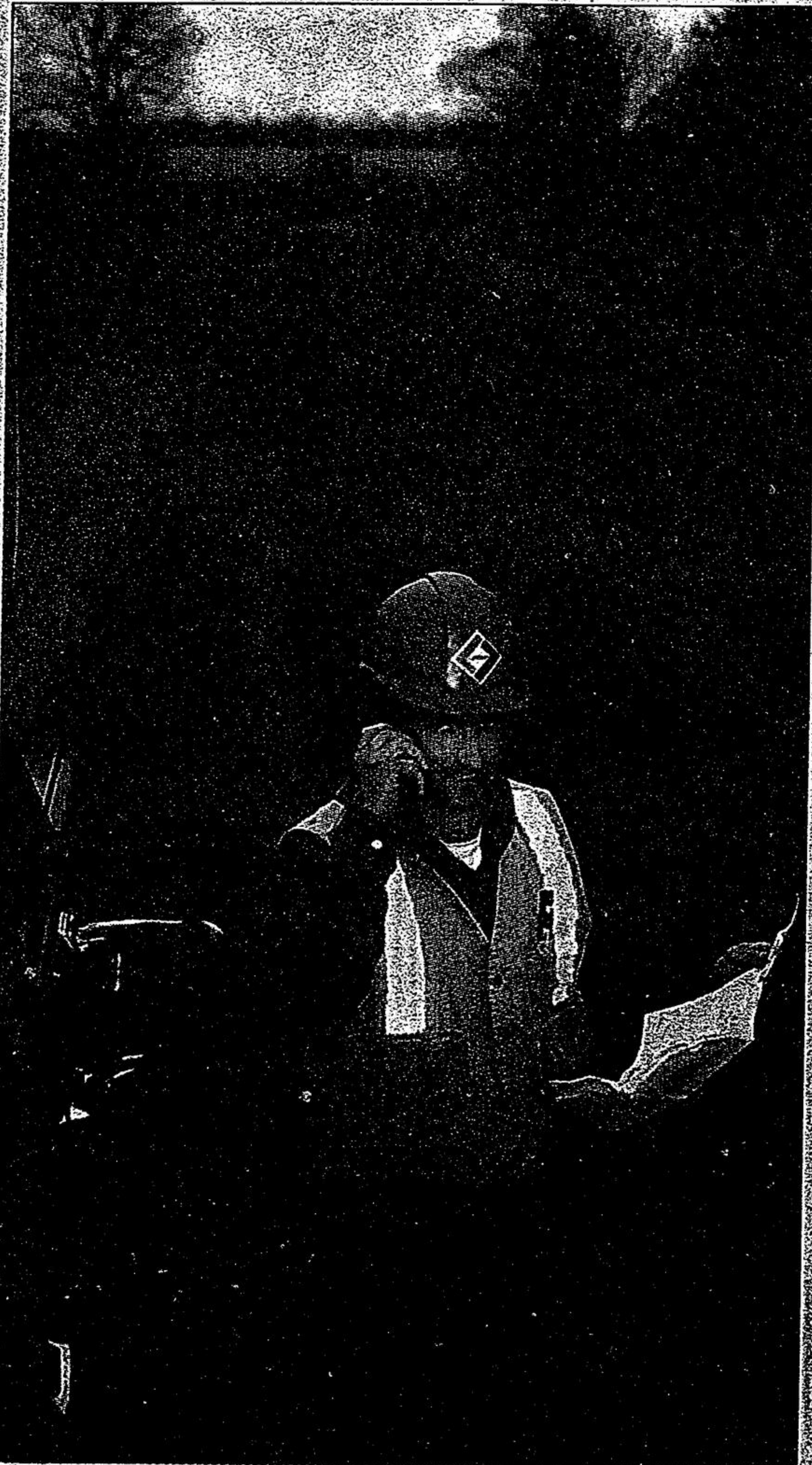
A provincial cabinet document leaked to *The Toronto Star* Tuesday suggests the Tories are planning to make another \$800 million in cuts to education by reducing funding for school boards, computers in classrooms, textbooks, colleges and universities and by freezing teacher salaries.

"Here we go again with more cuts by this government," said Earl Manners, president of the union representing Ontario's public high school teachers.

"They seem to have a one-track mind when it comes to education and that's cuts. They've broken their promise to protect classroom funding and their election promise to increase funding to education. It smacks of dishonesty."

But it was the document's reference to teacher salaries that has both the unions and school board administrators worrying about next fall's contract negotiations. The leaked report suggests there should be no pay hikes for teachers when their current con-

ON THE ROAD



Angelo Gabriele, with Lansco construction, a subcontractor with Miwell Construction, checks the drawings for the new access road being built to the Stouffville pool/library complex.

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Survey results favour two cities

North-south split for York Region amalgamation

BY LISA QUEEN
Staff Writer

When Newmarket Mayor Tom Taylor unveiled his plan for two cities in York Region, he spoke of protecting the environment and maintaining community identity.

He obviously stuck a nerve. A third of residents who responded to a survey in Metroland's York Region community newspapers, including the *Stouffville Tribune*, support Taylor's model.

The new map would see Richmond Hill, Markham and Vaughan in one city and Georgina, East Gwillimbury, Newmarket, Aurora, Whitchurch-Stouffville and King Township in the other.

Taylor argues it's the only way to go.

He pointed out north and south York are very different places and insisted those characteristics would be protected under two distinct councils.

Taylor believes his vision would also help protect key



WAYNE EMMERSON: Mayor dismisses survey by York Region's Metroland papers, including the *Stouffville Tribune*.

environmental areas such as the Oak Ridges Moraine.

As it is now, small municipalities are scrambling to attract development to their towns in a losing battle to keep a lid on taxes.

One northern city would concentrate growth in certain areas, rather than continuing to allow urban sprawl.

But critics of Taylor's plan call it shortsighted. Former York chairperson Eldred King doesn't dispute the differences between York's north and

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