

# Markham Stouffville short \$8 million

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we want to ensure the sustainability of the health care system so that it is there for our children and for future generations after that."

But while spending on overall health care is increasing, the May 9 provincial budget cut \$100 million in hospital funding this year.

The Tories announced hospitals will receive \$8.4 billion this year, down from last year's \$8.5 billion. Hospitals had been asking for an additional \$650 million over what they got last year.

Markham Stouffville president Dr. Jim Maclean and Southlake president Dan Carriere are pleased to receive Clement's performance grants, especially since the funding recognizes their efficiency.

But while he doesn't want to look a gift horse in the mouth, Maclean said his hospital is \$8 million short on provincial funding this year. Markham

Stouffville's annual operating budget this year is about \$80 million.

Meanwhile, Carriere estimated Southlake is short \$14 million in provincial funding this year. His operating budget sits at about \$100 million.

York Central, with a budget of \$102 million, was hoping for \$1 million more from the province for capital projects.

"We all have shortfalls, all York Region hospitals have fairly significant deficits because we're the fastest growing area of the country and to provide quality care costs money," MacLean said.

"We're all appreciative of whatever funding announcements there are but we all have to recognize that providing health care in this community with a growing and aging population and increasing expectations of the population, it is a continual challenge to provide the level of care people expect."

Maclean is hoping a meeting with the ministry next month will address funding shortfalls for hospitals in growing areas.

Carriere agreed York hospitals are under intense pressure from the region's growing and aging population.

"You don't have to be a rocket scientist. The housing starts are everywhere in York Region," he said.

"The funding is nice but we have a long way to go yet. We have to look at hot spots and definitely one of those hot spots is York Region."

At the same time, both Carriere and Maclean acknowledged that health care spending can't continue to increase forever.

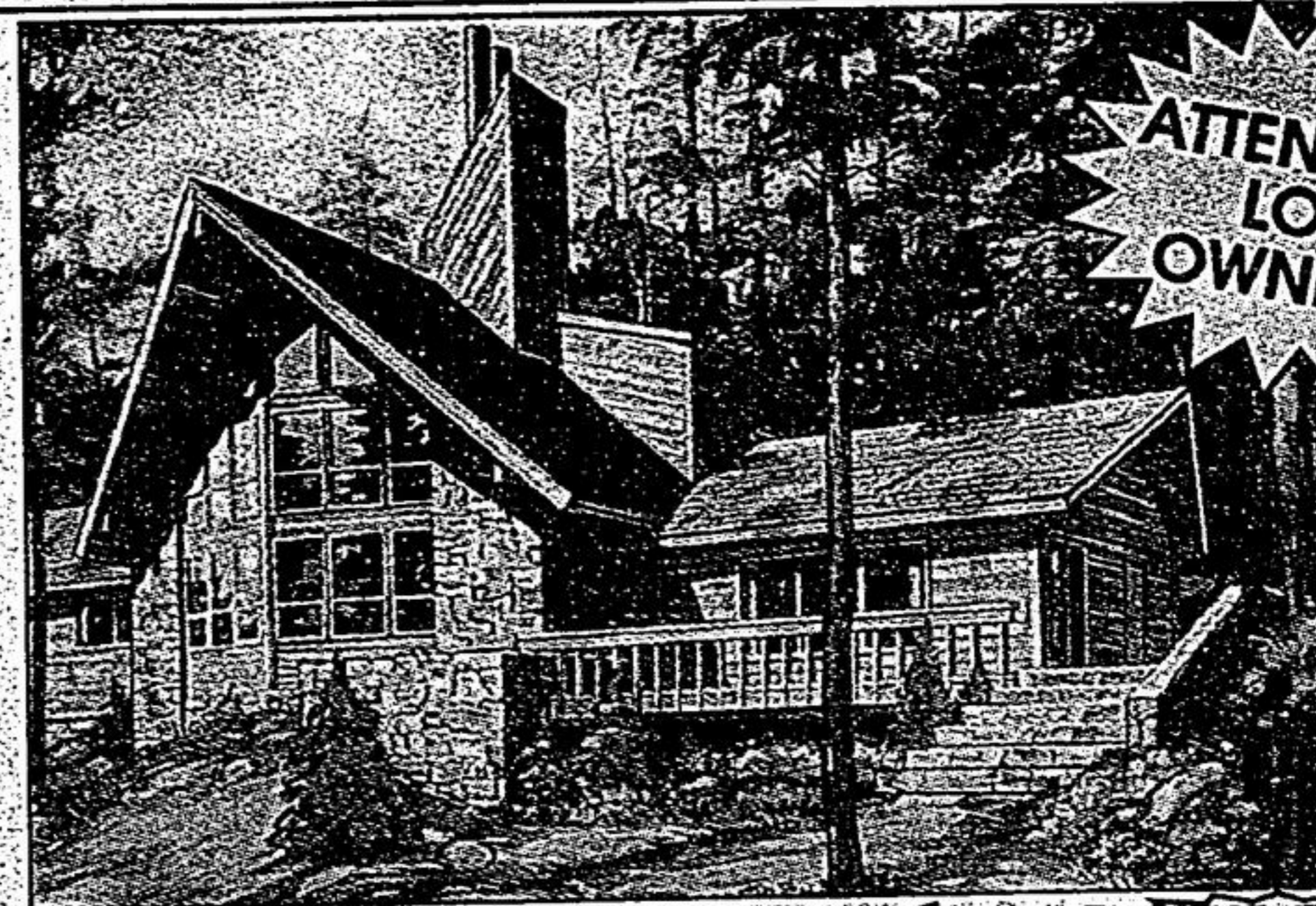
Meanwhile, Carriere praised Clement's effort to reward efficient hospitals through performance grants.

"In the past, inefficient hospitals didn't fare any worse than efficient hospitals."

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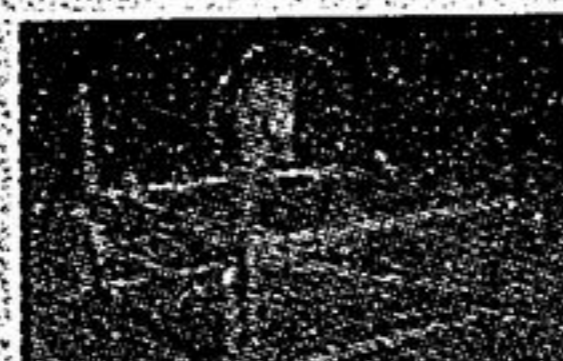
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The open house is slated for 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday. New Airstreams are also on display from Can-Am RV Centre of London, Ont.

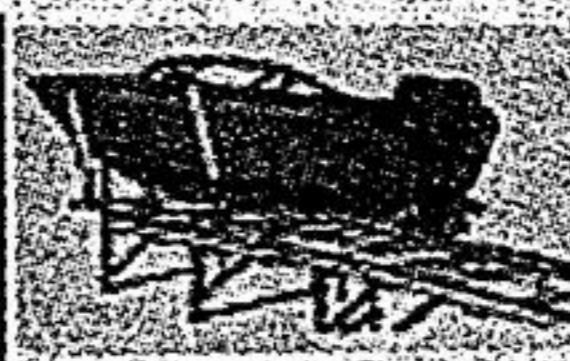
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