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Markham gives more power to CAO

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municipalities have backup plans in case of emergency.

The old Municipal Act restricted local councils' power only after election day, which meant councils made up mostly of politicians that would not be running again could make decisions right up until election day.

Under the new act, a "lame duck" period, restricting a council's power, is introduced as soon as it is established that less than three-quarters of a council will be returning.

"You don't want people (making decisions) who won't be accountable. You don't want them taking actions that would hinder the new council," Mr. Sidebottom said.

If a council enters a lame duck period, that council can't hire or fire employees, get rid of property worth more than \$50,000 or spend more than \$50,000.

In anticipation of a possible lame duck period, York Region council had to speed through a proposal last month to set aside \$539 million for a rapid transit bus system.

"It was put forward relatively quickly without specifics behind it," Mr. Fisch said.

He would have preferred to bring the proposal to council in October instead of September. An extra month would have given the region's staff and politicians more time to review the proposal, he said.

'It protects us and I like to be safe. But I don't like being called a lame duck.'

But regional council had to set aside the money so that in the next few months, the provincial and federal governments could review the bus rapid transit plan and decide on funding it, he said. York Region council had set aside the money on the condition the provincial and federal governments give the same amount.

In Markham, politicians reacted to changes to the Municipal Act by increasing power to the chief administrative officer.

At a September meeting, Markham council passed a reso-

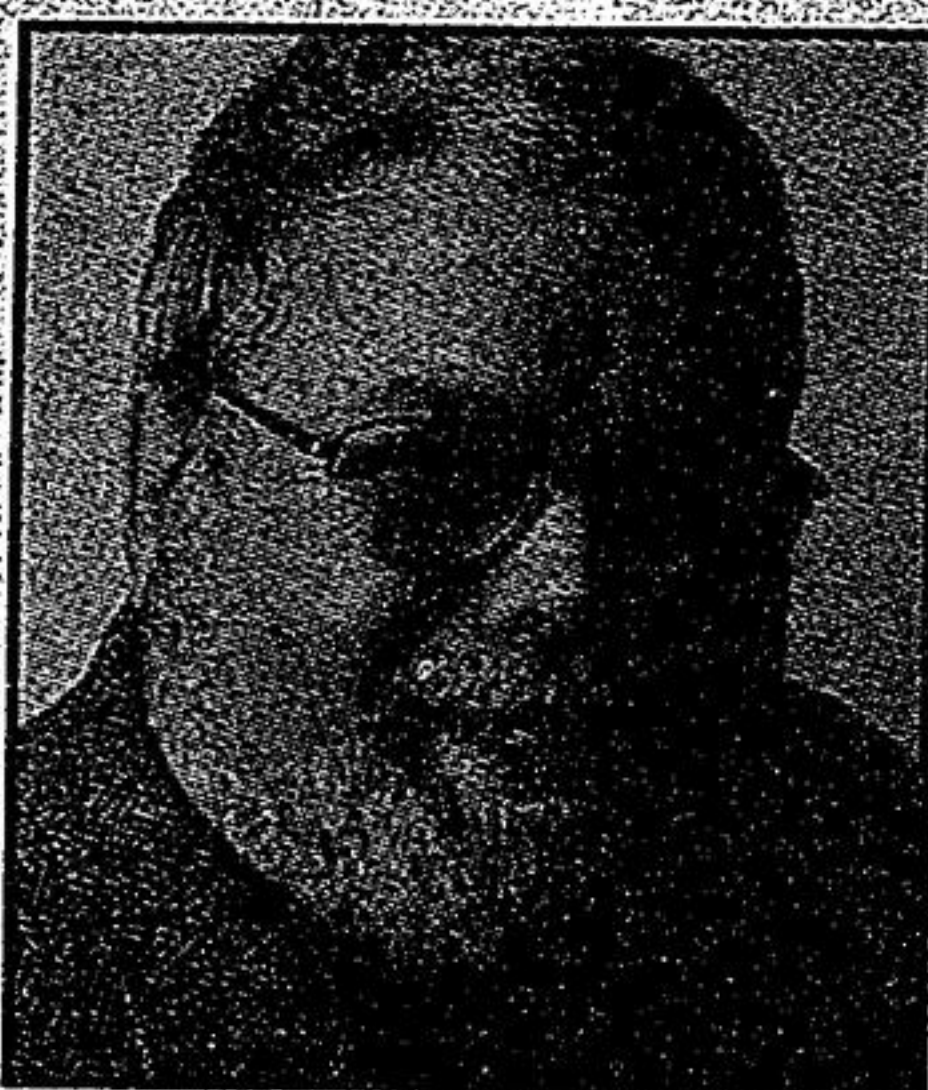
lution to give authority to the CAO, John Livey, including the power to acquire land or goods and services worth more than \$50,000 and award contracts worth more than \$350,000.

Ward 5 Councillor Jack Heath worried this gave the CAO too much power.

"This resolution is to me undemocratic. I don't think we should grant a civil servant — even though I have full confidence in him — this authority with no cap. To have a two-month period with no one in authority to oversee spending, I've never seen something like this," Mr. Heath said.

But Mayor Don Cousens said the people who wrote the revised Municipal Act told the town's lawyer it is important to have the protection of a CAO who can step in and take action in case the council cannot, said.

"We don't like to take chances and would rather err on the side of caution when it comes to the law. There is a level of trust between ourselves and the CAO that anything big would come back to us. It protects us and I like to be safe. But I don't like being called a lame duck."



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