'Neediest residents go without services'

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"Greater Toronto Area taxpayers pay out almost $24 billion more in taxes than they receive in government spending—a net tax burden equal to 11 per cent of the GTA economy," according to the report's author, Mark Mullins, director of Ontario policy studies at the Fraser Institute.

Paul De Buono of Vaughan Watch is also disturbed by the study.

"It's bothersome. In York Region, we tend to complain (we) don't get the type of services that Toronto gets," he said.

"The perception is we are terribly well off and we don't need the services. York Region gets looked over."

York service providers say the report confirms what their studies have shown for years.

"How is it fair and reasonable that York Region pays among the highest in taxes but the neediest residents don't get the services needy residents in other areas get? It's unconscionable," said Bill Hogarth, director of education for the York Region District School Board.

Mr. Hogarth, also co-chairperson of the region's Human Services Planning Coalition, is hoping this week's provincial budget will address funding shortfalls in York.

Studies by the coalition have revealed:

- Provincial funding for children's services in York are only 49 per cent of the provincial average and 45 per cent of Toronto's average;
- Child care funding is 64 per cent of the provincial average and 73 per cent of Toronto's average;
- Immigrant and settlement services are 44 per cent of Toronto's average and 45 per cent of the GTA average.

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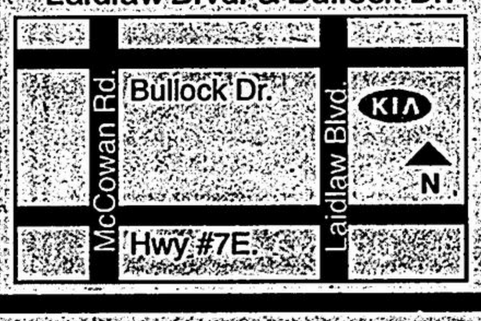
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