

# York Regional salary hikes blasted by Town councillor

## Ask increases be re-considered

MARKHAM - An attack on recent increases given to department heads at the York Regional level ended in a draw, April 11, at a Markham Council meeting - but not before harsh words were exchanged.

A resolution was put forward by Councillor Bob Adams, seconded by Councillor Bob Muldrew, expressing "concern" over the pay raises. Council, in considering the motion, was asked to request Regional Council to "reconsider" the increases.

"Well, gentlemen", said Mayor Tony Roman, "it's really none of our business". His statement caused a major outburst.

"It's 27 percent our business", argued Councillor Adams, referring to Markham's share of the Regional budget.

Councillor Muldrew suggested enlarging the scope of the original resolution and circulating it to all municipalities in the Region.

Councillor Jim Jongeneel, one of Markham's Regional representatives stated his opinion that the increases were too high, and pointed out that only 10 of the 16 Regional Council

members were present when they were approved.

"We can't tell the Region what to do", he cautioned, "but we can instruct our Regional representatives to press the matter".

Councillor Adams agreed to change the resolution. Mayor Roman, however, urged him to "tear the resolution up" and instruct the representatives unofficially. He defended the increases, saying they amounted overall to only about 5 percent.

"It's not fair to our own department heads", objected Councillor Adams. Mayor Roman suggested that, in that case, perhaps Markham should be conducting a review, not York Region.

"There's no way I'll vote for it", the Mayor continued. "When I go to Regional Council, I act the way I see fit".

"May I remind the Mayor", interjected Councillor Keith Kennedy, "that he acts as he sees fit here, too".

It was Mayor Roman's request for a recorded vote that proved the last straw for Councillor Muldrew.

"I'm concerned that the municipality is not gaining proper representation at the Region", he said. "How can we expect you to support us in Regional Council when we're not there to watch you? I'm disgusted with that attitude".

"We're elected to represent the Town of Markham", snapped Mayor Roman.

"We're aware of the cost factor", he continued, "and we're aware of a hell of a lot of other things in the Region. If you don't think we're doing our jobs, you should tell us".

"I'm shocked that you would ask for a recorded vote", retorted Mr. Muldrew. Councillor Kennedy managed to steer the discussion into safer waters, requesting Mayor Roman to explain how the increases were decided. After further comment, the vote saw only Adams, Muldrew, and Bonner in favor. The resolution was lost.

Barely had the smoke cleared when Councillor Kennedy put forward a motion, that Council instruct its Regional representatives to ask Regional Council to reassess the raises.

"That's the resolution we just defeated", exclaimed Councillor Adams.

"It's more polite than your motion", observed another member.

The second resolution passed with almost no debate.

## 'Lanky' to fly again

MARKHAM - A group of enthusiastic aviation buffs are tackling a major restoration project.

The object of their work is a Lancaster Bomber that saw service in Britain with No. 428 Ghost Squadron at Middleton St. George. The aircraft was built in Malton in early 1945 and ferried to Britain in time to see operational service before the war's end.

Returning to Canada in 1946, the craft was modified by A. V. Roe Ltd. for maritime reconnaissance work, and served with the Maritime Command until 1964 when it was sold. The bomber was exhibited in Niagara Falls for a few years and then once more, was put up for sale.

A newspaper ad caught the attention of Ken Shortt, a Markham heating and refrigeration contractor. Being an aviation buff, he travelled to Niagara Falls to take a look at it. An American group was also keenly interested in purchasing the plane. Ken was determined that the Lancaster should not leave Canada, and this mixture of patriotism and aviation enthusiasm resulted in Ken's subsequent purchase of the bomber.

"Having already spent a considerable amount of money for the craft, the next problem was to find a place to keep it. Arrangements were made to store it at Oshawa. The plane was dismantled and shipped by lake barge and a large float truck was used to move it to the airport.

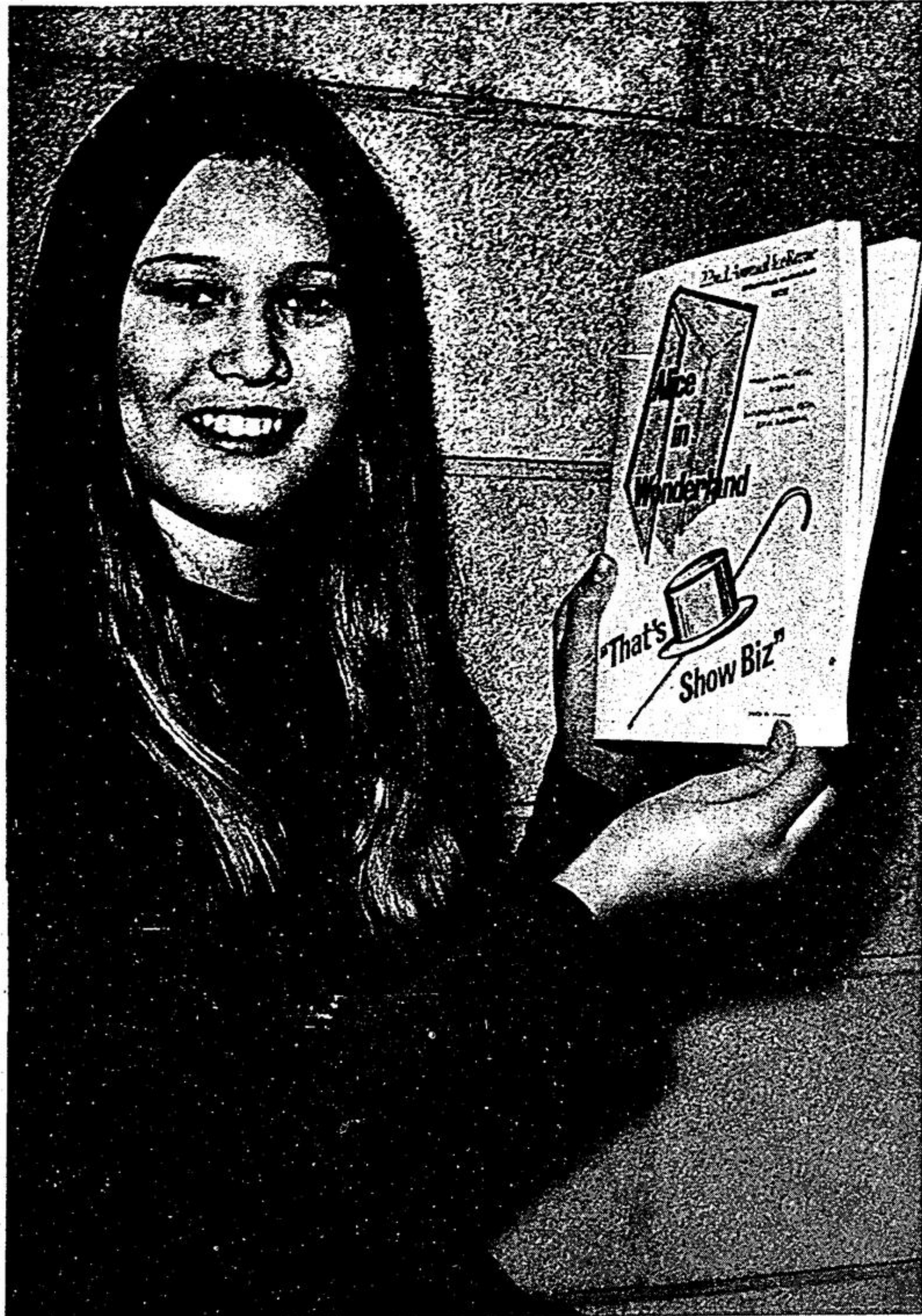
Re-assembly was the next problem. At this point Joe Corrigan entered the picture. Joe, a former flight test mechanic at A. V. Roe, had worked on Lancasters before and his expertise, plus the help of a handful of other enthusiasts, soon had the plane re-assembled.

With that task completed the next step is to bring the aircraft into flying condition. The Rolls Royce - Packard engines are in good shape with only about 100 hours of operating time on them before being moth-balled. Many other parts have been damaged or removed by vandals and they must be restored. This is no easy task as Lancaster parts are difficult to find.

Judy Shortt, Ken's wife, has been writing letters to many individuals and government departments seeking parts.



Mr. and Mrs. Ken Shortt (right) of Markham and Joe Corrigan, a former flight test mechanic at A.V. Roe, stand beside a Lancaster bomber, now being re-fitted in Oshawa. When operational they plan to place it in an aviation museum.



## Star attraction this weekend

The 22nd annual Ice Revue, featuring members of the Stouffville Figure Skating Club, is all set to go, Friday and Saturday evenings, at 8 p.m., and Saturday afternoon at two. Helping to

publicize the event is pretty 12 year old Georgina Kemp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John-Kemp, Stouffville R.R.1.

—Jas. Thomas.

## Lack of factual Airport information irritates two Town Council Members

STOUFFVILLE - The proposed airport came in for some hard blows at a Council meeting, April 11, although not all landed on target.

A resolution, moved by Councillor June Button and seconded by Councillor Tom Lonergan, noted the fact that the present site was apparently not one of the four selected for a detailed study. Suggesting that the "billions of dollars" to be spent on the project might be better expended elsewhere, the resolution asked Council to advise Prime Minister Trudeau and Premier William Davis that Council requests a halt on the entire project

until further studies have been made.

"I'm not saying the airport shouldn't be there, necessarily", said Mrs. Button, "but they shouldn't go ahead until detailed studies have been conducted".

Mayor Ken Laushway termed the claim about the four detailed studies "only hearsay".

"It might prove beneficial to the whole community, to have the airport nearby", he said.

He repeated his allegation about "hearsay" a few minutes later, but added "I'm just pointing that out, I'm not commenting on this report".

"You're not?" asked

Councillor Button. Councillor Lonergan pointed out that nobody has disproved this recent report, and attacked the lack of information made public by the senior governments.

"One of their experts couldn't even find Stouffville on a map", he complained.

Do you have anything new to say, that we haven't heard?" enquired the Mayor. He urged Councillor Lonergan to "change the needle once in awhile".

Councillor Betty vanNostrand suggested the resolution be tabled until the next planning board meeting, May 2. She felt that the proposed May 1 meeting at the high school might give some extra information.

"I don't think you'll get much more information there", observed Mayor Laushway.

Councillor Herb Simpson seconded Mrs. vanNostrand's resolution to table the matter. On the vote, tabling was supported by Councillors Ratcliff, Simpson and vanNostrand; opposed were Councillors Button, Lonergan, and Baker. Mayor Laushway broke the tie, voting to table Mrs. Button's resolution.

The vote went a little differently on a similar motion, introduced a few minutes later by Councillor Ratcliff. This resolution pictures Stouffville as being made "vulnerable" by the airport announcement, particularly in respect of roads, pollution, noise and other matters. It therefore asked written assurances from senior governments on four points: that runways would be located so as to keep Stouffville out of any noise zone; that growth in this area not

be slowed by the airport; that highways, sewers and similar services to the site be extended to assist the development of Stouffville and that land owners who suffer depreciation or other financial hardship because of the airport should be fairly compensated.

Mayor Laushway, obviously a little more favorable towards this motion, repeated his conviction that an airport will be built in Pickering. He urged Council members to keep abreast of all developments in the project, to protect this town as much as possible.

Councillors generally agreed with the resolution. Councillor Simpson said he would "go along with this".

"When the jumbos start flying over Ballantrae, you might wish you hadn't supported this measure", warned the Mayor. Councillor Simpson shrugged.

"I'm getting a little deaf anyway", he replied.

This resolution passed, and copies will be forwarded to the higher levels of government.

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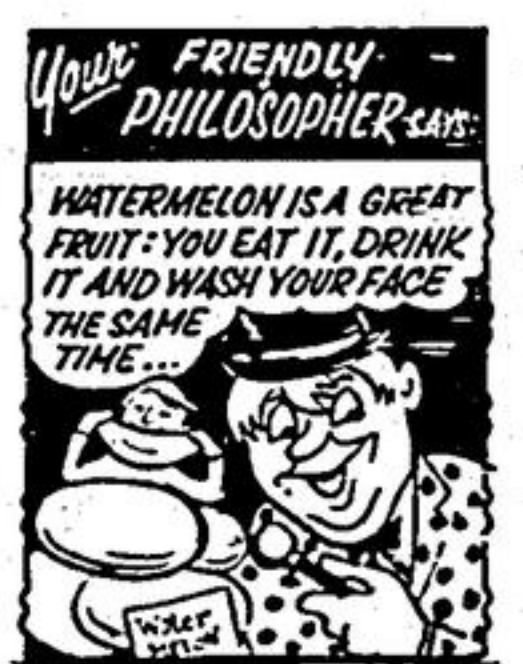
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An honorarium of \$100.00 will be awarded for the most practical and distinctive tree pattern. Topographical maps are available in the Town office for a nominal sum. Entries will be accepted at the Town office until 4:30 p.m., Friday, June 23rd, 1972. Judging will be by a committee appointed by the Mayor.

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