Council rejects police inquiry statements

By JOHN STEWART City council refused Mon-day night to agree to a request-from councillor Ron Searle to have police authorities involv-ed in the judicial inquiry

areport.

In a 3-3 vote, the ward 7 councillor's request was denied. Council did agree, however, to refer a letter from Judge Ray Stortini, which study that he incursion. which stated that the inquiry was hampered because the province refused to grant search and seizure powers. The letter was referred to

both the provincial attorney-general and the federal

minister of justice.

In a long, emotional speech about the inquiry, Searle in sisted that if council was sincere in its efforts to ensure that justice is done, it should have endorsed the measures he suggested on the night the inquiry was called and the day after - particularizing the

allegations Council acted in bad law continued Searle, who said his opinion of the resolution passed to begin the inquiry — that it was not specific enough — has been borne out by the

"If you had listened to me ien," Searle told his fellow then," Searle told his fellow members, "you might have saved the taxpayers what I believe will be in the region of half a million dollars before

nair a million dollars before this is over."

The councillor said he wanted Douglas Burrows, Peel police chief, and Lou Pellissero, Ontario Provincial Police inspector, to appear before council to explain in general terms what they had found Although it has been

reported in the press that there was no substance to the allegations," Searle said he wanted council to hear it first

hand. "If this council wants the truth we can get the truth without what I refer to as ubiquitous slander."

If council arefused to act because of a suit launched by ward 3 councillor Chic Murray against Mayor Martin Dobkin

councillor Hazel McCallion and three other persons, "we will be emasculated on the most important issue ever to come before this council," Searle said.

Dobkin left the chair for participate in the debate or

Councillor David Culham opposed the appearance of police officials and suggested instead in a motion later pass-ed by council, that it decide at a future general committee meeting whether to proceed with the incurry

with the inquiry.
"I will not sit at a council meeting where allegations are mentioned," he said. Culham indicated council had felt uninquiry was the only way to clear the air and various people's names. "This would have been the opportunity for anyone who wished to be

Council agreed to refer Stortini's letter in a 6-0 recorded vote. The motion to have the police appear was defeated on a 3-3 tie vote. In favor of the motion were Searle, Kennedy and Caye Killaby. Opposed were Culham, Spence and Hubert Wolf.

Strike slogans

advertising, she pointed out. Al Murray, chairman of the Peel negotiating team, said the board's proposal shows "they're not trying awfully

"We feel it's way below the dations and we don't believe even follows the Palmer

Murray said they were still Murray sau they were still not convinced there's no hope for a COLA (cost of living allowance) clause under the federal wage guidelines. The latest board offer includes a "We'd rat"

got a COLA clause," he said.
"The insertion of the COLA clause has a value for posteri-ty when wage guidelines are removed."

percentage of oversized academic and commercial classes in Peel is the largest in

classes in Peel is the largest in Ontario. That's why it (the system) stands in danger of lack of quality teaching."

The board proposal would lower the pupil-staff ratio from 17.5 to 16.9. This would many the bisting of 55. mean the hiring of 55 new teachers at a cost of \$962,500

to the board.

The teachers also disagree with "the proposed fringe benefits of increased OHIP and extended health care and "We'd rather see the \$400

\$400 lump sum payment in lieu of a COLA.

"Thunder Bay and Ottawa"

"T one teacher negotiator said. The OSSTF District 10 membership is meeting today

with the board offer, ac-cording to Murray, is staffing. Dec. 3 and the teachers could "Parity is a priority with legally strike Dec. 8.

\$5,000 raise

Peel Board of Education's December, 1975, the offer last offer to high school ranges from \$9.548 in category teachers would give at least 42 1 to \$21,700 in category 4. percent of them, about 670 out of 1,600 teachers, an average \$5,100 raise to bring them up to \$19,900 by next

In a press conference, committee chairman Ruth Thompson said that if the offer was accepted by secondary school teachers, such an increase in salaries would have "a very con-siderable effect on local education taxes - there is no doubt about that.

Members of District 10 of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF) have rejected the board's "last" offer and are preparing for a Dec. 3 strike vote

Board chairman Ted Humphreys explained that tax increases could only be offset by increases in the provincial grants to school boards "and that is a forlorn hope." Director of education

John Fraser explained that the en-phases on raises in the board offer was placed on the areas of qualification under which the majority of Peel

teachers work, category 4.
With the latest offer, the

ranges from \$9,548 in category 1 to \$21,700 in category 4.

That is better than the region through most of the 12year-old experience range and at the top is \$69 below

In addition, teachers would receive a \$400 cost of living allowance. There would be increases in the board's share of some benefits costs; provision for 50 percent coverage on a new dental plan: reductions in the pupil-teacher ratio from 17.5 pupils per staff member to 16.9; increased pay for coordinators and curriculum assistants: increased_responsibility for department heads; guaranteed teacher involvement in decision-making and improved grievance procedures

The board sees it as an extremely generous offer in light of economic conditions and Humphreys promised that if it were accepted by teachers, the board would support it and the teachers up to the federal government's anti-Inflation Review Board This is important, particularly

Murray to pay

deal with contempt proceedings," Estey said. When Outerbridge argued that the justices should consider ruling that the inquiry evidence collected so far

decide, and was not connected to the contempt application,
Both Judge Stortini and Bates attended the hearing.
Bates had no comment after the decision was handed down. Murray and his father, ward 3 councillor Chic Murray said their lawyers were still considering their

was more properly a matter for another tribunal to

Day care

though the children love it here, we just can't afford it. Weighing the value of the municipal centre's quality to its cost is what many families will have to do, Crozier

"That is why we decided to phase in the increase starting with \$8 - to give you a chance to think about it," he says.

"What you have here at the centres are teachers with early childhood education diplomas and a ratio of one teacher to 7.5 children. The teachers' salaries are higher and that's another reason our costs are higher.

"You can look at private day care centre or Miniskool or Educare, but be careful your child won't be one of 30 children to one teacher. Don't drop him off like a package at the centre.

'When you take yourself away as the teacher, we have your child longer than you do, particularly during Sharon Lewis called Crozier's value-weighing

"We all want the best for our children but what they're saying is pay the piper or get something in-

ferior," she says.

To those who question the needs test, Crozier says he and his staff would be more than willing to go over it

again with them. "If you think it's been miscalculated or that you've missed a major expense, we'll be glad to redo it and see where you stand," he says. "If you don't think you can

afford the fee, then work with us to prove it.
"What you should also do is go over your personal spending and see if you can't find a way to save more. "Let's get off the bandwagon of being owned by our

possessions," Crozier says.
"Will this happen every year?" one mother asked Crozier.
"It has to happen," Crozier replied.

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