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North York May Need an Executive Committee
but NOT a Board of Control

North York's proposal to set up an Executive Committee with all the powers of a Board of Control is not the answer to the Township Council's prayer for relief from a heavy work load, Toronto's Bureau of Municipal Research said today.

In its current bulletin on civic affairs, the non-partisan Bureau warns that a prime objection to the Board of Control system is that the Board is expected to take over administrative responsibilities which should be left with permanent officials. "Victory at the polls provides no guarantee of professional administrative skill", the Bureau observes. Another important objection listed by the Bureau is that Council has to muster a two-thirds majority, among other things, to spend money not certified in the estimates by the Board of Control. This means that the remaining members play second fiddle to the "controllers" in Council decisions.

If North York Council finds the work load of public business too heavy, the Bureau suggests a simple change for their private Bill now in the Legislature. This would give North York an Executive Committee without the binding responsibilities of a Board of Control. The two-thirds rule could be avoided and administrative responsibilities could remain with civic officials as at present.

Too much work, after all, was North York's reason for wanting the change in the first place.