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Recreation Dept. plans two fee hikes in 1991



SUPER STEWARTTOWN STUDENTS

After hearing about the break-in and vandalism of a local Georgetown food bank, Stewarttown School students decided to take action to help replace some of the stolen and destroyed food. Through their home base classes, a large amount of food, clothing, and toys was collected by the

students to be delivered Wednesday (Dec 12) to the food bank. Stephanie Sheffield, of Grade 6 and Grade 8 student Kim Stevenson (kneeling) were two students who made a considerable contribution to cause, by bringing in about 50 cans of food between themselves. *TED BROWN Weekend*

By **STUART JOHNSTON**
Town Council has recommended, in principle, to increase rental fees for all Recreation and Parks facilities, programs and services by January 1, 1991.

Council is expected to ratify its decision Monday night.

Recreation and Parks director Tom Shepard recommended the rate increases in order to offset rising administration costs, as well as a way of reducing "the financial impact to rate payers," according to his report to council.

The first rate increases are effective January 1. The amount of rate hikes planned vary with each facility. An additional 15 per cent administration increase on most facilities is set for July 1, 1991.

Rental facilities affected by the increases include arenas, sports fields/diamonds, parks, cemetery rates and community centres/halls.

For example, affiliated theatre groups wishing to use the Cultural Centre for performances will pay \$33 in January and \$38 per month as of July, compared to the current rate of \$30.50.

The local theatre groups' monthly rates will increase from \$45.50 to \$50 next month, and \$57.50 in July.

The production rates and rehearsal fees, based on an hourly rate, will increase on a similar scale.

Ice rental times will increase \$20.50 per hour by mid-1991, as the January rate will rise from \$70 per hour to \$78.50, and then to \$90.50 in July.

Shepard told council that his department will attempt to notify all user groups of the changes prior to Monday's meeting.

Some councillors wondered if the report should be deferred in order to give the groups an opportunity to respond to the rate increases, but Shepard disagreed.

"I'm not sure what deferring does, other than opening the door for every user group to come in — certainly, no one wants an increase," he said. "This isn't a made-up fee — they are staying within the

Skating group furious with rate hike. See page 3

guidelines you've given us to follow. You told me to recover X amount of per cent, and that's what this fee structure is doing."

Treasurer Ray King added that the new rates are still "considerably lower than what surrounding municipalities have."

Georgetown man found guilty of attempted murder

A 31-year-old rural Georgetown man has been found guilty by a Toronto jury of attempted murder.

Kevin Blakemore of RR1 Georgetown was arrested Oct 23, 1989 by Metro Police after he repeatedly stabbed a 31-year-old woman at her Queen's Quay condominium.

The woman was stabbed in her arms and legs, and a wound under her right breast penetrated her liver. She was rushed to Toronto General Hospital, where she underwent emergency surgery.

Blakemore and the victim were watching videos in her apartment on the night of the stabbing. Blakemore left when the movie was over, but returned later to use the phone. As he was starting to leave, he grabbed a kitchen knife and forced the woman into her bedroom, where he repeatedly stabbed her.

Blakemore immediately fled the apartment, but was later apprehended by Metro Police.

He is scheduled to be sentenced Dec. 19 by Mr. Justice William Lyon in the Ontario Court, general division.



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