

Town considering taking over operations at arena concessions

The Town is looking to once again operate the concession services at local arenas.

Staff is proposing a two-year pilot project where the municipality would take over the concessions from the private company currently running them — a move that the community services committee endorsed last Tuesday evening.

A plan for the pilot presented to the committee explained that management of the third-party contracts the Town has had for concession services "has taken considerable staff time and effort."

"Town-operated concessions will allow for more control, improved customer response time and fair revenue targets," the plan said.

The plan also noted that the current conces-

sion contract is ending mutually within the next few months. If the pilot is approved by council, the concessions at the Milton Sports Centre, Leisure Centre and Memorial Arena would reopen under Town management in August and at the John Tonelli Sports Centre in October.

After the two-year pilot, staff would evaluate the results and make recommendations on whether the Town should continue running the concessions or once again use a private company.

Besides the Milton Sports Centre, concessions at the other three Town-owned recreation facilities were once operated by municipal staff.

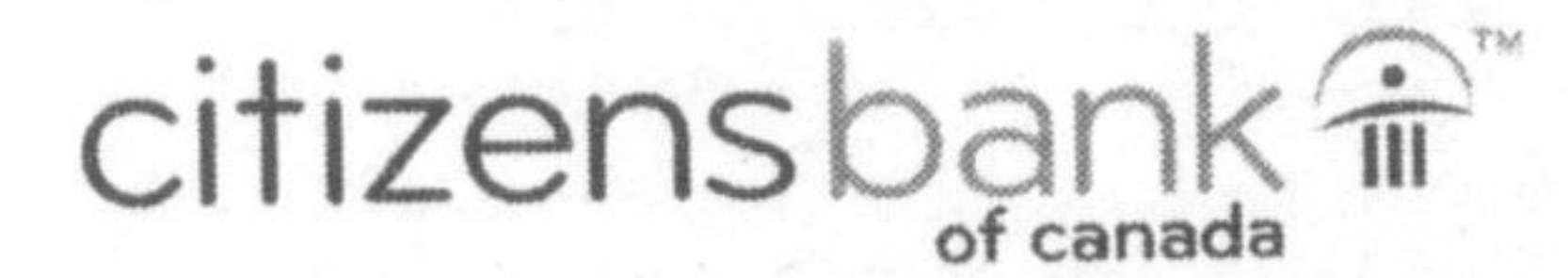
The matter will be on town council's agenda Monday.

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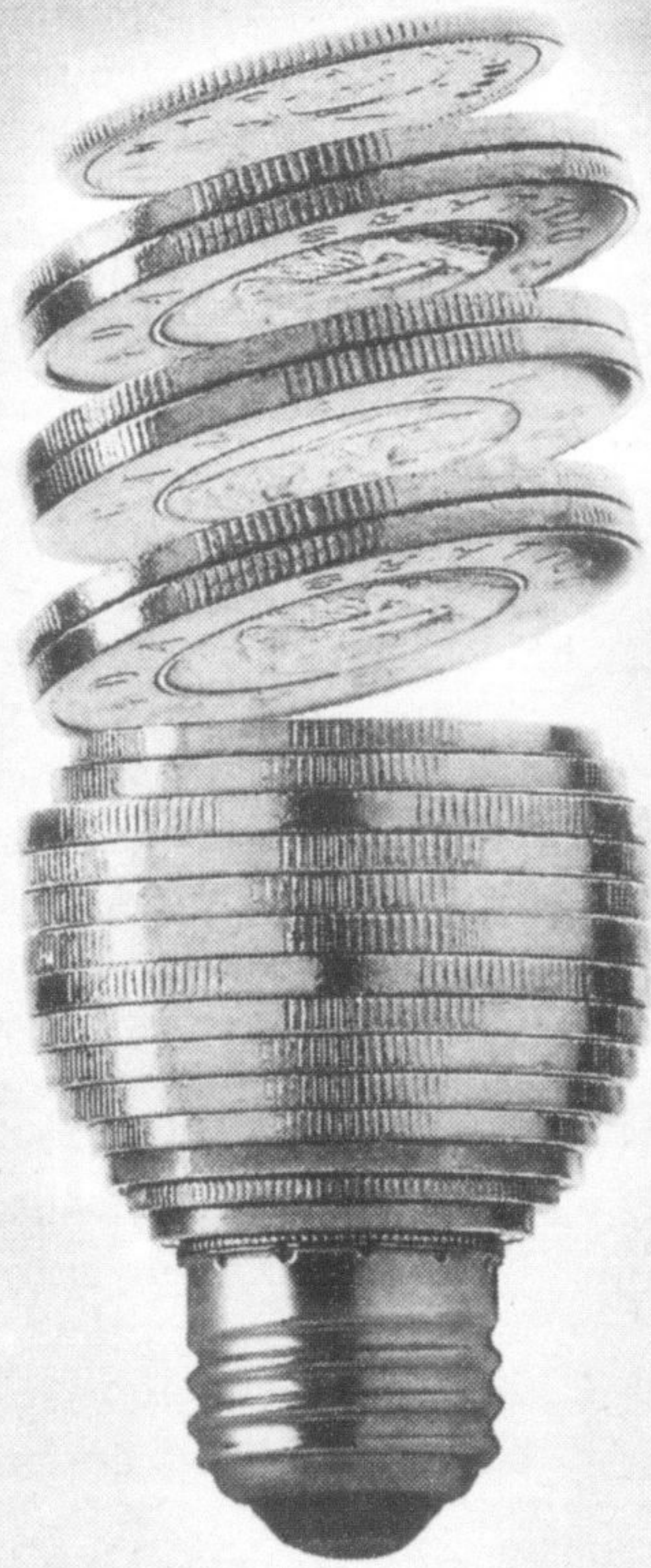
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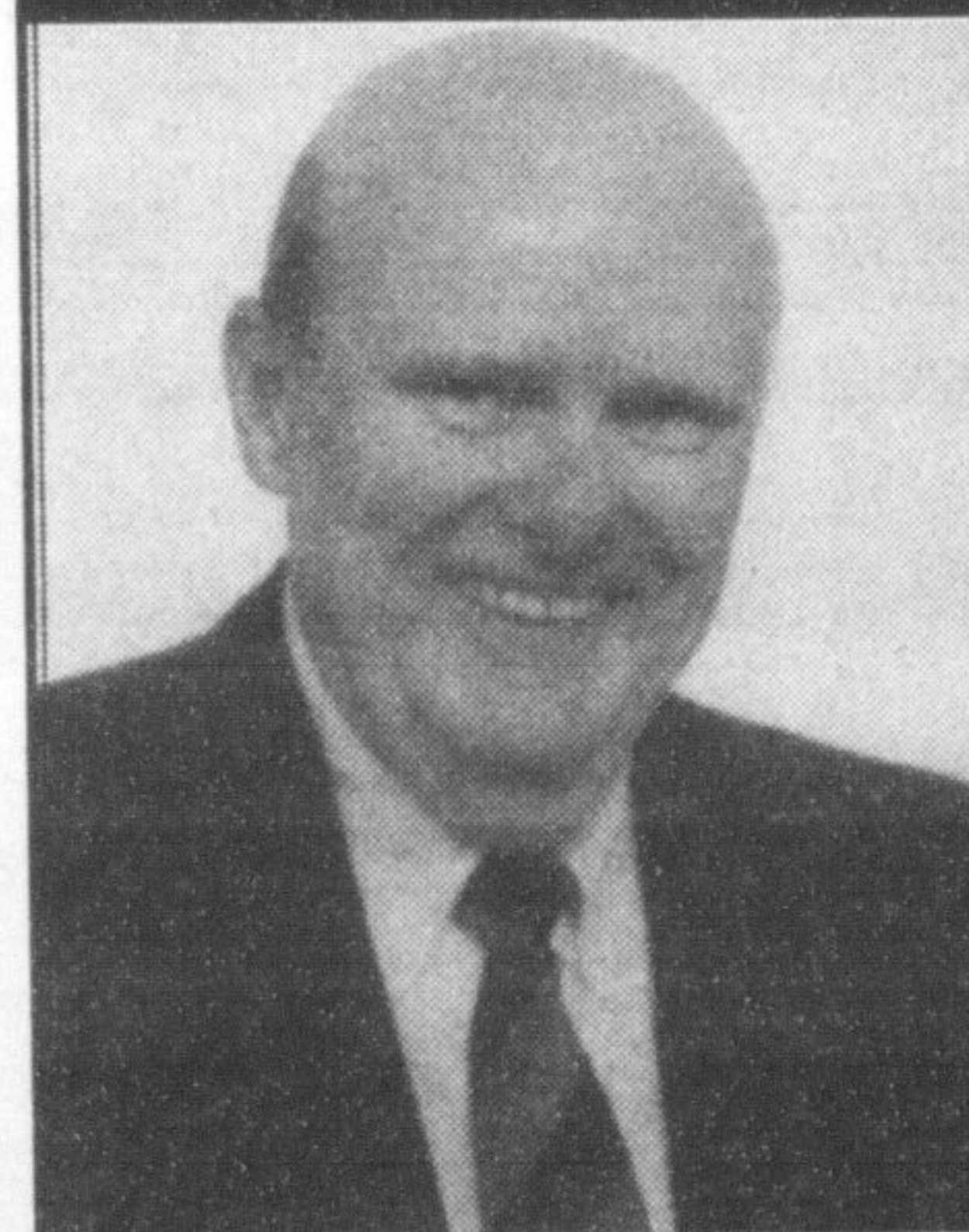
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