

# Woodbridge Pool Talk Goes On

## Everyone Wants It, But Where?

By FRED SIMPSON  
Almost everyone in Woodbridge wants a swimming pool but the question is where do they want it?

There's also no doubt about the fact they're going to get a swimming pool at Woodbridge Arena where a number of them don't want it. This and other matters were aired Wednesday night of last week as 20 ratepayers filed into Woodbridge Arena to exchange views on Vaughan Town Council's recent decision to flash the go-ahead on the \$659,270 controversial "gift" pool which has already cost \$90,000.

At meeting's end — three hours later — a questionnaire circulated by Don Brownson of the Woodbridge Ratepayers Association produced inconclusive results and served mainly to emphasize the divisions of feelings on the swimming pool.

A total of 119 ratepayers in attendance voted "yes" that they wanted a swimming pool in Woodbridge while only three said "no."

**FAVOR ARENA SITE**  
A total of 37 ratepayers want the pool to be located at the arena but there was no tabulation as to the feelings of the other ratepayers on this particular question.

Finally, a total of 56 voted yes to having the pool located at Woodbridge High School. This site a majority of councillors definitely oppose and in actuality wrote off by opting for the Woodbridge Arena location at the previous council meeting.

That meeting saw council approve the low tender of F. W. H. Massey of Toronto in the amount of \$659,270 for a roofed pool.

**RESULT OF PROTESTS**  
Wednesday night's public meeting resulted from protests from some ratepayers unhappy that council hadn't called a "public meeting" before going ahead with awarding the tender and passing a bylaw authorizing the swimming pool site at the arena.

Woodbridge Ratepayer Don Cameron said there were considerable reservations on the part of parents as to the design of the pool and whether it would prove to be dangerous for youngsters of eight years or under using it.

He also cited a traffic hazard at the arena site which is located at the busy intersection of Highway 7 West and Islington Avenue.

Finally, he thought there could be more suitable locations for a pool in the village and suggested a more ideal locale would be Woodbridge High School.

**QUESTIONS DESIGN**  
Another ratepayer, Verna Jackson, dwelt on the design of the pool stating it was more of a "submarine pool" rather than a people pool and would be unsuitable for young children to swim in.

She was referring to a movie company which built the pool to shoot underwater scenes in a submarine-like craft and then had turned the pool over to council as a gift.

She said the pool drops off to a depth of 14 feet, 6 inches, and this would cause "great difficulty for anyone trying to go down for someone and bringing them up at this depth."

**FAVOR HIGH SCHOOL SITE**  
Other ratepayers favored a high school location for the pool but at least one was against this because "85 per cent of those using it will be young children who will have to cross a busy highway to get to it."

Yet another commented that "you're asking for a funeral to put children in that pool at Woodbridge Arena."

Vaughan Mayor Garret Williams tried to allay fears by saying that "if the design of the bottom of the pool is a major concern then let's consider changing it. We can make the bottom of the pool any size or shape we want. If the majority of people want to change it we will."

A ratepayer asked if the mayor was willing to go on record as agreeing to re-designing the bottom of the pool to make it safer for young children to swim in.

**MAYOR'S PROMISE**  
Mayor Williams said, "We will take into consideration any submission made to us tonight and deal with it at the next council meeting."

He also said the Woodbridge pool received an okay as to safety standards by the provincial authorities who "are much more stringent regarding safety regulations today than they were even a few years ago."

It was also pointed out at the meeting by township officials that cost of floating a \$515,000 debenture repayable over 20 years would amount to an annual \$5 increase on ratepayer tax bills.

**QUESTIONS ESTIMATE**  
Ratepayer Cameron felt it would mean much more initially "when you take into consideration annual operating costs, carrying charges, and other expenses per year. A total annual cost of \$110,000 might even be conservative," he said.

He added that it was "more likely the average increase on the tax bill will be from \$10 to \$12 per year. It might drop to \$5 in 10 years but that remains to be seen."

"A \$10 to \$12 increase on tax bills might not seem too significant to some people but it is quite significant to others," he said.

**COUNCILLOR ANGRY**  
Councillor Fred Armstrong got into a tiff with the ratepayers for objecting to their bringing up the cost of other pools when "we should be concentrating on the Woodbridge arena one which we're here for."

He commented on a report compiled by a town official regarding the cost of other alternative pool operations, terming it as a "big joke."

Councillor Armstrong charged that the writer (Town Administrator Jim McDonald) "never even left his office to investigate pools. He just telephoned for his information."

**WHY THE "HOLLER"**  
Armstrong concluded by wondering why there was such an uproar "over the cost of the Woodbridge Ar-

ena pool because the \$515,000 levy would amount to an increase of \$5 a year and that means a ratepayer would only be paying a total of \$100 over the next 20 years. I am just wondering what we are hollering about."

Councillor Ab. Hollingshead continued to oppose the arena pool site due to its high cost and suggested that three other pools could be spread around the municipality for an equally reasonable amount.

He cited one other commercial pool costing \$200,000 which he felt would be an entirely logical and adequate structure.

Some councillors disagreed saying the municipality wouldn't get much for \$200,000 and adding that installation of sewer, water services and other contingencies would make the final cost much higher.

**SCHOOL SIDE OF IT**  
A representative of the York Regional School Board, Trustee Ross Jolliffe, was on hand to say the board would be willing to co-operate in any way with council if it was decided to construct a

pool on a school site. Councillor Armstrong asked, "Who would be the boss if the pool was on school property?"

Trustee Jolliffe said the Markham Thornhill high school pool is operated by the "recreation committee there and we share operating expenses."

Upshot of the meeting seemed to be that there will be a pool and it will be at Woodbridge Arena.

The question remaining is whether a decision will be made to redesign the pool's bottom to satisfy ratepayers concerned over possible danger to young children swimming.

And how much the cost will be to do the redesigning?

**COST BREAKDOWN**  
A breakdown of the total costs for the pool is as follows: Contract: \$659,270; Architect Fees \$52,741.60; Contingencies \$27,988.40 — for a total of \$740,000.

Revenues to be deducted: Winter Capital Project Fund \$200,000; Community Centres Grant \$25,000. This leaves a net cost to be debentured of \$515,000.

**Minor Hockey**  
The Oak Ridges Juveniles

Win First Two Games  
The Oak Ridges Juveniles swept to 6-2 and 1-0 wins against Sutton and Oro in league action last week as they opened their 1973-74 York Simcoe schedule.

Brent Orser paved the way in their 6-2 opening game win against Sutton with a three-goal performance followed by Larry Gueran with two goals and Wayne Roffey with one.

Assists went to Brian Jones, two and singles to Gueran, Albert Shaw and Steve Ashby.

Larry Gueran was the man of the hour in the Oro game scoring the lone goal assisted by Steve Gueron and Brent Orser.

The Alex Brockton Midgets made their second league win of the season against one tie in three starts as they downed Keswick 7-2 Sunday at Keswick.

Two goal performances by Paul Smith and Alan Heintzman led the way with singles going to Jim Gerber, Gary Gee, and Billy Metcalfe. Assists to Dale Roffey, three; Heintzman two, and Metcalfe one, Peter McConachie, Gerber and Gee.

The Oak Ridges Little Kings Novices won a tight 4-3 game over Stroud in their league opener at Stroud Sunday of last week.

Prior to their league opener they had swept to seven straight exhibition wins.

Mike Vanderploeg got two goals with singles going to Robert Saunders and Neil Wilson.

Leading scorer on the team is Wilson with a phenomenal 15 goals in eight games.

Scores of their exhibition games are as follows: Little Kings over East Gwillimbury 1-0; over East Gwillimbury 4-0; Sutton 4-3; Keswick 1-0; Uxbridge 7-2; King 13-0; Uxbridge 3-0.

That 13-0 win over King saw goals by Calvin Lyons four; Neil Wilson, three; Mike Vanderploeg, two; John Lalonde, one; and singles to Bill Marshall, Mark Willard, David Blyth.

Goalkeeping is shared by Glen McKenzie and Billy McArthur. Top defensive duo are the Millard twins, Mark and Mike.

In the Uxbridge game Neil Wilson got two and Mike Vanderploeg one.

House League action saw Richmond Hill Littles down Oak Ridges Midgets 2-1 with L. Bierentzia scoring the lone goal for the losers with Tom Dukelow assisting.

They lost the tie with only seven seconds left on the clock.

**BOWLING RESULTS**  
ABC BOWLING  
The Professionals have it in the bag for this series with 46 points showing and one more night to go.

The Killers have 35, the Amateurs 34, Gamblers 28, Pooch Bears 25, Tigers 21.

For the President's Trophy the Presidents are still leading 27,682 points followed by the Killers with 27,350, Gamblers 27,177, Pooch Bears 27,168, Amateurs 26,514, Tigers 25,940.

The top six for the ladies during the evening were Gloria Byer with 672 (205, 179, 288); Sandra Riddell 651 (143, 259, 249); Ruth Gerrard 635 (213, 198, 224).

For the men it was Mike Weber 707 (107, 190, 347); George Lawson 698 (221, 224, 243); Sam Moore 675 (207, 190, 278).

It seems George, Mike and Ed are buying all the coffee. (P.S. Just a joke challenge).

# Hill Minor Peewees And Legion Midgets Win 2

**MINOR ATOM**  
Stroud 3, Royal Bank 2  
Visiting Stroud for our first league game proved very exciting. Down 3-0 going into the third period. Royal Bank caught fire with a goal by Carl Boyle from Barry Munro and Bruce Strain.

Then another goal, scored by Mike Briggs from Barry Munro and Gary Strathland left Royal all around the net as the buzzer went.

**ATOM "A"**  
Perry Hill Industries 2  
Camp Borden 2  
For the second successive league game Richmond Hill was outshot 16-12, but managed a 2-2 tie with a surprisingly aggressive Camp Borden team.

After a scoreless first period, Andrew Don opened the scoring assisted by Paul Harrietha at the 10-minute mark of the second period. Camp Borden evened the score at 14-22 of the third period on a goal by Ken McCallum.

On the ensuing faceoff, Richmond Hill stormed into the opposing team's end and Bobby Petroff rifled home a pass from Adam Cox. The scoring was completed by Tony Hickey at 11:06 of the third period.

**Perry Hill Industries 3**  
Aurora 2  
Saturday evening the team journeyed to Aurora and picked up a win with a solid team effort. Troy Mitchell got the game off to a fine start scoring the first goal after only 44 seconds had elapsed, assisted by Andrew Don.

Carl D'Antimo got an unassisted goal at 8:22 of the first period to make the score 2-0. Aurora fought back to tie the game on two power play goals by Don Boyle. Bobby Petroff drilled the winner at 3:50 of the third when he was set up on a picture play by Glenn Apps.

The game also featured a penalty shot by Andrew Don which was foiled by the Aurora goalie.

The next home game will be Friday night at seven.

**MINOR PEEWEE**  
Wilson Niblett 5  
Newmarket 3  
Wilson Niblett Minor Peewees went to Newmarket November 16 for an exhibition game and came home with a 5-3 win.

Newmarket opened in a hurry and by the 13 minute mark had a 2-0 lead. By the end of the period the Hillers had tied the score on goals by Craig Halliday assisted by Danny Henderson and Glen Dunford assisted by Doug Eldridge.

Richmond Hill went ahead in the second period on another goal by Halliday assisted by Henderson at the 13 minute mark.

At the 5:10 mark of the third period Newmarket tied it up, but only 49 seconds later Ken Main scored the winner aided by Steve Shannon. Eldridge clinched the game on a goal with five minutes remaining. He was helped by Neil McGregor and Halliday.

**Wilson Niblett 3, Orillia 2**  
Richmond Hill went to Orillia November 18 and defeated their hosts 3-2.

In the second period Orillia tied it at 6:25 then Doug Jones scored at the 10:25 mark to put the Hillers ahead to stay.

Then in the third Henderson scored the winning goal at the 8:35 mark assisted by Halliday. Orillia came back at 11:37 to score the final goal.

**MINOR BANTAM**  
SECOND TEAM  
Victoria & Grey Trust 3  
King City Bantams 0  
Victoria & Grey Trust made their first league game in the York Simcoe League a winning venture with a 3-0 shutout over King City Bantams last Saturday night in the old arena.

Except for the acrobatics of Alex Burbidge in the King net, who was pummeled with 36 shots, the score could well have ended up in double figures. The Hillers who had their skating legs on, showed the melding of a unified team as they passed the puck at every opportunity. The Trust team potted one goal in each period with Captain Greg MacMillan scoring what proved to be the winner from centre Billy Byers late in the first period. The Victoria

club who was assessed four minor penalties, scored two short handed goals as Alan Clark clicked from MacMillan and Angus McGregor, while Robert Grenier concluded the scoring with an unassisted tally.

Steve Shadoff picked up the shutout, as he was called upon to make several key saves in a game that the King City goalie single handed kept close. Steve was particularly adept at smothering the puck as he refused to permit a loose puck or 3:1 permit a loose puck lie around his crease.

The lads have a busy week coming up as they played a league game in Schomberg last Monday, entertain Nobleton Bantams Saturday at 9 pm, in a league tilt, and tackle the tough Thornhill "B" club in Markham's Centennial Arena Sunday.

**MIDGETS**  
Richmond Hill Legion Midgets put together two league victories last week to give them a record of three wins and two losses in the York Simcoe Hockey League.

**Legion 5, Aurora 2**  
The Legion lads made amends for their previous 4-3 loss to Aurora when they invaded the Aurora Arena and skated off with a 5-2 win in a sluggish, slow moving hockey game November 15.

Bobby Russell combined with Rob Wallingford to put the Hillers into the lead, but Aurora bounced back to tie the game. Wallingford slapped home the puck from Tony Robinson and Brian Kellett. The Legion controlled the game as Jeff Miller tallied from Dave Bersteth and Kellett, and Gallagher made it 4-1 as he was set up by Richard Hopson and Arnold Van Der Weyde.

Aurora added a goal before Russell completed the scoring from Wallingford and Gallagher.

**Legion 4, Camp Borden 2**  
The Legion made it two straight league wins as they defeated Camp Borden 4-2 in the new arena last Sunday afternoon.

The Hillers forged into an early 2-0 lead, sagged momentarily tied the game, and the Legion won the contest in the stretch as they scored twice more in the third period.

John Oakley clicked on passes from Arnold Van Der Weyde and Brian Kellett, and Rob Wallingford showed a great second effort as he skated in on goal to tuck in the puck on a play that originated with Kellett. The Borden Club finally got on the score sheet near the end of the second period, and they equalled the score when they capitalized on a power play.

The Legion boys recovered, however, as Wallingford potted the winner from Wayne Court, while Van Der Weyde added an insurance counter from Bobby Russell.

The unfortunate incident marred the hard hitting game as the teams were shaking hands in the traditional manner, a Borden player was looking at the Legion sweaters for Number 15. He was successful and began fighting. The Legion lad retaliated, shoving, pushing and chaos resulted, and the climax was that the Hillers received a match penalty.

This means he cannot play in league or exhibition games until he has had a hearing before the OMHA — all because of an incident that occurred when a member of the losing team did not wish to use his hand to shake, but to hit.

This was the second time Richmond Hill has been the unwilling victim of a skirmish after the game. In Newmarket one night this year, a Newmarket player was looking for a Legion player. One can only hope the OMHA will conduct the hearing early, will take all of the circumstances into consideration, and will not merely be the rubber stamp of a questionable decision.

**JUVENILE**  
HAVE WON 10 GAMES  
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and it worked out well. "We kept our passing to a minimum," said Jones, "because we didn't need it with our ground game. Besides, passing can be very dangerous in high school football."

What about next year? The team will be losing some top players but there are others around to take up the slack . . . hopefully enough to make it two years running. Once again, congrats.

Don't forget you minor softball parents that there will be a general meeting of the Richmond Hill Minor Ball Association December 2 at 1 pm at the new Richmond Hill Arena to elect a new executive. Be there. Following at 2 pm is the Richmond Hill Ball Association meeting. Important to attend both.

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