

Thornhill minor hockey awards

The Thornhill Minor Hockey League closed out a successful season with its annual awards banquet Thursday night at the Thornhill United Church.

Big recipients of the awards were the All-Ontario champion Thornhill Tudor Glen Minor Midgets and coach Al Morris.

Morris also received a presentation from his players in recognition of his service and also his departure to coach the Thornhill Junior B Thunderbirds.

Crests were awarded to other teams who either won or advanced to the playoffs in their various leagues.

These included the Tailorform Pee wee T's team which won the York Simcoe championship and the Pee wee II's who performed the same feat.

President Dave McGregor noted the "fine season of accomplishments by our teams" saying that two other Thornhill teams won their zones and advanced into the Ontario playoffs while five others got to the finals in the York Simcoe.

"It was a pretty fair season," he said.



Sharks bite?

Bruce Brillinger, formerly of Richmond Hill and now of RR 2, Newmarket, displays 175 pound shark he entered in the Metropolitan South Florida Fishing Tournament. He fished out of Miami Beach with Capt. Bill Miller on the Good Tim IV as guide. He will receive a citation for his catch.

Burnie, Chateauvert get in fencing duel

Richmond Hill councillors Mike Burnie and Andy Chateauvert are unanimous in their feelings toward signboard advertising on the main ball diamond in Richmond Hill Town Park.

Councillor Burnie is all for it, Councillor Chateauvert is all against it.

Both aired their feelings at Thursday night's regular Richmond Hill Parks and Recreation meeting held at the Richvale Community Centre.

"I just love looking at advertising signs," enthused Burnie. "They do it all over Europe and it really livens the place up. I really get a kick out of them."

He apparently was referring to the World Hockey championships where advertising on rink boards of arenas is commonplace.

"I feel such advertising makes for a very unaesthetic appearance," said Councillor Chateauvert, "and I'm against having it in our main ball diamond."

He said that "Mr. Burnie has apparently changed his mind from two years ago when he was against visual pollution."

"I was never against sign advertising," replied Councillor Burnie. "I've always been for them. Some can almost be described as a work of art."

Cause of all the sign language debate is a proposal by the Richmond Hill Ball Association to erect an eight foot high chain link fence around the diamond and display advertising signboards on the inside of the fence.

The signboards, which would run from left field to right field, would accomplish two things: Be

revenue producers and prevent non-paying railbirds from viewing the games outside the fence.

Advertising space would be sold to local Richmond Hill businesses and individuals on a yearly basis. Any profits received by the RHBA over and above the cost of the fence this year or any succeeding year would be used to improve the facilities at the parks in Richmond Hill through the parks and recreation department.

Councillor Al Duffy thought there could be some problem with the town's sign bylaw. Councillor Burnie didn't agree commenting the bylaw is "silly anyway."

Councillor Bill Corcoran was for the "advertising" causing Councillor Chateauvert to remark that "I wonder if Mr. Corcoran would be in favor of it if involved parks in his area."

Mayor Dave Schiller said he would be in favor "of the signs if they were taken down after each game as in the original proposal."

The original proposal had been for a fence costing \$4,500 plus a windscreen on the inside with advertising on it.

The windscreen would have cost an additional \$2,500.

Councillor Chateauvert maintained his opposition and asked for a recorded vote to indicate his "strong feelings on this matter."

The RHBA proposal was approved by 6-5.

In favor of the proposal were Duffy, Burnie, Steve Mills, Ted Spence, Barbara Boer, Corcoran. Opposed, Bob McKee, Suzanne Stoner, Chateauvert, Russell Tilt and Mayor Schiller.

The proposal still needs council approval.

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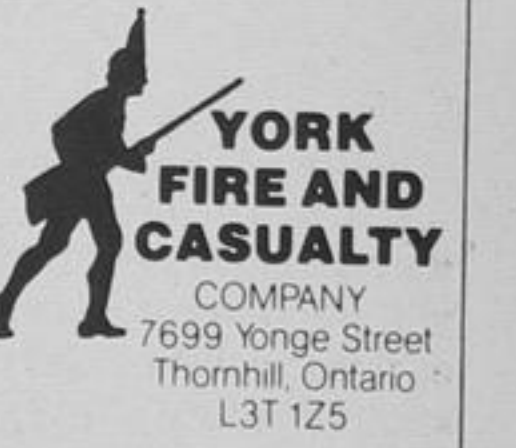
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Hill free skating finding few takers

The adage that you only appreciate what you pay for could apply to public skating and shinny hockey activity in Richmond Hill.

That, at least, is the inference to be drawn from a report to the Richmond Hill Parks and Recreation Committee from its staff.

Attendance in the two activities has been "very poor at both arenas".

To make matters even worse, costs for the programs have doubled since 1974 with the actual amount of ice time remaining the same.

The program included free Wednesday afternoon pleasure skating which averaged three people at Bond Lake Arena and 12 at the Richmond Hill arenas. Schools also took advantage of the free time but their total wasn't included.

The total cost for ice rental for all three time periods at both arenas for 1977-78 was \$8,050.15 of which \$7,923.90 was for

actual ice time without paying staff expenses.

The 1978 recreation program budget contains \$5,500 allotted for ice time rental for the December to March period. In actuality, \$5,428.40 was spent.

It was also reported that for a number of years free public skating was offered twice a week and free shinny hockey once a week at both Bond Lake and Richmond Hill arenas.

"Last year a nominal charge of 25 cents a person was levied for shinny hockey and the after school public skating period. The premise was these activities were beginning to become very expensive and should begin to partly pay for themselves."

Attendance, again, was poor and particularly after December 20 when the Mill Pond and other outdoor rinks opened.

The report offered a number of alternatives for members of the parks and recreation committee and council to consider:

— Leaving the program as is and increasing the ice rental budget by \$3,000.

— Drop the free afternoon skate at both locations and thus increase the budget by \$2,000.

— Drop shinny hockey from both locations and increase the budget by \$2,000.

— increase the fees by 100 per cent. If the same number of people attended, it would effect a profit of \$780.75 and only necessitate an additional \$2,300 in the budget.

— Drop the program entirely thereby having no increase in the budget.

The committee agreed to study the matter further and come to a conclusion at its next meeting.

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