

Township of Pickering

Recreation requests - \$82,000

PICKERING TWP. — Pickering Twp. Council listened in committee to recreation budgets without comment.

These estimates amounted to about \$82,000 in all — and there are still at least eight more to be heard from. Council will consider the recreation figures in budget preparation now under way, and it's quite possible that some reductions will be made.

Gordon Priestley, representing the Pickering Twp. Hockey Assoc., asked for \$11,701 for the 1969-1970 season.

David Watson, Claremont Community Park, estimated its 1969 costs at \$6,170.

Rouge Hills Park Board have a proposal to build a 60- by 40-foot community hall and already have raised \$7,000. Mr. Robertson, representing the group, estimated the cost at \$10,410. Their park budget amounts to \$5,745.

Councillor Arthur King left his seat to speak on behalf of West Shore Recreation, and asked for \$10,149 in a planned season of recreation which includes bowling, youth groups, badminton, baseball, volleyball. Tennis courts are estimated at \$2,500.

Altona Community Association, represented by Norman Fretz, needs \$5,045; W. H. Almond requested for Atha Community Centre, \$3,430, which includes \$3,000 for a 28 x 24 addition to their present building.

The West Rouge Park Board budget, submitted by Russell Holder, is \$14,224, of which \$7,000 is for the lighting of a baseball diamond.

West Rouge Canoe Club, which displayed a handsome cup about two and one-half feet high for junior and juvenile Canadian championships, asked for \$2,125. Mr. Pettis told how

the members competed against U.S. teams, and how proud they were of the cup which had been back and forth many times across the border.

Although the West Rouge Sports and Recreation Association, represented by Mr. McIntyre, had a budget of \$13,600, they expected \$6,000 in revenue and may come back with a budget of \$9,000.

Donald Hopkins represented Pickering Track and Field, which boasts about 200 athletes, and asked for \$290.75.

The Rouge Hill Youth Bowling League, represented by George Netwon, needs \$800 for its 144 members.

A. Seel, speaking for South East Residents Association, budgeted for \$250 to cover the cost of equipment.

Frenchman's Bay Junior Yacht Club, Mr. MacInery told council, hoped to operate without a deficit, and asked for \$1,000.

A new submission came from Peter Robertson, of the Ajax, Pickering and Whitby Association for Retarded Children for their recreation program. They left it for council's discretion to furnish a grant to help with their winter program of bowling and skating, and for summer swimming and camping.

Grant for the Nursery School for these children is budgeted for at \$2,540.

William Robson of Bay Ridges Community Centres Board, requires money for the Bay Ridges parks, and the cost of providing playground supervisors. Their budget is \$12,150.

Associations not yet heard from are: Brougham, Greenwood, Kinsale, Mt. Zion, West Shore Glen Park, Fairport Beach, Holy Redeemer Hockey and Green River Hockey Association.



A 'fish story' in Stouffville ice show

Thirteen year old Karen Mercer is the girl in the fish bowl. Her helpful attendant is four year old Tommy Morley. It's all part of a scene in the Stouffville Skating Club's version of 'Pinnocchio' at the 19th annual ice carnival this Friday and Saturday.

—Staff Photo

Big business — little interest

YORK CTY. — York County School Board is doing its best to attract the voting public to its meetings, but so far the response has been slight.

On March 10, the board agreed to divide its agenda into two parts — part one to be discussed in closed session, part two in public. Matters concerning staff

or students that could be damaging to an individual or a group, and property matters such as negotiations for land, etc., will be discussed in private. All other board business will be open to the public.

Since the Board took office at the beginning of the year, meetings have been held the second and fourth Monday of each month in Aurora Senior School, and at each meeting a few ratepayers — mainly teachers — have been present.



The Unlonville Figure Skating Club will present its annual ice show April 18, 19 and 20 in the Unlonville Arena. Three pre-school participants are (l. to r.), Jamie Schultz, 4, Donna Harding, 3 and Kyle Hewson, 4. —Staff Photo

Suburbanite's wonder

I wonder why I answered "yes"
When my beloved said "let's go!"
"Let's leave this City life behind
And build ourselves a bungalow —
Far from the hurry, strain and strife
And live a quiet, suburban life."

I wonder why, without a tear
We left the old familiar sights?
The handy, 'round the corner stores,
A string of gay theatre lights,
The Postie's whistle, loud and clear
That let us know our mail was near.

I'll tell you why — today I saw
The end of winter disappear.
I watched a pheasant, gold and brown
Cross my garden without fear.
I fed five robins' bits of bread
And felt the warm sun overhead.

Oh, I know City people too
Have trees and shrubs, and birds that sing.
But do they ever take the time
To watch the winter turn to spring?
And do they feel the same delight
At seeing the spring's first crow in flight?

I wonder why some folks still think
That City life's the only thing —
I'm sure, if they would come out here
And watch the sweet approach of spring
The strongest City-worrier might
Become a true suburbanite.

(Mrs.) Ruth Watkins,
Claremont.

Shot pheasant - like groundhog

During the past two months several residents of Metro Toronto have been apprehended by conservation officers for shooting pheasants during the closed season. The majority of birds were shot in Scarborough Twp. with the exception of one hen pheasant shot in King Twp.

During the winter months when the ground is covered with snow and the temperature drops, pheasants flock together

for warmth and feeding purposes and are very conspicuous to the public.

Some hunters take it upon themselves to drive the concession roads during prohibited hours with loaded firearms in their vehicles, shooting at any pheasants they observe.

Fortunately, many of these violators are apprehended and summoned to appear in court. Recently a provincial judge handed

down \$350 in fines and costs to six of these violators. The average price per bird was approximately \$50.00, and the weapons confiscated as well.

The reasons for shooting varied. One accused hunter advised the court he thought the hen pheasant he shot was a groundhog. Another said the bird he shot was sick and he was just killing it to put it out of its misery.

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