

New Pickering Arena

Repair costs climb

PICKERING TWP. Pickering Township council has already found out that arenas take a lot of abuse, and have instructed Dave Bass to prepare a report on all the things that are wrong with the new Don Beer Memorial Arena.

From the price of a cup of coffee, to the state of the kick board and enclosure boards, to damage done to the seats by skates with people in them, council reviewed the situation at a Parks and Recreation committee meeting.

Mr. Bass said the rink boards were already in a terrible condition, the kick board caused by the velocity of pucks crashing into the plywood material, and the higher boards shattered by a

protuberance on the ice machine.

Councillor Jean McPherson wanted to know if this was architect William Saccoccio's first arena, and said that the whole thing was rushed into by council without proper consideration of construction. She said that when one wanted a barn built, a barn builder was engaged, when a house was to be built, a house builder constructed it. So it should be with an arena. She deplored the burden on taxpayers whose taxes were increased every year.

Chairman of the committee, Deputy Reeve George Ashe, said there had to be a first time for the construction of any

building, and that a price of \$5,000 for better material had been rejected by council.

Talk of repair to the boards found Councillor Vic Rudik wondering if it would not be better to get a product that would last longer, rather than just put on band aids to solve a major problem.

Community Centre

A problem in the delay of ceiling tile in the community hall disturbs council, too, and Reeve John Williams has suggested that the construction holdback money be retained for all works that haven't been finished.

Participation in the community centre is growing with 50 to 60 teenagers enjoying a teen program, the pool room and table tennis. The recreation director looks for more township young people to find their way to the centre at the arena and join in the programs.

Youth Centre

Grading is currently being done on the site of the proposed Youth Centre in Bay Ridges, and excavation will be done next week.

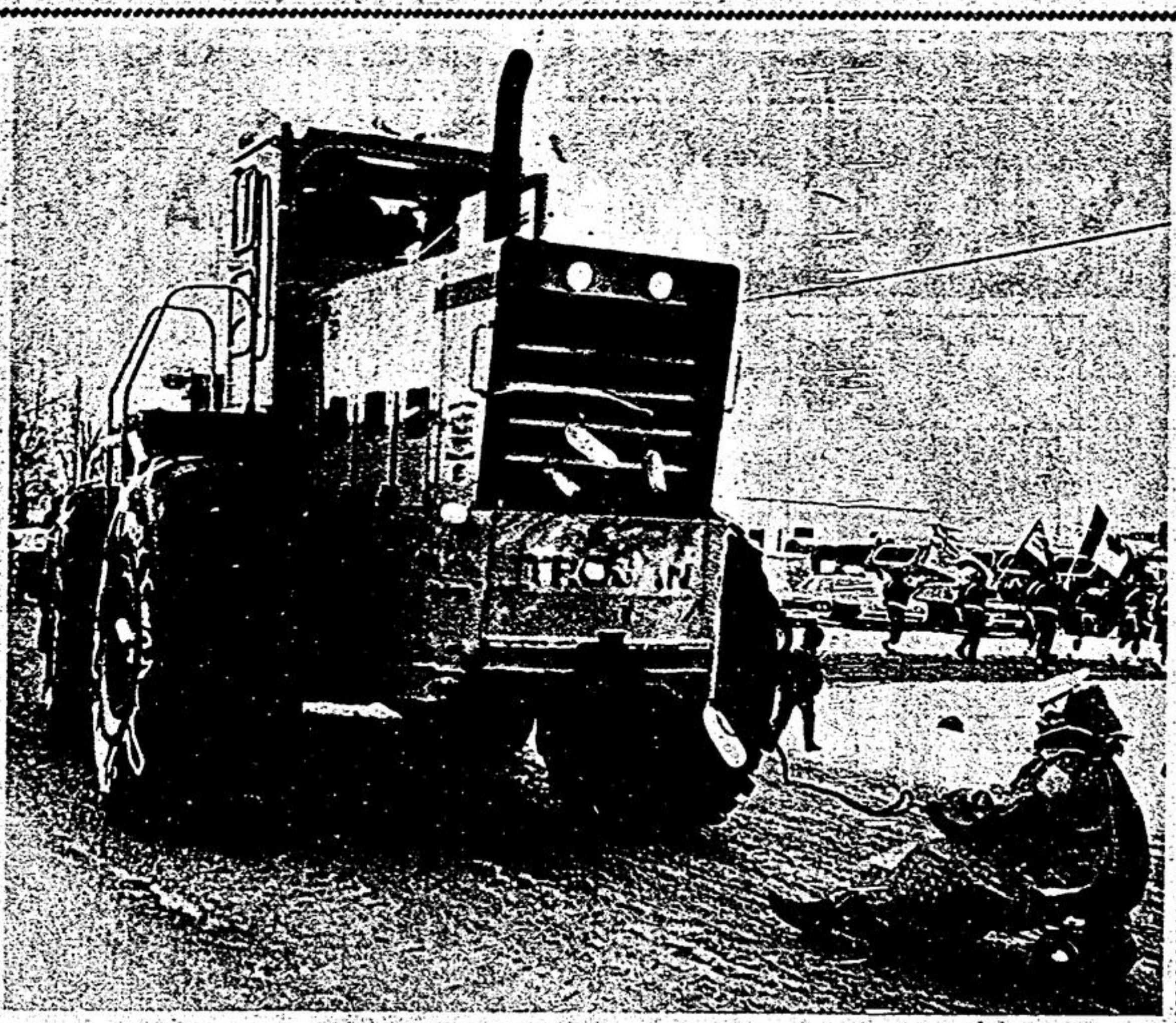
Councillor John Druger is encouraged by a group of teenagers in East Rouge who are active in a teenage program, using schools and church basements.

Using the Rosebank School between 7 and 9 p.m., the Junior Youth Program progresses to programs for older children and finally adults.

Mr. Bass said that his department is paying \$5 a night for the use of the church, and paying the custodian for any time over his regular duties spent on the premises.

Snowmobiles in the park

The Recreation Director will negotiate a draft



Parade clown hitches ride on twenty-ton loader

A 20 ton loader took a clown for a ride along the Main Street of Stouffville in the Santa Claus Parade, Saturday. The big machine, owned by

Consolidated Sand and Gravel Limited, was driven by Percy Brown, Boyer Street. The clown is Rick Ashton, Ninth Line North. —Jas. Thomas.

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agreement with Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for the use of Grand Valley Park, which the Authority has purchased. Mr. Bass will prepare for council the proposed uses for the park and the estimated cost to the township.

The Pickering Snowmobile Club are interested in the park, which said Councillor McPherson, would be ideal for their purposes as the machines would not disturb anyone and be kept off the roads. One club, she said, operated at Herongate Park, and the two clubs were interchangeable.

Reeve Williams said that if council indicated its willingness to lease the park he didn't think they could get a better deal than through the Authority. It is a good location for a day

camp, he said, and had no objection to snowmobiles.

He pointed out that the Authority had some stringent regulations for snowmobiles, since their purpose was to conserve, among other things, trees that are planted in their parks.

People, he said, will not stick to the trails and have to go belting into the bush, taking off young trees.

Council may discuss its proposed snowmobile-by-law next Monday night, December 14th.

Winter Carnival

Councillor Ron Chatten proposes that the township get involved in the winter carnival on Frenchman's Bay, last year held in February, and anticipated this year at the same time.

It was left to the Recreation Director to look over his work load and see how deeply he could get involved.

Community Club

Makes things happen

By Pat McClellan

CEDAR GROVE - A new shuffleboard court has been completed at the Community Park ready for next summer's activities. The maple leaf garden that looked lovely all year has been put to bed and, as soon as the weather turns colder, skating will begin at Cedar Grove. The picnics, ball teams, euchres and special interest evenings in the schoolhouse do not just happen. All these are the work of Cedar Grove's active Community Club.

Plans for various events, improvements for the rink and the park, monetary assistance where it is needed - these are the items on the agenda of the Club's monthly meetings.

The main money-raising activity of the year is the Thanksgiving weekend, two-day Apple Butter Festival which raises the necessary funds to insure the opening of Cedar Grove and payment of an able manager.

If you are one of our new neighbors in Cedar Grove, join the Club. You will meet most of the people of the village, you will find it interesting, friendly and a lot of fun and most of all, you are needed.

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