

Pickering Parks Department to provide recreational programs

PICKERING — The Pickering Parks Department will be sponsoring a great variety of recreational programs for residents of the town and outlying hamlets starting in February.

Swimming classes will be provided for children at all swimming levels by qualified instructors. The lessons take place at the Dunbarton High School pool from 1 to 2 p.m. each Saturday. Costs are \$27 for 15 lessons, with transportation provided.

Pick-up points are located in Brougham, Cherrywood, Claremont, Green River, Greenwood, Martin Subdivision and Locust Hill. Registration is Tuesday, Feb. 7 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Claremont Community Centre.

A youth centre for children in grades 5 to 9 will be held at Claremont P.S. each Friday night from 6 to 9 p.m. Crafts, games and sports will be featured. Also at the school — girl's olympic style gymnastics for girls 8 and over. Gymnastics start Feb. 14 and cost \$15 for 15 weeks.

A ladies recreation club will begin at the Claremont Community Centre on Thursdays from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. The club features an hour of keep-fit exercises and an hour of discussion and socializing, with babysitting and coffee available. Costs are \$23 for 15 weeks with babysitting 50 cents for the first child and 25 cents for two or more.

Modern and ballroom dancing will be taught at the Claremont Community Centre each Wednesday night starting Feb. 15. Beginners' class starts at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$28 per couple.

At Greenwood Conservation Area a cross-country ski program will be held for three weekends starting Feb. 11-12. The charge is \$28 per weekend session. Registration forms can be picked up at the Pickering Recreation Department or requested by mail from 1710 Kingston Rd., Pickering, L1V 1C7.



CHARLIE IS IN TOWN — The Whitchurch - Stouffville Public Library and the Stouffville Centennial Committee, in co-operation with Festival Ontario, is showing the third in a series of feature Charlie Chaplin films tonight (January 26). The film, City Lights, begins at 7:30 p.m. at the library and is free of charge. The last flick, Modern Times, will be shown the following week, on Thursday, March 2 at the same time and place. The sketch of Charlie is the work of Joanne Smith of Main St., Stouffville.

Trilateral meeting aids Goodwood snow removal

UXBRIDGE — There was a full house at the last Uxbridge council meeting as residents from Goodwood came out in force, demanding a definite answer to their snow removal problems.

And council, after a bit of hedging, finally made it official. Goodwood will have its problem snow removed from highway 47 and on some parts of the 3rd concession.

In fact, snow was being removed last Tuesday on 47, only five days after council's decision.

Goodwood has long had the problem of mounds of snow on their road shoulders, forcing residents to use the highway for walking.

It appeared their problems would be solved earlier as Repac Construction Company offered their services to remove the snow. However, a question of jurisdiction came up concerning the provincial Highway 47 and a meeting was called between Repac, Uxbridge Road superintendent Lorne Wall and representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MTC).

ship would supply the trucks in co-ordination with MTC and Repac would also supply two trucks.

It was also stated that the township and Repac would remove snow on the 3rd concession.

Mr. Wall warned however, that a precedent would be established and other hamlets might request the same service. He also pointed out that it would cost the township approximately \$97 per hour for equipment and labour.

John Kerrigan, spokesman for the residents, reacted bitterly. "What does the cost matter when compared to the life of a child? Something should be done soon, it has to be removed."

Regional Councillor Gary Herrema took a softer stand on the matter, saying the snow on the hill on 47 is dangerous and should be removed, "but I don't think it is warranted on the 3rd concession."

"I know we can't shove the snow back any further on 47 and if we had the money, then I wouldn't argue. But I won't vote in favour of removing all the snow in Goodwood, just that on the hill and railway track."

Mayor Gord Davie noted that the township and MTC have agreed to remove the snow just one time, "we are not com-

mitting ourselves to do this all the time, just this once," he said.

Councillor John Paxton, who represents Goodwood, said there is a definite safety hazard in the hamlet. He read a letter from a resident who said her one-year-old daughter was nearly killed while walking on highway 47.

"There is also a question of responsibility here," Mr. Paxton commented. "Some feel it is the municipalities' responsibility but we have this Repac offer and we must accept it. I also think we should ask Durham region for some financial help in snow removal, a subsidy of some sort."

Councillor Alan Wells agreed with Mr. Paxton, stating, "I would not let my children walk on 47, it is very dangerous. We should fight to get a subsidy to remove the snow for the safety of the children in Goodwood."

Both Councillors Sandy Ewen and Norm Lyons agreed there was a need to remove the snow, but also expressed concern over the amount it would cost and whether other hamlets would request the same service.

The motion on the matter was then brought before council. Mr. Herrema then asked it be amended to read the removal of snow on problem areas on the 3rd, and not the total length of the road.

The road superintendent would determine which areas needed snow removal on the 3rd, he said.

The motion then passed, in its amended form.

John Kerrigan, commenting after the meeting, said, "I guess we'll get our problem solved now; it is a step in the right direction."

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