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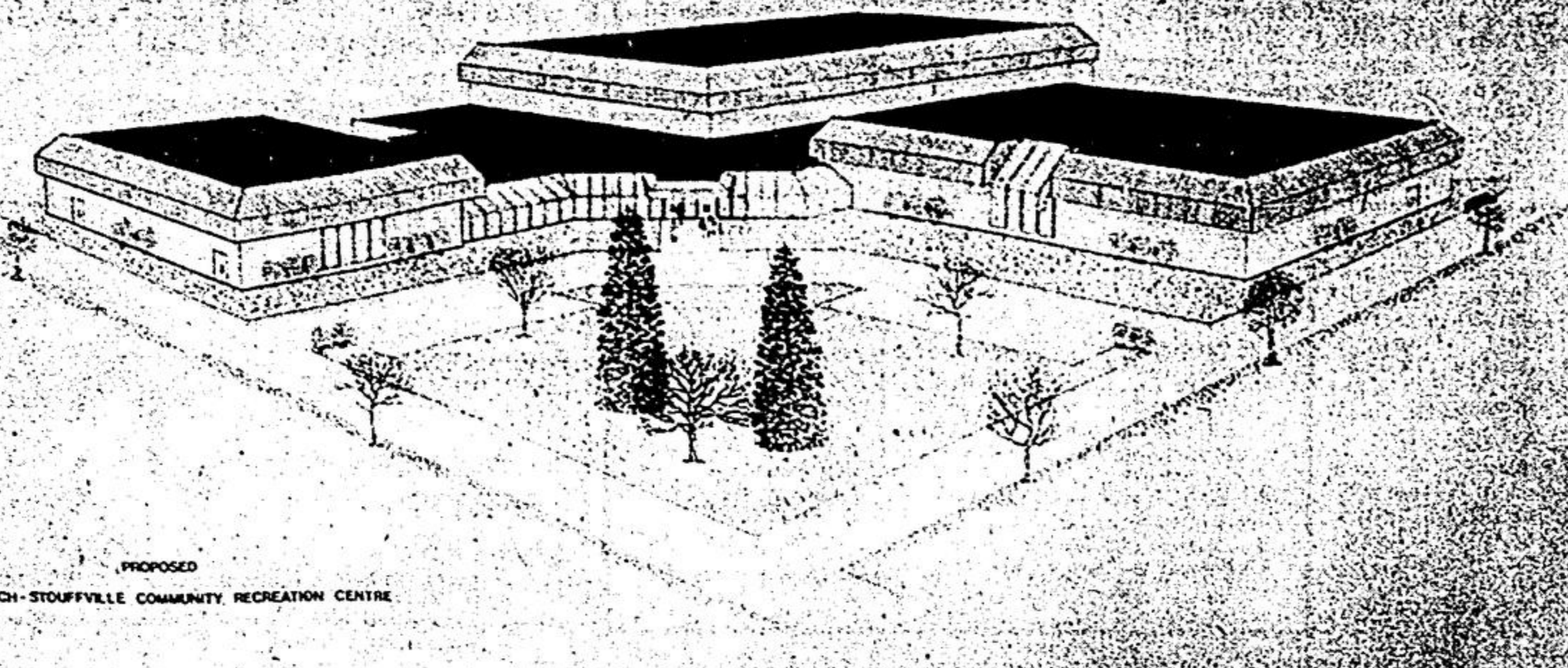
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Proposed layout of Stouffville's new Community Centre

Situated on the ninth line, the proposed complex will cost somewhere between three and four million dollars and will be completed in four stages. Along with a 40,000 square foot arena, plans envisage an indoor swimming pool, fitness centre and community hall. The twenty five acre site will also provide for four soccer pitches and three ball diamonds. According to Mayor Eldred King it would take about ten years to complete. However, the final layout is open to revision once final costs are approved.

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In my opinion

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Last week at a meeting of the Ballantrae Lions Club, members voted not to support either in concept or financially the building of our new arena. This, to say the least, is tragic. Not only for the community as a whole but also for future generations of kids who will, long after we have gone, still be living here and, hopefully, enjoying the collective spirit and atmosphere that such a Complex engenders.

I have always been a great admirer of the Ballantrae Lions. Over the years they have built up a reputation of being one of the finest Clubs in Ontario. I know many of the members. Some are close friends, and I find it difficult to believe that such a respected organisation would turn its back on a cause so vital to the continuing spirit and well-being of 'our' community.

What to do? I am well aware that there are those amongst us who do not want any kind of arena or complex constructed. But for what reason? Surely it can't be money. Despite the parsimonious attitude of some council members, who seem to think everything must be done as cheaply and slowly as possible, the figures themselves prove that even a million dollars would cost only \$25 a year per householder.

As Ballantrae's parks and recreation committee representative, Molly McManningwell, so succinctly observed "What is one less cup of coffee per week worth?" Bravo Molly! Unfortunately not everyone has your unselfish reasoning or generosity of spirit.

I would hate to think that the attitude of the Ballantrae Lions club might become contagious, but there is a danger of that. Others of similar ilk might well

throw up their hands in disgust and give up any plans of their own. What is needed is a swiftly formed fund-raising committee. Not six months down the road when everyone's efforts have become fragmented, but now, immediately.

Perhaps our esteemed mayor could change his public image by becoming "Eldred the Ready" and move swiftly in this direction. As that most famous of orators Winston Churchill once said, "Action this day," or to be a little more colloquial. Come on Eldred, shift your buns. Quotable quote

A refreshing attitude is shown by one Ballantrae Lion member, Gerry Murfitt. Gerry, who is the club's newsheet editor, reminds the club of its duties in this month's edition of "45's Alive".

"The new Arena complex is happening as a result of public pressure for improved recreational facilities in our community. A 'Hot' issue and popular platform in at least two municipal elections. It follows therefore that the 'concept' of a new recreational facility has the support of the majority of our community."

Undoubtedly a wide variety of opinions on every dimension of the complex will be voiced, and taken into account to ensure that the end result conforms as closely as possible to the will of the majority. As a 'service' Club do we not support the majority of the community? Regardless of our individual opinions on lay-out, cost, location, etc, which we will have plenty of opportunity to voice outside the club, it seems to me that all service Clubs should support, enthusiastically and constructively, such a community project of such dimension and import!

Classic Oldtimers

Oldtimer hockey will be featured at the Arena every Saturday night throughout March.

Starting this Saturday the Giles Chev-Olds Oldtimer Classics have arranged the following

schedule: March 5, Sunderland Oldtimers; March 12, Markham's Fernandos; March 19, Uxbridge Blackhawks; March 26, Uxbridge Islanders. Games will start at 7 p.m.

Woodbridge too strong for Union Peewees

The Credit Union Peewee Clippers bid farewell to their playoff hopes on Thursday evening when they went down 4-2 at Woodbridge. The Woodbridge squad, a powerful and well balanced team, dominated play throughout the series. The Clippers did well to snatch one game from them during the five game series, in what was probably one of the toughest playoff series this season.

Netminder Scott Evans played his customary strong game but could do nothing with the four goals that got by him.

A blistering slap shot put Woodbridge on the board in the first period, followed by two more goals in the second to open the final frame with a comfortable 3-0 lead.

A powerplay goal by Dan Larmer (assists to Mike Ferguson and Kent

Smythe), gave the Clippers hope, which was rapidly extinguished when Woodbridge made it 4-1 just sixty seconds later.

Final goal came from Kevin Blacktopp, a powerplay goal on assists from Kent Smyth and Sven Henne.

Although the Peewees have come to the end of the playoff road, they will continue to play exhibition games in the coming weeks.

Soccer club team selection

The recent soccer registration saw not only the children signing on for the season, but their parents as well. Whole families; The Trentadues (6); Curries (5); Nardis and Schwartz (4 each) all decided to take to the playing fields this year; setting what must be some sort of record for family participation in one sport.

Tryouts for the rep. teams will be held at the high school on Sunday, March 6, and will run for three consecutive Sundays.

Players who are interested in trying out for their respective divisions should be at the school at the following times:

Squirt (Born 1975) start at 1:30 p.m. Coach John Bardell.
Minor Mosquito (Born

1972) start at 2:30 p.m. Coach Alfons Rubbens.

Minor Peewee (Born 1970) start at 3:30 p.m. Coach Martin Johannessen.

Major Atom (Born 1973) start at 4:30 p.m. Coach Harold Poole.

Please note that players must be born in the aforementioned year, or later, and must be registered with the club. A fee of \$1 will be charge for each Sunday tryout.

There are still positions available in certain divisions, particularly the Peewee and Bantam boys' teams.

Although it is early days, the exchange day, set for April 30, will be on us before we know it, so, start looking for those 'outgrown' soccer jackets, track suits, etc. Further details will follow.

Lions reluctant to support Arena plan

The Ballantrae Lions club have voted against supporting the proposed new Arena/Complex. At a meeting held last Thursday more than seventy percent of members present gave the 'thumbs down' sign on supporting the project.

According to Lion President, Ron Graham, members were dissatisfied with the lack of information supplied at the recent Open House, held by members of council and the parks and recreation committee, and were not prepared to throw

their support behind the Town's fund-raising program.

"We need to have some facts and figures before we give our support to such a project," said Graham. He feels that such a large scale undertaking needs to be discussed on a one-to-one basis and that it was unfair to expect members to support the proposals in their present form.

Graham pointed out that the vote was taken only by

members present and that a vote by the full membership might have produced a different result.

Asked if the club might reconsider its stance, Graham felt that when proposals are more concrete the Lions would no doubt look at the project more closely. "The vote is by no means irreversible, but we need a lot more information than just having a figure of around four million dollars thrown to us," he concluded.

Atoms meet Cobourg

The Sound of Music Atom Clippers have advanced to the second round of the playoffs after a 3-3 tie on Thursday night against Port Hope.

Jamie Campbell opened the Clipper scoring in the first period; putting the puck high in the corner on Brad Blacktopp's assist.

Keith Piette gave the Clippers their second goal one minute later; firing from the slot on Campbell's pass from behind the net for a 2-1 lead at the end of the period (Jason Underwood was also

awarded an assist).

The Clippers got a break in the second when they were awarded a penalty - a Port Hope player fell on the puck while in the crease - which was taken by Drea Glover to make it 3-1.

Port Hope rallied in the third with a pair of unanswered goals. However, the tie was enough to advance the Clippers to the next round against Cobourg.

Opening game is tonight (Wednesday), at Cobourg, with the second game at the Arena on Friday at 7 p.m.

Novice squad winning streak

At Port Perry on Friday evening the Neil Patrick novice Clippers edged their hosts 2-1; reversing an earlier loss and setting the stage for what will probably be a best-of-five playoff series when the current round-robin is complete.

Jason Whitebread opened the Clipper scoring on Brandon Pridham's assist to put them ahead 1-0, with Port Perry struggling to get on the board, which eventually they did in the final frame.

With three minutes left in the play, Whitbread got the puck to Lee Scafe who fired the winning goal.

Travelling to Uxbridge on Saturday the Clippers had no trouble in returning home with a 4-1 win. Goals came from Brandon Pridham (2), Paul Trentadue and Tim Lavell, Lavell also tallied two assists. Whitebread came in on three assists while Darrel Vanderligt also collected.



Stouffville Travel goalie Todd Rex-Graham and team mate Ron Arends seem unable to decide what to do with the puck, while North Star Don Harmon seems to be heading for a fall at the hands of Travel's Bruce Larson. The Len-Powell North Stars emerged 6-4 winners in their Sunday morning AHL game at the Arena; moving up to fourth spot in the league standings.

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Despite very tough opposition in the Ladies Bronze Interpretive event, local skater Shelly Coughlan took second place in the Upper York Inter-Club competition, held at the Arena on February 20. Shelley was one of only three Stouffville skaters to place in the medals.

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