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## Dance, anyone?

Andrew Walker (at left) and Steve Moore (at right) look as though they are bringing a little less violence to Canada's national pastime in a pick-up game at an open air rink in Claremont last week.

## Town announces new appointees

### Master Plan update

Despite Ward 1 Councillor Margot Marshall's objections to hiring Leisureplan International Inc. - a consultant which studied the feasibility for an indoor pool - the town will hire the company again to update its Recreational Masterplan, it was decided last week.

The master plan will cost \$75,000 of which taxpayers will pay one third the cost.

### Council Briefs

The last time the Master Plan was updated was in 1982. Councillor Marshall is not happy with Leisureplan, and claimed the firm did not survey a sufficient number of citizens to determine the need for a pool, she has stated.

However, council supported staff recommendations to hire the consul-

tant to update the plan.

### 1991 town appointments

Bylaws were passed last week to officially announce various appointments for 1991:

Scott Barrett to Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Laborer/Equipment Operator

Ian Sutherland, Robert Sanderson and Ken Tranmer as Fence Viewers.

Gladys Clarkson and Jean Barkey as Museum Board members.

John Spang and Morely Smalley as Pound Keepers and Diane Ward as Livestock Valuator.

Brian Tew as Facilities Maintenance Foreman.

Paul Stover and Eric Blundon as full-time firefighters.

### Volunteer appointments

Roy Graham, Reta Alcorn, John Phillips, Ivanka Bradley, Ronald Preston, Ward 1 Councillor Margot Marshall and Ward 3 Councillor Nick Tatone as members of the Vandorf Community Centre.

Ward 6 Councillor Jim Sanders (replacing Councillor Nick Tatone), M. Toole, N. Emmery, D. Probert, B. McNamara and E. Hastings as members of the Lemonville Community Board.

Ron Robb (filling vacancy left by Erica Hannah), Susan England, Dolores Whytall, Helen Clark, Carl Insley, Ward 5 Councillor Doug Alles as members of the Whitchurch Centennial Community Recreation Centre Board.

Marran Woods as member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

### Correction

Last week, a story on the Stouffville Progress Club was incorrect.

The club meets at La Villetta Restaurant and holds its meetings on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. The Tribune regrets any inconvenience this error may have caused.

## Town operates like sports team: CAO

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Staff Reporter

Whitchurch-Stouffville operates like a sports team and its success depends on its players, members of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce were told at an Angie's Eatery breakfast meeting Wednesday morning.

Guest speaker Bob Panizza, town chief administrative officer, discussed the municipality's administrative role in the community to about 40 chamber members.

Mr. Panizza, who has previously worked with the Towns of Richmond Hill and Vaughan, said "staff at the local level often receives the biggest brunt of criticism" from citizens, and said the job sometimes puts staff in an "unenviable position."

### Sports team

But he said a municipality is like a sports team.

"We use a team to see how successful an organization is. A municipality is the same set up. Taxpayers are the most important and are at the top; then comes council, chief administrative officer, senior staff and staff."

Mr. Panizza said a good organization capitalizes on its strengths and weaknesses and welcomes new faces, ideas and talent.

"A poor team just plods along continuing to operate with the same old system."

Mr. Panizza said his job is like a general manager of a team who interacts with the fans or taxpayers. "I set the tempo for the administration and a blueprint for the design of the future," Mr. Panizza said.

He said the chamber and other organizations help sell the community, while a town planner is like a on-floor salesman; a public works

director is a service manager; and the building director, the parts department.

"Quality staff can generate a quality product but one poor individual in a company will make it falter, just like in a municipality."

### Burden

He said Whitchurch-Stouffville doesn't have to grow as big as Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill, but added that some business growth will help take the burden off property taxpayers.

He said in Whitchurch-Stouffville 85 per cent of services are paid by residential taxpayers, while in Vaughan and Markham the ratio is 50 per cent residential and 50 per cent commercial.

Mr. Panizza said the town needs to set future plans in place because one day the York Durham Service System (Big Pipe) is going to be laying at Stouffville's boundaries.

"Developers should not dictate what happens here. We should fix the puzzle and not let them bring in

the pieces," Mr. Panizza said.

"There's nothing wrong with maintaining a small town but we need some fresh money to help pay for roads that are falling apart and sewers that are collapsing," Mr. Panizza added.

However, chamber member Neil Patrick said provincial and regional restrictions have kept Whitchurch-Stouffville from growth.

Being a rural town with little growth "is not from lack of effort from council. It's the province and region that's responsible for that," Mr. Patrick said.

And Jack Burrows asked if the town is lobbying these outside agencies "to let our input be known."

Mr. Panizza said the town is "beating their heads against the wall talking to the region about getting on the Big Pipe."

"But we need to have our goals in place first and the town is working towards that," Mr. Panizza concluded.

## Fire calls up from 1989

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Volunteer Fire Department answered a total of 375 calls in 1990 - up from 356 calls in 1989, according to a report from fire chief Bill Brown.

Topping the list were false alarm calls, which totalled 74, up from 58 in 1989.

There were also 48 fires ranging from structural to chimney to garbage and car fires, as well as 51 vehicular accidents answered in

1990. The majority of calls came in during the month of April (38); followed by June (34). The slowest month in 1990 was November with 14 calls responded to, the report showed.

Hazardous material calls were up from five to seven calls in 1990.

The report also showed neither the fire chief or deputy were able to attend training courses due to increased demands at the station.

## Ward 2 forum slated for Feb. 13

A Ward 2 all-candidates forum will be held at the Whitchurch Centennial Centre Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 8:15 p.m. organized by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library.

The meeting will give candidates running for the Ward 2 seat an opportunity to present their platforms and answer questions from the floor.

In the event that no one else runs against sole candidate Stephen Bellerby, the meeting will still proceed with the acclaimed candidate participating.

Carl Insley, of R.R. 2 Stouffville will chair the meeting and the public is urged to attend and air their views relating to Ward 2 and other municipal issues.

## Crime Watch

### Home looted

A Whitchurch-Stouffville house was looted for loonies last week. Between 1 and 1:45 p.m. Jan. 31, a house at 108 Westlawn Cres was entered through an unlocked back door.

A suspect, wearing light blue jeans and a black waist-length windbreaker, made off with \$170 in loonies.

### Thieves net \$15,000

A weekend break-in netted thieves \$15,000 in loot from a local house. A house at 3 Forest Trail was broken into between 10:30 a.m. Feb. 1 around 2:15 p.m. Feb. 2.

Stereo equipment and various household items, valued at \$15,000, are missing.

Damage is listed at \$50.



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## A flag with heart

The Heart and Stroke Foundation flag was raised Monday morning at the Stouffville municipal offices. From left, are; Mary Trull, Heart and Stroke area co-ordinator for York Region South, Jim Rae, Stouffville campaign chair and Mayor Fran Sainsbury.

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