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Funding for Rec Centre floor narrowly approved

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Town council couldn't decide whether to fund the new Recreation Centre floor when presented with revised payment terms last week.

Under the original terms, the town and the Chamber of Commerce, through a private donation, would split the \$30,000 cost of a flooring system to cover the ice rink.

The portable flooring would accommodate the home show and

other off-ice events.

But council heard Tuesday that the contributor of the \$15,000 backed out of the deal, leaving the entire burden on the town's shoulders.

"We'd like to come up with the required funds but at this time we're unable," Chamber of Commerce President Larry Rogalski said.

He added the chamber wanted to hold an Oktoberfest celebration at the recreation centre this fall.

The chamber proposed it would

make \$1,000 payments a year for five years as well as rent the facility at a yearly fee of \$1,500 for five years.

This plan leaves the town with an unexpected \$2,500 shortfall.

The recommendation was lost in a four-to-two vote, but before Rogalski had time to walk from the council chambers the issue was reopened and a new vote taken.

This time the recommendation to fund the floor was approved in a three-to-three vote after Councillor Steve Bellerby changed sides.

Duplex meets with opposition

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Allowing 80 Edward St. to be zoned a duplex would destroy the "ambiance" of the area, a neighbor said at last week's council meeting.

Jim Bell and Jeff Tranter applied to Stouffville Council to change the zoning of the house

from single family dwelling to duplex amidst cries of outrage from residents.

"It would be a shame to lose the ambience," said Nick Pinelli of Rupert St.

"If you start putting up tenement building around me my property value drops."

Pinelli charged that if council

approved the request it would "open up a floodgate" of demands to change other "showpiece" houses into moneymakers.

Pinelli is one of a handful of neighbors speaking against the rezoning at a public hearing June 25.

He was joined by Grant Heichert who warned council it "could set a precedent for all of Stouffville."

Bell, co-owner of the house, said he has no plans to convert 80 Edward St. into a rooming house. He argued that the street already houses a pizza parlor, train station and a lumber store and not only houses.

Town staff reported that although the site fits all the requirements of duplex zoning, the town suffers from lack of sewage and water capacity.

Council voted not to approve the rezoning but placed the property on the town's waiting list for additional water and sewage service.



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Citizen of the Year

Ged Stonehouse (at right) receives his Citizen of the Year award from Tribune Editor Andrew Mair at the annual ceremonies Thursday night at SDSS. See page 3 for more on the Strawberry Festival.

York chief of police selected president

York Regional Police Chief Donald Hillock was congratulated on his appointment as president of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.

Hillock has served with York Regional Police since its inception 20 years ago, and before that with the Aurora and Whitchurch Township Forces.

Hillock was made deputy chief in 1980 followed by a promotion to Chief of Police in February 1986. The regional Police Services Board applauded Hillock at their June 26 meeting.

York Region is hosting the annual Ontario chiefs of police convention in June 1992 at the Sheraton Parkway Hotel in Thornhill.

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