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## Get cooking for Strawberry Festival '92

Strawberry Festival organizers are seeking favorite recipes to help raise funds for next year's event. Recipes will be published in the Strawberry festival cookbook to be released for sale in April. The cookbook will cost \$5 in advance, and \$7 upon release. Profits from the sale of the cookbooks or advertising sold will go towards the festival. Recipes must contain strawberries as an ingredi-

ent and can be dropped off at the recreation centre or the library. The deadline for submitting recipes is Friday, Feb. 7. "We hope the community of Stouffville will support this project by sharing a favorite recipe with us and placing ads (in the publication)," said cookbook co-ordinator Ginny Burrow. Burrow can be reached at 640-6563.

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## Floor for centre approved

Chamber pleased with new \$28,700 rec centre portable flooring

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Staff Reporter

The purchase of portable flooring for the recreation centre will not only help the Chamber of Commerce put on a first-class home show but will attract other special events to Whitchurch-Stouffville, the chamber's president says.

Council in committee has given its approval for the purchase of Styrofoam and plywood at a cost of more than \$28,700. The funds will come from the town's park trust fund.

Chamber president Larry Rogalski said the home show's organizing committee was "desperate" to put together the event - scheduled from April 23 to April 25. The event hinged on the purchase of the flooring being approved. Council had already approved the proposal last summer.

"We owe it to business and to the town," said Rogalski. The chamber has agreed to pay \$5,000 over a period of five years toward the purchase of the flooring, and \$1,500 per year for the rental of the recreation centre.

Rogalski said the chamber is considering holding an Octoberfest and some interest exists for an antique show being held in the future. The flooring could also be rented out to other municipalities who don't have their own, he added.

Ward 4 councillor Cliff Dunkeld

wondered if holding the home show and other special events in the recreation centre will mean a loss of ice time for other groups. Dunkeld said the costs of installing the flooring should be paid by groups holding special events.

Ward 1 councillor Ivanka Bradley agreed having the flooring creates a number of possibilities for using the arena other than providing ice time.

"We could hold rock concerts, video dances and square dances," Bradley said.

Ward 3 councillor Nick Tatone said although the flooring is being primarily purchased to accommodate the home show, other uses for the flooring shouldn't be ruled out.

"Maybe it should replace ice time," Tatone said.

With the purchase, the town is looking at providing "a whole new level of service," mayor Fran Sainsbury said.

Ward 2 councillor Steve Bellerby said he is concerned "the recreation facility is used for one thing, and that's skating."

Ward 6 councillor Ken Prentice advised against the town purchasing the flooring before other uses could be guaranteed.

"If it doesn't work out, what do we do with the plywood, have a fire sale," Prentice said. Prentice voted in favor of purchasing the flooring

despite his objections.

Recreation director Marlane McKee-Wetheral said some cancellation of ice time would result.

"It's the only commodity I have to sell," she said. She added ice time is presently available from August to May. McKee-Wetheral said the potential exists for providing more ice time, but added it wouldn't be possible without council approving the purchase of another compressor.

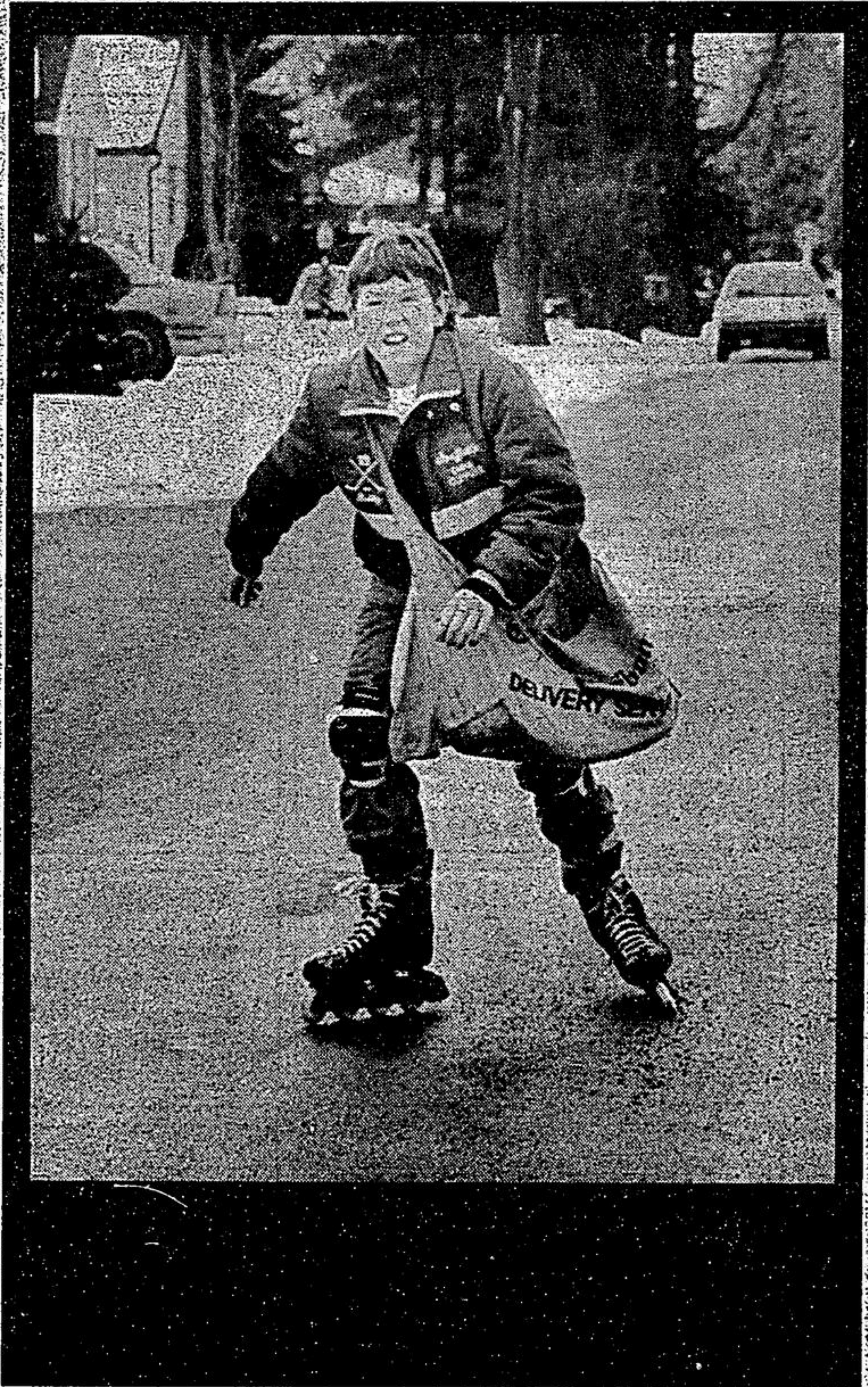
McKee-Wetheral said council will now be able to honor its commitment to the figure skating club for more ice time.

## SDSS to aid hunger fight

Stouffville District Secondary School students will be participating in a 30 hour fast to raise awareness about global poverty and famine.

On Feb. 21 and 22, the students, along with nearly 125,000 Canadians will go without food, consuming only juice and water while learning about the issues behind poverty. They will also be raising money to fight hunger. Last year 87,000 people participated in the fast and raised \$1.8 million. This year's goal is \$2.4 million. The money raised will go toward planting trees, immunizing children, and feeding the hungry in Thailand, Brazil, Ethiopia and other countries.

SDSS students participating will become eligible for one of four travel scholarships, donated by corporate sponsors. Anyone interested in participating should call 1-800-387-8080.



## Zoning for 48-lot development clears council hurdle

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Council has approved a zoning amendment which clears the way for the development of 48 lots in town, but final approval depends on enough water and sewage capacity being found.

Staff has been directed to change the zoning for the Summer Park Subdivision from rural to residential low density to allow the devel-

opment to go ahead.

But the development, which is owned by Daste Investments Ltd., faces a long delay because of a number of conditions which must be met before draft approval is given.

The final phase of the subdivision was put on hold in 1988 because of lack of sewer and water capacity. Development of the subdivision's remaining 48 lots is contingent on approval from York Region, which must determine the availability of sufficient water

capacity for the site.

The Ministry of the Environment must also confirm a previous finding that an additional sewage capacity for 1,000 persons is available.

A report on Stouffville's sewage capacity prepared in April of 1991 says the town's sewage plant has a "service population potential" of at least 11,000. An additional capacity of 1,000 persons translates into an additional 263 residential units for the town, said the

town's director of public works, Paul Whitehouse.

The town's water problem may not be as easy to solve, however, said Mayor Fran Sainsbury.

She 48 more lots aren't enough to justify the construction of another water tower. While metering would help the town save water, the task would be difficult to accomplish because of the trenching and ditching involved, said Sainsbury.

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