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## Town wins battle over ice time

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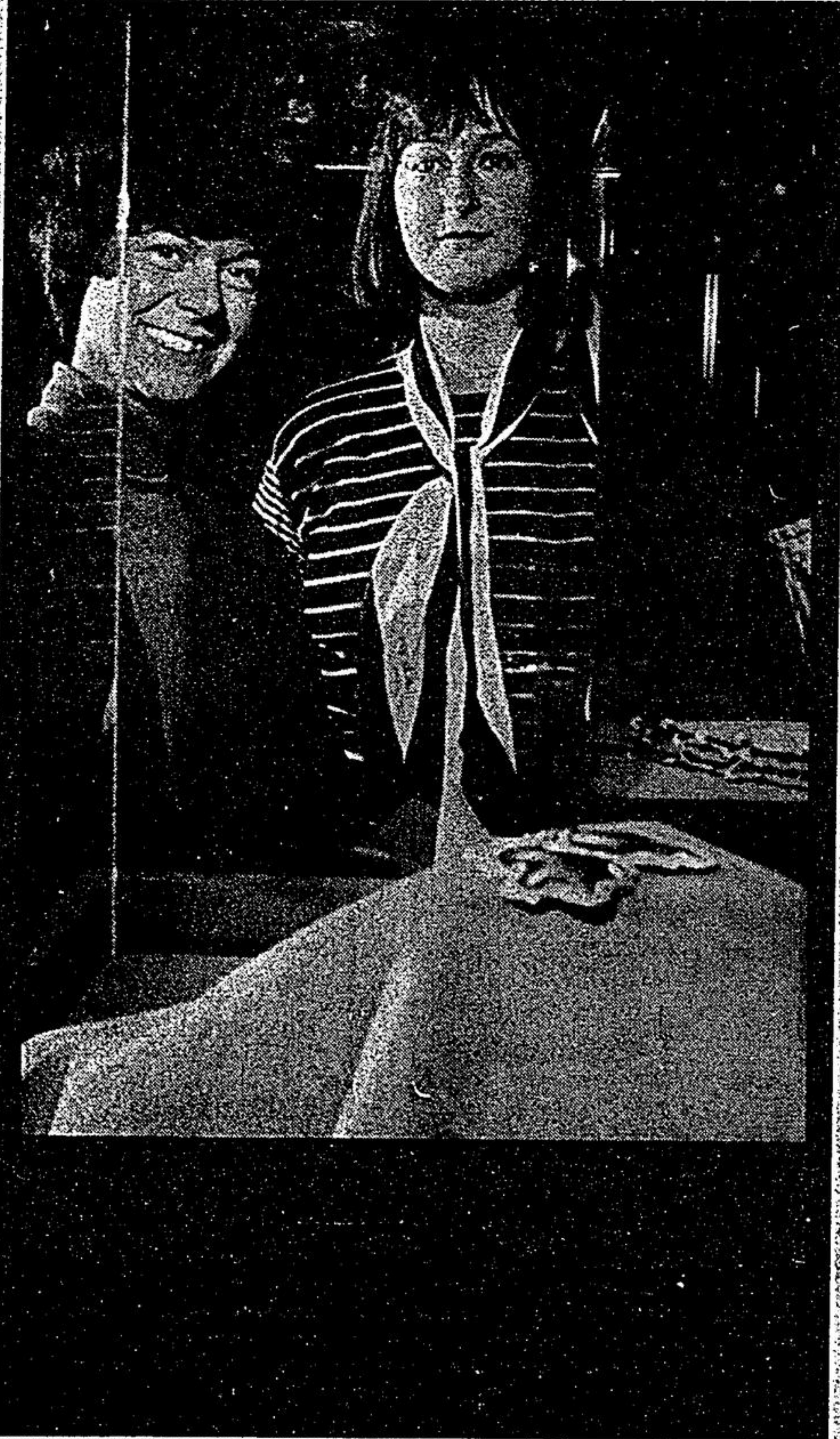
Stouffville politicians have frozen any further negotiations from groups trying to score prime ice time at the Recreation

Complex, despite overtime efforts by the men's hockey league. Stouffville Amateur Hockey League president Wayne Jackson said the league is not happy

about several hours of their ice time being shifted from Sunday morning to Wednesday evenings and wants more time to prepare arguments against the decision.

formerly parks and recreation advisory board (PRAB) - and all arena user groups have been openly negotiating ice time shifts for many months, officials heard.

keep revenues from declining. McKee Wetheral says the decision to shift SAHL ice time was not "rammed" down the league's throat, but discussed thoroughly with user groups during at least three meetings.



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"We need a little more time to present some important and pertinent facts and background. The town took a firm position for our group to move and we didn't feel that was negotiation," Jackson said.

But parks and recreation director Marlane McKee Wetheral said the SAHL has already presented the same arguments "over and over" and is ignoring all the factors considered before making the reallocation of all user groups.

McKee Wetheral, along with the town's parks and recreation advisory committee (PRAC)

But SAHL members say the decision to move a portion of their ice time was "jammed down our throat" without any other alternative in place.

McKee Wetheral said the decision to reallocate prime ice time was driven by three main factors:

- ① an increasing demand for more public skating time (1.5 hours were added);
- ② a call by minor and girls' hockey associations for ice time allocations more appropriate to age groups;
- ③ and finally, a mandate to

While she admits the adult group was a "target," McKee Wetheral said the reallocation boils down to one simple fact:

"These are adults using prime ice time and we had to investigate whether or not it is fair for a 45-year-old man to play in the morning when a 14-year-old is playing at 10 p.m. It was age appropriateness that really drove this," she said.

PRAC chairman Casey Van Maris told officials the SAHL failed to show at one meeting and walked out during the second when it became apparent their ice time would be rearranged.

Minor hockey spokesman Wally Crowder said officials should approve McKee Wetheral's recommendations and "get on with it."

"She was given a job to do and she's paid to do a job and now you're going to decide for her. Let her go ahead with this; it's time to make a decision," Crowder said. And resident Pat Wild, who lauded the recreation director for providing more public skating time said the reallocation is "wonderful" and allows families "better use of the facility for longer periods of time."

Jackson, however, said the town should tighten up its residency clause when deciding which groups receive the best ice times. Currently groups must meet a 75 per cent residency rate in order to use the facility, SAHL would like to see that rise. "The residency rate should be the determining factor in deciding ice time. We feel there are other groups which have non-residents using the facility and in times like this the local taxpayer should get first choice," Jackson argued.

Despite a lengthy discussion officials approved McKee Wetheral's ice time allocations with Ward 6 councillor Ken Prentice being the sole councillor voting against the report in a recorded vote.

## Emergency water tests at Musselman Lake in wake of citizen pressure

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Stouffville politicians will ask York Region health officials to perform immediate emergency water tests for Musselman Lake residents, it was decided this week after mounting pressure from local residents.

Musselman Lake dad Mark Carroll said homeowners can no longer sit back quietly and allow their children to drink "tainted water" while the town grasps for approval straws from the province on a document which doesn't even address the problem.

Many private well systems in the Musselman Lake area are failing and showing high nitrate levels - a deadly compound used in fertilizers which can cause gastric cancer in adults and blue baby syndrome in infants. Adults with high blood pressure and pregnant women are advised not to drink water containing high nitrate levels, health officials warn.

"This shouldn't happen here - this happens in third world countries. We're supposed to be first class and our government is supposed to provide us with the basic necessities of life," Carroll said.

"If the town got together with the Ministry of the Environment and Energy and demanded quick results we'd get tests back in one week," Carroll added.

Otherwise, nitrate tests take up to eight weeks and residents can't afford to wait any longer, he said.

"We're a mass of people up there. We have to do something now. There's 3,000 people drinking contaminated water," Carroll said.

Carroll and many residents are angry the town didn't include servicing strategies in its now-approved OPA90 boundaries, a document which maps out future land use and development goals for the two hamlets.

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## Merchants: It's your call

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is seeking input, suggestions, comments and volunteers to attend or sit on a review committee which will be established to re-write the town's sign bylaw.

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