

Town

# Jubilee basement may be used as gym by staff

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The basement of the Silver Jubilee Club could become a recreation area for town staff, but the idea is still in the planning stages, said CAO Merlin Dewing on Tuesday. The recreation centre would not cost

the town anything, he said, with the exception of hydro and heating costs. Staff would themselves provide whatever equipment was used.

Once considered for a youth centre, Dewing said that would not be a good idea.

"The basement of the Silver Jubilee Club... is incompatible for a youth cen-

tre," he said, for three main reasons.

First of all, Dewing said it wouldn't be appropriate because the seniors use the upstairs. Also, the municipal archives are in the basement "one door away." Finally, he said the basement has had access, which could present a problem in the event of an emergency, and the barred windows don't make for

a friendly environment.

Dewing said the recreation department is rethinking the youth centre in terms of where it could be located and how it would be funded.

In the interim, he pointed to the town's joint effort with the Optimist Club to install basketball nets just off Burkholder Street.

## What you need to know to run for town council

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What does it take to be a councillor or mayor in Stouffville?

Apart from the legal requirements it takes time, said town clerk Michele Kennedy.

"It's a big time commitment," she said.

"It's not an easy job by any means. You have to realize that you're making a three-

year commitment, and your family has to realize it."

Apart from council and committee meetings, there's answering residents' inquiries and attending openings and other ceremonies.

In fact, Kennedy said new councillors often say they'd like to attend everything but simply can't, with work and family obligations.

While only eight people are vying for the mayor's and councillors' chairs, Kennedy

said she expects a few more names will appear on the list before the Oct. 14 deadline.

"A lot of things can happen in a week," she said, noting that the absence of races (only Ward 5 has one) might be the impetus for more candidates to come forward.

At least she hopes so.

"I'm a resident here," said Kennedy, taking off her work hat for a second. "I'd like to see a good race."

But the question has to be

asked. What if no one else runs? "If there isn't a race they're (the lone candidate) deemed to be acclaimed before the election," she said.

In the last election, noted Kennedy, school board trustee Harry Bowes and councillor Ivanka Bradley were acclaimed.

So if you're thinking of running, here's a list of the requirements. You must be:

- over 18 years of age.
- a Canadian citizen.

a Stouffville resident, landowner or tenant, or the spouse of the same.

If you meet these conditions, you're eligible.

But the final weeding out is done from October 11-14 when registered candidates must be nominated by a qualified voter.

Asked if a tough skin is a plus, Kennedy smiled and said that "in any job you work at, publicly or privately, you can't take things personally."



### Helping the hungry

Noel Barker leads his classmates from Carolyn Reesor's Grade 1 class at Willowgrove Primary School to The Tribune to make a hefty donation to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Foodbank Friday.

Photo/MIKE RUTA

## Regional council to discuss water system at November meeting

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should be subsidized more.

- assessing cost on frontage basis unfair, especially for larger lots.
- don't need water if problem of septic tanks cleaned up.
- procedure undemocratic and prices too vague.

According to the report, "there was no clear indication that one area was totally opposed."

Each property that registered a no was plotted on a map, and they were "generally uniformly distributed in both Ballantrae and Musselman Lake."

However, residents of newer subdivisions were generally against the water system, "presumably on the basis that they believed their deeper drilled well was adequate."

## Harvest Fest on weekend

Harvest Fest is set for this weekend in Stouffville.

Downtown Stouffville will be transformed into a colorful pedestrian shopping area Saturday Oct. 15, when Main Street will be closed to all vehicles.

Entertainment includes a dance show, martial arts demonstration, live country music, cloggers and children's rides on the York-Durham Heritage Railway miniature train.

Other attractions include contests, raffles and country markets selling fresh fruits, vegetables and fall flowers. Teens are invited to attend a dance at the legion Saturday evening from 8 to 11 p.m.

## TD Bank celebrating 25 years

The Toronto Dominion Bank at Stouffville Plaza is celebrating its 25th anniversary this Friday.

Games, prizes and food are featured, and Mayor Fran Sainsbury will be cutting the cake at 12:15 p.m.

The staff and management of the TD Bank welcome all to the celebrations.

## Stouffville man charged at fair

Police used pepper spray to subdue fighting fair-goers at the Markham Fair.

A crowd of onlookers gathered around a couple of men fighting at the McCowan Rd. fairgrounds in the early hours of Oct. 2. When police arrived to break up the brawl, the spectators swarmed the officers who used pepper

spray to control the fighters.

One officer estimated there were more than 30 cruisers at the scene. A 19-year-old Stouffville man of Ironwood Cr. and a 23-year-old Markham man of Grandall Dr. were arrested and charged with causing a disturbance by fighting.

### Crime

## Coin wash victim of counterfeiters

A Stouffville laundromat has been conned out of coins.

Coins Laundromat Plus on Main St. was targeted by counterfeiters, police were told last Wednesday.

The culprit fed the change machine with 28 counterfeit \$10 bills and made off with \$280 in change. The same stunt was pulled last week at

a Newmarket laundromat where a change machine dispensed \$200 in change in return for 20 phoney \$10 bills.

And a local car wash was also used to launder money recently.

Culprits apparently fed counterfeit two \$10 bills into a change machine at the Stouffville Auto Wash on Windsor Rd.

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