

# Ice pad would benefit community

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enough ice time," said McNeely. In order for some children to play hockey, parents and kids must get up at 4 a.m. said the spokesman. "While it's a great sense of Canadiana, it truly is the middle of the night."

In his quest to get a second ice pad for the community, McNeely called on council to strike a seven-member steering committee made up of a representative from local figure skating, the municipality's parks and recreation department and the engineering department, boys' hockey, girls' hockey and men's hockey.

"I'm asking council to move on the proposal to form a steering committee so we all can have a hard look at the options," said McNeely.

McNeely, the father of three boys, all hockey players, outlined the options available to the town. A new ice pad could be a bubble air structure involving a canopy or a more permanent structure, complete with roof and walls.

To make his point further, McNeely said there's an interest in introducing a Junior A hockey team to Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"There's interest, but we'd have to commit eight hours a week of ice time," he said.

Establishing a steering committee now is premature, Mayor Wayne Emmerson suggested. Council does not plan to earmark a second ice pad in this year's budget, he said. However, the mayor said the "ground work" for an ice pad could be done for '96.

## Claremont celebrates winter

The 12th annual Claremont Winter Carnival runs until Saturday, Feb. 18. Carnival events will be a pancake breakfast from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the United Church, a parade at 1 p.m. on Brock Road, an open house at the Legion from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Kids ice event from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. include games, hay rides, log sawing, nail hammering, snowmobile rides all in the park. An old timers' hockey game will be held in the park, beginning at 2 p.m. A trapper's ball will take place in Claremont's three halls. Part of the proceeds from the carnival will go towards the Claremont's new community hall. Tickets are available at the General Store.

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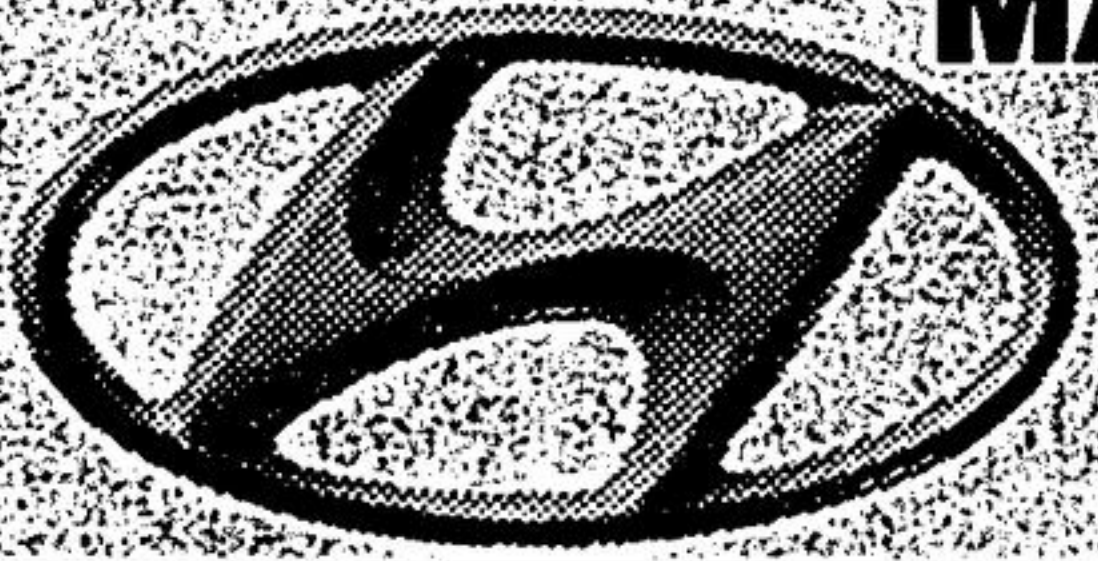


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