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Grant applied for to offset ice costs

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options, including costs of each. It was suggested that the ice pad structure would be pre-fab, steel, have a slop roof and no seats.

"The fund raising component of this project is ambitious and will take a commitment from the entire community," parks and recreation director Marlane stressed in her report.

Jim Hamm, spokesman for the local hockey associ-

ation, said the new ice pad would attract business to the area.

"Community puck and ball tournaments alone will bring an unbelievable amount of people to our town," said Hamm.

Bob McNeely, the father of three hockey players, said the community was more than anxious to start fundraising.

However, the plan to invest \$1 million in an ice

facility does not please everyone. Town resident Chris Larkin told the mayor and the councillors that another ice pad is not wanted by the majority of the town's people. "It doesn't serve most of us," said Larkin. "There are many people who have no interest in hockey, figure skating." Larkin suggested the town build an indoor swimming pool.

The steering committee will present its first report to council on March 14.

Region, CAO haggling over retirement

By ROGER BELGRAVE
Staff Reporter

York Region politicians are

still trying to work out a retirement package with their chief administrative officer.

After meeting for several hours in a private session last week, politicians left CAO Bob Forhan with their latest proposal.

But under a unique resolution endorsed by regional council more than a decade ago, a retirement package for Forhan cannot fly without his consent.

Back in 1984 when Forhan left the regional chair's seat to become CAO, he inked a deal with council that requires any retirement package include his seal of approval as well as politicians.

Forhan had until yesterday to submit a response to the

latest offer.

As mayor of Newmarket, Forhan was a member of regional council at its inception in 1971.

In 1978, he left his local council position to become regional chair. He held that post until taking the CAO job in 1984.

He has spent 25 years as a politician and bureaucrat with regional government. Forhan currently sits at the high end of a salary range that pays between \$105,731 and \$126,616 a year.

"Everyone is trying to look for some equity," said Regional Councillor Gord Landon. But he admits the extraordi-

nary circumstances have made it very difficult for council to work out an agreement.

"I think the offer was more than fair," Regional Councillor Carole Bell said.

Officials at the region were not revealing any details. However, Bell has indicated she wants the final package made public and is mustering support among council members.

Last week wasn't the first time politicians have labored over a settlement package for the top staffer. And it still isn't yet clear if the 58-year-old Forhan has decided to retire.

Out of the Mouths of Babes

Kindergarten students from St. Mark's Catholic School are not shy when it comes to answering some very important questions. *The Tribune* visited the Stouffville school recently to find out what's on the minds of the five-year-olds:

Where does the snow come from?

David Brumwell said, "God goes up to the North Pole and makes it up there. He brings it back and sprinkles it around. Sometimes he makes snowballs and throws them at Satan."

Katelyn Mignardi said, "Jesus makes the snow. He know how to make a snowman but he doesn't make snow balls because he's nice. In the summer time, God tells the snow to get to work and melt. That's how it happens. But, I don't know any more about it."

Is the earth round or flat?

Nathan Halliwushka said, "It's round. It was made that way so they could get more provinces in."

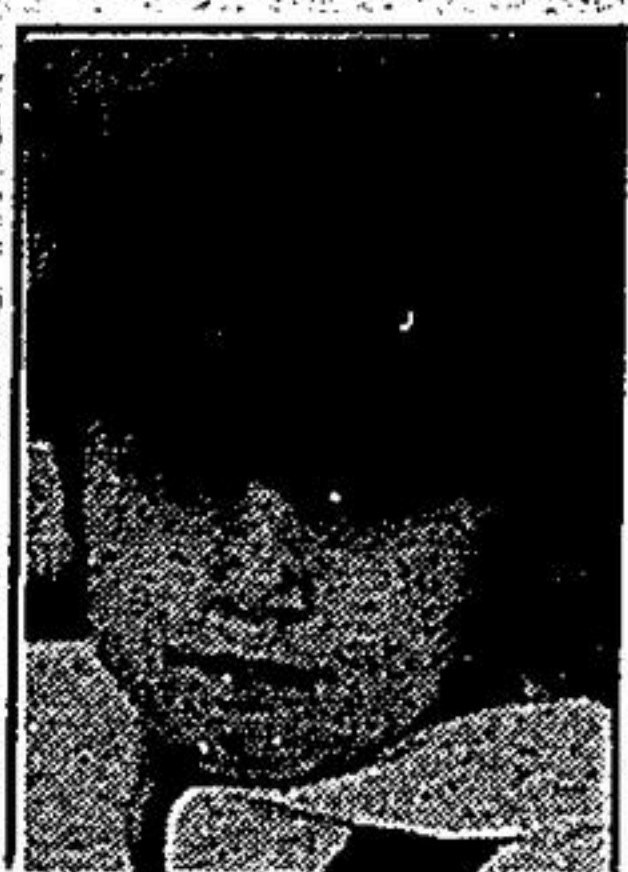
Laura Beachamp said, "I'm pretty sure its sort of round. It's not flat because God didn't want it that way. He doesn't make anything flat."

If you were the boss of Stouffville what would you do for the people?

Jillian Scheliga said, "I'd make people play more. I'd tell them not to go to work. Also, I'd make everybody put nail polish on their toe nails."



David Brumwell



Katelyn Mignardi



Nathan Halliwushka



Laura Beachamp



Jillian Scheliga

Maple syrup time has arrived here

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greater explanation as to what you're seeing," said Wiegard, who said the enhanced information project should be completed in time for March Break.

Wiegard said a walk along the trail will enable people to see the vacuum collection system which gently sucks around 70 litres of maple sap per season through spiles inserted into each tree. The sap goes through a network of plastic hose into the sugar shack, where it is reduced to maple syrup in a wood fired evaporator which dates back to the 1880s.

The family-run Horton operation is able to boast that it has been offering sugar bush tours for 30 years, longer than any other bush in the Metro area.

According to Hal Horton, the privately operated display includes three ways of making maple syrup.

The first is the native village set up where sap is collected in birch bark buckets and put into hollowed out logs, into which hot stones are thrown for evaporation purposes.

The pioneer method sees the sap collected in wooden and metal buckets, then put into a

cast iron kettle and boiled over an open fire.

The modern way involves the gathering of the sap by vacuum through hollow plastic tubes, with the sap boiled by wood fired evaporator in the central bin.

The Horton display also includes log cabins and a chance to hike on old Indian trails.

Horton said a trip to the sugar bush is steeped in Canadian tradition. "Just being in

the maple woods in March and April is a pleasure and seeing syrup made the pioneer's way as well as the modern way is a truly Canadian experience," he said.

Both locations will continue to operate their displays through April 9.

For further information on hours and admission fees, call the Metro Region Conservation Authority (Bruce's Mill) at (416) 661-6600 or Horton Tree Farms at 888-1738.



Happy trails

Two intrepid ice fishermen make their way across Musselman Lake this week, braving some fierce early morning winds.

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