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## Council examines five-year plan

By **JOAN RANSBERRY**  
Staff Reporter

Whitchurch-Stouffville council will roll up its sleeves on Thursday to tackle its multi-million dollar capital five-year forecast.

The wish list is lengthy. The capital budget items are expensive. The need is great. A long day is anticipated. The grand total is \$22.6 million.

The meeting gets under way at the Civic Avenue municipal building at 9 a.m. sharp.

Copies of the capital forecast will be available to the public just before the meeting begins.

Mayor Wayne Emmerson stressed that the town's five-year capital plan was struck by a previous council.

"This council is going to take a hard look at it and try to figure out which way we'll go," said Emmerson. He added, "It is an opportunity for council to see which way we'll go with what we have."

Since the capital project agenda will take Whitchurch-Stouffville into the next century, council recognizes that serious decisions must be made, the

mayor stressed. "Things could change. We

may take a different approach," said Emmerson.

"Nothing is cut in stone. Time will tell."

The high ticket items on the agenda, however,

include a town hall, a fire station for the northern area, a water system for Ballantrae and Musselman's Lake, a public works depot, including a parcel of land and a major library extension.

As well, council will decide if \$468,500 earmarked for the recreation complex will go towards the cost of a second ice pad, a pool or other complex needs.

Road construction alone carries a \$2.6 million-price tag.

"Some (councillors) may want to spend a lot more on road over the next while," said Emmerson. "We have to decide—Is it an ice pad? Is it a pool? It is a library? These are some of the decisions."

Cost of a new town hall alone has been set at \$3.9 million.

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## Truckers nabbed in safety blitz

By **JOAN RANSBERRY**  
Staff Reporter

Although four Stouffville truckers got nabbed in last week's truck safety blitz, most continue to support the crack-down on the trucking industry.

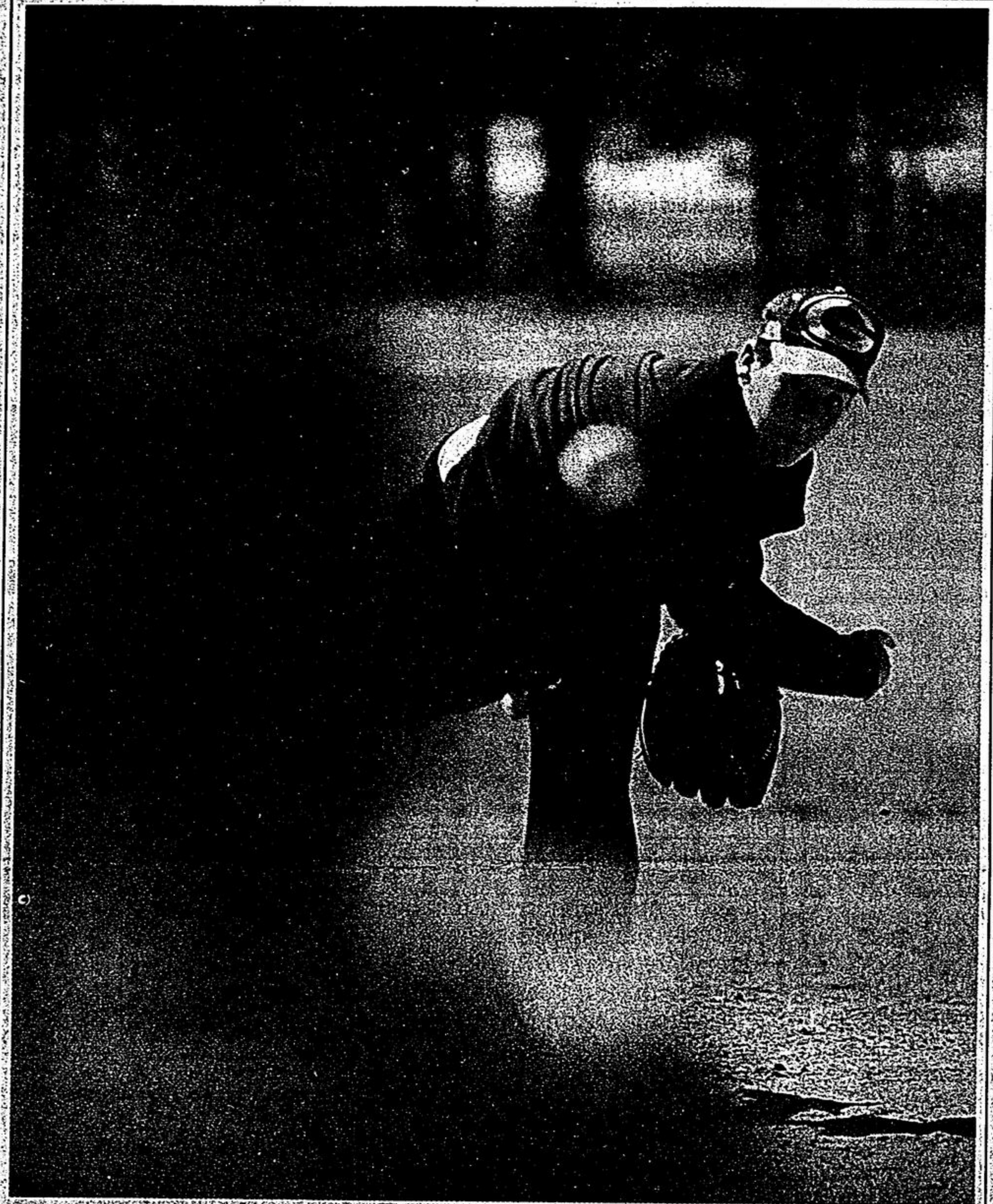
Of the 261 trucks pulled off the road in this part of Ontario, four were owned by Stouffville truckers, the Ministry of Transport confirmed Monday.

The four local offenders are Apache Freight Lines Ltd., Atlas Recycling Systems Inc., Don Anderson Haulage Ltd. and VBN Construction Ltd.

Publishing the names of truck operators gives the public new choice," said Transport Minister Mike Parnan.

Members of the public can ask themselves if they want to do business with companies that put the bottom line

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### Play ball!

Prospective pitcher Mike McIntosh hurls one toward home plate at the local Bantam try-outs at Goodwood diamonds on the weekend.

Photo: STEVE SOMERVILLE

## Earth Day celebrated this week

Earth Day's silver anniversary will not go unnoticed in Stouffville. On April 22, the Stouffville Horticultural Society and the Whitchurch-Stouffville Recycling Group will join forces to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Earth Day. Beginning at 10 a.m., members of the two groups will be at the local library to distribute information on environmental gardening practices such as backyard composting. As well, group members will offer tips on ways to reduce household waste.

Stephen Sword, a spokesman for the recycling group, is encouraging people to take full advantage of the depot's new expanded paper collection program. "Most kinds of household paper, including box board and junk mail are now accepted there," said Sword. Everyone is encouraged to drop by the library to salute Earth Day.

### Sport

## Junior A team given green light for Stouffville

By **BRUCE STAPLEY**  
Correspondent

Saturday night will be hockey night in Stouffville beginning this September if all goes according to plan for George Stavro.

The 31-year-old Richmond Hill resident and former Junior B hockey player was given the go-ahead to start up a team in Stouffville by the Provincial Junior A Hockey League April 10. Final approval by the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) board of directors is expected to be a rubber stamp process when that body meets May 10.

Stavro, who has three years' experience as coach and general manager of the tier two junior A Ajax Axemen and North York Rangers, has been eying Stouffville as a possible Junior A site ever since a conditional offer made by another party to bring a team to town fell through two years ago.

"I played an exhibition game at the old arena in Stouffville with the Henry Carr junior B team in the early 1980's and the place was packed," Stavro told *The Tribune* Friday. "I've never forgotten that, and I think the interest is still there."

While details regarding ice time still must be finalized with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association (WSMHA), the self-employed entrepreneur is confident the new team will be a boost for hockey in Stouffville.

"It's a go for September," he told *The Tribune* Friday. "Minor hockey (WSMHA) is looking at this as a joint venture. Instead of having bantam and midget kids leaving to play elsewhere, they'll now have a chance to stay in town." Stavro said he plans to hold practices out of town until a second pad is built. He said he would attempt to find extra ice time for WSMHA in neighboring rinks to make up for the three hours needed for Saturday night games. If the new arena eventually comes, Stavro said he would be able to help guarantee its full usage. "With a second ice pad, I'd commit to at least 10 hours a week. I'd also be running hockey schools and clinics."

Stavro said the Stouffville team has worked out an affiliation arrangement with the Uxbridge Bruins of the Central Ontario Junior C Hockey League. Every effort will be made to have local players on the new club, he insisted. "I've been watching Stouffville kids on other junior teams and I feel there would be from 6-10 Stouffville players on the team the first year. I'm also looking to bring in a few 15 year old players who played with midget AAA teams this year to play and go to school here."

Stavro listed Kyle Osborne, Ryan Burkholder, Ryan Jef-

erson, Dave Gianoulos and Brad Hackert as Stouffville area players who suited up with AAA bantam and midget teams this past season as also be given a look, he said.

"In my opinion, the idea of Junior A hockey is to develop the kids, to be a stepping stone to the NHL. I want to help them attain their goals, to get drafted or to get university scholarships."

He said the key to the team's success is its commitment to the community. He has received written confirmation of support from WSMHA products and National Hockey Leaguers Keith Acton and Brad May, as well as past WSMHA president Wally Crowder.

Stavro, a self-employed entrepreneur who insists he is only distantly related to Maple Leaf Gardens designated chief trustee Steve Stavro, said he has tabled a budget of \$116,000 for the team's initial year of operation. He said he will soon be putting out a call for volunteers to get involved with the team's operation. He plans to hold special promotions to help WSMHA teams with fund raising, and will organize a contest to name the new team.

Stavro said his aim will be to fill the Rec Centre to its 1,300 fan capacity plus standing room. Tickets will be \$5 each, \$1 for children, in an effort to make it an affordable family outing. He said his goal will be to have the club break even. "I look at this as a win-win situation for Stouffville. I'm not in it for the money. I'm in it because I love the game."



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