

Sports



A GRAND OPENING: Surrounded by councillors, guests and local youngsters, Mayor Wayne Emerson cuts the ribbon to officially open the second ice pad at the Stouffville Rec Centre on Monday.

Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Second pad receives official grand opening

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The town's second ice pad was officially opened amid a ribbon cutting and free skate that attracted more than 100 dignitaries, contributors and youthful skaters to the Rec Centre Monday evening.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson, flanked by members of the second ice pad committee, councillors, York Region chairman Eldred King, and a host of children, performed the scissors duties in the foyer leading into the recently opened arena.

Emmerson credited the council of the early 1980s for having the foresight to allow room for the addition of a second ice surface when they approved the Rec Centre's construction.

"They had the vision to put the one pad here with room for a second one," he said.

Emmerson credited those who worked to make the second ice surface a reality.

He pointed to the efforts of pioneer committee members Jim Hamm, Sue Harmsen, Bob McNeely and Andy Cartwright, all of whom were in attendance.

He also praised the work of the Branick Group, which constructed the facility.

King offered his congratulations and wished the facility success.

McNeely, who served as second ice pad committee chair, acknowledged the sometimes painstaking route taken by his group.

"The road that leads to good ideas is sometimes lonely," he said.

McNeely credited council with making the decision to back the project.

"They (council) had to put themselves on the line. That's

the nature of politics," McNeely said.

He also lavished praise on the Branick Group:

"They went out of their way to give us something we'd be proud of."

McNeely said the town could take pride that the project was planned and built by local residents.

"We should all be proud that this was an expression of our common will."

Tony Mauro, a partner in the Branick Group, also took part in the ceremonies.

He was accompanied by his two young children, Matthew and Christopher, who both wore Buffalo Sabres hockey jerseys with former Stouffville Clipper Brad May's number 10 on the back.

The ceremonies were followed by a free skate to allow residents to check out the new facility.

Legion to host track event

The Royal Canadian Legion will hold its Zone E-2 Track and Field Meet at the Stouffville Track on May 24.

The meet will begin with an official opening ceremonies at 9:45 a.m.

Legion spokesperson Dave McQuaker said local Legion officials are pushing to have the Legion's Ontario track and field championships here next year.

Other significant dates for the local track include the Ontario Masters meet this Saturday, York Region elementary meets May 20 and 22, the York Region Elementary Disabled Games June 4, and the York Region Elementary Track and Field Championships June 17.

**WHITCHURCH
STOUFFVILLE
MINOR HOCKEY
ASSOCIATION**



Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting
of the
**Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor
Hockey Association**

is scheduled for
Thursday, May 15th at 7 p.m.,
upstairs at the **Rec Complex.**

TENDER

Sealed bids clearly marked as to contents for the contract listed below will be received by The Clerks Department at the Town of Markham Civic Centre.

CONTRACT #	DESCRIPTION	CLOSING DATE
T25-97	SALE OF REAL PROPERTY 252 MAIN STREET, UNIONVILLE PART LOT 13, CONC. 5	June 11, 1997 10:00 a.m.

A \$10.00 non-refundable fee is required for each Tender package. Cheques are to be made payable to the "Town of Markham". All Tender documents may be obtained at the Purchasing Department. Highest or any Tender or any part of any Tender not necessarily accepted.

Andrew Vickery, C.P.P., Manager of Purchasing, (905) 475-4877.



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- Self-Esteem & Assertiveness

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