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Vandorf committee criticized

JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

The Vandorf-Preston Lake Secondary Plan Advisory Committee should include someone from Vandorf, a former councillor is charging.

Former Ward 1 councillor Ivanka Bradley is questioning why none of the six residents on the committee are from Vandorf.

Of the six residents, four are from Preston Lake, one lives on the border of Trail of the Woods and one is from urban Stouffville.

But the fact the committee members are from the study area satisfies Ward 1 Councillor Steve Pliakes. "It doesn't matter that they're not specifically from Vandorf," said Pliakes. "As long as they're from the area in question."

The committee is made up of three members of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council and appointees Owen Craig, Dennis Fortune, Stuart Leigh, Ken Ferdinands, Michael Johnson and Edward Maulucci.

But Bradley said since the study will map out any future development in the community, someone from Vandorf should be involved.



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Bradley applied to serve on the committee but was rejected. Council made the decision, said Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

The committee will work with a consultant to strike a Secondary Plan for the Vandorf and Preston Lake area.

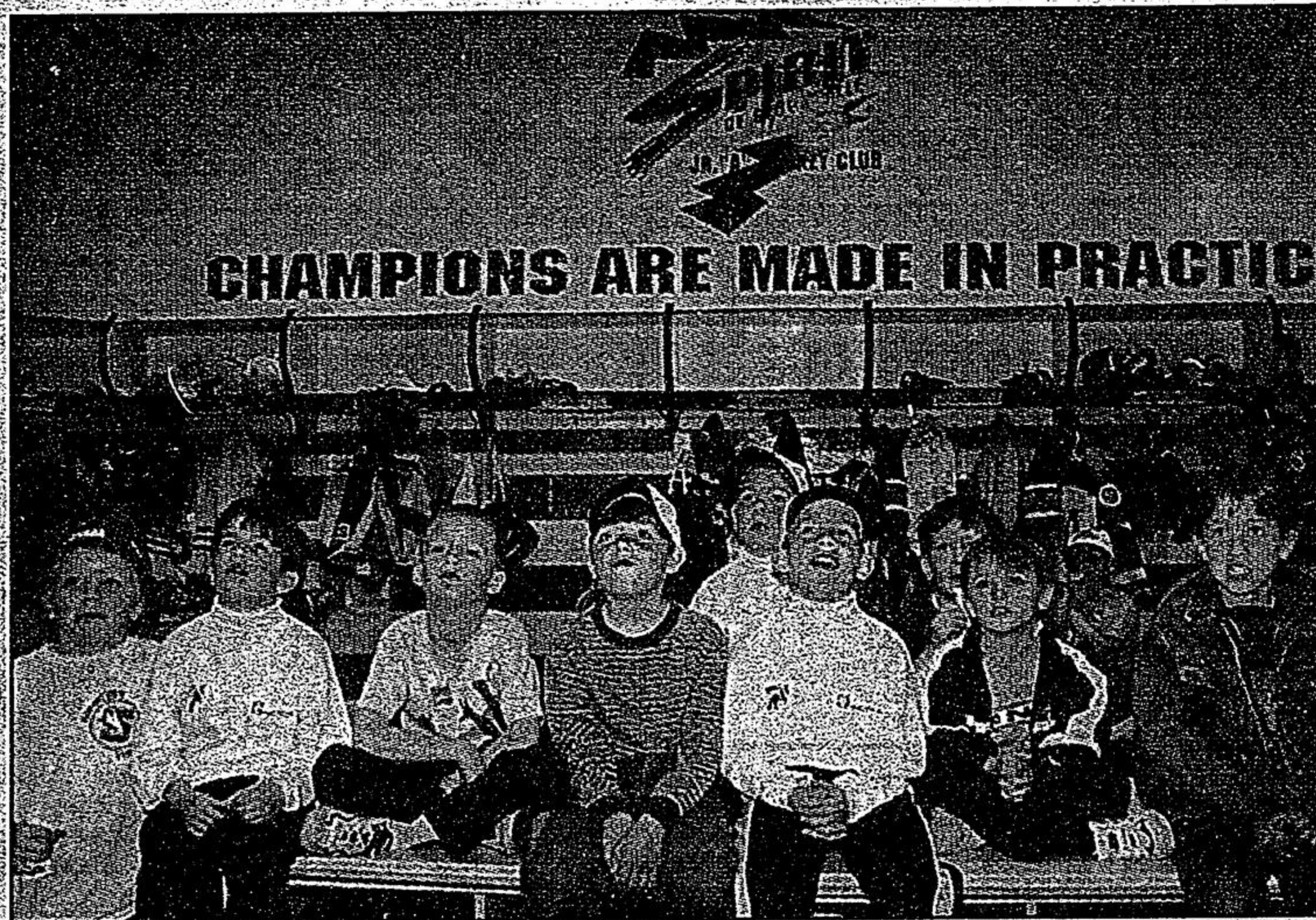
Last year, a similar committee helped author a Secondary Plan for the downtown area.

The "what goes where" documents are used as a guideline for planning matters.

The pressing issue in this study area is connecting Vandorf to full water and sewer services through Aurora.

But the majority of Vandorf residents don't want these services, said Bradley. "It could mean a major invasion of industrial development into the community," she said.

People in Vandorf are not convinced that full water and sewer service should be provided to their community, said Bradley. "The community would be turned into an industrial area. Why should Vandorf pay for services they don't want?" she asked.



THEY'VE GOT SPIRIT: The Stouffville Spirit Tykes got to use their big cousins' dressing room during their tourney at the Stouffville Rec Centre on Saturday and got to use the TV to watch a movie after their early morning game win. From left are Michael Sooley, Michael Stanton, Gregory Outram-Kozma, Conner Stevens, Christopher Boake, Justin Hulshoff and Malcolm Forbes. Behind them are Scott Bolton and Grant Sommerville.

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Cliff Moss ties the knot

KATE GILDERDALE
Correspondent

Cliff Moss, local hero, tireless volunteer and one of the most delightful people you could ever wish to meet, married Bertha McKay Saturday at the Salvation Army Church in Markham.

"I am 81 years young and my claim to fame since I became visually impaired is volunteer work," said Moss, whose wedding was originally scheduled for February, but had to be postponed when he suffered a stroke.

"I was in the hospital for six weeks but I'm fine now. I just have a little paralysis in my left hand."

Volunteering has made his life much richer, he said.

"The privilege of helping other people has opened so many doors for me and has given me so much to enjoy. My wife-to-be and I are on the same wavelength — we met when I was raising money to buy a van for the Salvation Army. Bertha comes from Barrie and does a lot of volunteer work as well."

Although they had not seen each other for a long time, McKay got in touch with him again after his name came up at a round table discussion of volunteers. "I took her out to a ritzy restaurant, the one with the golden arches, and we started to date," he recalled.

"We wanted to get to know each other — you don't rush into something like this," he added, with a chuckle. Moss is on the Foundation board at Markham.

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