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**26** Stouffville resident Keith Acton misses hockey playoff action for first time as a coach.

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## COURTNEY TREMPE INQUEST

*Eight-year-old girl died one year ago today in a dog attack*



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Donna and John Trempe walk from the town hall in Sharon, where a jury heard testimony on the second day of the inquest in the dog-attack death of their daughter.

# 'Shoot my dog'

BY JENNIFER BROWN  
 Staff Writer

Kelli Reybroek says her desperate cries for help fell on deaf ears as she frantically tried to wrestle her 140-pound bull mastiff off eight-year-old Courtney Trempe.

The Stouffville woman, who was eight months pregnant at the time, told an inquest jury yesterday she did everything she could to pry the animal away from the little girl's neck, but his jaws were locked.

Even a final attempt to kill the dog with a shovel did not deter the animal. She then made a pleading call to 911.

"The first thing I said was, 'Get

## Attack on Courtney unprovoked, Donna Trempe tells jury

someone over here to shoot my dog. There's a girl in my back yard and I can't get him off her," recalled an emotional Reybroek.

She described a horrific scenario, with her dog docile and playful one moment, then a brute force the next. And Courtney had no chance to do anything.

"She only said one thing to me and it was, 'Get this dog off me,'" a tearful

Reybroek told the inquest.

She explained how, just minutes before the attack, a neighbour's five-year-old child, Karter McCoy, had asked if her dog, Mosley, could be let out of the house to play. Reybroek's daughter, Hailey, 2-1/2, was also in the yard.

She obliged after asking Courtney — the only child in the trio who had never met Mosley — if she was afraid of dogs. When Courtney replied no, Reybroek said she got the dog.

Mosley calmly walked out of the house and past the other two children, stopping at Courtney.

"He was walking in front of me — I

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# Replace library with beer store, lawyer says

*Main Street liquor store could replace library: BIA head*

BY BRUCE STAPLEY  
 Correspondent

More than 100 residents attended a meeting Tuesday night to learn more about the town's \$5-million pool/library plans.

Given the outbursts at previous meetings, however, council was ready for the fireworks and changed the meeting format.

In an effort to address concerns of residents, councillors and town administrators divided themselves into teams of two to answer residents' questions relating to such areas of concern as costs, location, traffic control, potential dangers to the environment and the impact on the downtown business core.

While some welcomed the station-to-station format, saying it prevented a small minority from dominating the meeting, others saw it as a means of shielding council from the growing criticism that has come with its decision to go ahead with the complex.

"It's divide and conquer,"



WAYNE EMMERSON: Mayor insists taxes won't go up because of pool/library project.

said Fred Karakolis, who operates Jughead's Diner on Main Street.

Gerry Acton, a senior who lives on Burkholder Street, just to the north of the south park project, said council was protecting itself by offering to address concerns on an individual basis.

"They are smart. They answered the questions so they wouldn't get pounced on," Acton said.

But some residents saw the night as a pleasant alternative to the unproductive cheap shots that have occurred at

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