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**It's official:  
opening  
delayed  
one year**

*Pool/library facility  
to be ready in 2001*

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
Staff Writer

A delayed opening for the library/pool project has been made official.

Council was told Tuesday the 32,000-square-foot facility won't be open until fall 2001, a year later than initial projections.

An initial postponement of the opening to spring 2001 was reported in the *Stouffville Tribune* three months ago, then denied by officials who said the project would be ready by fall 2000.

Mayor Wayne Emmerson told council postponing next year's opening would be wise from an economic standpoint. A wet fall is hindering construction, he said.

Construction start time for Whitchurch-Stouffville's millennium project, slated for the O'Brien and Rose avenues area, has been moved to the spring.

The revised plan is to have tender calls in January while the first shovel is expected to go in the ground in early spring.

Council also approved a bid to begin raising \$700,000 from the community towards the new library and pool project.

Over the next two years, the Get In the Swim campaign and the library's Building the Future campaign will join together to launch special fundraising events.

Buddy the life-saving dog, and his sidekick Furby are part of the

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**THE REGION: 905 area joins Toronto's Olympic bid for 2008 Summer Games**

## Playing Games in York

BY PATRICK CASEY  
Staff Writer

York Region is ready to welcome the 2008 Summer Olympics.

Organizers for Toronto's Olympic bid bowed to political pressure this week and agreed to send 28 sporting venues outside of the city if the committee's \$22-million lobbying effort is successful in luring the Olympics back to

Canadian soil for the first time since the 1988 Winter Games in Calgary.

More than half of the 55 events are now scheduled in municipalities within an hour's drive of Toronto.

And York Region is in the running to house the equestrian events just outside of Newmarket, field hockey at Richmond Hill's Richmond Green, softball in

Richmond Hill or Markham, and archery at Seneca College's King Campus.

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"I think it would be marvelous. It would be a huge coup for the region and the community," explained Kim Philip, president of the York Equestrian Centre, a 120-

hectare facility in Cedar Valley with a 20-year history of international and world-level competitions.

Vying to house the Olympic dressage, show jumping and three-day events against similar centres in Halton and Peel regions, the York Equestrian Centre was the site chosen to host the equestrian events

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### HOT STUFF

Stouffville Fire Chief Bill Brown straightens out the helmet of Jonathan Stallan, a Grade 4 student at Summitview Public School, as Sparky looks on. Stallan, along with eight other winners of the York Region Junior Firefighters challenge, spent Monday at the House of Fire in town on Lori Avenue.

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