

# Pool foes ponder fate

Complex opponents insist they still have strong support

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Now what?

The fate of a citizens' group opposing Stouffville's plan to build an indoor swimming pool and library complex will be decided soon.

After dropping its Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) challenge to the 31,000-square-foot twin project last week, Residents Information Group (RIG) is pondering its future.

Whitchurch-Stouffville council is expected to pick a contractor next Tuesday to build the complex at Memorial Park South. At the same time, RIG will take a hard look at its self and decide if it will remain a watchdog group or simply disband.

"RIG was established to deal with this particular issue," said RIG member Jeanne Major. "It's been dealt with and now it's closed. There's an opportunity to go on. But no decision has been made as of yet."

RIG member Bryan Millsip said the group had widespread community support, but "couldn't afford" to carry the challenge through a full OMB hearing.

A hearing could have cost the municipality about \$250,000, while RIG's legal bills could have been as much as \$100,000.

"(RIG members) would pay twice," said Millsip. "It was too much."

Over the past year, RIG raised funds to help offset the cost of its fight. While some of the money was spent on legal fees, RIG still has money available. However, the groups executive would not say how much was raised or how much remains in its coffers.

While the twin complex is slated to open sometime next year, Millsip insists the majority of Stouffville residents still object to the \$5-million building being built at the chosen location.

Last year, RIG surveyed about 5,000 people. Of the 2,000 respondents, about 80 per cent opposed the project, said Millsip. As well, RIG attracted standing-

room-only crowds at two public meetings.

Building the facility in Memorial Park South is a "glaring example of bad planning," said Millsip. "Remember, bad planning stays forever."

However, Mayor Wayne Emmerson continues to insist the location is ideal for the much-needed community project.

Meanwhile, Millsip believes council needs to encourage more public participation.

"When there is public input, everyone is richer for it. In fact, Stouffville has the potential to be the jewel of York Region," Millsip said.

Building the complex is the first "giant step in the erosion or even redevelopment of our downtown park, and residential and historical neighbourhoods," said Major.

The objection to the OMB focused on road access to the facility.

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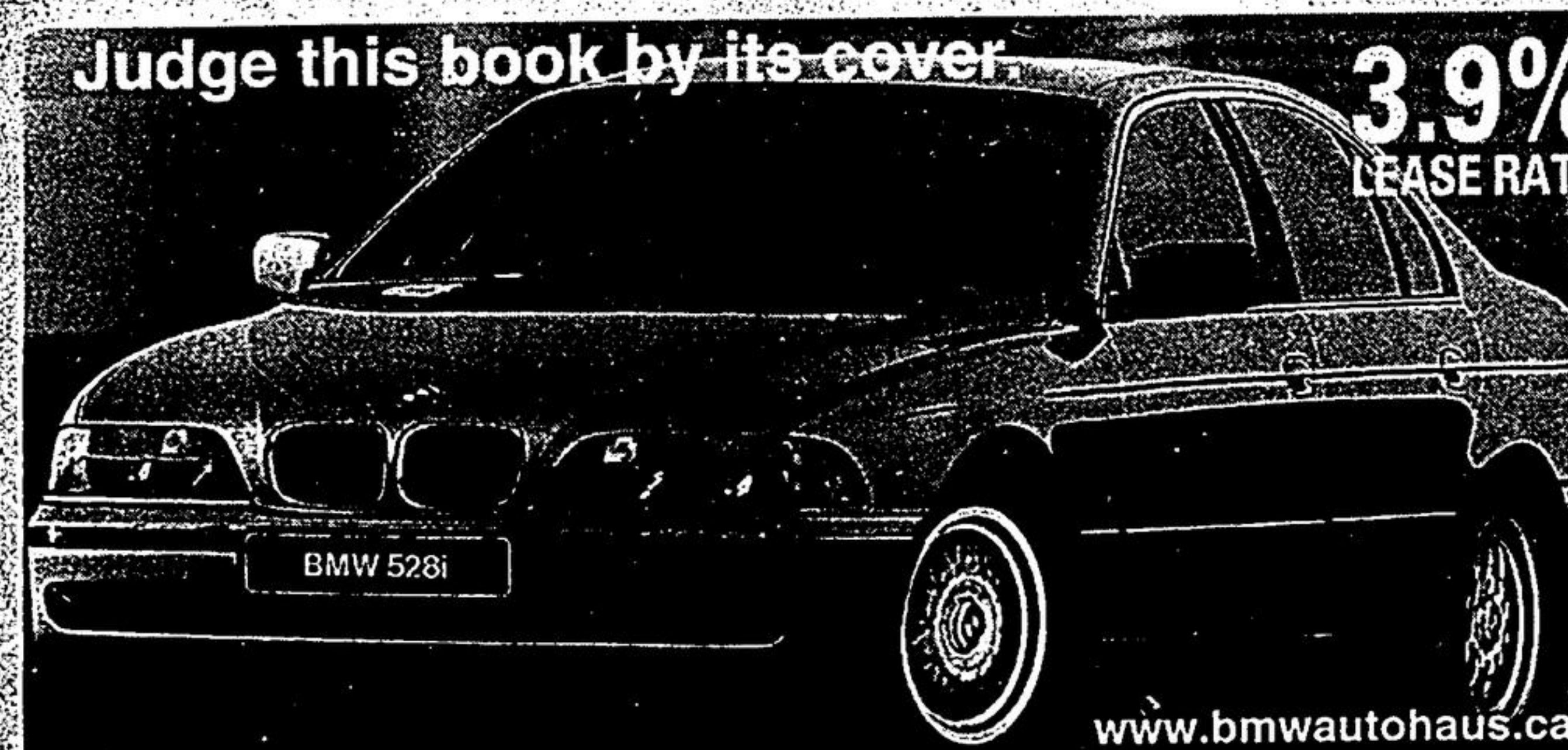


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