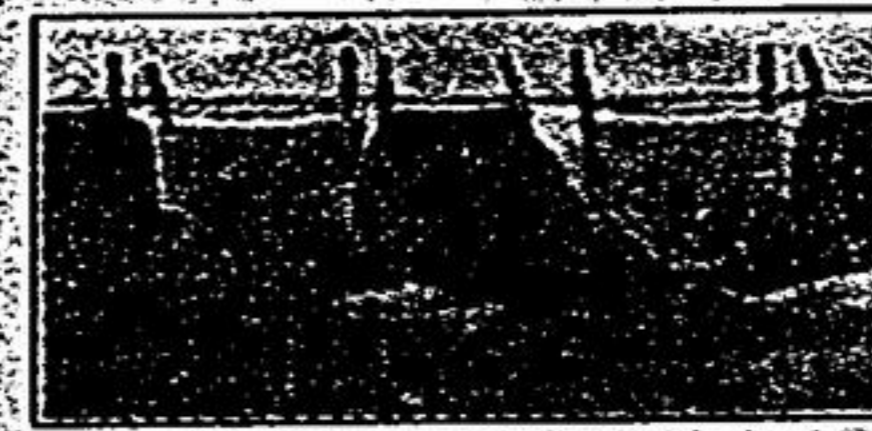


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Making a splash



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Lifeguards Laura Volpe, Leanne Crushing and Ashleigh Markle make a big splash at the town pool Saturday as part of the marathon 24-hour slideathon. Pools around the region were challenged by Georgina lifeguards to raise funds for drowning prevention.

No need for green corridor: witness

Wildlife protection doesn't hinge on moraine preservation

BY MIKE ADLER
 Staff Writer

The animals of the Oak Ridges Moraine in Richmond Hill simply don't need most of the extensive natural heritage system the province wants to protect from development, the Ontario Municipal Board was told yesterday.

The network of green corridors proposed is not necessary for the movement and survival of species, Derek Coleman, a Guelph-based environmental planner testified at a hearing.

The province's map for the hearing, showing an east-west corridor 600 metres at its narrowest point, may put as much as 90 per cent of land in the proposed Yonge East and Yonge West subdivisions off limits to development.

The province based its map of restrictions on its 1991 guidelines for protection of the moraine.

But Coleman, testifying for a developer, said green corridors, lately a popular approach in planning, may not work unless they are designed specifically for species in the area.

He told the board the development plan for tiny Bond Lake and its adjacent bog contains a series of natural areas that large mammals, such as deer, coyotes, raccoons and skunks, as well as smaller mammals and amphibians can use to reach the provincially significant Jefferson Forest to the south.

"The habitats they prefer to move through

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