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14 Mario Lemieux fan never dreamed he would one day be teamed with the hockey great.

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Preston Lake community divided over fate of road

Some want town to assume North Shore

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Writer

A road is splitting the Preston Lake community.

Residents living in the northern hamlet attended an information meeting Tuesday at the Vandorf Community Centre to voice opinions about the fate of North Shore Road and connecting roads.

To own or not to own is the question.

Some residents want North Shore to remain private, while others want the municipality to assume ownership and responsibility for the 4.3-kilometre road.

In January, the newly elected Whitchurch-Stouffville council is expected to either take over the road or have residents continue to oversee it, including having private contractors plow snow.

The cost to upgrade the road will be about \$1.3 million, town staff reported.

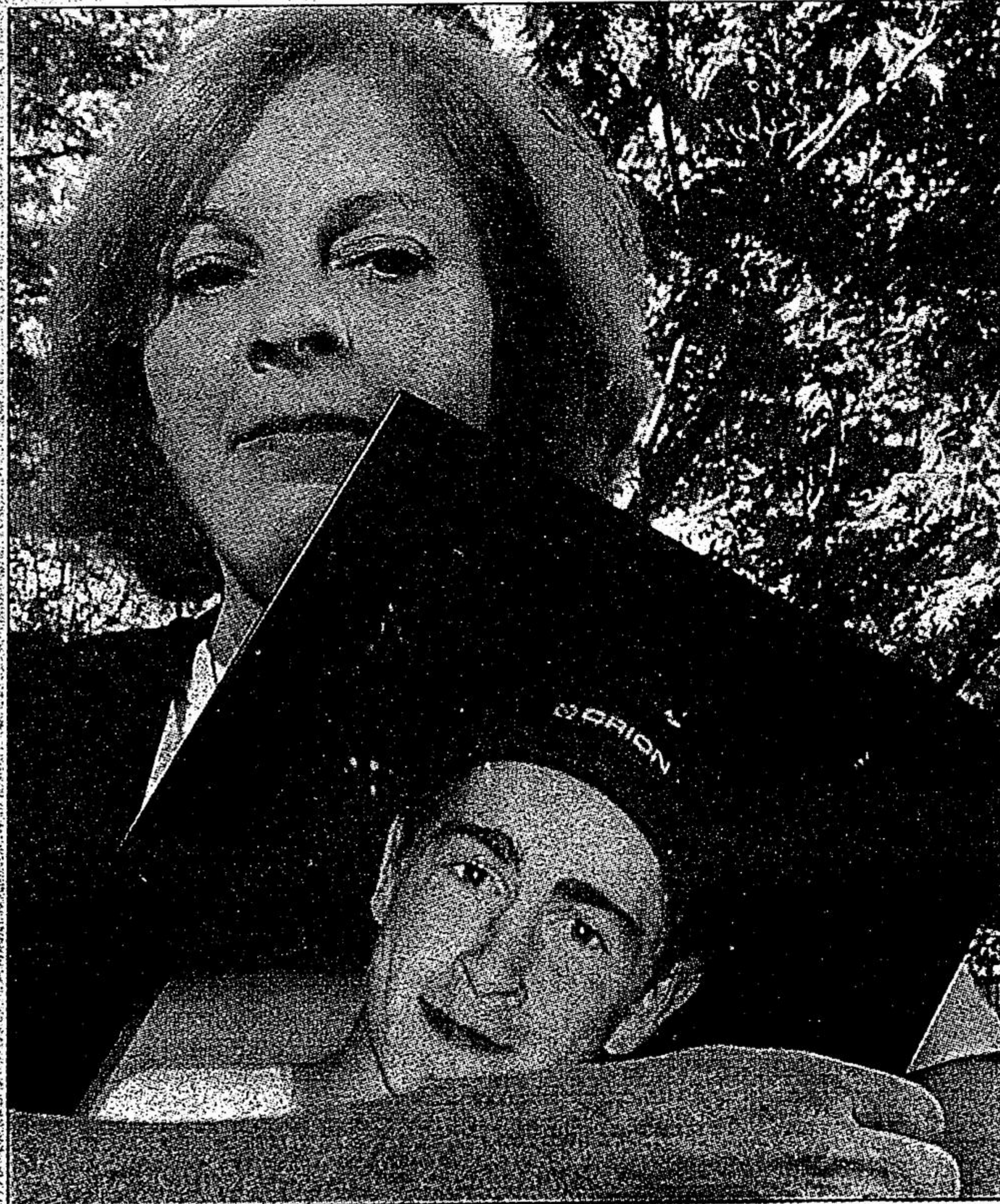
A few months ago, council granted Preston Lake \$15,000 for the upkeep of the road. This agreement will continue until a final decision is made by the new council to be elected in November, Mayor Wayne Emmerson said.

The present arrangement could continue if future councils agree or the town could apply for a neighbourhood improvement grant to help offset the costs of

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Stouffville resident Janet Pagani, with a photograph of her son Chris, 17, who drowned last May in Lake Scugog.

Someone to lean on

Janet Pagani needed someone who could understand her pain and grief when her son drowned. She turned to ViCARS.

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York will send its trash north

Kirkland Lake protesters promise 'civil disobedience'

BY PATRICK CASEY
 Staff Writer

Despite the impassioned pleas of Northern Ontario politicians, York Region will begin negotiating a contract with Rail Cycle North Ltd. to haul its trash to Kirkland Lake.

Following 4-1/2 hours of debate on Thursday, including 40 minutes behind closed doors, regional council unanimously approved dumping the region's garbage into the Adams Mine.

Staff will spend the next two weeks reviewing technical reports before hammering out a final price for the deal.

A report is expected at an Oct. 4 meeting of the solid waste committee.

"Kirkland Lake was one proposal and if it wasn't the best one, we wouldn't have taken it. If we want the Keel Valley landfill to be closed, this has to be up and running," regional chairperson Bill Fisch said.

Fisch said the final price tag for the 20-year agreement will remain confidential at least until a final deal has been reached.

Toronto has already agreed to pay Rail Cycle North \$51.02 per tonne, although its arrangement is conditional on the participation of York, Durham and Peel regions. Durham has approved the project, in principle, while Peel has requested a new environmental assessment be completed to prove the site is safe.

But the waste won't get to the abandoned iron ore mine without a fight.

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