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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENT: Whitchurch-Stouffville's Terry Fox Run
WHEN: Sunday, Sept. 16, 1 to 4 p.m.
WHERE: Recreation Complex (905-640-4705)

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Regional council 'retreats' to Alliston

Mayors, councillors discuss 20-year plan

BY ROGER VARLEY
 Staff Writer

Anyone in York Region who tried to call their local mayor or regional councillor last Thursday and Friday was out of luck — they were out of town.

Eschewing the trappings of everyday work — there was barely a business suit in sight — Regional Chairperson Bill Fisch and York's nine mayors and 10 regional councillors were holding a two-day retreat in the holiday atmosphere of the sprawling Nottawasaga Inn in Alliston.

They were there, as Fisch put it, "to blue sky for the next 20 years."

"It's a little chance to get away and look at all the possibilities, to get out of your mind all the things you'd like to see in the next 20 years," said Fisch. "There's no distraction from everyday activities."

As part of that look into the future, regional council was to receive a progress report on the Vision 2026 program.

Vision 2026 is designed to find out what the region's residents want to see in the next 25 years to help guide York council.

The two days were also used to make preparations for the re-start of regional council following the summer break.

But Fisch, chief administrative officer Alan Wells and

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Just one bite, Mom!



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Andrew Dunsmoor, 3, shares an apple with his mom, Derra, while taking a break from rollerblading on Tuesday afternoon at William and Harold streets in Stouffville.

Lebovic name likely for new pool

\$500,000 fee a 'good deal' for town, mayor, treasurer say

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
 Staff Writer

Whitchurch-Stouffville's new indoor pool and fitness centre will be named the Lebovic Leisure Centre, if a deal is completed between the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and local developer Joseph Lebovic.

The library, in the \$7.5 million complex that opened last week, would still be named the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library.

Lebovic, whose family owns Lebovic Enterprises on McCowan Road, has agreed to donate \$500,000 to the town through his Joseph Lebovic Charitable Foundation and his brother's Wolf Lebovic Charitable Foundation, in exchange for the naming rights to the new facility for the next 10 years. Joseph Lebovic would not comment on the deal yesterday.

A deal would have to come before town council for approval. Nick Kristoffy, the town's treasurer, is recommending placing the money in the town's recreation reserve fund. This way interest income generated from the donation could be used to maintain or build other recreational facilities, including new soccer fields in Ballantrae, he said.

Under the town's naming policy, which was put into place by council last spring, the town will consider naming buildings or parks if donations are made or if service or volunteer contributions warrant it. Mayor Wayne Emmerson said. "There was always an opportunity to name any of it (the leisure centre)."

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