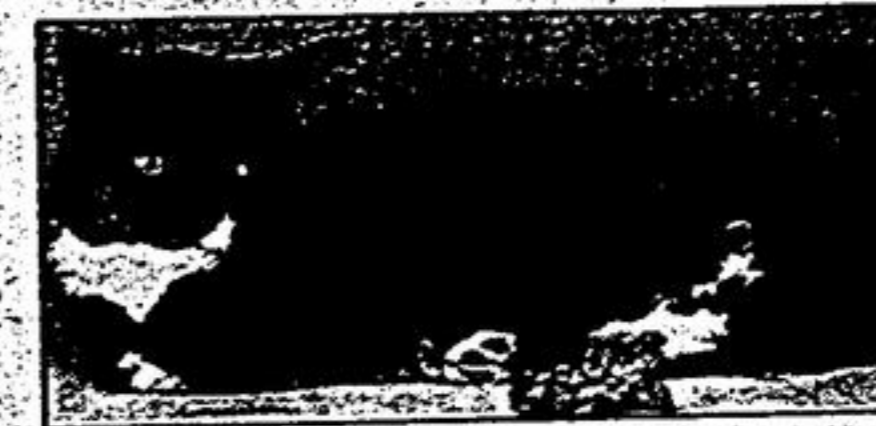


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## Maple Leaf fans pray Cup drought is ending

*Ex-players, supporters in playoff frenzy*

BY MICHAEL LAUGHLIN  
*Special*

Know what your neighbours were doing Friday night, and what they'll likely be doing again Sunday night?

Watching the Leafs in the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Across Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville, faithful followers of the blue and white have been donning Maple Leafs' paraphernalia and vehicles are driving along local thoroughfares waving the team flag attached to their windows or antennas.

(Game 6 in the Toronto-Ottawa second-round playoff series goes Sunday night at 7 from Ottawa.)

Even discussions at work, school, on the streets and in eating establishments have centered on the plight of the Maple Leafs in their quest to claim Lord Stanley's holy grail, something the city has been craving for since their last quest in 1967.

Despite the long drought, there remains an air of optimism this year.

"Since '67 my knees are worn out from praying," said Markham resident Don Bremner. "I didn't think that I'd see the Canadian Olympic team win the gold medal this year. Now I hope I get to see a Stanley Cup."

The owner of the Markham

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## Where did spring go?



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Sheree Blow (left) and Valerie Bück were bundled up against the elements to watch Stouffville District Secondary School beat Markham District High School 5-3 in girls' varsity rugby on Wednesday at Stouffville District Secondary School.

## Recycling program 'lost' \$2 million

*Falling revenue has region looking at alternatives*

BY JEFF MITCHELL  
*Staff Writer*

Collapsing markets and falling revenues are leading York Region to seek alternatives to the way it runs its recycling program.

The region is considering proposals from businesses wanting material from blue boxes — especially glass — to avoid having to pay to get rid of items picked up at the curb, said solid waste director Andy Campbell.

"We lost \$2 million in revenue in two years because of the changes in the marketplace," Mr. Campbell said.

He said it's wise to consider offers that would divert materials like glass, which has little or no value on the market and, for some municipalities, is a liability.

"We are already getting no revenue for it ... but we haven't had to pay to get rid of it yet," Mr. Campbell said.

In fact, the market for coloured glass dried up entirely last year, when the company buying it went bankrupt. There is still a market for clear glass, but it is not a lucrative recyclable resource.

Prompting the discussion was a proposal pitched Wednesday morning to the region's solid waste committee. David Bergart said his Thornhill company, Sandworks, creates "glass sand" from recycled glass. It is used as a raw material in the manufacture of fibreglass and bottles, for sandblasting, and other applications, he said.

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