

**Stouffville Sun**

A WEEKLY NEWSPAPER  
SERVING WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE  
A Metroland community newspaper  
34 Civic Avenue, Box 154, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7Z5  
(905) 640-2612 Fax 640-8778

IAN PROUDFOOT, Regional Publisher  
STEVE KANE, Advertising Manager  
JIM MASON, Managing Editor  
SUSAN BERRY, CHERRYL STEER, Sales Reps  
PAM NICHOLS, Production Manager  
Subscriptions: Canada \$32/year includes G.S.T.,  
elsewhere \$80.25/year includes G.S.T.  
Reg. no. 05852

ocna

e-mail:  
editor@stouffvillesun.com



**EDITORIAL POLICY:** Opinions expressed by columnists, contributors and letter writers are not necessarily those of the Stouffville Sun. Letters — not to exceed 400 words — must include name and phone number. (Phone number will not be published). Requests that a name be withheld will be honoured only if there is a compelling reason to do so. Errors will be corrected if brought to the editor's attention. We reserve the right to edit or refuse publication of any material submitted. **ADVERTISING POLICY:** Publisher is not liable for slight changes or typographical errors that do not lessen the value of an advertisement. The publisher is not liable for other errors or omissions in any subsequent issue or the refund or any monies paid for the advertisement. All claims of error must be made by Friday prior to the next week's publication. No claim will be allowed for more than one insertion.

**EDITORIAL**

# Future recreation

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is asking you, the residents of this community, what you think of recreation here.

Town officials are studying local recreation facilities and the needs, current and future, of the people who live here. Sounds simple. Thousands of new residents will move here in the next 20 years. Build a couple of sports fields and add a couple of new recreation programs to keep them happy and active, right? It's not that easy.

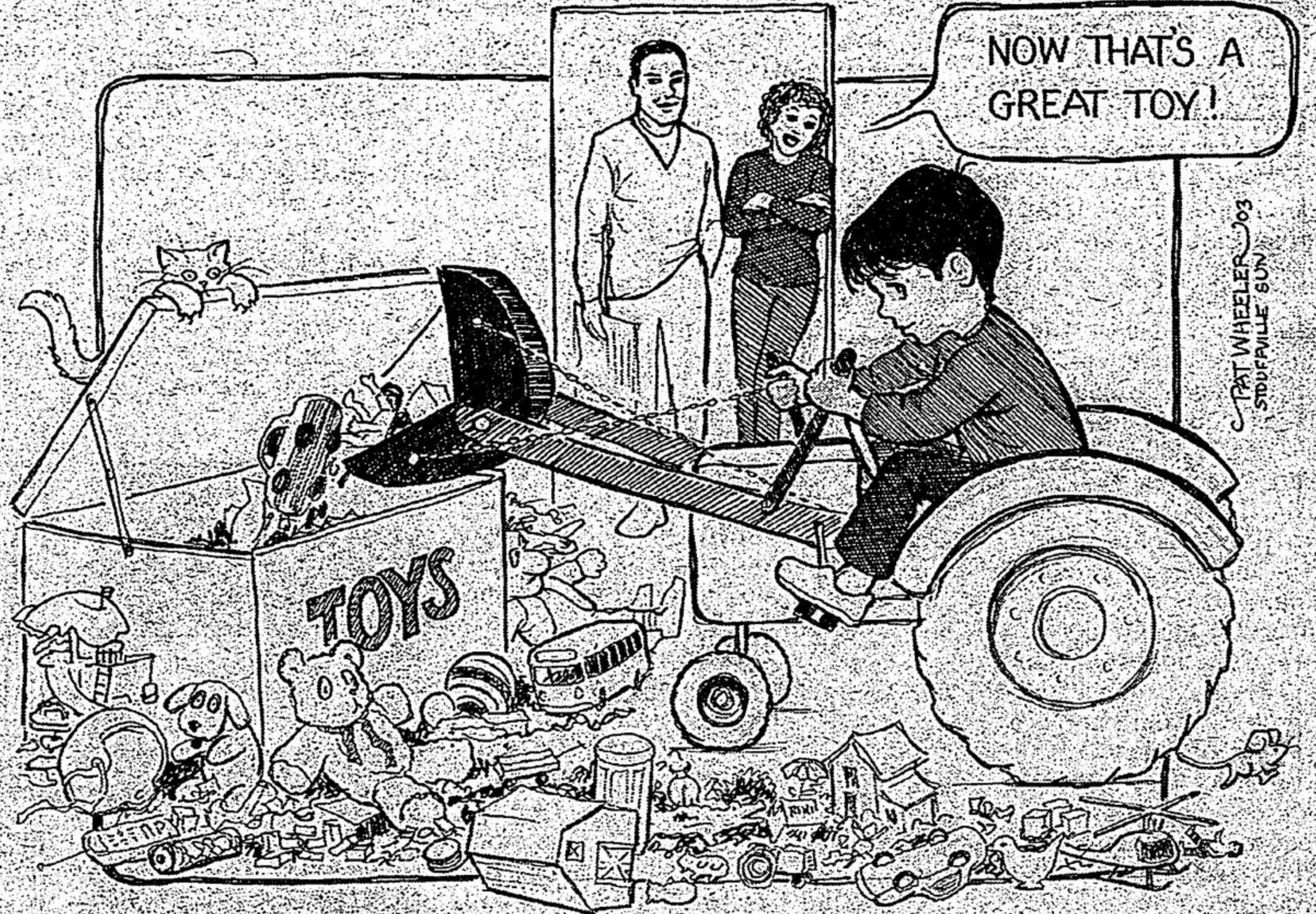
Town officials are trying to forecast the desires of the next generation. Will adult hockey fizzle out in popularity as those opposed to the construction of the second ice pad at the Stouffville Arena predicted in the mid-1990s? Will cricket and soccer become the games of choice instead of softball?

Make no mistake, a third arena ice pad should be built somewhere in Whitchurch-Stouffville in the next five years. The current population almost justifies it. The two ice pads have been fully booked in prime time for several years. When the town does build the rink, it should do it right. The current ice pads are not user friendly, at least to spectators. Proper seating is the big problem. Heating and acoustics are others. If the town wants a blueprint for a rink, check out the second ice pad built in Uxbridge.

The town has done many good things when it comes to recreation in this community. The new soccer pitches in Ballantrae, the first ever on town-owned land, were overdue. And with the booming popularity of soccer here, more will be needed. Soccer everywhere is showing no sign of losing its luster.

The indoor pool and fitness centre in the Lebovic Leisure Centre have proven to be big hits with residents. They will no doubt help attract newcomers to this community.

What do you think? Tell town officials, including your councillor and the mayor. Tell this newspaper in a letter to the editor. E-mail your letters to editor@stouffvillesun.com



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Luke's hockey game may be annual event

**To the Editor:**

On behalf of Luke Anderson, a heartfelt thank you to all whom participated in the 34-hour hockey game held the weekend of Feb. 21.

We had a broad spectrum of weather challenges to contend with, however, perseverance was the order of the day by all who volunteered and participated. Special thanks to Ian Boyd and Terry Porter of Boyd's Source for Sports for enabling the event to happen on the Buttermakers Ice Pad.

Our prize winners were Ryne Parsons, Georgia Stevens, Addison Kennedy, Tom Hammond, John Armstrong and Sandy Paynter.

About \$7,566 was raised for Luke's trust fund. The event was so much fun, we hope it can become an annual event, drawing all ages and calibre of players.

For a special thank you from Luke, check out his website: [www.newvibemedia.com/lucas](http://www.newvibemedia.com/lucas)

Luke's spirits remain high as he faces the challenges ahead. Please keep him in your thoughts.

Sandy Schell Kennedy  
Stouffville

south of Main Street in the west end.

There were modifications to the reports dated January 2003 that had not been brought before the public.

Because of the impact new developments will have on all phases of life in this town, is there a better way of dealing with these complex issues?

Before putting such a collection of documents on the official council agenda, should these matters be brought before council and the public at a special council meeting, in the evening so working residents and taxpayers can attend, and well advertised in the local press, with a clear explanation of their importance?

This would permit town staff to brief council and the public on functional servicing studies prepared by the consultants of the developers, as well as the impact these plans would have on the town.

It would also enable councillors to be prepared to comment on the concerns of residents when the functional servicing studies and accompanying documents were placed on the official council agenda at an afternoon council meeting.

Are development plans being rushed past councillors too fast?

Fred Robbins  
Stouffville

### Evening meetings best for public input

**To the Editor:**

How important is it for Whitchurch-Stouffville town councillors and members of the public to understand the full impact of the developments moving across Stouffville in the north, south, east and west?

At the town council meeting in the afternoon of Jan. 21, councillors had before them, for their decision, a full inch of technical reports and outside correspondence relating to just one agenda item.

These documents dealt with the functional servicing studies for the northwest and southwest quadrants, i.e. for the new developments north and

### E-mail, fax, mail letters to newspaper's editor

The Stouffville Sun Tribune welcomes letters to the editor from its readers.

Letters to the editor can be mailed to the Stouffville Sun, Box 154, Stouffville, L4A 7Z5, or faxed to (905) 640-8778.

Letters can also be e-mailed to editor@stouffvillesun.com. Or you can hand deliver your letter to the Stouffville Sun offices at 34 Civic Ave., third floor, in downtown Stouffville.

Please include phone numbers where you may be reached, for verification purposes only.

## FLASHBACK



**STOUFFVILLE TRADITION:** March Break festivities at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library are an annual rite of spring. Above, parents and kids enjoy a performance at the library in 1983. Call the library at 905-640-2395 for details on this week's events.

STOUFFVILLE 1877-1977 HISTORY BOOK PHOTO