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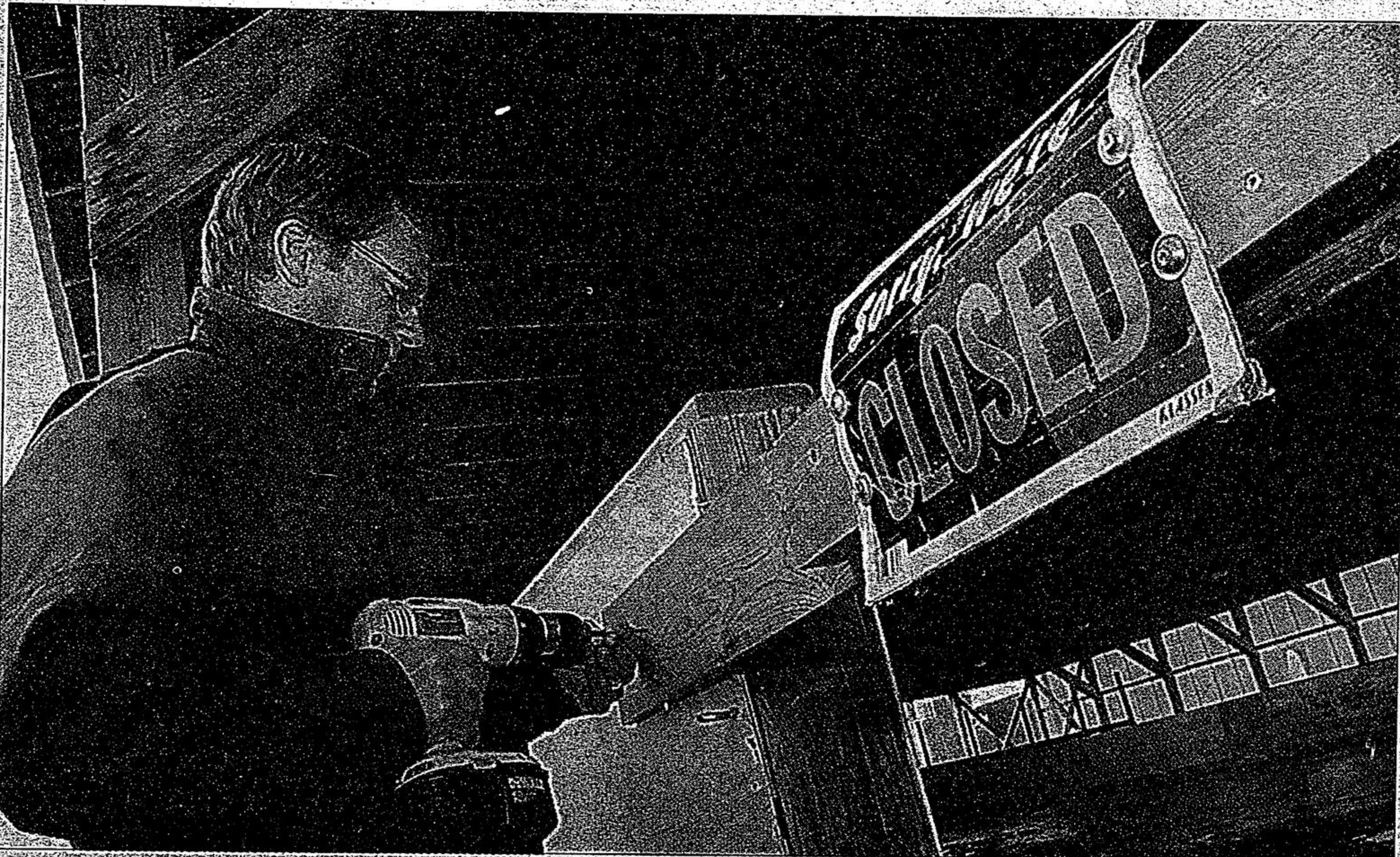


12 Residents don't like plans for Stouffville Memorial Park

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**VANDALS SHUT DOWN RINK**



Ian Boyd, owner of Boyd's Source for Sports in Stouffville, closes the Buttermakers Pad for the season, not because of warming weather, but the irresponsibility and vandalism from some users. He'll decide later this year if the rink will ever re-open.

**Ice ruined, owner confronted**

BY HANNELORE VOLPE  
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The outdoor skating rink Ian Boyd built for Whitchurch-Stouffville residents to use free of charge five years ago is closed for the season — at least.

He'll make a decision regarding the Buttermakers Pad's future this spring.

The disappointed owner of Boyd's Source for Sports on Ringwood Drive got fed up this winter when people continued to use the 100-foot-long rink and damaged the ice even after he posted closed signs.

Some players ripped down the signs, wired up the outdoor lights to the power supply from the store to skate at night and confronted him

when he asked them to leave. "I can only hope the kids responsible are from out of town," he said.

One group of players told him they were from Toronto.

"We have an awful lot of really wonderful kids in this town," Mr. Boyd said. "I miss hearing them play hockey out there."

The rink was closed for part of the day to give the ice time to set properly to make it safe for all players.

With this year's warmer weather, "We have great difficulty keeping ice at all," Mr. Boyd said.

He'd come in to flood the rink around 6:30 a.m. and then post closed signs. One morning

before Christmas, four young men were already on the ice when Mr. Boyd came in to work at 8:30 a.m.

Until this year, "I have had the highest level of respect for the people using the rink," Mr. Boyd said.

Stouffville minor hockey coaches used the rink for practices when they couldn't get ice time anywhere else.

There is a sense of entitlement this year that Mr. Boyd has not experienced before.

Until now, the rink players and volunteers have epitomized small-town living. Teens and adults have taken care of the rink

**MORE MONEY FOR GALLERY, CO-ORDINATOR RECOMMENDED**

**Build cultural complex: task force**

BY JIM THOMAS  
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You could still have a theatre for the performing arts, now described as a cultural complex, to attend in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

That is, if a draft cultural policy, prepared by a 15-member task force, is approved by the town.

The proposal, part of a 16-page document, was endorsed by a show of hands at a public meeting Monday.

Several attempts to turn the old town hall in downtown Stouffville into a theatre have failed.

The audience also recommended added financial support for Latcham Gallery.

High on members' priority list was the hiring of a cultural services co-ordinator, to report directly to the town's director of leisure services.

Eric Button, the meeting's chairperson, described this directive as "critical".

With respect to the cultural complex and other proposed submissions, Mr. Button said there were no approval guarantees.

Should council decide to proceed with the complex, he urged it be located in or close to the downtown core.

Tom Graham, the town's director of leisure services, said several sites were being investigated.

Mr. Button said a theatre for the performing arts should be part of the complex and possibly include the Latcham Gallery.

"What we need is the political will to say we'll do it," Mr. Button said.

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