

Handshakes not as golden in north

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handshake comes with considerably less gold. Politicians in Newmarket, Aurora and East Gwillimbury get absolutely nothing from their municipalities when leaving office.

In August, Newmarket council voted against a proposal from Mayor Tom Taylor to review pay and benefits to provide a severance package equivalent to one month per year of service to a maximum of 12 months.

Three years ago, a Newmarket task force, which included residents, studied the severance-pay option and recommended against it. Mayor-elect Tony Van Bynen stressed

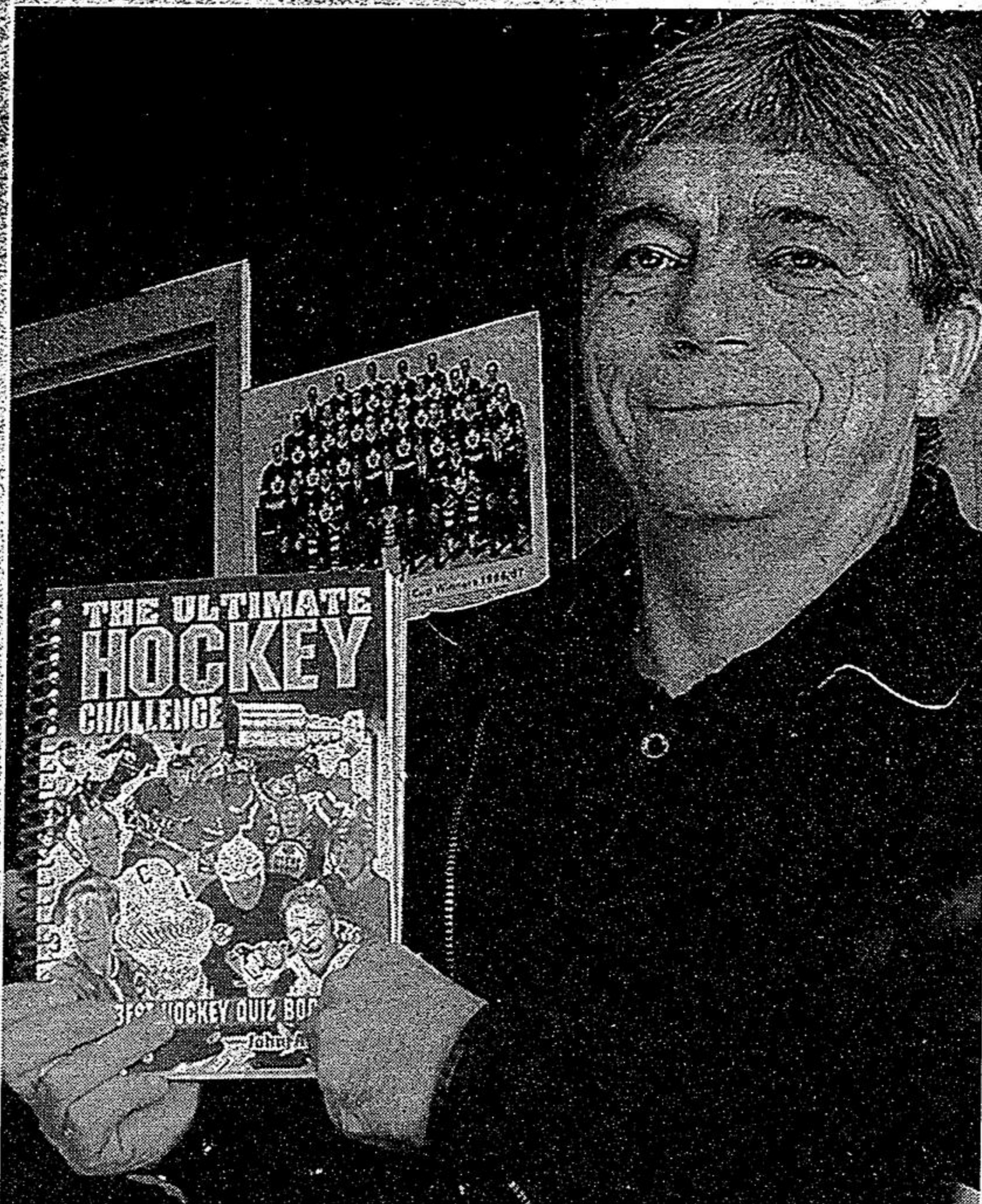
"As well, council backed up that recommendation again this summer," he said.

Don't expect Aurora Mayor-elect Phyllis Morris to back a move to give local politicians severance pay. "We should be paid appropriately, but severance is a whole different thing. At this stage, the answer is 'no' to severances in Aurora," she said.

Now that politicians in the south are vacating their political seats, carrying hefty severance money, councils in the north might, at some point, re-open the debate.

"There may be some merit in offering some remuneration," Mr. Van Bynen said. "But right now, we have to get our knees under our desks."

Following more than 42 years in public service, Mr. Taylor receives \$43,458 for his 12 years at the regional level. Defeated Aurora mayor Tim Jones gets \$43,458 for his dozen years on York Region council.



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John White's hockey quiz book is on sale at major book stores across Canada. He also has copies for his sale at his Stouffville Bowling Centre.

Gretzky not always correct quiz answer

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Tom Lehman and Pete Sinclair, chipped in with submissions.

"There are some pretty tough ones," he says. "And there are a couple everyone answers (Wayne) Gretzky to that aren't him. Like, who led the NHL in scoring seven times? It's not Wayne, it's Bobby Hull."

At least one question is out of date. This year's Buffalo Sabres won their first 10 games to tie the mark set by the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1993-94.

Such is life in the moving target that is a

quiz.

Only available in English, the booking is selling best of all in, surprisingly, Montreal.

The Chapters store in Ajax had Mr. White's autograph copies.

At \$9.99, it's a natural as a stocking stuffer. Bowling centre patrons have bought dozens.

What's next? "Maybe baseball," Mr. White said. "But I'd need a little more time on that one."

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