

'Baby sitting' service

YORK REGION - The question of day care centres in the Region occupied Regional Council for some time at its meeting Nov. 25.

A proposal was submitted - complete with drawings and a model - for a new day care centre in Newmarket. The new centre would be located near York Manor. A building of 11,000 square feet is suggested, which will be capable of handling 115 children.

Under a new provincial program, Queen's Park will pay the 100 per cent cost of construction for any day care centre completed before May, 1972.

Several objections were voiced to the plan by councillors. Mayor Ken Laushway stated, "I'm concerned with the amount of money being spent in the Newmarket area".

Mayor Laushway also pointed out that the province would pay only capital costs; the

centre would have to be maintained by taxpayers throughout York Region.

Dr. Slingerland, Commissioner of Health and Social Services, said that the centre would be available for use by anybody in the Region.

Santa accorded helping hand

PICKERING TWP. - Pickering Township will match dollar for dollar moneys expended on the Bay Ridges and the Clarendon Santa Claus parades, up to \$500.

John Daubney, Bay Ridges Kinsmen Club told council that the Bay Ridges parade, on Saturday, December 11 at 10 a.m., had increased costs because some of the generous donors who had previously provided free assistance had

An effort to push the project through quickly was defeated when Council members voted to refer the matter to the Engineering Committee. The Committee will draw up a report, to be considered by Regional Council in future.

gone from the club, and advertising costs had increased. They needed \$500. They are engaging two bands, because the one last year in the 2½ to 3 mile route, was not sufficient.

Councillor Mrs. Jean McPherson insisted that Clarendon should be awarded the grant as well as Bay Ridges, for they proposed a Santa Claus parade this year, which would be attended by the whole rural area of the township. Last year she said she attended the Clarendon Christmas festivities and enjoyed talent better than some she had paid four and five dollars to see.

Reeve John Williams said that there was a problem - that the township didn't have a core, but pockets of development. He said that he thought any such place

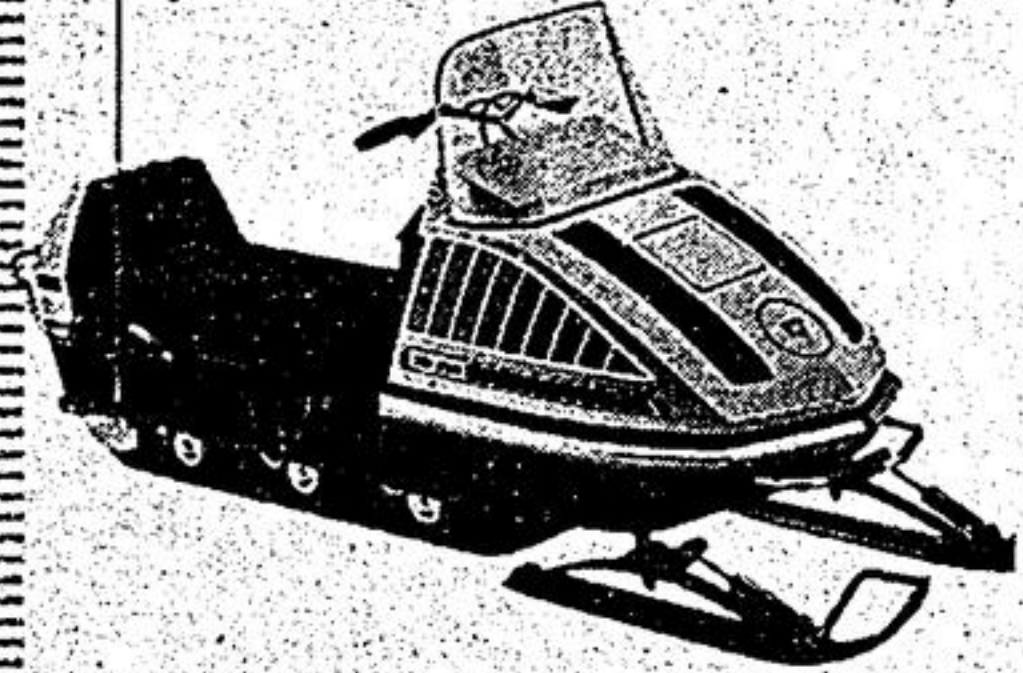


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would jump at the opportunity of getting a grant like this from the municipality.

Deputy Reeve Ashe said that the Winter Carnival could become widely known and a real benefit to the whole municipality, but councillor J.S. Scott said that no winter carnival could take the place of Santa Claus.

Early Canadian artifacts displayed

By Pat McClellan **CEDAR GROVE** - Gino Ferri provided a look into the past, Nov. 29, that was fascinating. Some detective work was encouraged by the placement of odd artifacts of early Canadians on tables around the schoolhouse and interested viewers swapped ideas on their origin and use. Mr. Ferri presented Austin Reesor with a report on the findings at the Woodland Park site, now bearing Austin's name, and gratefully acknowledged his interest and patience in allowing the site to be investigated.

Sundays, Dec. 12 and 19, are the days to add your mittens to the Mothers Club Mitten Tree in Zion Church. The Mitten Tree has become a traditional part of Christmas in Cedar Grove and long before the announcement of its

presence, mittens are well underway. Barbara Crichton was not only left off the Honour Graduation list at M.D.H.S. Commencement but, because of that, she was left out of the Cedar Grove News. Please accept our regrets and congratulations.

Okay first phase of contract

GREENWOOD - Pickering Twp. Council has approved the signing of an agreement between the municipality and John Stephenson Associates Limited, to commence work on the first phase of a proposed \$250,000 artificial ice arena.

The selected location is the Greenwood Community Park, a half-mile south of the hamlet. The estimated cost of the initial phase is \$60,000.

Reeve John Williams was cautious. He objected to finalizing any major project without approval of the Ontario Municipal Board. "We are not going to get caught short", he said, "and I would hope a committee would be

appointed to deal with day-to-day problems". The reeve, conceded however, that where

there are deadlines to meet, delays should be kept to a minimum. Ward 1 councillor

Vic Rudik said he had every faith in the abilities of the people to manage it. He admitted though, that such projects do have a tendency to get out of hand if not watched closely. "It's well timed", joked councillor Jean McPherson, "just at an election".

Sportsman award

BALLANTRAE - Bruce Hatt of Newmarket, a member of the Whitchurch Equestrian Club, has been named winner of the Sportsman Trophy, an award made annually in memory of the late C. R. Londry. It is the second year in competition. Jane Mosley, R. R. 3, Newmarket, won it in 1970.

The selection of Mr. Hatt was announced, Saturday, at the Club's Christmas Dance held in the Whitchurch Centennial Centre.

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septic tanks. The Unit must give approval before any work can be commenced on a new system, or to expand an old one.

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