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Legion looking for new home

War vets, homeowners displaced for new road

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
 Staff Writer

The Stouffville Royal Canadian Legion is looking for a new home and the veterans are upset.

There's no definite date when the 60-year-old building will be demolished to accommodate the jog elimination on Ninth Line, but Mayor Wayne Emmerson would like to see construction of the new stretch of road begin in 2010.

Local veterans are not happy, legion president Murray Pattenden said, adding "it is their building. But they also know things happen and times change."

Moving will be particularly difficult for the charter members who helped build the hall six decades ago, said Mr. Pattenden, who is doubly impacted by the plan.

His is one of the seven homes affected, along with Earl Hoover Machine & Welding Ltd. at the corner of Main Street and Fairview Avenue.

The business and homeowners are on edge.

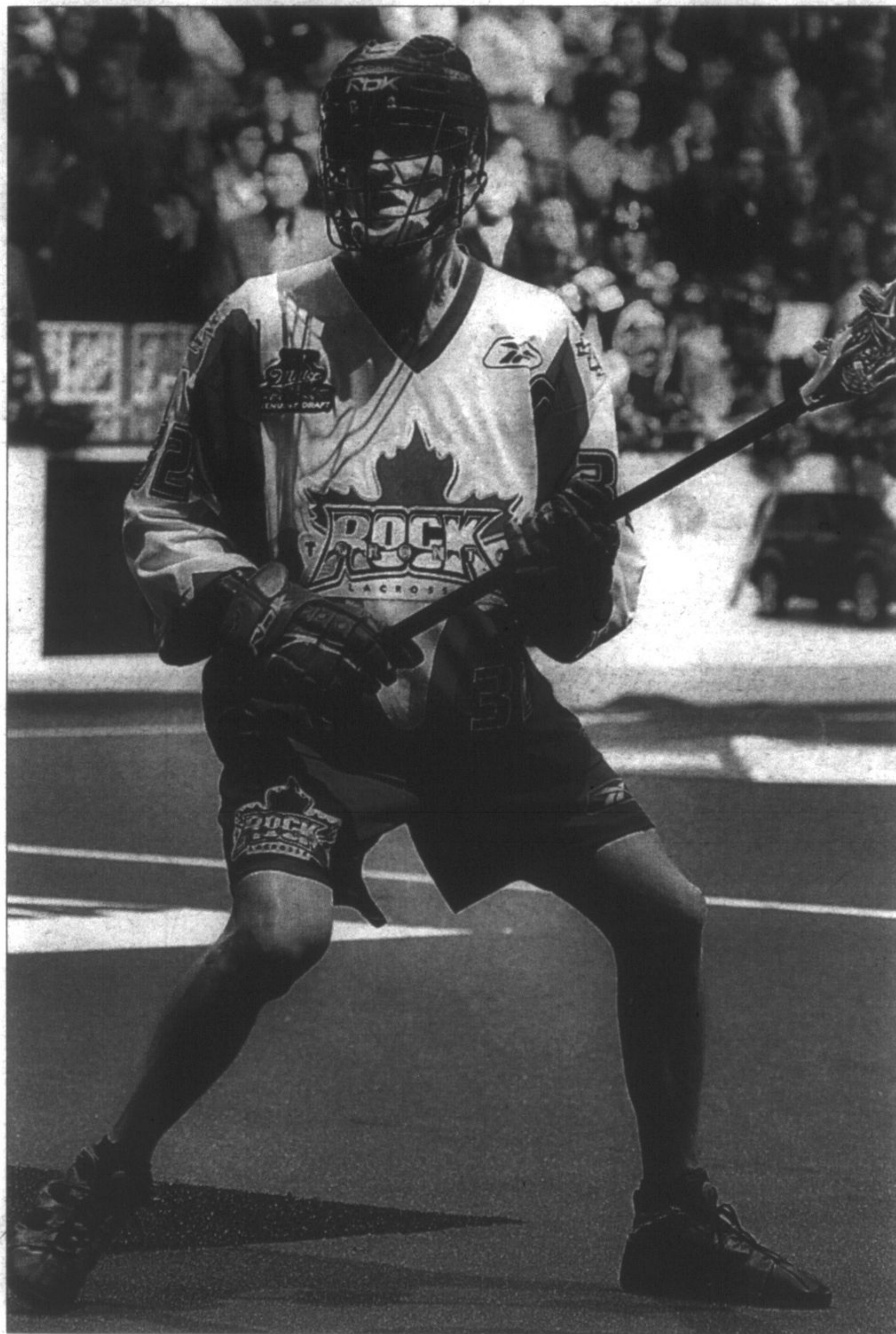
"They want to know dates, when is everything happening and how is the value of the property doing," Mr. Pattenden said.

In the meantime, the legion and other affected owners are having their properties assessed so they know how much they can spend for their new places.

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WEEKEND FOCUS

Stouffville's Jim Veltman is giving back, even as he retires at the ACC tomorrow



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Jim Veltman retires from the Toronto Rock tomorrow after a 15-year pro lacrosse career. The Stouffville resident will stay with the Rock as an assistant coach. He'll be honoured at Sunday's game at the ACC and will assist two of his favourite charities at the same time.

ROCK OF AGES

BY JIM MASON
 Staff Writer

Few, if any, of Jim Veltman's neighbours in east-end Stouffville can brag of having their own bobblehead.

Not that the captain of the Toronto Rock pro lacrosse team is the boastful type.

He's small town and down home, a perfect fit for his adopted home town.

The Air Canada Centre, his sporting office, will be anything but quaint tomorrow. It never is when the Rock are in the joint.

Sunday is extra special. Veltman is retiring

See our video interview with Jim Veltman at yorkregionnews.com/veltman.html

after 15 years in the pro game and the past several as the face of the Rock.

Fans will receive Veltman bobbleheads and cheer cards to mark the day. In that crowd will be 50 family members, a large delegation of friends from the neighbourhood, former students and colleagues.

Always one to give back, Veltman, 42, is using the day to assist two charities, including Right to Play, which funds sport and play opportunities for children in war-torn countries.

The other is more personal. Jim and Teresa Veltman and their children, Kris, 9, and Sara, 6, will visit the native community of Attawapiskat

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