

Tax tender troubles not new

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This isn't the first time the company that was denied a \$24-million contract in Stouffville has had problems with taxes on tenders.

Bondfield Construction Company Ltd. of Vaughan was awarded the tender for the Magna Centre, a 215,000-square-foot recreation complex in Newmarket in 2005. But not before miscalculating the GST on their tender.

Bondfield's bid was deemed to be the lowest once the over-calculation was corrected and it was awarded the contract, valued at \$35.3 million.

Maystar General Contractors Inc., the second lowest bidder at \$35.5 million, sued the Town of Newmarket for breach of contract, after an

Ontario Superior Court Judge ruled the town erred by correcting the mistake.

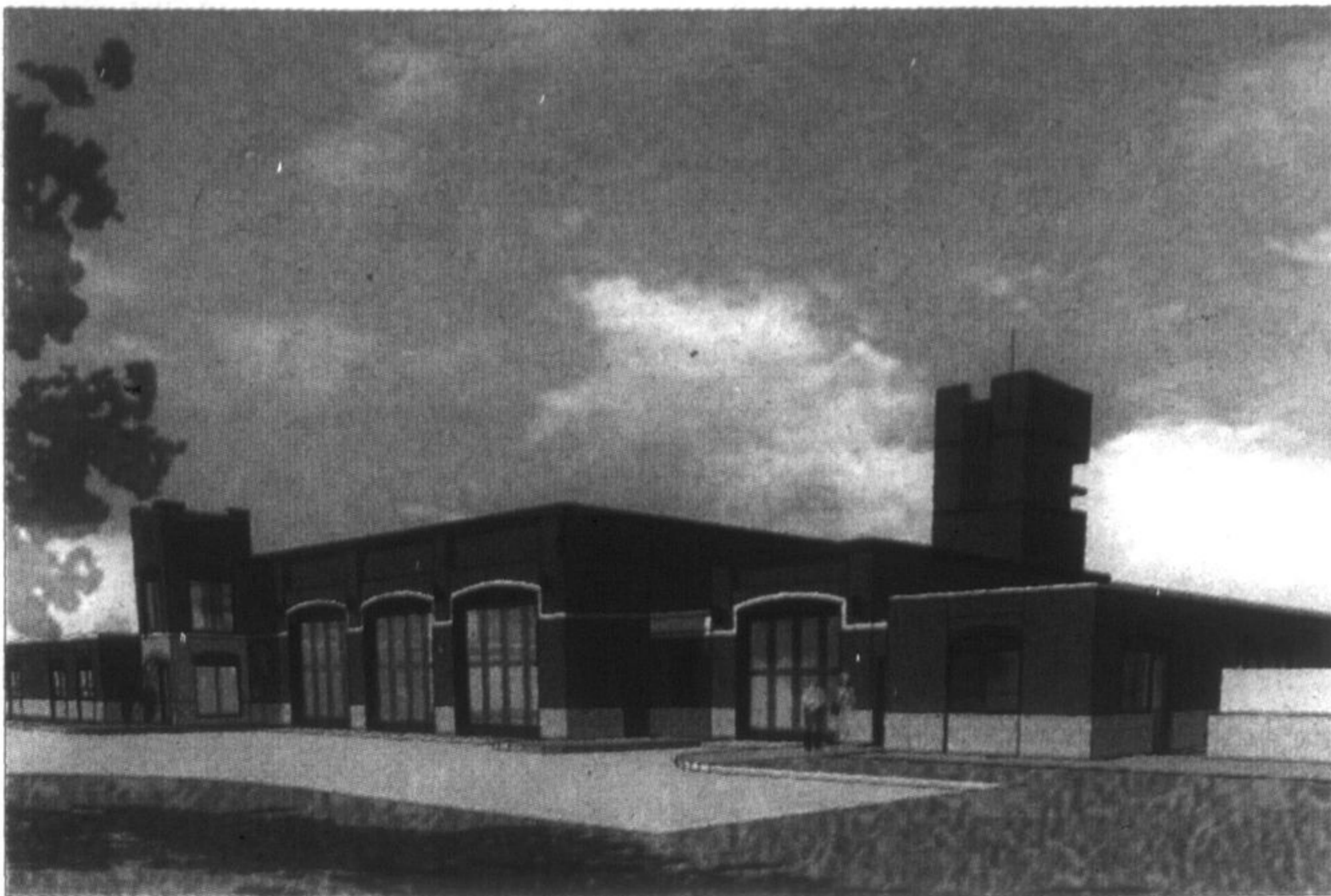
The Town of Newmarket voted to appeal the decision in May.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville rejected a bid from Bondfield this week, even though it was the low bidder,

because it did not include the GST.

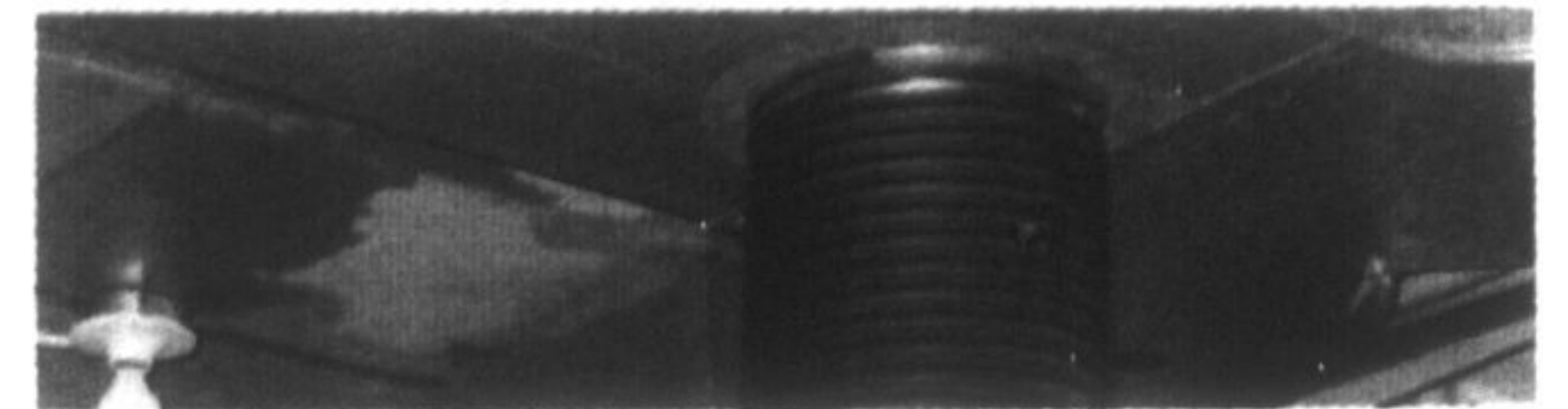
The contract for the construction of Stouffville's new twin-pad arena and fire hall was awarded to Norlon Builders London, Ltd., which bid \$24 million,

Bondfield's price was \$23.7 million.



TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE ILLUSTRATION

Artist's sketch of fire hall to be built on Weldon Road in Stouffville. Part of a \$24-million complex that includes two ice pads, it will open late next year or early in 2010.



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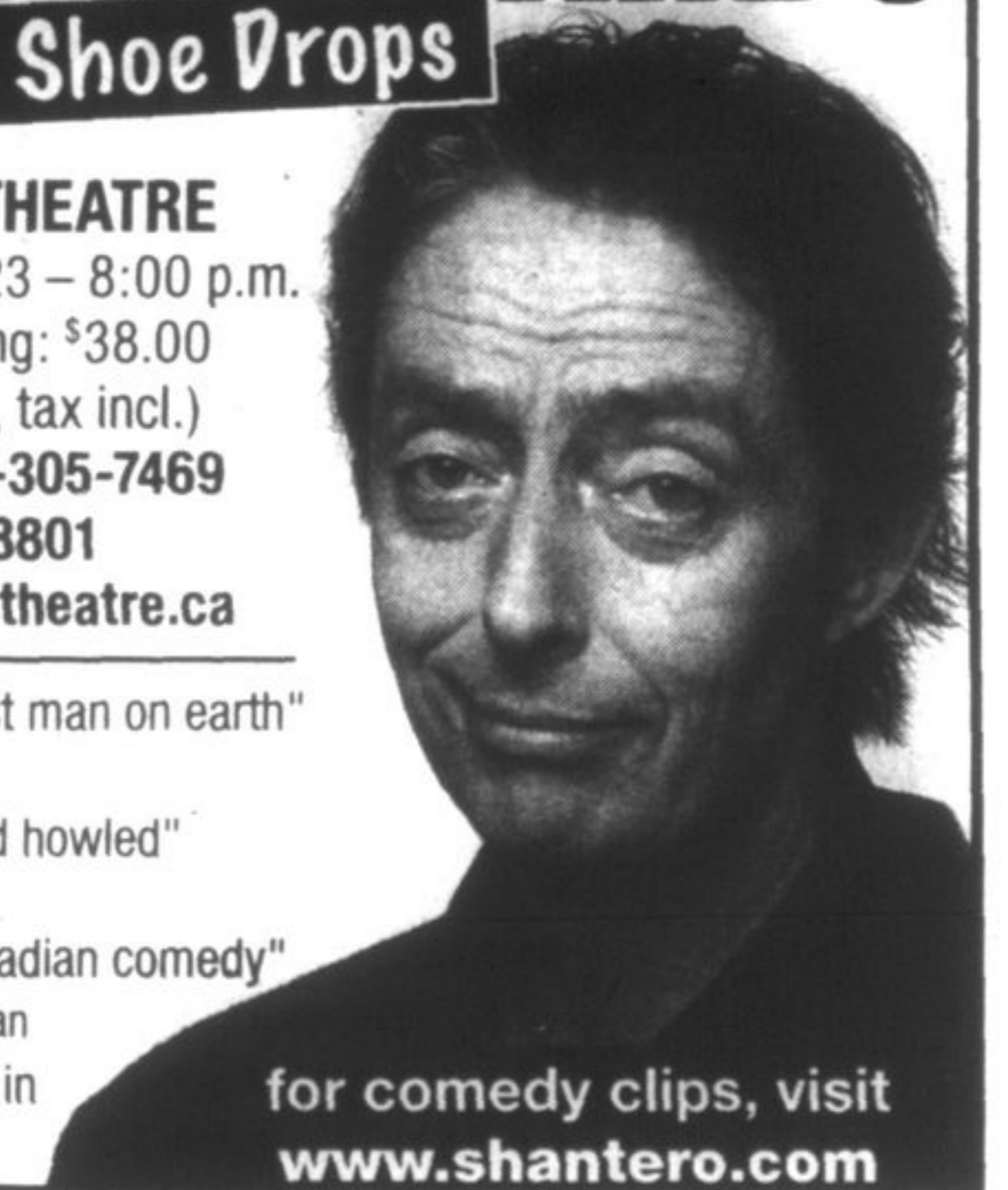
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