

# May could play 1,000th NHL game with Leafs

Brad May is coming home. Well, almost to Stouffville and Markham, where he grew up and played his minor hockey.

The 37-year-old May was traded to the Toronto Maple Leafs from the Anaheim Ducks Wednesday for a conditional sixth-round draft pick in 2010.

In acquiring the veteran forward, Brian Burke, Maple Leafs general manager, said they will have a player who provides a physical presence. At the same time, he brings a winning attitude having

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been with the Ducks when they won the Stanley Cup under Burke's direction during his time there as general manager in 2007.

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toughness, and he is a proven winner," Burke said. "We look forward to the veteran leadership that he will give our team."

This season with the Ducks, May played in 20 games and collected five assists with 28 penalty minutes and a plus-five rating.

In 963 career NHL games with Buffalo, Vancouver, Phoenix, Colorado and Anaheim, May has recorded 285 points on 126 goals and 159 assists, along with 2,121 penalty minutes.

—Mike Hayakawa

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at the new Fire Station 51 on Weldon Road, which is expected to open late this year. One assistant deputy chief position is also being requested.

"This is an interim position that allows for succession planning and management of the department over the next year and a half," Mr. Pourvahidi wrote in his report to council.

The leisure services department also wants to hire five new people to staff and support the new arena

and parks, while the municipality's information technology department wants one more employee.

Building permit activity is anticipated to slow down this year, so in an effort to keep the increased tax rate as low as possible, the planning and building services department wants to dip into the reserve fund.

## DRAW FROM RESERVES

"In recognition of the decrease in building permit activity, the draft operating budget for 2009 proposes to draw upon reserves that have been established through surplus revenue with the building division that has been generated over the past two-year period," Mr. Pourvahidi wrote.

Property taxes not only include a municipal portion, but also Region of York taxes and the Education Tax Rate. The region is currently contemplating an increase of about 2.9 per cent, while the province has indicated the education budget will remain status quo.

Under this scenario, the average property tax percentage of increase will be 2.9 per cent (5.9 + 2.9 + 0 divided by three = 2.9 per cent).

"It is important to recognize that overall tax increases for the average household may vary from what is presented," Mr. Pourvahidi said.

A meeting to consider grant requests will take place at 7 p.m. on Feb. 3, while the final budget deliberations will occur on Feb. 10 at 9 a.m.

Both meetings take place in council chambers.



## WATER AND WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN UPDATE 3rd Round of Public Consultation Centres

As part of our Water and Wastewater Master Plan update study, The Regional Municipality of York will be hosting a third round of Public Consultation Centres (PCCs) to ask members of the public for their input.

The upcoming PCCs will give attendees an opportunity to review information received to-date, including our problem statements, servicing alternatives and recommended servicing solutions.

Those interested in providing input and commenting on the master plan updates may attend one of the following sessions:

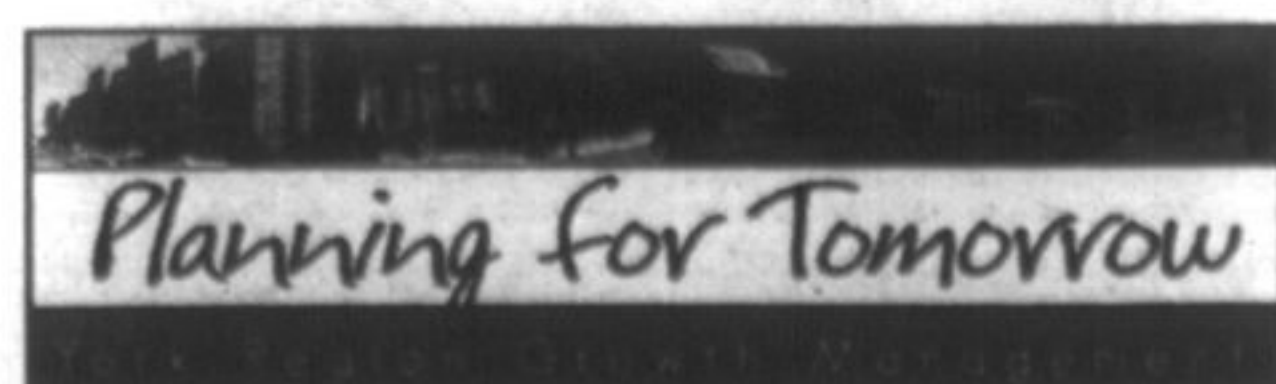
Dates & Locations	Agenda
Thursday, January 15, 2009 The Regional Municipality of York Great Hall 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket	
Tuesday, January 20, 2009 Town of Richmond Hill South Services Centre 50 High Tech Road, Richmond Hill	6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. – Open House 7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Presentation 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – Facilitated Discussion
Wednesday, January 21, 2009 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Latham Hall in the Park 8 Park Drive, Stouffville	
Wednesday, February 4, 2009 Town of Aurora Council Chamber 1 Municipal Drive, Aurora	

As part of the process, York Region will also be consulting with local municipalities, conservation authorities and other stakeholders. Except for personal information, all received comments will be on public record.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the above-mentioned study, or if you wish to be added to our mailing list, please contact:

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Information about the master plan update is available at [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)





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