

Train season starts Sunday

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government funding, relying on membership and rider fees.

Problems with locomotives last December also curbed revenues, added Mr. Godbout. While it may appear the railway is breaking-even financially on paper, it's difficult to factor in ongoing repair costs, he said.

"We can't start putting money aside."

Ways to increase revenues were discussed at the meeting, including offering on-board entertainment and selling memorabilia.

Meanwhile, some of the YDHR volunteers are putting three to four days' work per week into the train, above and beyond their day jobs, said Mr. Godbout.

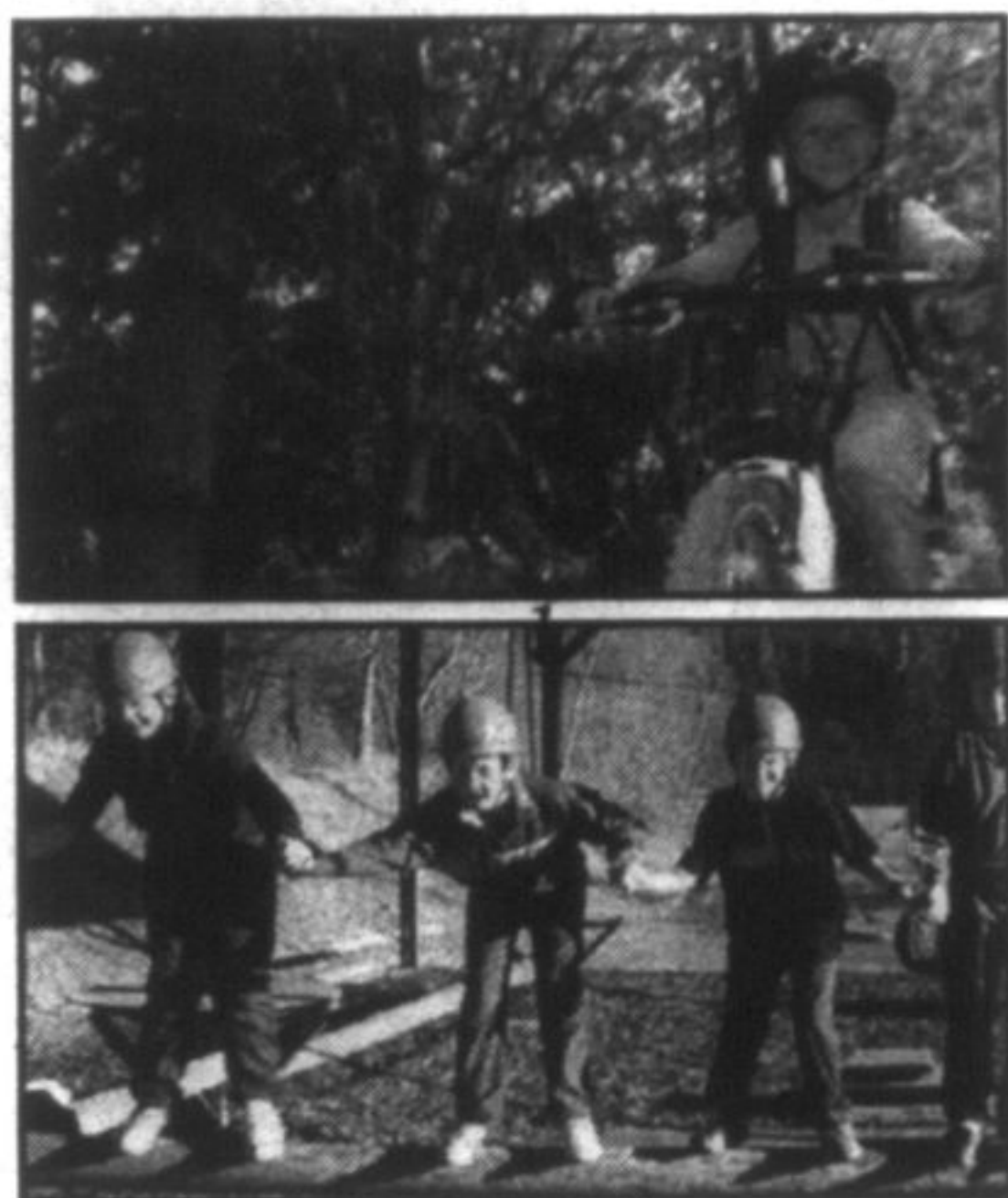
"What the public doesn't see is the work that goes on in the off-season," he said.

Members of the board take train-related classes, undergo medicals, and inspect tracks among other duties. "(The volunteers) are passionate," he said.

The train runs between Stouffville and Uxbridge on Sundays through Sept. 6. Saturday runs are then added to the schedule until Oct. 31.

For more information about the heritage train, including fares and schedule, visit ythr.on.ca

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