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# Peewee AE Clippers grab provincial crown over Clippers

Team redeems last year's loss to Oakville in final

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When the Stouffville peewee AE Clippers began their hockey season, they had one goal in mind — to win the Ontario Minor Hockey Association title.

Last season, the team came close after losing in the OMHA final to Oakville.

This time around, the Clippers claimed the coveted title after sweeping their best-of-five affair against Caledon with a 5-2 win in Stouffville Saturday.

Jake Espey scored twice for the Clippers while Tyler Wright, Braydon McNeil and Taylor Peterson each added singles.

James Merksamer, Mario Rosano, Nathan Watson, Josh Carlin, Luke Burkholder and Tritan Thompson each collected one helper.

Tyler Ryan handled netminding duties.

"I think the whole team believed we could get as far as we did," an elated Clippers' head coach Steve Wright said. "The boys set a goal at the beginning of the year to win the OMHA's and we kept reminding them of the goal that they had set.

"It feels absolutely great to win an OMHA championship with this group. I'm extremely proud of all the players, my coaching staff and the parents. They were all supportive to each other and it was a wonderful group to be part of.

"To see the boys go crazy at the end of our last game and hear all our fans was a feeling all of us will never forget."

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## Town offices to get new home

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Town staff finally have a place they can call their own.

Tuesday afternoon, council approved the \$5.25-million purchase of 111 Sandiford Dr., which is the home of Cook Canada.

Once renovations and repairs are made, the total cost of the new town hall is expected to be \$9.56 million.

"I've been through the building and it's in great shape and impeccable in its cleanliness and construction," said Dave Cash, CAO for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The Cook Canada facility is about 62,000 square feet and sits on 4.3 acres of fully serviced land.

According to a 2009 long-term accom-

modation study, the municipality will only need 43,989 square feet to meet its needs upon full build-out of the town in 2021.

"The Cook facility provides us with the ultimate space we will need," Mr. Cash said.

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#### STRUMMING UP FUNDS FOR HAITI

Al and Trudy Yetman perform during a fundraiser at Latcham Hall Sunday. All proceeds from the event went to help with the Haiti re-construction fund. The Caribbean nation is still recovering from the effects of a devastating earthquake Jan. 12.



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