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Hockey fees set to soar

Taxes, fees, programs lead to 25% hike

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Parents take note.

If you want your youngsters to play minor hockey next season, it will cost more.

Exactly \$100 more per player, which works out to a 25-per-cent hike for many.

In unveiling registration fees for the 2010-11 campaign Wednesday, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association said youngsters born in 2002 or later will pay \$500 per player. That's up from \$400 for the 2009-10 campaign.

For those born in 2001 or earlier, it will cost \$550 per player, up from \$450.

The organization's fees this past season were among the lowest of any minor hockey association in the regions of York, Durham and Simcoe Association, president Don Easter said.

As well, they hadn't risen since the 2002-03 season.

"We've managed to hold the line on fee increases over the past eight years despite annual increases in ice rental costs. Since ice represents 70 per cent of our

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FACIAL, TEACH?



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Harry Bowes Public School student Jason Romanin, 13, puts a pie in the face of teacher Emma Sullivan as Alex MacKenzie, 13, cheers Thursday. It was all part of a successful \$8,500 fundraising campaign at the Stouffville school to build a school in Kenya through Free the Children. Students are still collecting donations to pay for school supplies and uniforms.

Stimulus projects on track: Town

BY SANDRA BOLAN
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Whitchurch-Stouffville has received \$276,604 of the \$2.48 million it has been awarded by the province for five stimulus projects, but town officials are not concerned.

Money has been received for

work done on the rehabilitation of the Stouffville Sports Fields next to the Stouffville Arena (\$42,166.50), Memorial Park's softball diamond overhaul (\$89,375) and for improvements to the Stouffville Arena (\$145,062.50).

"We're all very excited about these projects," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

Because money has been received by the municipality, it means some of the project work has been completed, which is contrary to a recent Ontario Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure project update, which lists all five Whitchurch-Stouffville projects as not even being started.

"They're not up to date," said

Marc Pourvahidi, the town's director of finance and treasurer.

There are, however, two projects yet to be started and therefore have not received any provincial money - the rehabilitation of McCowan Road between Vandorf and Aurora roads and the 9,000-square-foot

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