

# Hockey dad upset high school scrubbed senior squad

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Bruce Averill is perplexed.

With a town like Whitchurch-Stouffville being what he described as "hockey crazy" in nature that has plenty of youngsters actively involved in the game, the Stouffville resident can't see why there wasn't enough interest in the student population at Stouffville District Secondary School to field a senior boys' hockey team.

Averill, whose son Jay was one of five players left out in the cold

when the school announced it would not have a senior team this season, said on the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association's website there's six house league teams, an AE and A entry at the midget level.

"That totals 100-plus hockey players from which to establish a senior team at Stouffville District Secondary School," he said, not discounting local residents who attend school out of town. "How can there not be enough players to have a senior team?"

What concerned the former

minor hockey coach was hearing the Spartan seniors conducted one tryout - two days prior to the school having to make a declaration commitment of teams for the upcoming season.

## NUMBERS DISPUTED

Spartans head coach Jamie Hewitt defended his decision citing the recent meeting and audition for what was supposed to be a senior team that brought out 18 players. Of that group, 13 students were in Grade 9 or 10.

"I had a meeting with the Grade

9s and 10s the following day and I let them decide what they wanted to do," Hewitt said. "My biggest concern was the safety factor."

Hewitt refused to comment any further on the situation or accusations made by Averill and other concerned parents and players.

Averill said he didn't want to cause a major commotion, but still questioned whether it was student apathy or "school/teacher mismanagement" behind the decision.

There were at least 17 students interested in playing, he said.

Averill feels high school hockey

should be about providing youngsters with an opportunity to take part in an extracurricular activity.

It's not all about winning YRAA titles, something Stouffville District Secondary School had built a tradition two years ago after capturing back-to-back Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations A/AA titles, Averill pointed out.

"The criteria for hockey at Stouffville District Secondary School should not be 'can they win a championship' but more, can the school deliver a positive athletic experience for their students," he said.

## The Regional Municipality of York EXPROPRIATIONS ACT

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of York for approval to expropriate lands and interest in lands described in Schedules "A", "B", "C" and "D", hereto, in the Towns of Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville in The Regional Municipality of York, for the purposes of the widening and reconstruction of Ninth Line (YR 69) just south of Major Mackenzie Drive East (YR 25) in the Town of Markham to Rupert Avenue in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, together with a jog elimination at Ninth Line (YR 69) and Main Street, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the lands and interest in lands described in Schedules "A", "B", "C" and "D", hereto. Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires an inquiry into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

- (a) in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice;
- (b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

#### The approving authority is:

The Council of The Regional Municipality of York  
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

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#### THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk

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#### SCHEDULE "A"

An estate in fee simple in the lands described as follows:

Lands in the Town of Markham in The Regional Municipality of York, being composed of those lands designated as Parts on Plans deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region more particularly described as follows:

Part of Lot	Concession	Part(s)	Plan
31	8	1	65R-31445
Part of the west part of the west 1/2 of Lot 31	9	5	65R-31445
24	8	1, 2	65R-31446
31	8	1	65R-31447
Part of the west part of the west 1/2 of Lot 31	9	3	65R-31447

#### SCHEDULE "B"

An estate in fee simple in the lands described as follows:

Lands in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in The Regional Municipality of York, being composed of those lands designated as Parts on Plans deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region more particularly described as follows:

Part of Lot/Block	Concession/Plan	Part(s)	Plan
38	Plan 54	6	65R-31664
1	Con. 8	15, 16, 26, 27	65R-31664
A	Plan 401	23, 24	65R-31664
48	Plan 401	25	65R-31664
32	Con. 8	1, 2	65R-31993
32	Con. 8	1, 2	65R-31994
4	Plan 4453	1	65R-32477
35	Con. 8	1, 2, 3, 4, 5	65R-32524

#### SCHEDULE "C"

An estate in fee simple in the lands described as follows:

Lot 16, Plan 401 and part of Block A, Plan 401 in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in The Regional Municipality of York, designated as Parts 17, 18 and 19 on a Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as No. 65R-31664.

#### SCHEDULE "D"

#### TEMPORARY EASEMENT

A temporary easement or rights in the nature of a temporary easement, expiring on December 31, 2012, in, under, over, along and upon the following lands for the purpose of entering upon and occupying the lands with all necessary machinery, equipment and material required for building demolition purposes:

Lands in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in The Regional Municipality of York, being composed of those lands designated as Parts on Plans deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region more particularly described as follows:

Part of Lot/Block	Concession/Plan	Part(s)	Plan
A	Plan 401	1	65R-32639
35	Con. 8	1, 2	65R-32640
32	Con. 8	1	65R-32641