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## Mayor won't 'refuse to act'

*Emmerson takes exception to clause*

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There are a variety of reasons why an acting mayor needs to be appointed. But in the case of Mayor Wayne Emmerson, an acting mayor will never be required because of his refusal to act.

In approving the bylaw to appoint acting mayors for this term of council, the report states: "It is important for the municipality to have someone appointed to assume the role of acting mayor should the mayor become ill or is unable to perform his duties or refuses to act."

Mr. Emmerson took exception to the words "refuses to act".

"I have never refused to act. ... I don't think any of you (councillors) would refuse to act," he said during Tuesday afternoon's council meeting. "I don't think it was right because one person didn't want to sign something."

Mr. Emmerson did not elaborate on the situation he referred to in open council, nor did he respond to The Sun-Tribune's request for further clarification.

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## WINGING IT



STAFF PHOTO/NICK IWANYSHYN

Justin Rogers tries to defend against his son Tyler and Aiden Naseveski during a game of pickup hockey on the rink in Rupert Park Tuesday.

# WATER, TAX HIKES IN CARDS FOR 2011

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This time last year, you knew your regional taxes weren't going up.

But, as a result of the municipal election, you'll have to wait a little longer to see what your 2011 tax bill will hold.

York Region council plans to pass

its 2011 budget by April and projections last year estimated a 2.8-per-cent increase would be in the cards for 2011, York chief administrative officer Bruce Macgregor told councillors, noting there's a good chance it may be lower.

However, your water bill is expected to rise.

Two years ago, council approved

a 10-per-cent increase in water rates for next year, but changes since then mean rates may rise even higher.

The rainy summer meant fewer water restrictions, but also less water being used by consumers, taking a bite out of the municipal bottom line. Post-Walkerton government legislation has also driven

up costs provincially.

We are not alone in the Greater Toronto Area in facing what could be viewed as extraordinary water and tax increases, Mr. Macgregor said.

A 3-per-cent increase in employee pension premiums, rising fuel

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