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BUDGET 2011

New pool for Memorial Park

Council adds \$900,000 feature, awaits grant

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Residents will have an outdoor pool to cool off in, but it won't be this summer or in the current facility.

During Tuesday's budget meeting, council approved adding a tank pool to a water park it has planned adjacent to the Lebovic Leisure Centre.

The pool is expected to cost \$900,000. Preliminary estimates to repair the old pool, which is similar in size, range between \$820,000 and \$980,000.

When added to the original plan, the water park project is now expected to come in at \$4.7 million.

In January, a grant application was submitted to the federal government's Enabling Accessibility Fund for the water park only. The application was for \$2.8 million, which represented 75 per cent of the total cost. The remaining 25 per cent will be paid for by the town.

Although the municipality will not know if the application was successful until sometime next

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TONIGHT: BATTLE OF MARKHAM-STOUFFVILLE RESUMES



STAFF PHOTO/NICK IWANYSHYN

Stouffville Spirit forward Kory Kennedy tries to steal the puck from Markham Waxer Doug Reid during Jr. A playoff action at the Stouffville Arena Sunday. The Spirit won 5-3, but trails the best-of-seven 2-1. Game 4 goes tonight in Stouffville. For more, turn to page 20.

Your taxes going up 1.6%, Stouffville

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Whitchurch-Stouffville's taxes are going up by 1.6 per cent.

This translates into an increase of about \$30 on a home assessed at \$360,000.

The tax bill is divided equally between the municipality, region

and education.

The town portion of the bill is going up 3 per cent, which is down from the 4.5 per cent originally proposed.

The region's portion of the bill is expected to be up 1.9 per cent, while education remains at zero.

"My goal was 3.7, 3.8 (per cent).

I was very, very pleased to see 3 per cent," Councillor Phil Bannon told The Sun-Tribune. "Three per cent sounds like a lot to people, but look at what the other (York Region) towns are doing."

King Township is contemplating an 8 to 9-per-cent hike, according to Marc Pourvahidi, treasurer and

director of finance for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, while Aurora is facing a 7.8-per-cent hike and Newmarket is sitting at about 5.9 per cent.

In data provided by Mr. Pourvahidi Tuesday morning, only

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