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## Man charged with assaulting police

A 47-year-old Whitchurch-Stouffville man has been charged with assaulting a police officer.

York Regional Police were called to an Elm Road home Tuesday around 6 a.m. by a woman inside the home because a man, she said was intoxicated, was knocking on the door. The woman in the home and the accused are not known to each other, according to York Regional Police.

When police arrived, the man became violent with police and tried to punch an officer. He also made obscene and racial slurs during his arrest and at the police station, police said.

The police officer was not injured. The accused was released on a promise to appear in court in Newmarket next month.

## GOVERNMENT: Your name here

# Leisure centre title up for grabs again

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Do you want your name emblazoned on the front of the Lebovic Leisure Centre? If so, now is your chance.

Council voted Tuesday in favour of advertising for competitive bids for future naming rights of the complex. The contract with the Joseph Lebovic Charitable Foundation expires Aug. 31.

"I think in fairness, we should advertise and if Mr. Lebovic comes forward, then we'll look at it," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

Foundation representatives indicated earlier this year they were interested in paying "around \$20,000 a year for the optional five-year extension," according to an April 19 report to council by Marc Pourvahidi, the town's treasurer and director of finance.

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Further discussions between the town and the Joseph Lebovic Charitable Foundation could not come up with an agreeable final amount.

"What is a good fee? I thought \$20,000 was a good fee but I couldn't get it," Mr. Emmerson said.

In 2001, council awarded the naming rights to the foundation for 10 years. A \$250,000 initial payment was made that year followed by additional annual payments of \$50,000 between 2006 and 2010.

"This award was intended to boost the fundraising effects to provide capital funding for the facility," Mr. Pourvahidi wrote in his report.

A similar agreement was reached with Fieldgate Development for the fitness centre's internal sign. However, this naming rights agreement is in perpetuity, something Councillor Ken Ferdinands said is not fair.

"Mr. Lebovic is being treated somewhat differently than Fieldgate," he said. "I feel everyone has to be treated in an identical manner and what we are proposing here doesn't sit well with me because of what was put in place, inadvertently, in 2001."

Mr. Emmerson noted the fitness centre doesn't hold the same prominence as the entire complex and Mr. Lebovic was aware of the agreement.

"I don't know how many people will say I'm going to the Fieldgate fitness centre. But they do when they're going to the Lebovic Centre," Mr. Emmerson said.

Mr. Ferdinands proposed the agreement with the Joseph Lebovic Charitable Foundation be extended for the remainder of council's term, which ends in 2014, and if the town could get \$20,000 a year for the naming rights, then all the better.

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"I don't think everything needs to be about money," Mr. Ferdinands said.

His motion was seconded by Councillor Richard Bartley, but defeated by the rest of council. Councillor Rob Hargrave was absent and did not vote.

"I think we need to beat the bushes to see if there is anybody out there," said Councillor Clyde Smith.

The leisure centre is not the only town facility that needs a new name. The museum visitor/community centre has no formal name as of yet. Council has directed staff to provide recommendations.

Mr. Lebovic did not return The Sun-Tribune's calls.

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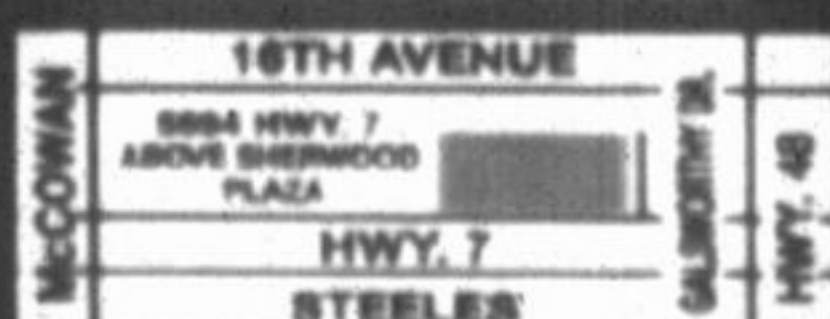
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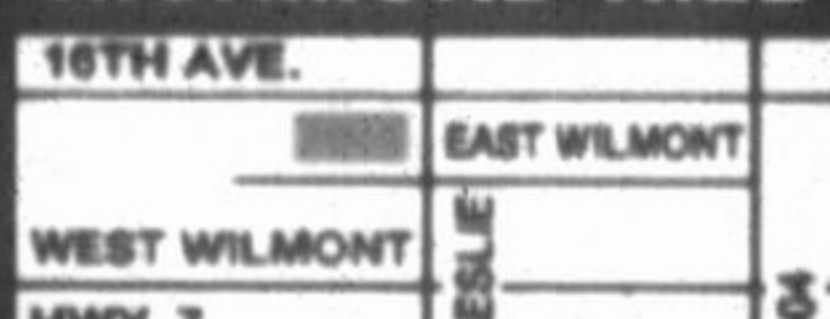
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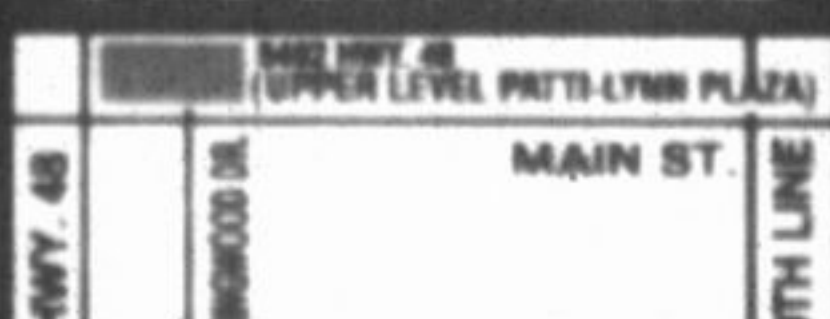
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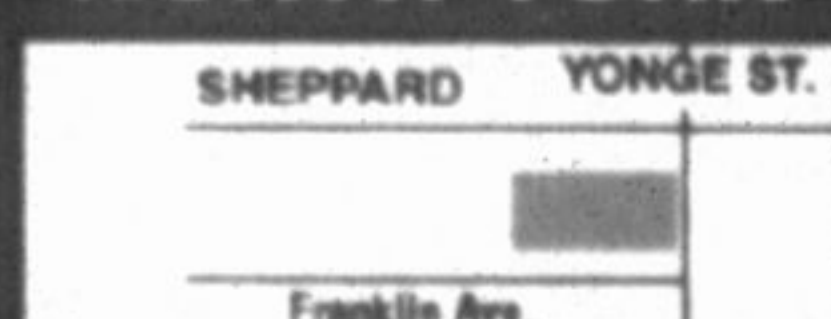
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