

Clippers Complex scores award from U.S. publication

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The Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex was named a 2011 Facility of Merit winner by Athletic Business this week.

Athletic Business is a Wisconsin-based athletic, fitness and recreation industry publication.

"I knew we built a first-class facility for the residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville that will be here for the next 50 years," Mayor Wayne Emmerson said Thursday.

The 10 winners were selected on the basis of plan efficiency; functional relationships and measures taken to maximize use of space; interior finishes, detailing and colour schemes; exterior design; relationship of building to site and cost of construction for value received.

FIRST CLASS: MAYOR

The twin-pad arena complex opened in early 2010 on Weldon Road.

It's home to Stouffville hockey and figure skating organizations.

The Clippers Complex cost \$14 million to construct, all of which was paid for by development charges, according to Mr. Emmerson.

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"The design is very successful in its off-ice approach to elevating the experience of spectators and participants," was one judge's comment, according to Athletic Business.

"The lighting and day-lighting makes you feel like you're outside," was another judge's comment, according to the magazine.

The next phase for the complex, said Mr. Emmerson, is an indoor pool. That is not expected to be constructed until the next term of council, which begins in 2014.

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