Skate park, indoor soccer have Bartley pumped for '13

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"What we can do is simply what is affordable," he said.

"At the present time I'm not in a rush to undertake anything of a major nature to make sure our finances are sound and they are," Mr. Ferdinands said.

In 2012, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library reached a long overdue reciprocal borrowing agreement with the Newmarket library. The Ward

I councillor said the only library left to forge a similar agreement with Whitchurch-Stouffville is Aurora.

His constituents, in north-western Whitchurch-Stouffville, live closer to municipal facilities in Aurora and Newmarket than Stouffville's.

"In due course that library will be available," he said, noting it will change the dynamic of residents' borrowing habits.

A design for a new/expanded

town library is in the 2013 draft budget but it likely won't be constructed during this council's term.

A new council will be elected Oct. 27, 2014.

GRAPPLE WITH LIBRARY LOOK

Mr. Ferdinands said the town is still grappling with what a 21st century library will look like – is it still stacks of books or some other model?

"Bigger doesn't necessarily mean more appropriate," he cautioned

Councillor Richard Bartley is eagerly anticipating all things sports in 2013.

He said he was looking forward to the skateboard park being completed in Memorial Park and noted his excitement regarding the recent ground breaking of the privately-owned indoor soccer facility in southwest Stouffville, to which the town will have access.

"I'm (also) hoping we'll find some savings with efficiency

reviews," Mr. Bartley said.

Until the budget is complete, which won't be done until those municipal reviews are finished. Mayor Wayne Emmerson said he has no idea what to expect this year.

"I don't have a wish list. In fairness, I don't do wish lists. ... I do what the residents want," he said.

Other members of council did not respond to The Sun-Tribune for this story.



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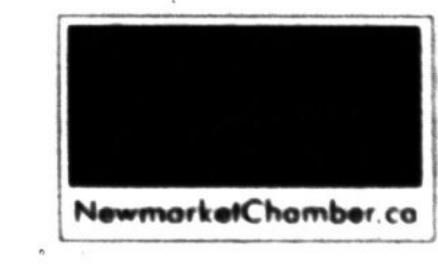
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