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Park's field to be fixed thanks to Mayor's help

Pitch at Memorial Park to
be reseeded to address
holes in the existing turf

KAROLYN COORSH
News

The sports field at Memorial Park will be out of commission starting in late fall for turf maintenance, work precipitated by Mayor Rob Ford himself.

After years of heavy use, the pockmarked field at Chaplin Crescent and Roselawn Avenue needs top dressing and seeding to spur turf renewal. The work is set to begin in late fall, and finish by early spring.

Memorial had been on a backburner list of fields destined for repair work, but it was made a priority in late June after Ford requested a site visit with Parks general manager Jim Hart, local councillor Karen Stintz, Forest Hill CI principal Peggy Aitchison and Ron Singer, a community coach at Forest Hill CI.

Singer said he brought concerns about the uneven field to the mayor a few weeks before the site visit.

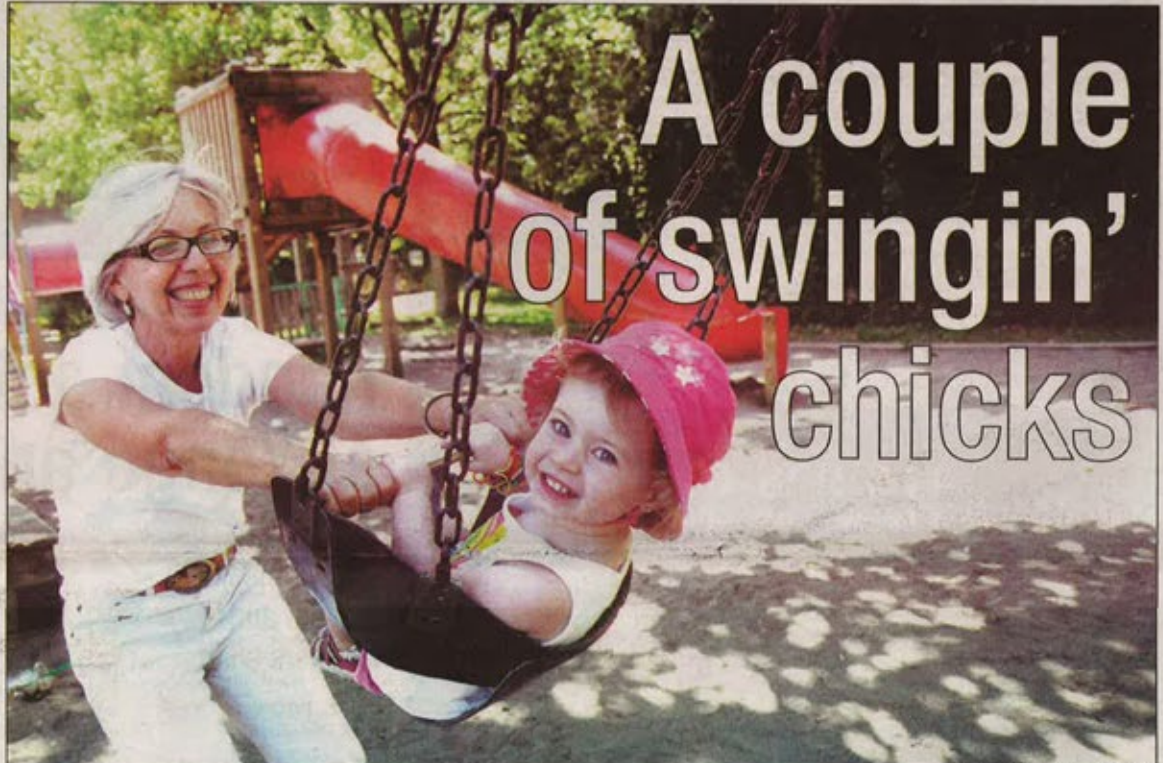
"For some time, I knew the field was in a terrible situation," he said. "It doesn't look good, it looks almost like it's unsafe."

After the site visit, it was obvious the field is in a sorry state, Hart said.

"Everybody standing on the field agreed the condition isn't what it should be," he said.

The field is owned by the Toronto District School Board, but through an agreement that dates back to 1970, the city is responsible for

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A couple of swingin' chicks

FRANCIS CRESCIA/TOWN CRIER

It's hard to tell who is having more fun playing on the swings at Polmar Gardens, two-year-old Claudia Jackson or her proud grandma Bubbie Borts.

Jamaican resto part of gang raid

Goings-on at Vaughan Road eatery raised neighbours' suspicions

SHAWN STAR
Crime

Neighbours of the Jamaican restaurant on Vaughan Road that was busted by police as a street gang headquarters say they aren't shocked.

"It's not surprising, it's obviously unaccept-

able," said John Kernaghan who owns a business across the street. "I hope the residents in the area really become more vocal about it and make it clear to that kind of operation that it's not wanted around here."

The Boss Jamaican Bar, located at 423 Vaughan Rd., recently held a large barbecue, which residents

say came complete with loud music, fancy cars and motorcycles, as well as a collection of people they'd never seen before.

Following tips and complaints from the community, police watched the business during the barbecue and recognized gang members in attendance.

An investigation found that not only were members of the Vaughan Road Bloods frequenting the restaurant but they were using it as a base of opera-

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TownBusiness

Architects of their own wide success

Design firm has built its way around the globe

ANN RUPPENSTEIN
Business

Tony Reich and Whit Petch want to conquer the world. Over the past 25 years running architecture and design firm Reich and Petch, they've already tackled 300 projects in 22 countries.

"We have this map that we show in our presentations sometimes and the countries we've worked in are coloured red and they're gradually

filling out as we go because we're trying to work in new places, bring our skills to new countries, new opportunities," Reich says.

The Toronto-based firm located on Yonge Street south of Davisville, which also has offices in Washington D.C., has worked on notable projects like the Saudi Arabia National Museum, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the Kenneth E. Behring Family Hall of Mammals at the Smithsonian Institute, the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum expansion and the \$150 million Casino Niagara, which they turned around in seven months.

"Under and Reich and Petch Design International Inc. we

are exhibition designers, interior designers, graphic designers, way finder designers and we produce industrial design," he says. "It's a whole sort of range of design skills and then under Reich and Petch Architects Inc. we are planners and architects."

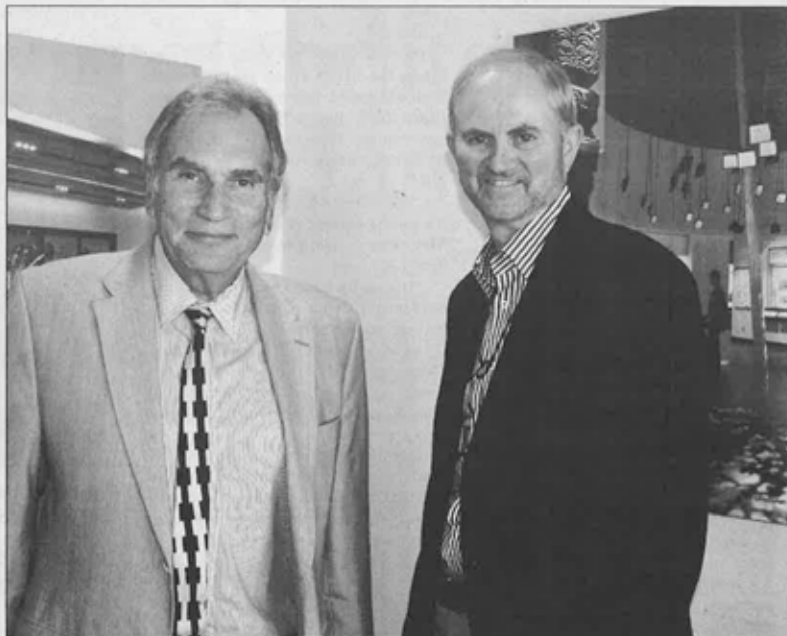
Reich and Petch formed the firm in 1987, later adding Stephen Petri as their third principal, after working on their own on commercial, residential and cultural projects.

"We've done a lot of gaming casino projects across the province," Petch says. "We're doing more cultural work right now, museums, visitors centers, art galleries, that type of thing so it's a fairly eclectic range in terms of the type of architectural work we do and it's kind of fun because we don't get ourselves pigeon holed in one particular type."

On a more local scale, they've done work for the Ontario Science Centre, *The Globe and Mail*, the Art Gallery of Ontario and Fort York National Historic Site.

As they celebrate the quarter century milestone, they also ring in the anniversary with two of their longest standing clients, The Royal Ontario Museum and Cambridge Shopping Centres.

"It's wonderful when you can keep working with the



DESIGNING MEN: Reich and Petch founders and principals Tony Reich, left, and Whit Petch at their architecture and design firm. Petch's office comes equipped with a remote control tank they drive around on bad days.

ANN RUPPENSTEIN/TOWN CRIER

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Helping customers lash out

Boutique enhances, extends eyelashes

ANN RUPPENSTEIN
Business

Despite opening Winks Eyelash Boutique amid a snowstorm in 2009, Ura Duncan felt optimistic as soon as the first person walked in the door.

"It was between Christmas and New Year's because I was adamant we were opening," she says. "I was nervous and excited and then someone came up and I was like, 'Yay, our first customer, our first inquiry.'"

Duncan, who is also a classical singer with a music degree from McGill in Opera, recently relocated her shop to Yorkville Avenue and Bay Street.

"I concentrate on eyelash extensions and enhancements,"

she says, adding eyelash salons have already become trendy in Asia. "So eyelash extensions, eyelash perming, lash lifts, permanent mascara and tinting."

Duncan applies every lash individually, which varies by length, curl and thickness, and offers packages ranging from a natural 35 lashes per eye up to the lavish 110, which take one to 2.5 hours to put on.

"Something that happens a lot and we always laugh about it, is someone comes in and they say, 'Oh, I just want a natural set, I'm not flashy I just want a little something so I don't have to wear mascara,' and we normally say, 'You're probably going to want more,'" she says.

"They get the natural set, of course. We always give them what they asked for, and then they look in the mirror and they're like, 'You're right — I want more.'"



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NEW IN TOWN: Ura Duncan recently moved her Winks Eyelash Boutique to Yorkville from the Danforth.



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