Silky Rutabaga Apple Soup

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Servings: 6 to 8

1 medium local rutabaga (approx 2 lb/1 kg)

2 tbsp butter

1/3 cup chopped local shallots or green onion (white part only)

2 local apples, peeled, cored and cubed

4 cups vegetable or chicken stock

1/2 cup 10% cream or milk

1/4 cup local maple syrup

Salt and pepper

Paprika

- Peel and cube rutabaga and set aside. In large heavy saucepan, melt butter over medium-low heat; add shallots to saucepan; cook, stirring, over medium-low heat for 3 minutes or until softened but not browned. Add apples, stock and cubed rutabaga; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, for 35 minutes or until very soft.
- Puree the soup (preferably with a handheld blender, or in batches in a blender/food processor). Stir in cream and maple syrup; add more stock or water if too thick. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
- ▶ Reheat gently and serve in heated bowls. Garnish with sprinkle of paprika and a dollop of plain yogurt or sour cream.