

New grocery store to replace Superchoice at Derry/Ontario

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A soon-to-be-opened independent grocery store, called FoodPort, pledges it will sell affordable items with a community-minded heart.

Since early last week, contractors have been busily hammering nails, re-wiring and cleaning up the former Superchoice grocery store, at the corner of Derry Road and Ontario Street.

An excited Gus DiMaria, FoodPort co-owner, standing in the empty 16,000-square-foot store last Friday morning, said he has every intention of providing people with quality service and quality products for a long time.

"We're not fly-by-nighters," he said, noting he plans to hold summer barbecues and fundraise for local groups that need help.

He said he plans to open the store the week after the Victoria Day long weekend, and plans to hire about 50 full and part-time people. The store's specialty will be produce, meat and deli products, and hopes to be attractive to shoppers

of all incomes.

Mr. DiMaria used to own two grocery stores in the Mississauga area for a number of years. He said he sold them to pursue other business interests.

But since selling his last store two years ago, he said he got the itch to get back into the grocery business.

And he said he chose Milton because of what many other businesses see as a major reason for coming here — opportunity.

"I like the town," he said. "It's up and coming, it's growing with a lot of development. I just see a bright future here."

Store being refurbished

He will be refurbishing the store, though he didn't want to say how much money he's putting into renovations.

Superchoice was a staple for more than two decades for families looking for affordable shopping, but it closed down last month amid bankruptcy protection.

When it closed, shoppers

expressed concern that there was no discount grocery store in town to cater to lower-income families.

And at the time of its closure, it was the second independently-owned grocery store to have closed in town in three months.

Quality Greens — a well-thought of business, particularly because it offered home delivery to seniors — closed its Main Street doors in November.

Mayor Gord Krantz said FoodPort adds another choice to the menu of grocery shoppers in town.

"With the two recent store closings, this is certainly a welcome addition to the choice for shoppers for Milton."

So far there are two primary grocery stores from which to choose to shop, being Loblaws on Nipissing Road and A&P on Laurier Avenue. La Rose Italian Bakery on Bronte Street also sells fresh produce and groceries on a smaller scale.

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