

Stouffville Strawberry Festival

Festival means many things

From its modest beginnings, Stouffville's Strawberry Festival has grown into a major community event which brings people together and provides non-stop entertainment and fun for the whole family.

To Mayor Fran Sainsbury, it means "volunteers, team work and the unity of the residents, because they all gather in the Main Street or in the Town park for the church service and all the different events that are going on." It also focuses on the rural community "by way of the Strawberries themselves and the farms they're grown on."

The Festival, she says, is where "people work together and have a lot of fun doing it. We're putting a part of our capital expenditure into community unity, and that's what I think this is all about." Bunny Burton describes the Strawberry Festival as a great time for families.

"It's good to get together and see what this town has to offer. You can get involved in one or two things, or a dozen things, there's plenty for everyone to do." Says Whitchurch-Stouffville Librarian Sheila McLeod, "it's symbolic of what used to happen on the village green in the old country."

To her, the Festival is a celebration that could become a long-standing tradition. "It creates a community feeling and togetherness, and it's a nice reflection on our nationality." Says Paul Scuse, minister of Christ Church Anglican, "I think with all this Meech Lake business, it's an opportunity to celebrate something distinctly Canadian

and to think about our heritage.

"It's also a time for the town to get together and celebrate and do some fun things. There's a lot of work we do for the town and volunteer jobs that are required of us, and everyone pitches in to try and do their bit to keep Stouffville's community atmosphere alive."

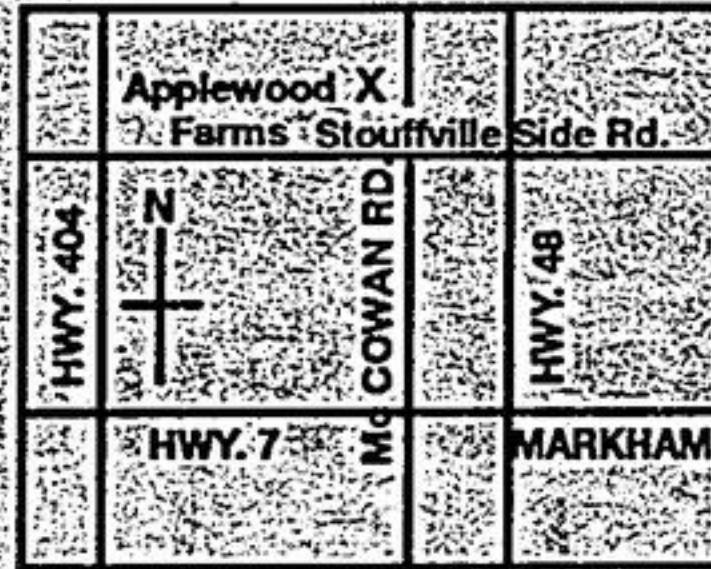
His own major interest, he says, is in Sunday's inter-denominational service in the park. "It's a great celebration of Christian unity, where we can all close our church doors and participate in a service together."

The Festival, says Bob Ancheril, "is our annual event for the town. It's an occasion in which we invite the rest of Ontario and the city people to come on over to Stouffville. We have a heck of a good time, and people can see how friendly everyone is and how we celebrate a national event."

People in town have a heyday, he adds. "There are contests and events which bring back our own memories of how little Ontario towns used to be. We're so close to the city, but we have our own individuality as a small town."

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