

# Tourism guide, reader agree: we're not Music Town

Dear Editor,  
People usually sharpen their pencil to voice a different opinion.

They sit back and relax in cases where someone else has spoken out of their hearts. In the Aug. 12 *Tribune* commentary by Andrew Mair, entitled Music Town Ontario; We don't think so, we were asked to express our thoughts in letters to *The Tribune*.

May I assume, except for two people out of more than 18,000, the majority, like I myself, agreed with Mair's commentary from beginning to end. The province's traveller's encyclopedia, published by Ontario's Ministry of Tourism and Recreation describes Stouffville's highlights the following way:

"Stouffville, just north of Toronto. Stouffville's main street is rich in historic homes; Stouffville Sales Barn, a combined antique, flea and produce market (north on Hwy 47, open all year Saturdays and Sundays.) Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, exhibit buildings bring to life the community's farming past (Vandorf at Woodbine Ave., open all year, late May to October, Thursday to Monday, rest of year Monday to Friday.)"

An older edition even mentioned an antique car rally. "Antique car enthusiasts from all across Canada come here."

Events come and go. It would not hurt to attract customers to the strawberry fields, to add

the annual Strawberry Festival as well as the traditional Music Mania event.

But let's face the music, there's not enough music to draw tourists to this town looking for music all year round. Without the \$24,000 for street signs, this would not have become such a hot issue.

The money can serve the image of Stouffville in better ways, for instance, by replacing each tree of the lost west-end bush with three new ones in a sensible way, keeping in mind the size at maturity and the usefulness for nesting grounds for birds and food for the squirrels who walk our streets now. Maybe, one day, the traveller's encyclopedia will direct tourists to Stouffville, the greenbelt town of Ontario.

P.S. Still too much money collected and desperately looking for ways to spend it?

Well, how about giving the taxpayers a refund.

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Stouffville

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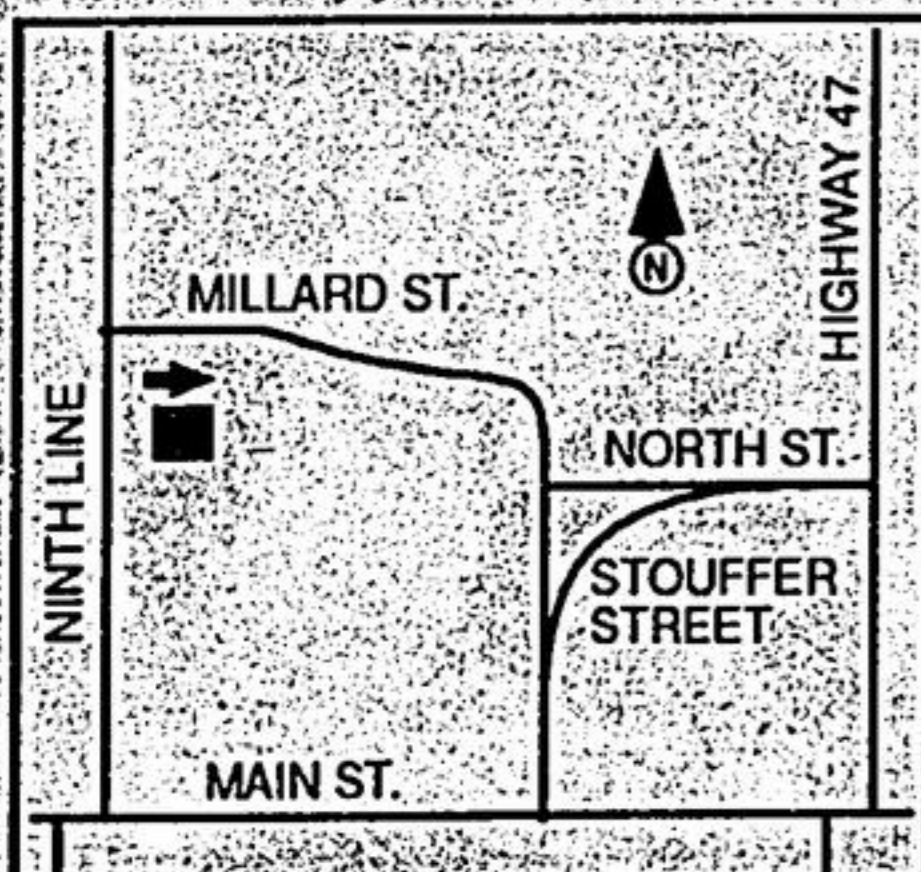
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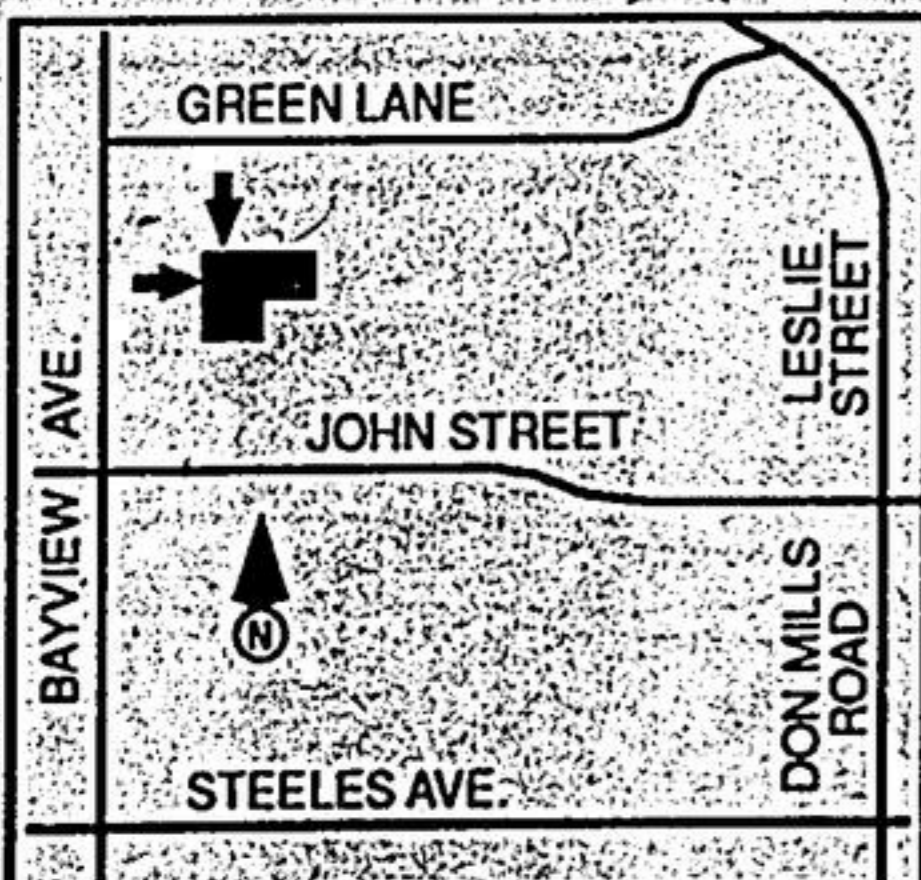


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