

**On Track**

# Businesses 'silent partners' in community rail project

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Correspondent

The executive of the York-Durham Heritage Railway Association are the first to admit that even the most hard-working volunteer organization needs community backing.

As their efforts to operate a tourist railway between

Stouffville and Uxbridge gain momentum, it's people like Duncan Giles, of Giles Chevrolet Oldsmobile in Stouffville, who have provided that vital support.

"My involvement started a year ago on Canada Day when (YDHRA president) Rob Pare asked if I knew a painter," recalled Giles. "I

went and found someone on Canada Day and convinced him to donate his time and I said I would buy the paint."

A year later, the beautifully restored rail car can be seen at the Uxbridge station, awaiting the time when it will be used to convey passengers

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between the two communities. Helping to get the railway on its feet is just one of the things his and

other companies do for the town, said Giles.

"As a company we're a silent partner to a lot of community events the public doesn't know about. Most people here

have no idea what the local businesses do for the community and I'm speaking for probably 80 per cent of the businesses in town."

Like his peers, Giles is inundated with requests for help and he does his best to assist wherever he can, but without reciprocal support from residents, he said, the level of support will inevitably decline.

"People here have to look at it that we're part of a community which we support, but their buying habits often don't reflect that, because they don't shop locally."

All he asks is that people check out prices and products here before they shop out of town and that they remember without the backing of local merchants, their children would not have the opportunity to participate on local sports teams.

"The railway is going to benefit the community," he said. "Why do people go to Unionville? Because they dressed up the Main Street. A large section of people complain that we don't have anything here. I firmly believe in putting Stouffville on the map."

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### NOTICE OF CHANGING OF STREET NAME

TAKE NOTICE THAT The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville intends to pass a By-law to change the name of the street known as the north/south portion of Elm Road, in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, to **SANDELE ROAD.**

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville shall, at the hour of 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 27th, 1994, in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Buildings at 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville, Ontario hear any person who claims that he/she will be adversely affected by the By-law and applies to be heard.

DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 14th day of July, 1994

Michele Skinner, Clerk  
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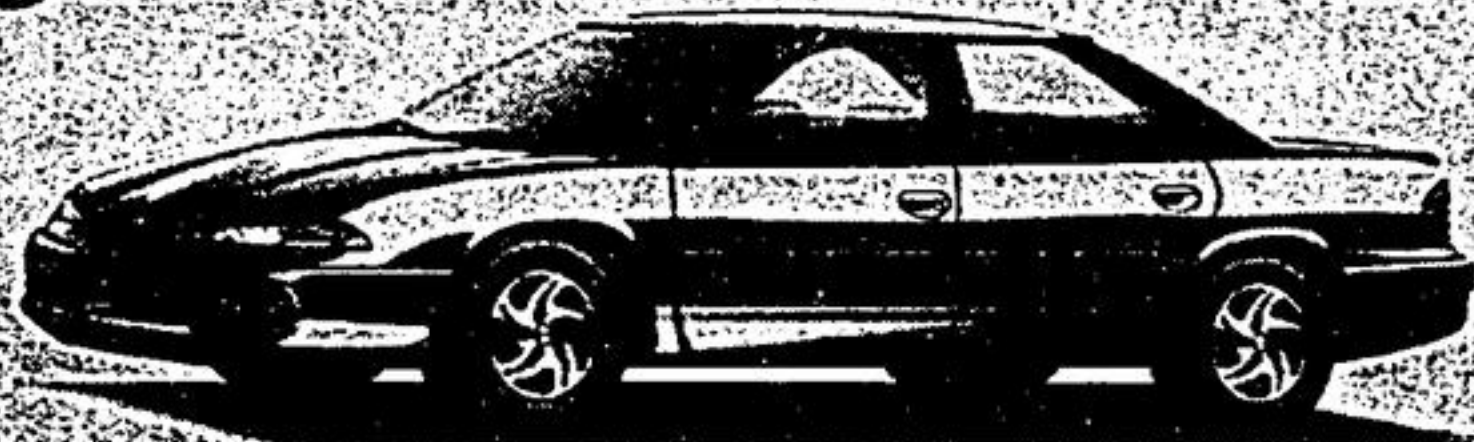
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