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Station to be resurrected

By KATE GILDERDALE
Staff Reporter

Construction of Stouffville's train station was given the green light at Tuesday's council meeting.

The project is a joint venture involving the town, GO Transit, the York-Durham Heritage Railway Association, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce and the BIA, with \$37,500 of the cost covered by the amount remaining from the YDHRA JobsOntario grant.

Other contributors are GO Transit (\$47,000), Stouffville BIA (\$12,500) and YDHRA (\$5,500).

The chamber has pledged a donation of \$25,000 "in kind" towards the building of the station.

The original design by McCaig Cus-

tom Homes has been slightly modified to allow for the inclusion of an office for GO Transit staff. "GO will cover 100 per cent of the cost for the train crew end in addition to the \$47,000," said the town's chief executive officer, Merlin Dewing.

Most of the building materials will be provided at cost by Schell Lumber and their suppliers, Dewing noted. Construction will be carried out "by a combination of various trades and is being overseen by A&S Construction."

Work on the driveway and parking lot should start within two weeks, said Dewing, with a sod-turning ceremony to mark the start of construction likely taking place towards the end of April.

"They're aiming for a completion of July first and we have until Sept. 30 for complete occupancy," said YDHRA president Ken Harding.



Eyeing Easter exposures

Trevor McKay of Rapid Photo in Stouffville gets an eyeful of the negatives residents shot over the Easter weekend.
Photo/ STEVE SOMERVILLE

Region taxes jump \$20

By JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Reporter

The average homeowner in Whitchurch-Stouffville will fork over \$19.22 more in regional taxes this year.

On Thursday, York council, including Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson ratified the budget, representing a 2.9 per cent increase. For the average household in Whitchurch-Stouffville, it means the region's share of the three-way tax bill will be \$4.11. Local taxes, meanwhile, will amount to about \$525 on average. A week ago, Whitchurch-Stouffville council rubber stamped its \$3-plus million budget, representing a zero take hike. York's separate school board will deliver its budget on April 14. The public board's budget will be presented at the end of the month.

Alan Wells, York Region's chief administrative officer, said the task of providing quality services in the face of diminishing



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Chamber calls for end to regional government

The local chamber of commerce has given the green light to the Greater Toronto Services Board and called for an end to York Region.

In a position paper submitted to the province earli-

er this week, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce made six recommendations on how the GTSB should run.

The position paper was put together after 130 local

chamber members were polled.

On Thursday, the provincial government is expected to give final approval for Toronto to form a megacity.

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