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Talk of the town

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The revitalization of Stouffville's downtown was the focus of a meeting held this morning.

Stouffville's Business Development Officer, Eric Lismanis, said this initial meeting was to establish the makeup of the Downtown Revitalization Committee.



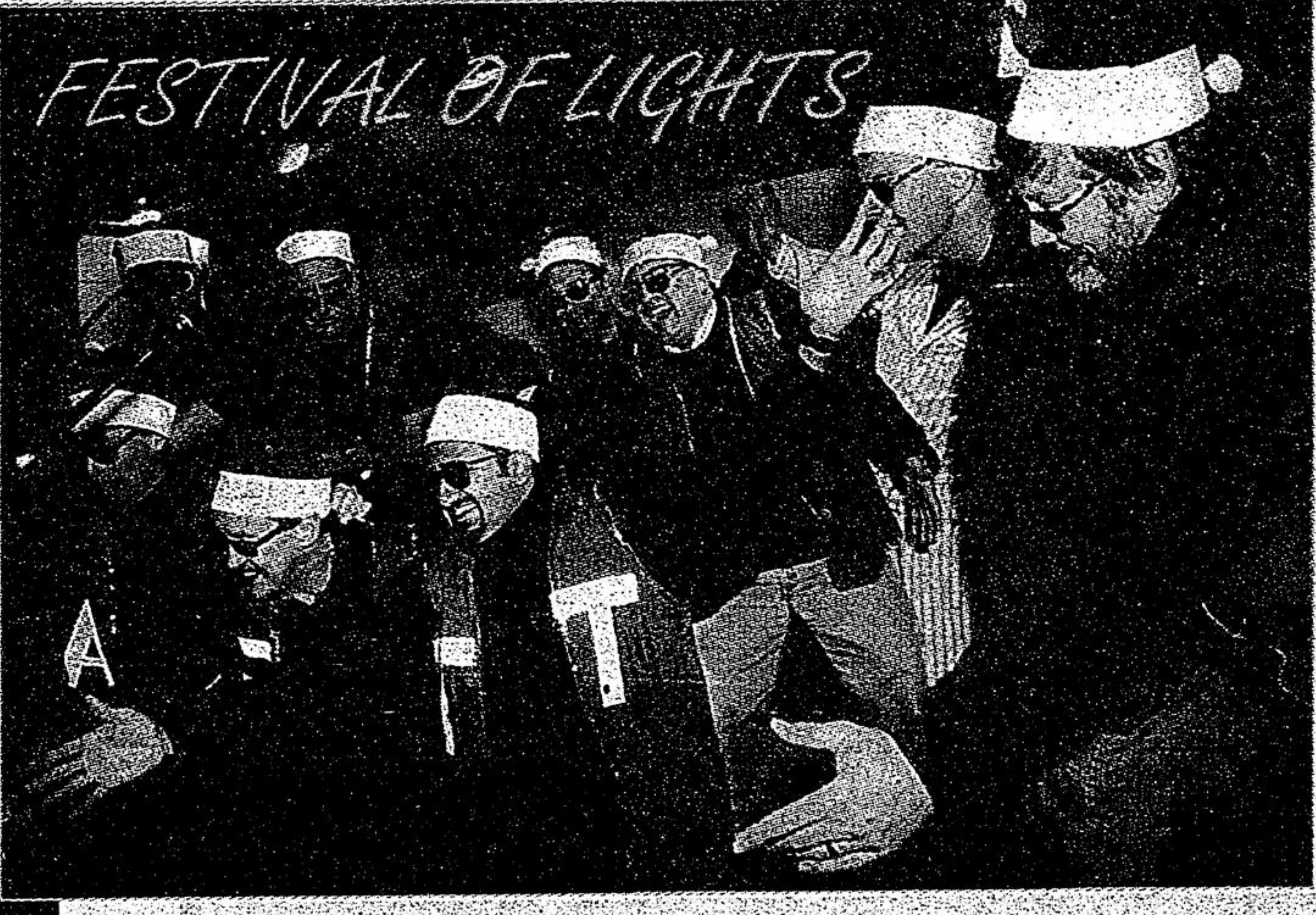
Membership will include town officers, representatives from the BIA and the Chamber of Commerce, the mayor and the three Stouffville ward councillors.

The committee's mandate will be to deal with issues and problems that concern the downtown core. Some examples Lismanis gives of these include garbage, planters, the sign bylaw and filling empty stores.

"We will be dealing with issues and

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EVENT OF THE SEASON It was the evening to be jolly at this year's best-ever Festival of Lights in the town square where a huge crowd sang, rang and clanged in the season with all the bells and whistles of a truly traditional Christmas spirit. In photo right, the Businessmen's Chorus takes their final 'ta-dah'. In photo below, *The Tribune's* own Melissa Scott needs no reminder for 'Applause' but helped out anyway. For more on Stouffville's Festival of Lights please see page 10.



Province pours \$30,000 into RIDE program: Munro

A \$30,000 grant, designed to keep drinkers from getting behind the wheel, is earmarked for York Region.

Durham-York MPP Julia Munro has announced the 1996-1997 Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (RIDE) grant for police services.

"The provincial government has shown it will not tolerate drunk drivers on our roads," said Munro.

The York grant along with \$20,000 for Durham, is part of a \$1.2-million province-wide commitment.

The funding ensures front-line policing of the province's roads.

The grants cover the overtime costs for RIDE spot checks conducted across the province.

"I have always been a strong supporter of the RIDE program, which strives to end the carnage on our highways caused by drinking drivers," said Munro. "Drinking and driving is one of the most destructive, yet one of the most preventable causes of injury and death on Ontario's highways."

Changing public attitude towards drinking and driving has been the major achievements of the RIDE program over the years, said Munro.

~ Joan Ransberry

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■ Don't forget to pen a letter to Santa Claus and make sure you place it in his big red sleigh this Saturday, Dec. 6, for the Santa

Claus Parade. The parade, sponsored by the Kinsmen, begins at 2 p.m. at North Street at the Town Line.

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