

## A Coliseum, a rainforest and more are coming to the Scarborough Town Centre

A major expansion at Scarborough Town Centre is promising to be both an exciting entertainment experience and the creation of hundreds of jobs.

The \$38 million project was announced this week, welcoming Famous Players Theatre, the Rainforest Cafe and a major book retailer.

"Entertainment is what we set out to achieve and it's certainly what our three key new tenants are all about," said Merv Foster, vice-president of Vic 20, Scarborough Town Centre's management company.

The 177,000 square foot expansion is scheduled to have its grand opening in December. Four hundred construction and approximately 700 permanent full and part-time jobs will be created.

"It's great to see the cranes back in Scarborough," said Lorenzo Berardinetti, Scarborough City Centre councillor.

Famous Players will be opening its Coliseum, a 12-screen theatre complex featuring wall-to-wall floor-to-ceiling concave screens and a sophisticated projection system. Its 3,500 seats will be in tiered, stadium-style rows allowing

moviegoers unobstructed views of the screen, regardless of their height.

It also promises automated ticket machines to reduce line-ups at the ticket booth.

Inside the theatre complex will be Starbucks Coffee, Monsieur Felix and Mr. Norton's Cookies, Baskin Robbins ice cream, Pizza Hut, New York Fries, two party rooms for children's birthday parties and a TechTown games room.

"We opened our first Coliseum just last year and it has surpassed all our expectations," said Famous Players President John Bailey.

The unique Rainforest Cafe uses animatronic wildlife and special effects to create the look and feel of a tropical rainforest.

The opening at Scarborough Town Centre will be the chain's first outlet in Ontario.

The chain has 18 restaurants in the US and around the world including Disney World in Florida.

A 25,000 square foot, two-level book emporium and new retail outlets rounds out the expansion.

Scarborough Town Centre is located at Hwy. 401 and McCowan Road and is marking its 25th anniversary this year.

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Dorene Kucharski and Baby (a Moluccan Cockatoo) along with Mark Kucharski and Willy (a blue and gold Macaw) often take strolls down Main Street in Stouffville for a bit of fresh air and a change of pace.

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