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Nikita star Peta Wilson was on Main Street Stouffville Tuesday during filming of the final episode of the television show, which is scheduled to air in late December.

## Nikita's final episode filmed in Stouffville

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Downtown Stouffville became the backdrop for the final episode of the USA network's Nikita Tuesday.

The Nikita crew's work began at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, and with a little doctoring they were able to turn Memorial Park into English suburbia, and several other surrounding buildings into a downtown area of Germany.

Nikita star Peta Wilson said she is relieved the show is coming to an end since it will give her time to pursue other projects. Upcoming prospects include a film entitled "It's a Girl Thing" and a role in a Broadway production, but before she begins filming, she plans on visiting her homes in Brooklyn, N.Y. and Sydney, Australia.

"I'm a military girl, I was raised all along the east coast of Australia," Wilson said. "I'm very fond of Toronto, but Toronto means work, it drains me, and I'll be happy to get back home."

Also at the taping was actor Eugene Robert Glazer, who plays the dark character of Operations on the show. Glazer plans to return home for a while and catch his breath after his run with Nikita. He said he will definitely miss Toronto where he played a recurring character

on CTV's ENG.

Director Joe Scanlan had the final say in which town would be used, picking Stouffville over several other possible locations including Newmarket, Brooklin, and Aurora. Scanlan explained when picking a location for a show in which a small area can represent several different countries, it's important to have an area with a variety of settings.

Scanlan, who has directed shows such as Knots Landing and Lois and Clark, and has also spent time directing Star Trek: The Next Generation, only directs about two episodes of Nikita a year and always tackles the season premier or finales, so it would seem only fitting that he be the one to direct the final episode of the series.

The feeling around the set was generally mixed. People are sad to see the show go, but also relieved, as anyone would be, that the task of such a high maintenance show is over. The obvious closeness of the cast and crew seemed to help things roll smoothly for the last episode shooting, and even though it's almost a year away, people around the set seem to already miss it.

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