

# Festival gets permanent home at Silver Jubilee Club

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After years of using private homes to organize a four-day summer bash that draws more than 25,000 people, the Strawberry Festival will finally have permanent headquarters.

Both the festival and the Latcham Gallery received the okay at Tuesday's Whitchurch-Stouffville council meeting to lease a portion of the Silver Jubilee Club's basement for \$1 per year. Both organizations would also pay their share of the utilities, repairs and cleaning.

As a condition of the agreement Silver Jubilee Club members would have to agree to the deal and town treasurer/administrator Nick Kristoffy is presenting an estimate of the costs to be borne by the two groups at the next council meeting.

Councillor Mark Carroll was concerned that not all groups in town were being treated equitably when it came to leasing town-owned buildings. Although several groups are charged \$1 per year, additional costs reflect the expenses for each building.

For example, running the Stouffville Arena (formerly called the Recreation Complex) costs more than keeping up the Silver Jubilee Club, Mayor Wayne Emmerson noted.

The committee will have about 200 square feet in the old postmaster's office at the Silver Jubilee, which will be used

for general administration. The committee would also utilize the Silver Jubilee Club for its monthly meetings.

Chair Annie Pride heads a committee of nine members preparing for the 19th annual festival next year. About 30 more volunteers come on board during the festival weekend.

The committee is looking at putting on more events, said Councillor Sue Sherban, a long-time Strawberry Festival member. Becoming involved in the festival is an ideal opportunity for students looking for volunteer opportunities, she noted.

Latcham Gallery is leasing a portion of the basement to hold classes and workshops. It is planning to move back into its former location at the old Whitchurch-Stouffville Library on Main Street next month.

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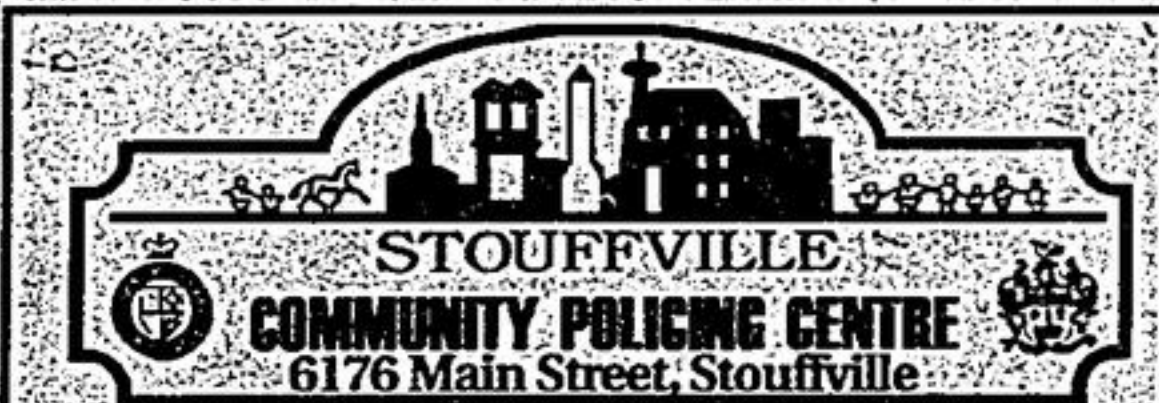
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- Stouffville, Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Hall..... Monday, November 12
- King City, King Township Public Library..... Tuesday, November 13
- Woodbridge, Woodbridge Pool/Memorial Arena..... Wednesday, November 14
- Richmond Hill, Bayview Hill Community Centre..... Thursday, November 15

All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

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