

## Bus lanes on Hwy. 404 in town transit plans

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Commuting Whitchurch-Stouffville residents would also benefit from traffic signal priority for transit, and reserved bus and high-occupancy vehicle lanes on Hwy. 404, according to Mr. May.

"It's a good start," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson. "We're hoping we can do it... There's a lot of work and a lot of issues that need to be addressed, from the environmental issues to road widening."

Whitchurch-Stouffville town staff is preparing a report on the plan to be presented at the next council meeting.

From there, staff comments — along with those from the other regional



WAYNE EMMERSON: Mayor says transit plan is a good start.

municipalities — will be incorporated into a final plan and presented to regional council for adoption in April or May.

## No 'Baloney' — 42nd Music Mania is near

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The end of April may still seem a far way off, but not for the Music Maniacs involved in "Our Baloney Has a First Name."

More than 120 Whitchurch-Stouffville residents have been planning and rehearsing since September for the 42nd edition of Music Mania, which features "comedy, music, singing and dancing," said publicity director Fenella Smith. That was all she would reveal of this year's program. Although its content is strictly hush-hush, the popular show will feature music by the chorus, soloists and instrumentalists, a variety of dance and

black light numbers, colourful costumes and comedy skits lambasting the hallowed institutions (and politicians) of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Uxbridge and other places.

Performances are on Thursday, April 25, Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27, at Stouffville District Secondary School starting at 8 p.m. A special preview of the show for local seniors will be held on Tuesday, April 23.

The Stouffville United Church's Couples + Club has been producing Music Mania, which originally started out as a minstrel show, for more than four decades and one member, Sharron Brazier, has been involved in the show almost from the beginning —

for 38 years.

This year's producer is Marg Butcher, Terri Bossi is the show's director, Sharon Baxter is music director and her husband David is heading the skits committee for the first time. Local piano teacher Pat Wild is replacing Jean Thomas, who played the piano for several years starting from 1988 and again from 1994. She began in the chorus in the early 1970s. "She will be missed," noted Mrs. Harvey, adding that Mrs. Thomas would have the music for new pieces down pat by the second time she played it.

Every year the Couples + Club donates some proceeds of the show to charitable organizations in town.

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