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More changes for Main Street west strip

Shoppers, Liquor Store eye 'former' mall

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
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Whitchurch-Stouffville's retail face continues to change in the new millennium.

Plans were announced this week for a Burger King restaurant in Ringwood, at the southeast corner of Hwy. 48 and Stouffville Road.

Other stores are changing places along the Main Street strip in west-end Stouffville.

The biggest benefactor is the Stouffville Place Mall, the home of the NoFrills grocery store, which will now be known as 5710 Main. In fact, Stouffville's only mall will no longer be a mall when renovations are complete.

Shoppers Drug Mart and tentatively the Liquor Store will move to the mall from the Stouffville Plaza, the former home of the A & P (New A & P and IGA grocery stores opened along the Main Street strip this year.)

Major renovation work is underway at the mall for the new stores.

The new Shoppers Drug Mart store is scheduled to open in late November, confirmed Robert Brown, managing partner of Taurus Canada Investments Corp. The York Mills company has owned the mall since 1994.

The 7,000-square-foot Liquor Store is expected to be open next to Shoppers in early 2003, said

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TWO-THIRDS OF YORK REGION PHYSICIANS TURNING PATIENTS AWAY

DOCTOR SHORTAGE COMING

BY LISA QUEEN
 Staff Writer

The doctor shortage in York Region is going to get worse before it gets better, warn health experts in the wake of the latest report about the decreased ranks of physicians across Canada.

"The next couple of years — three, four, five years — we will experience the worst of it," predict-

ed Markham Stouffville Hospital president Dr. Jim MacLean.

"Obviously, for York Region, the population growth, the aging population, the complexity of medical problems out there, the increased demand for medical care from the population, we need more docs to do that.

"I think York Region is particularly at risk over the next few years

because of the growth and the traditional underfunding and undercapacity in York Region."

Dr. Howard Seiden, a member of the Georgina Health Council, cautioned governments will prolong the doctor shortage and continue to operate an inefficient health system because apathetic Canadians refuse to aggressively lobby for the changes needed.

He blamed politicians for failing to act on studies that have recommended those changes.

For example, Dr. Seiden said governments continue to fund medically unnecessary services, such as providing mammograms to pre-menopausal women or cholesterol treatments for the very elderly because people demand them

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HOW THE 'WEST' WAS WON?

Daniel West of Glad Park Public School competes in the intermediate boys' high jump at the York Region Markham/Whitchurch-Stouffville area senior elementary school track and field meet at the Connell-Franklin Track at Stouffville District Secondary School on Tuesday. The regional finals go this week in Stouffville.

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