

Burger King hiring 45 for Stouffville restaurant

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Construction of Stouffville's 121-seat Burger King is underway.

Located on the south side of Main Street at Ringwood Drive, the fast food outlet, complete with a playground and a drive-through, will be open by Dec. 15,

said franchise owner Omar Ahmed.

"The large playground will certainly be a drawing card," said Mr. Ahmed. "Kids will love it and parents will appreciate our having a Burger King in Stouffville. As well, it will be a popular spot for birthday parties and other family celebrations."

Mr. Ahmed plans to hire 45 employees.

While the hours of operation at the new Burger King have not

been set, Mr. Ahmed does know he will keep the drive-through open until midnight or 1 a.m. on weekends.

The new Burger King is being built on a 2.2-acre lot at the southeast corner of Main Street and Ringwood Drive. Mr. Ahmed said he's been told he's getting a bank as a plaza neighbour very soon.

Ian MacLeod, vice president and co-owner of Hayes Lines Properties, represented the new

franchise at Whitchurch-Stouffville council last spring and was granted the go-ahead for Burger King. Meanwhile, a building permit was issued by town staff this month.

One of the stipulations made by council was to have the applicant pay \$50,000 towards the cost of traffic signals at the corner of Main and Ringwood.

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