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Shoeless Joe's, Country Style in plans for plaza

A donut shop and restaurant will join a department store on the old A&P plaza property on Stouffville's Main Street.

On Tuesday, Whitchurch-Stouffville council gave the green light to Michael Vong, owner of Carriving Investments Ltd., to carry on with his project, designed to accommodate Country Style Donuts, Shoeless Joe's Restaurant and a Giant Tiger department store. All three are slated to open this fall.

Shoeless Joe's and Country Style will be stand-alone buildings erected near Main Street in the plaza parking lot.

Two more businesses are expected to be added to the plaza, which will have 300 parking spots.

Giant Tiger will hire about 50 people.

"I'm especially excited about Giant Tiger," Mayor Wayne Emmerson told council. "The people of Whitchurch-Stouffville have been asking for such store for a very long time."

The plan, however, presents some concerns for area neighbors. West Lawn Crescent resident Jill McWinnie told council living beside a major grocery store was difficult for many years. She outlined a rash of problems including noise, foul odors from garbage and idling delivery trucks which parked in front of her house at all hours.

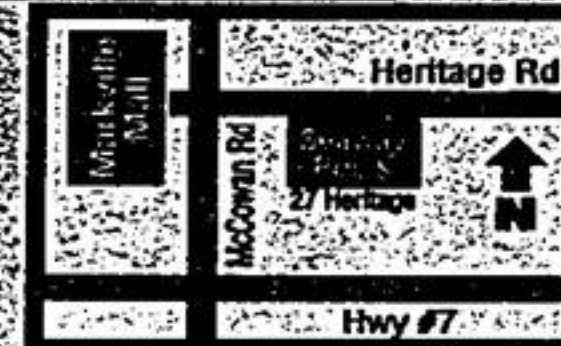
Neighbours were told improvements to garbage disposal, noise, lighting and truck parking will be made.

Meanwhile, Whitchurch-Stouffville's accessibility committee presented council with a list of questions on the plaza. Committee questions focused on ramps, parking spots and proper signage.

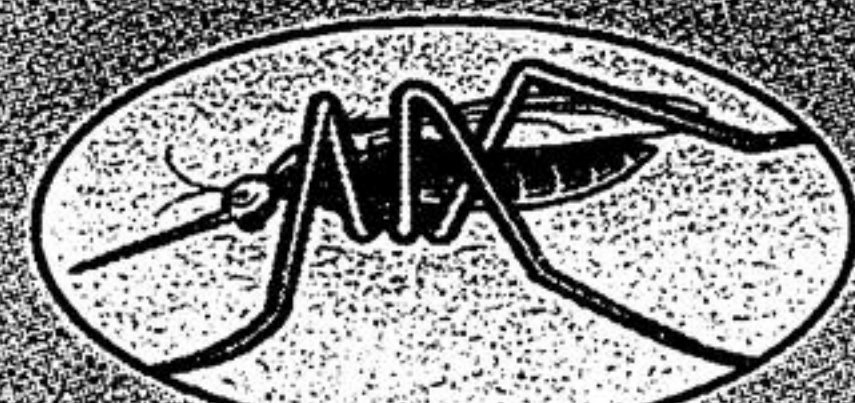
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