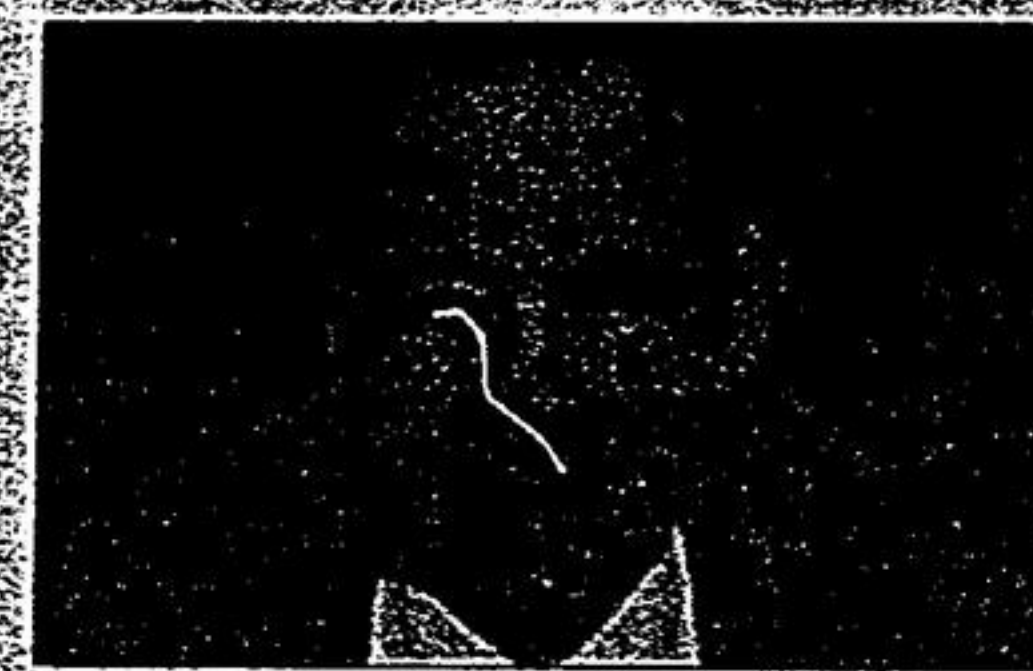


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## 2004: Year of the new home in Stouffville

BY JOAN RANSBERRY  
Staff Writer

Let the housing construction begin.

Now that 2004 is here, the first sign of change on Whitchurch-Stouffville's residential landscape is a few months away.

With six subdivisions on the planning table, ground readiness for the first phase, involving about 1,700 homes, is expected to begin in the spring.

Construction of the first houses could begin as early as September, according to Tom Parry, the town's director of development services.

But, first things first, Mr. Parry said.

### PIPE ARRIVES IN AUGUST

The new houses can't be built until the Big Pipe sewer extension project comes to Whitchurch-Stouffville. The \$17.9-million project is expected to reach its destination by August.

"We'll see housing starts in September, depending on the sewer project," Mr. Parry said. Among the developments in the works:

- Mattamy Developments Inc. plans to build a 784-home subdivision on 222 acres with access from the Ninth Line, Weldon Road and Hwy. 48. The first phase is 439 houses.

- Madori Ltd. plans to build 324 single-family homes on 56 acres on Concession 8, with access from Ninth Line, Glad Park Avenue, West Lawn Crescent and Winlane Drive. The first phase is 150 houses.

- Frank and Aurora Mauro are planning 266 homes on 47 acres with access from the Ninth Line and

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## Benefit battle

Stouffville Spirit forward Jake Van Allen (left) fends off Stouffville Amateur Hockey League All-Star Kevin McGuckin during benefit game at Stouffville Arena Monday. About 600 people attended the fundraiser for Luke Anderson and Janis Lovett, raising more than \$5,000. See additional photograph on page 3.

## FORMER EMPLOYEE ALLEGES VIOLATIONS

# Sewage disposal methods questioned

BY JEFF MITCHELL  
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Questionable practices at York Region sewage treatment plants — including dumping of raw sewage and burial of material from an effluent filter — are being condoned by the regional administration, a former York Region employee said.

Stephen Young, who worked for the region as a sewage plant operator from July 2002 until last September, said in an exclusive interview the concerns he identified are indicative of systemic problems that could put the environment at risk.

Three York Region plants — including one in Stouffville Memorial Park — failed their latest inspections, the Sun-Tribune reported Friday.

Last August, Mr. Young said he took some of his concerns to Debbie Korolnek, director of the region's water and wastewater department, in a one-on-one meeting.

Mr. Young's concerns sparked a three-week investigation that uncovered no environmental damage or cause for discipline, York Region spokesperson Pat Casey said.

"At no time were York Region's operations in non-compliance with the Ministry of Environment," Mr. Casey said.

Mr. Young, who said he didn't know about the probe, argued his concerns were not taken seriously by the region. He said he resigned from his job with the region last fall when that became apparent to him.

"I tried to do the right thing and the only one who suffered for it was me," he said.

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