

A sign on Hwy. 48 south of Ringwood promotes the sale of industrial lots. Mayor Sue Sherban wants stores developed on Main Street, not the highway.



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Business groups give developer advice

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Wal-Mart come to Stouffville. To show it has interest in the municipality, Wal-Mart has sent council a "letter of interest," Kevin Groh, Wal-Mart's manager of communications said.

Payless Shoes Source, Marks Work Wearhouse, a restaurant, service station and business and professional offices are listed in the plans.

Meanwhile, Canadian Tire has issued a letter of intent to move from Main Street to the development, Geranium Corp. spokesperson Jim Maclean said.

While there has not been a similar letter issued by the A&P, "negotiations are going on with the A&P," Mr. Maclean

said earlier.

As it stands, Mrs. Sherban said she has had serious reservations about the proposal from a planning perspective, especially its impact on Main Street.

"Main Street is very important," Mrs. Sherban said. "I have had reservations about a regional (style) centre being built on Hwy. 48."

Mr. Maclean said his company is very interested in working with the residents, the business community and council.

Earlier this month, Geranium Corp. met with officials of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce and the downtown Stouffville Business Improvement Area and discussed the proposed development.

"The meetings went very

well," Mr. Maclean said. "We're waiting to get feedback from the chamber and from the BIA and from the town."

Chamber executive members are developing an official response to Geranium's proposal.

The response should be completed in a day or two and will be sent to the town with a copy going to Geranium, chamber chairperson Garth Bell said.

"In general, the chamber supports any new business that comes to town," he said. "We support anything that's going to better other businesses."

The chamber does not, however, comment on business locations, Mr. Bell said. "We're not involved in location," he said. "That's irrelevant to us."

Groups need volunteers

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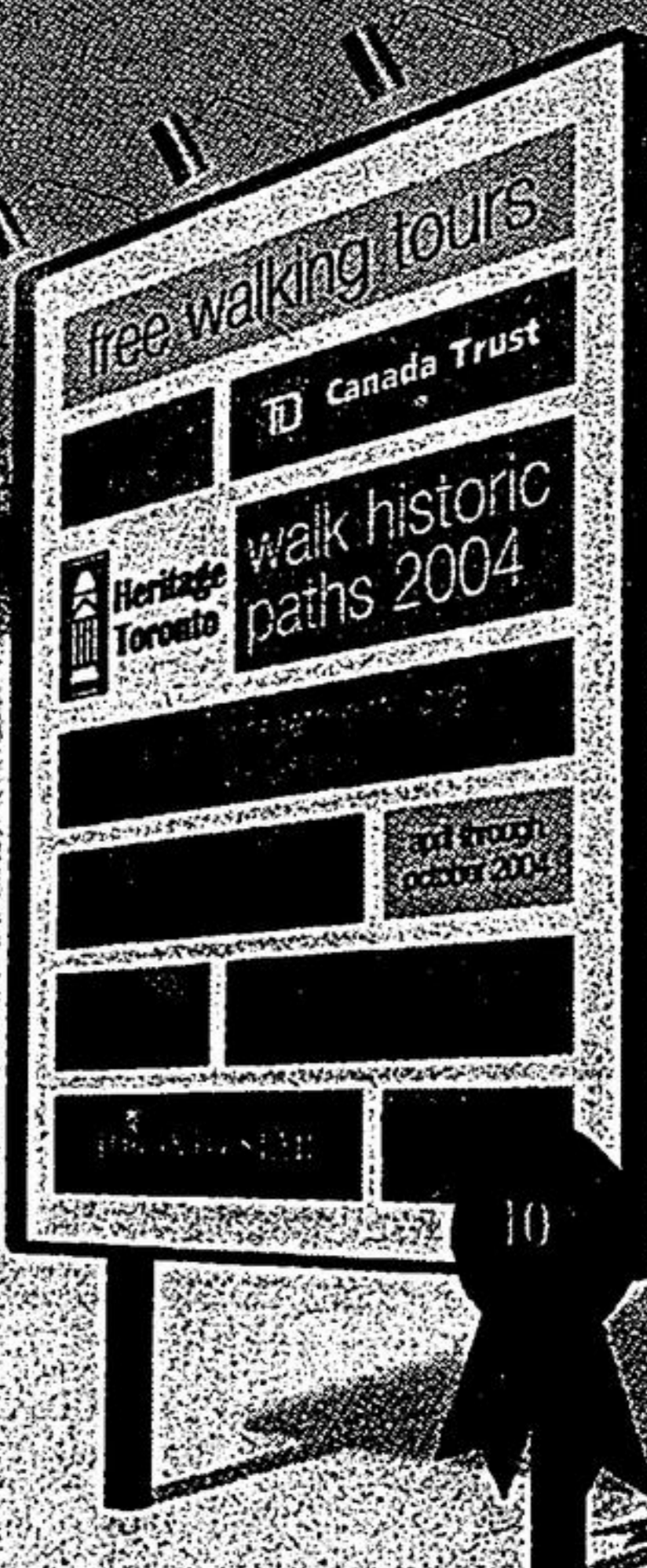
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