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Country market staying put, for now

Community landmark will relocate: owner

BY HANNELORE VOLPE
 Staff Writer

The Stouffville Country Market won't be closing after all. It's been in the east end of town for 52 years.

A lease has been extended after weeks of negotiations with Hillmount Properties Ltd., which owns the 19-acre site, said Gary Rouse, Stouffville Market manager.

The market had originally been slated to close at the beginning of next year. However, the developer decided to extend the lease until it receives building permits for the property.

When construction starts in about two or three years, the market will be re-relocated within Whitchurch-Stouffville, Mr. Rouse said.

The market's owner and Whitchurch-Stouffville planning staff are searching for a new location.

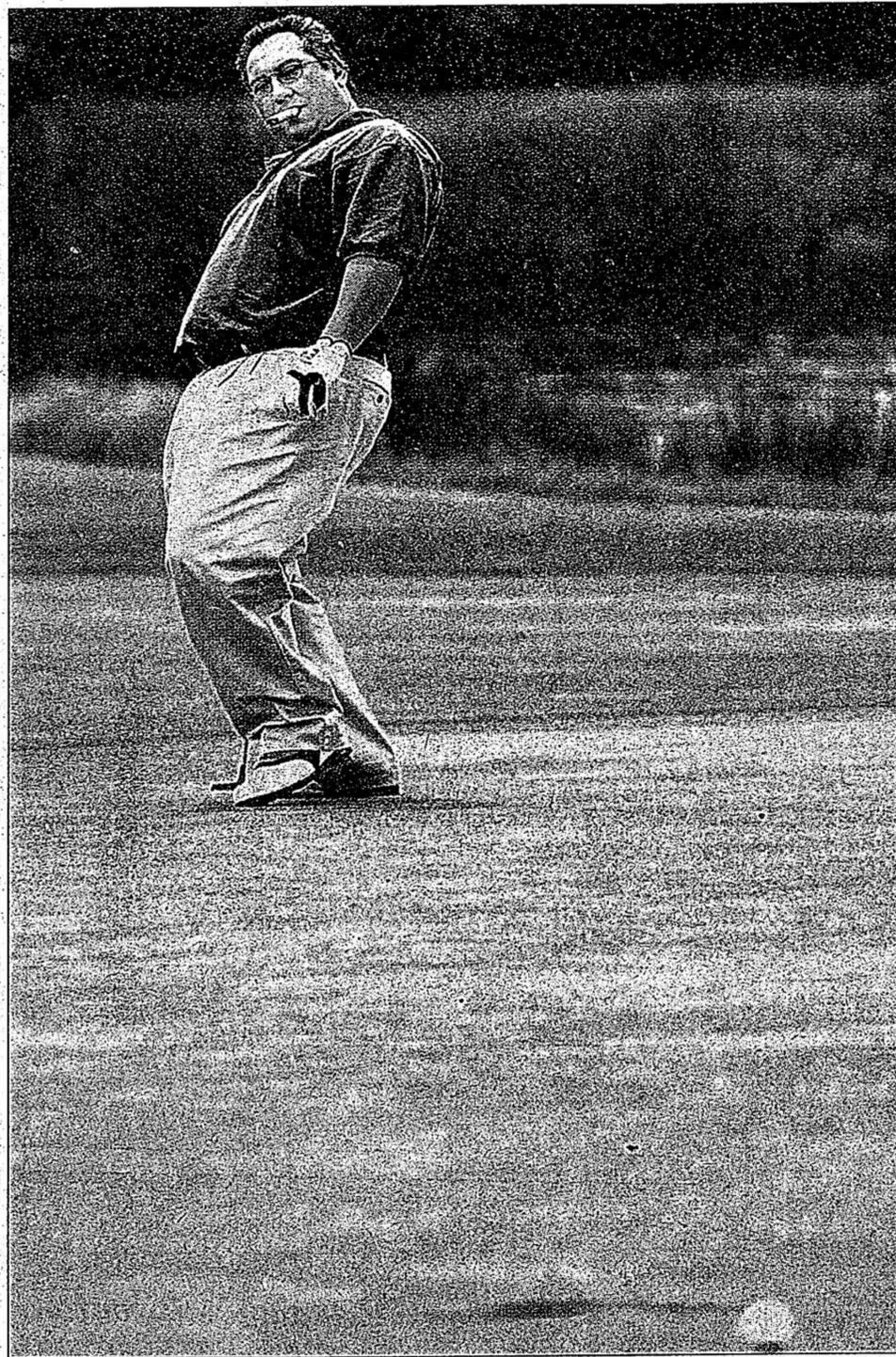
"They are going to see if they can find something within the town boundaries that is both feasible and accessible," Mayor Sue Sherban said.

There are no other retail or commercial projects in the works for the east end of town, she added.

The vendors were told the news on the weekend and "everyone's pretty excited here",

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CLOSE BUT NO CIGAR



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Luciano Perricciolo misses a close putt on the 18th hole in the Mayor's Golf Challenge at the Maples of Ballantrae Golf Club Wednesday. Hosted by Mayor Sue Sherban, the second annual tournament raised money for the mayor's foundation and Parkview Home. The tourney, which attracted 162 golfers, was also played at the Ballantrae Golf and Country Club.

Duck company charged over spill

Millions in fines if convicted for spring sewage leak

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Writer

A Whitchurch-Stouffville family business is facing a maximum \$16 million in fines following the mid-April spill of 5.4 million gallons of partially treated sewage into Bogart Creek.

King Cole Ducks Ltd. and King Cole Holdings Ltd. have been charged with five violations under the Environmental Protection Act and the Ontario Water Resources Act.

The charges include discharging a contaminant into the natural environment, "namely partially treated sewage", said John Steele, spokesperson for the Ministry of the Environment.

The company was also charged with failing to notify the ministry of a spill. The first appearance in a Richmond Hill court is slated for Aug. 8.

The maximum fine for King Cole Ducks Ltd. is \$10 million and the maximum fine for King Cole Holdings is \$6 million, Mr. Steele said.

Hawking Court resident Grant Purdy applauds the ministry for laying the charges.

"I am edified that this is going to the courts," Mr. Purdy said. "I will be interested to see how it unfolds."

Mr. Purdy is especially concerned about lagoon systems.

"This is on the Oak Ridges Moraine," Mr. Purdy pointed out. "Are the federal and provincial regulations strict enough with regards to lagoon systems, protecting watersheds and eco-systems? Also how are the

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