

# Comedy, food contests returning for festival

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Fresh strawberries, entertainment, crafts, food and the joys of a dipped ice cream cone on a hot Saturday afternoon are all part of this summer's Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival.

The festival runs from June 28 until July 3. It has been around for 22 years and attracts about 30,000 visitors.

Planning for this year's event began right after last year's ended, festival chairperson Holly Reynolds said.

The festival kicks off with music night at St. James Presbyterian Church June 28.

A lot of the old favourites are returning. The Stouffville Lions roast beef barbecue June 29, Yuk Yuk's comedy show on Friday night and entertainment in the marquee tent.

Contests are a perennial favourite at the festival including a baby contest, pet contest, pie and jam judging and bicycle decorating for the youngsters.

After they've had their bikes judged, the children can join the festival parade Saturday morning.

"These are the things that have made it a family festival and will continue to do so," Ms Reynolds said.

July 1 fireworks will be the same format as last year, still spectacular even though they're lower to the ground

because of encroaching new homes. They will be held in the vicinity of the outdoor pool.

Also that day, downtown Main Street will be closed to vehicles, allowing pedestrians to take over. Craft and food vendors will line both sides of the street.

The Sun-Tribune citizen of the year and sports person of the year awards will be presented during the festival.

Every year there are new attractions for visitors.

Organizers are continuing to increase the festival's profile by having information on the event included in York Region and Ontario tourist guides.

The festival's website has been upgraded and has information and downloadable application forms for food and craft vendors.

Application forms for the baby and pet contests, the pie and jam judging and others will be on the site soon. Information on sponsorship opportunities is posted on [www.strawberryfestival.ca](http://www.strawberryfestival.ca).

"We are always looking for more volunteers, especially on the days of the festival," noted Ms Reynolds, who is in her third year with the festival and her first as chairperson.

The festival continues to have no admission fee, except for a few of the ticketed shows, and no charge for parking.

## Notice of Public Meeting

Tuesday May 23, 2006 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor

Application to Amend Zoning By-law 87-34, Greenpark Homes Stage 1 & 2 of Lebovic Enterprises Ltd. Plan of Subdivision Part of Lots 32, 33 & 34, Concession 9 (M) Community of Stouffville File No. ZBA06.003

### NOTICE OF MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will hold a Public Meeting on Tuesday May 23rd, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Town Municipal Offices, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, under the authority of Section 34 of the Planning Act to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

### PURPOSE & EFFECT

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to solicit comments on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment from interested members of the public and government agencies.

The proposed Amendment contains the following elements:

- Add a new regulation to the residential zone classifications that will allow for a 6 metre rear yard setback on lots that have a minimum frontage of 12 metres and where the proposed dwelling has a maximum height of 7.5 metres;
- Add a new zone regulation to permit an exterior side yard setback of 3.5 metres;
- Revise various residential zone classifications on Lots / Blocks within the plan of subdivision to implement red-line revisions to the draft plan of subdivision.

### RELATED APPLICATION

Plan of Subdivision File No. 19T(W)-98006 affects the Stage 2 lands. This portion of the subdivision presently has been granted Draft Approval.

### REPRESENTATION

Any person may attend the Public Meeting and make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law

Amendment. If you are unable to attend, written submissions will be received up to the time of the meeting. Written submissions should be addressed to the Town Clerk, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7X5.

### NOTICE OF DECISION

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

### APPEAL

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

### LOCATION

The general location of the lands affected by the proposed Amendment are illustrated on the map below.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information on the proposed Zoning By-law is available for inspection at the Development Services Dept., Town Municipal Offices, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, Stouffville, during regular business hours. If you have any questions, please contact the Development Services Dept., Telephone Nos. (905) 640-1900 or 895-2423.

Dated at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 29th of April, 2006

Michele Kennedy, Clerk

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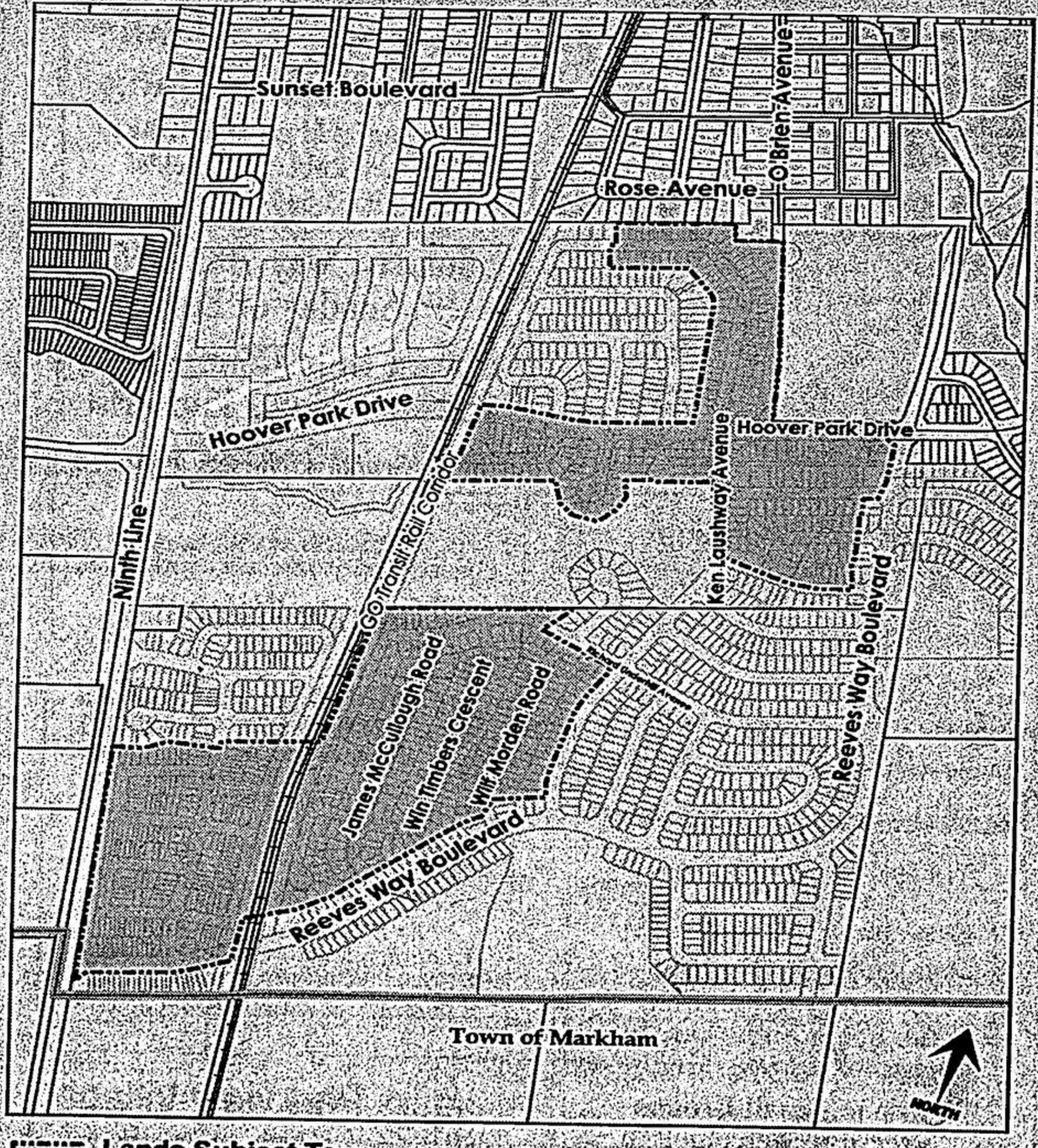
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