

Pharmacist honoured

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Stouffville resident Farid Wassef is the country's top pharmacist.

The Canadian Pharmacists Association chose Mr. Wassef for the 2006 pharmacist of the year award at its annual national conference in Edmonton.

The award is given to a member who exemplifies how a pharmacist's expanded role can help the health care system.

Mr. Wassef has owned a pharmacy in Stouffville for 17 years.

Earlier this year, he gave up his practice at Houston's Pharmacy and amalgamated with the IDA Pharmacy and its pharmacist, Rob Croxall, also on Stouffville's Main Street.

They offer traditional and alternate approaches to health care, including counselling by Mr. Wassef.

In 1992, Mr. Wassef became concerned he could not meet the needs of patients during a short consultation from the dispensa-

ry counter, especially those with chronic illnesses or taking multiple medications.

So he built a private counselling office in the pharmacy and began offering patients one-on-one, fee-for-service consultations to educate them about their condition and offer alternate therapies.

His practice has grown from two or three patients a week to 25. Some patients have driven up to six hours to meet with him.

"With the current demands placed on our health care system, I and many others in our profession have recognized this as a tremendous opportunity to develop these services," Mr. Wassef said.

Mr. Wassef is a certified clinical nutritionist and has studied chronic inflammatory disorders and age-related diseases.

He has lectured to health care professionals and the public and published numerous articles.

He co-authored the book *Breaking the Age Barrier* and has made numerous television appearances.

Garbage changes late next year

The first steps were taken Tuesday night for a new garbage and recycling program to start in Whitchurch-Stouffville late in 2007.

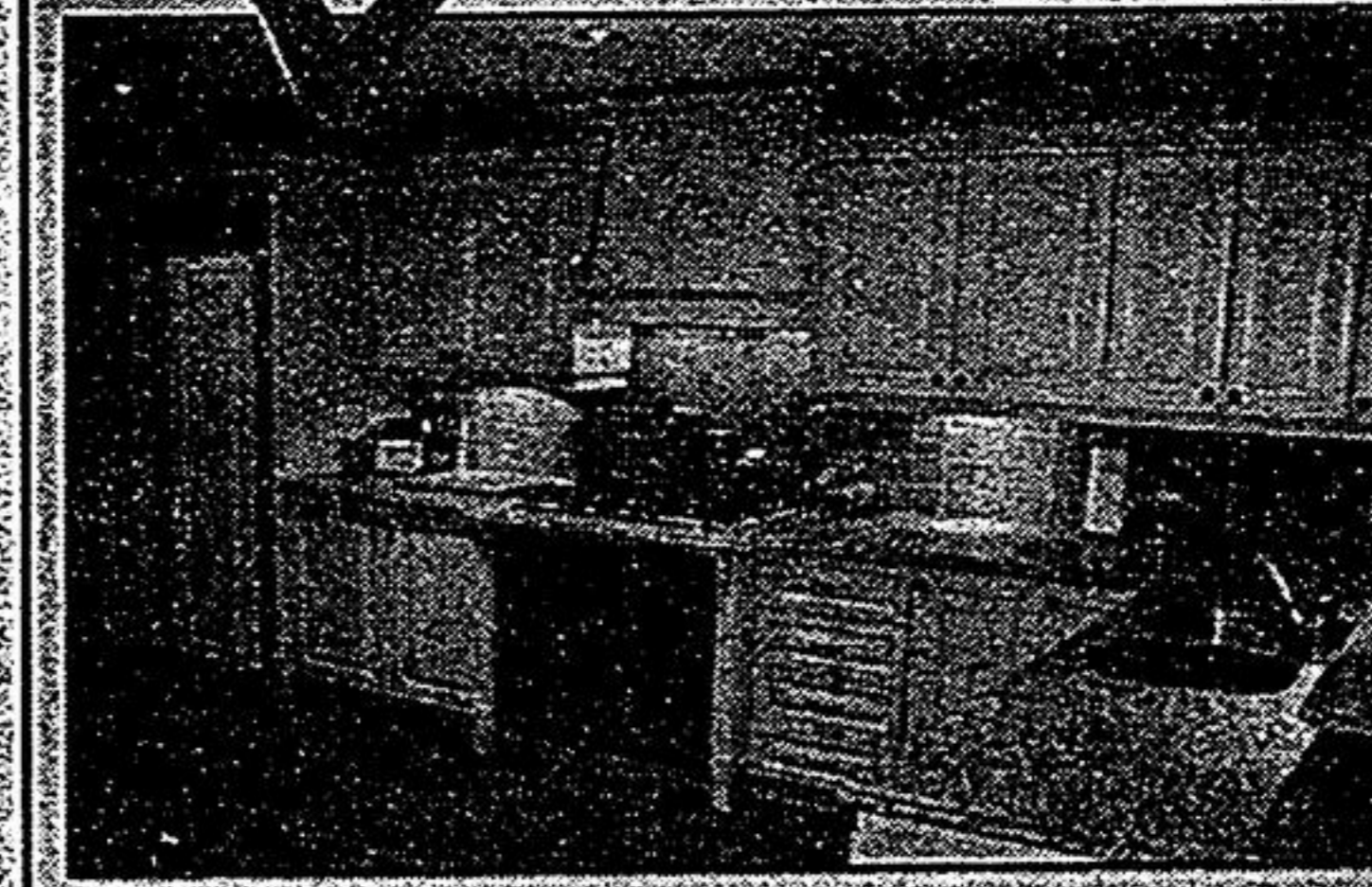
Once the program is up and running, you'll have to deal with a new bin — for organics or compostables.

Blue box collection would be upped to a weekly from every other week while garbage pickup would go to every two weeks from weekly. Large article pick-up would be increased from once a month to two times.

The six northern municipalities of York Region are involved in the program.

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