

### Terry Fox weekend in Stouffville

There's still time to take part in Stouffville's 25th anniversary Terry Fox Run Sunday. The event starts from the Stouffville Arena and runs from 1 to 4 p.m. More than 1,000 participants

in 2005 raised more than \$100,000. Registration gets under way at 12 noon with the official start at 1 p.m. You can collect pledges or make a donation. Pledge sheets are available online at Schell Lumber, Stouffville Arena, Curves, Lebovic Centre and the

WS Library. The Stouffville Spirit Jr. A Hockey Club will hold its fifth annual car wash in support of the run Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Houston Ford.

For more information on the run, call 905-640-4705 or go online to [www.terry-foxrun.org](http://www.terry-foxrun.org)

# Seniors, visually impaired get help at intersections

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If you're walking around downtown Stouffville and hear chirping later this year, it may not be the birds.

The sound might well be coming from the two new audible traffic signals designed to make life easier for the visually impaired and seniors.

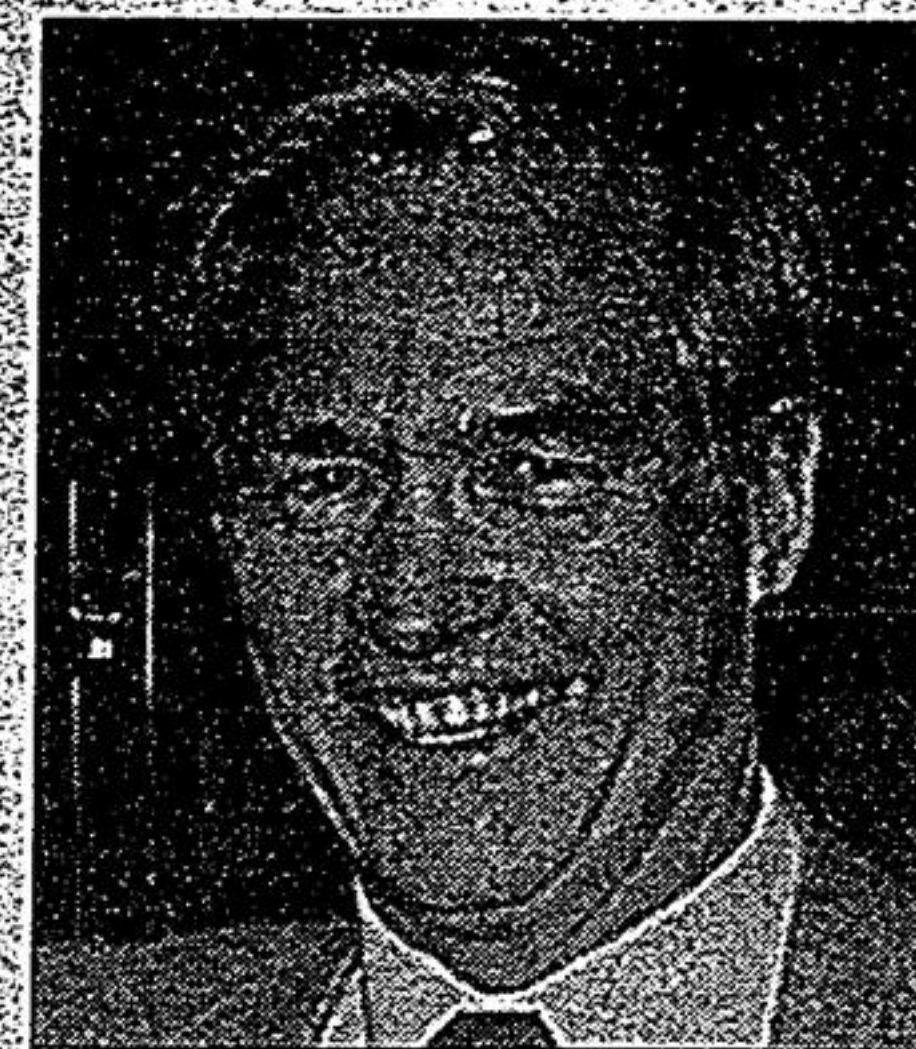
Two intersections will receive the audible pedestrian signals by the end of the year. They're at Main Street and Weldon Road/Westlawn Crescent near the new Parkview Home and Parkview Village and at Main Street and Market/Mill streets near the Silver Jubilee Seniors Club.

The signals will help seniors travelling around by scooter, Wilf Morley, past chairperson of the accessibility committee, said, and for the visually and hearing impaired.

He was frustrated. Whitchurch-Stouffville is the last municipality in York Region to have such signals installed, he said.

A third intersection, at Main Street and Park Drive, should have the audible signals early in the new year. During a traffic light's walk sequence, the audible signals produce a 'cuckoo' sound for those crossing a north/south intersection and a 'chirp' for intersections going east and west. They're activated when you press the pedestrian button for three seconds or more.

A pedestrian countdown signal display, which shows how many seconds are left before a traffic light changes from green to red, is being added at the



WILF MORLEY: Past chairperson of accessibility committee frustrated town is last in York to get signals.

same time. The cost to convert each intersection's signals is around \$22,000.

Crossing an intersection can be daunting for the elderly. Some get only half-way across the intersection when they notice the flashing hand signal telling them the light is about to turn red and they try to turn back.

The town's accessibility committee requested the special signals in its presentation to council in June and councillors last week voted to go ahead with the project. The town received requests for the signals from both the accessibility committee and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. About 80 people in Stouffville are categorized as 'legally blind.'

The accessibility committee has been working for about four years on having these signals installed.

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**Refer to the Community Calendar for our list of events.**

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