

# York Region resident hopes to hoop it up in the Big Apple

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They say blood is thicker than water.

In Glen Grunwald's case, it might be appropriate to say the association he developed with Isiah Thomas during their collegiate basketball days and with the Toronto Raptors was far greater than his time heading the Toronto Board of Trade.

After pondering an offer he received a couple of weeks ago from Thomas, general manager of the New York Knicks, the 47-year-old

Whitchurch-Stouffville resident tendered his resignation today to accept a front office position with the struggling NBA club.

"I'll be assisting Isiah (Thomas) and I'll be involved in a lot of different things. My role will evolve over the course of the year," Grunwald said.

A former front office executive with the Denver Nuggets and Raptors, for which he served as general manager before joining the board of trade in January, 2005, Grunwald acknowl-

edged the decision to leave his current post was difficult.

But he said basketball remains in his blood.

"I love this city, I love this job and the Toronto Board of Trade is involved in great work, but I could not turn down this offer to rejoin my old friend, Isiah Thomas, and the sport that I love," he said.

"Basketball is a great sport and I had to take a chance to get back in the NBA."

While Grunwald will be work in the Big Apple, he

intends to shuttle to and from his temporary New York residence to his Whitchurch-Stouffville home as often as possible.

His wife, Heather, is currently attending law school at York University's Osgoode Hall while son Gabe is a goaltender with the Stouffville Clippers minor bantam team.

The former Markham and Aurora resident also revealed he has some personal projects he's actively involved

with in the Greater Toronto Area.

"I'm not going to be cutting my ties here," he said.

## Crushers record first win at expense of Spirit

What's wrong with the Stouffville Spirit?

The defending Provincial Jr. A Hockey League North Conference and North-West champions fell to 3-3-0-1 after a 3-2 loss to the Orangeville Crushers (1-5-0-0) at the Stouffville Arena Thursday.

Orangeville, formerly of the Midwestern Jr. B loop, opened up a 3-0 second period lead and held on for a 3-2 win, their first of the season.

Rookies Greg Oliver and

Corey Trevino had the Spirit goals, both in the third period.

The Spirit outshot Orangeville 37-21.

Trevino, who scored on a pretty wraparound, was named Farmer Jack's player of the game.

The Spirit, which played at Collingwood last night, hosts the Toronto Jr. Canadiens (formerly the Wexford Raiders) Thursday.

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