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Mike Bullard back on air and in town

Satellite show host at hockey fundraiser

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Mike Bullard breaks up the interview to laugh heartily as he recalls his last visit to Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"Got pulled over for speeding," says the comic, who appears at a hockey fundraiser in Ballantrae Saturday.

But it was still all good. He was hosting his late-night talk show, Open Mike With Mike Bullard, on CTV back then.

He was riding with Orin Isaacs, his band leader on the show, and a friend to a golf tournament at Sleepy Hollow Golf and Country Club when the encounter with one of areas finest occurred.

"I was in the back seat by myself," he said. "So I pretended I had been handcuffed behind my back and I was being kidnapped by these two big black guys in the front. Then, the officer recognized me. He started laughing so hard."

The constable enjoyed the gag so much, apparently, he didn't ticket the jokers for ignoring the speed limit.

The show ended after seven years, a Canadian TV record for the genre.

"Some say it will stand forever," Mr. Bullard said. "A lot of mostly fond memories."

He jumped the show to Global in 2003, where it was canned the following year due to low ratings.

Mr. Bullard's back on the air these days, albeit on satellite radio. He hosted the morning show, Mike Bullard Uncensored, on XM's Laugh Attack channel (XM 153) for six weeks.

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HAVE YOU BEEN NAUGHTY OR NICE, WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE?



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Santa Claus was touring Main Street this week, checking out the route for his Stouffville Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade. The parade begins Saturday at 2 p.m. For more parade information, see the story on page 3.

CANADIAN TIRE, MARK'S WORK WEARHOUSE, NEW INTERSECTION AND BRIDGE COMING

More stores at Wal-Mart plaza

BY JIM MASON
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The early returns are positive at Stouffville's Wal-Mart super centre.

And the mega store is about to get some company.

Signs promoting the construction of Canadian Tire and Mark's Work Wearhouse stores are up at Stouffville's first power centre site,

on Hwy. 48 south of Stouffville Road. No dates have been announced.

The Canadian Tire store will be built between Wal-Mart and the highway.

There is room for 15 to 20 stores covering 470,000 square feet of retail space on the site.

Wal-Mart officials, who opened the first of their newly built gro-

cery/departments stores in Stouffville Nov. 8, are impressed with traffic.

"They're happy," Josh Kaufman of property developer Smart Centres said.

"They could use more parking; the lot was filled Monday morning. But the performance is great. They're beating expectations and

they're delighted."

Construction of the Hoover Park Drive/Hwy. 48 intersection has been approved by the province and should be complete next month or early in the new year, he said.

The bridge on Hoover Park between the Ninth Line and Hwy. 48 will be finished next month, he said.

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