

# Half of Stouffville high school students now picking trades

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About a quarter of the job seekers coming to the centre are 40-plus, Ms. Cashin said,

and many are looking for management and supervisory positions. A number of people have formed a job-finding club at the centre, meeting

weekly to exchange job-hunting information and receive advice from the centre's resource specialist, Jason Glavin. The centre offers workshops, including resume writing and what to do during an interview, and directs clients to job postings, including those on job-search websites. People finding jobs through the employment centre have a more than 80 per cent job retention rate, Ms. Cashin said.

### NEWCOMERS LOOK HERE

Families moving in to Stouffville are looking closer to home for a new job, she said. Instead of searching in downtown Toronto, they want to work either in the municipality, elsewhere in York Region or northern Toronto.

When it comes to a company such as Wal-Mart, people are taking jobs there, Ms. Cashin said, even if they may be lower-paying. The company, however, offers benefits, and that's something more

small businesses should be considering, she said.

The aim of the employment centre is to have the number of jobs offered and the number of job seekers "in sync", Ms. Cashin said.

Jobs in the trades will increase even after the homes are completed. People will want decks, recreation rooms in their basements and other improvements, Wally Currie, head of technological studies at Stouffville District Secondary School, said. There are about 140 apprenticeable trades, which now enjoy better pay, more job security and are more highly-regarded than in the past.

About 50 per cent of Stouffville District Secondary School students are choosing to try a trade, Scott Croucher, the school's head of community-based education, said.

Most businesses in Whitchurch-Stouffville are small firms, but larger companies are coming in increasing

numbers.

The value of non-residential building permits issued in 2005 in Whitchurch-Stouffville was up 2,027.1 per cent over 2004 levels. By the end of 2005, about \$40.8 million in permits was issued compared to \$1.9 million in 2004. Particularly strong growth was seen in the industrial and commercial sectors.

Projects include No Frills and Anderson Haulage, which will be expanding in new locations. Christ Church Anglican completed a substantial addition more than a year ago, while Springvale Baptist Church's addition and the Crossroads Restaurant are nearing completion.

Larkin Equipment added two new buildings, including a car dealership, and the new Parkview Home opened last year.

More inquiries from potential commercial and industrial clients are coming in, Dave Cash, the town's CAO said, because "whenever a community is growing, commercial and retail want to come because the market is growing."

Many are looking at the industrial lands near the Hwy. 48 regional shopping centre.

More retail and commercial operations, including in Stouffville's downtown area, mean more people will shop closer to home.

"We have a really booming retail area," Mr. Cash said. "Instead of people having to travel outside of the community, they will be able to get more locally."

### LAND SHORTAGE

Overall, there's a shortage of employment lands in York Region, Mr. Cash said, and businesses in other municipalities are looking to Whitchurch-Stouffville for possible expansion.

Hooking up to the York Durham Sewer Truck System allowed not only for more residential development in the municipality, but for development of industrial lands.

Residential growth coming in faster than expected could mean some schools might be built sooner than originally planned, Mr. Cash said.

Log on to [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca) for more information on projected employment trends throughout York Region. The town's website is at [www.townofws.com](http://www.townofws.com). The YMCA Stouffville Employment Resource Centre can be reached at 905-640-2856.

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Aurora H.S.	155 Wellington St. W., Aurora 6:15 - French Immersion & Special Education 7:00 p.m. General Information	Feb. 13, 2007
Bayview S.S.	10077 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill	Feb. 15, 2007
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Dr. G.W. Williams S.S.	39 Dunning Ave., Aurora	Feb. 8, 2007
Dr. J.M. Denison S.S.	135 Bristol Rd., Newmarket (7:30 p.m.)	Feb. 7, 2007
Emily Carr S.S.	4901 Rutherford Rd., Woodbridge	Feb. 15, 2007
Huron Heights S.S.	40 Huron Heights Dr., Newmarket	Jan. 17, 2007
Keswick H.S.	100 Biscayne Blvd., Keswick (6:30 p.m.)	Feb. 8, 2007
King City S.S.	2001 King Rd., King City	Jan. 18, 2007
Langstaff S.S.	106 Garden Ave., Richmond Hill	Feb. 22, 2007
Maple H.S.	50 Springside Rd., Maple	Jan. 17, 2007
Markham D.H.S.	89 Church St., Markham	Feb. 8, 2007
Markville S.S.	1000 Carlton Rd., Markham	Feb. 8, 2007
Middlefield C.I.	525 Highglan Ave., Markham	Feb. 12/13, 2007
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Newmarket H.S.	505 Pickering Cres., Newmarket	Feb. 7, 2007
Pierre Elliott Trudeau H.S.	90 Bur Oak Ave., Markham	Feb. 1, 2007
Richmond Green H.S.	1 William F. Bell Parkway, Richmond Hill	Feb. 8, 2007
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Stephen Lewis S.S.	555 Autumn Hill Blvd., Thornhill	Feb. 14, 2007
Stouffville D.S.S.	183 Bramble Cres., Stouffville (6:30 p.m.)	Feb. 15, 2007
Thornhill S.S.	167 Dudley Ave., Thornhill	Feb. 15, 2007
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## Total Joint Assessment Centre:

### A Partnership to Reduce Wait Times for Patients in Need of Total Hip or Knee Replacement

The Total Joint Assessment Centre is a hospital partnership developed to shorten wait times for total hip and knee replacement surgery by providing patients with an early consultation and a choice of surgical date options. Referrals to the Centre must be made by a physician or a family doctor. Care at the Centre is provided by an interdisciplinary team specializing in musculoskeletal health.

The Total Joint Assessment Centre, located at North York General Hospital's Branson Site, strives to schedule the earliest possible date for those needing surgery - within 26 weeks of their referral to the Centre. This period is consistent with the provincial access targets established by the Ontario government in December 2005 as well as pan-Canadian benchmarks. Expert and timely care can limit the progression and complications of osteoarthritis, and the resulting affects that may have on a person's overall health and quality of life.

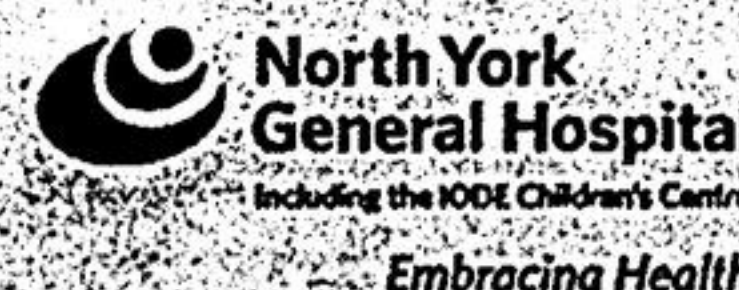
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The Total Joint Assessment Centre (TJAC) is an innovative project between Markham Stouffville Hospital, York Central Hospital and North York General Hospital. For more information on the TJAC, please visit the websites of any of the TJAC partners or call the Total Joint Assessment Centre at 416-635-2415.

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