



The sign says it all at Stouffville Country Market. Scheduled to close at the end of this year, the Tenth Line landmark will remain open for three years.

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### Hockey program offered in noon hour

A Stick 'n' Puck program is being offered Wednesdays until April 4 by the town's department of community and leisure services.

Come to the Stouffville Arena on Ninth Line north of Main Street from noon to 1 p.m. Players must be 14 years or older.

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# Market 'wave of future': councillor

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happy the market is staying

"It's great news for Stouffville and for local farmers," Councillor Susanne Hilton said, calling farmers markets "a wave of the future."

People moving into the community are used to having farmers markets in their area, she said, so there is likely to be a growing demand for such a market.

The importance of having more local produce sold locally was highlighted several times in the past year when contaminated produce from the United States, such as spinach and lettuce, was distributed in Canada. The live poultry sold at the market is also a large attraction, Mrs. Hilton said.

In addition, the market is a form of "branding" for Whitchurch-Stouffville and is included in many tourism brochures.

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Keeping the market in town is a positive move according to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce.

"It's great they are staying there for another three years," Helene Johnson, the chamber's president and CEO said. "It is a meeting place and it has been for many years."

As well as local residents, market customers include visitors as far away as Mississauga, Niagara Falls and Scarborough.

The market covers about 12 acres, which includes the parking area. The market is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, check out the market's website at [stouffvillemarket.com](http://stouffvillemarket.com)

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