

# Seniors building could open in fall of 2008

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A 90-unit seniors' retirement residence could open its doors on Freel Lane in downtown Stouffville in the fall of 2008, if all goes according to plan.

Stouffville Creek Retirement Residence will be a full-service retirement residence, Karen Kotanko, sales and marketing consultant for Diversicare Canada Management Services Co. Inc., said.

The residence, to be located northeast of the Stouffville Train Station, would offer meals, activities, laundry and housekeeping services and have registered staff in attendance to provide nursing assistance.

Although plans aren't firmed up, there could be a bistro area for residents and guests, a private dining room and an activities room, among other amenities.

There will be parking for 90 cars on the site, Tom Parry, the town's director of development services, said. The 1.6-acre property stretches from the end of Freel Lane north of Main Street adjacent to Stouffville Creek in downtown Stouffville.

The company is hoping that construction can start this summer.

Diversicare currently has 10 long-term care facilities and 24 retirement residences in Ontario. They usually offer small studios, one-bedroom suites or two-bedroom apartments in the retirement residences.

Local developer Gino Testa tried unsuccessfully to have a seniors' residence built on the site about a decade ago.

Before Diversicare can proceed, it had to obtain a clean fill permit from the town of Whitchurch-

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### FREEL LANE FACTS:

- 90-unit seniors retirement centre
- could open as early as fall of 2008
- location, near Stouffville GO station, is former Stouffville machine shop property. Fill to be removed from site
- will have parking for 90 vehicles and possible activities room and private dining room

Stouffville:

At Tuesday's council meeting, the company was granted permission to remove 4,000 cubic meters of fill from the 40 Freel Lane property. Because the site was used as a machine and tool shop in the past, Ministry of the Environment regulations have to be followed before the land can be turned over for residential use.

There are bricks, concrete, asphalt and some contaminants in some of the lower fill layers. Some of the soil may have to be disposed of off-site, but only a small percentage is expected to require disposal at a licensed landfill.

The site is east of the Stouffville Train Station parking lot.

To minimize inconvenience to commuters and accommodate the GO trains schedule, trucks and other vehicles will enter and leave the site between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Hours of operation on Saturdays will be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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The staff of Headlines

Salon and Spa of Stouffville and owners of two other salons volunteered their time for the day-long event, which attracted more than 125 people.

Mayor Wayne Emerson was one of the featured celebrities.

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