

# Swimming, seniors activities, flea market big with newcomers

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frequently-asked questions and other information. The town also offers new residents pamphlets and resources in a reusable canvas bag.

Plans are underway to have information kiosks at busy locations such as the leisure centre, arena and town offices. The town continues to review how it can improve its customer service and assess what the new residents' needs are.

After less than a year here, Mr. Somasundaram says, "I like it very much here."

However, he's disappointed the Stouffville Country Market is slated to close in three years.

When he first wanted to sign up his daughter for swim lessons, Mr. Somasundaram found the class filled. Leisure swims were free of charge in his old neighbourhood and that's something he'd like to see in Stouffville, as well.

Mr. Somasundaram found soccer times offered here didn't mesh well with the family's schedule and will probably be looking to Markham as a place for Kershanth to play.

The Whitchurch-Stouf-



Dave Somasundaram and children Kershanth, 13, and Mathusha, 5, on the porch of their home in a new subdivision in Stouffville. They've been busy researching their new home town.

ville Soccer Club has seen a large increase in the number of younger children who want to play and will be adding two new teams this spring. Victor Szabo, the club's head coach said.

The club has launched its "Growing with Stouffville" initiative to deal with larger

numbers, according to its web site, stouffvillesoccer.org

Under the program, partner members, who have a relative performing at least five hours of volunteer work with the club, will receive priority access to playing spots over ordinary members.

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age groups are starting to overflow, Mr. Szabo said.

"With more programs, we are starting to see a real pressure on the fields," he said.

That's why he'd like to see the new Bethesda Park, with several soccer fields, built as soon as possible.

The Whitchurch-Stouf-

ville Public Library is a big hit with the family, which attends the free movie nights.

Mr. Somasundaram would like to play basketball and badminton offered during the winter months.

He feels there's a lack of activities for older adults who can't walk to the Silver Jubilee Seniors Centre. His mother-in-law lives with the family and "there are no activities for her," he said.

With the influx of new people, courses and classes are filling up faster.

Residents used to "get around to registering when they got around to it," Nicole Ongman, recreation program/aquatic supervisor, said. Now, you have to be proactive and register early.

Ms Ongman has noticed new residents are requesting specific sports and activities, which they enjoyed in their old communities, instead of asking what's available. Some newcomers are offering to hold classes and teach courses in their field of expertise.

Staff are trained on a wide variety of issues, such as being more sensitive to other cultures, Ms Ongman noted.

The library has been proactive by offering a weekly English as a second language conversation club, and the response was so positive the meetings have already started. It's not a class, Carolyn

Nordheimer, the library's CAO said, but rather an opportunity to gain fluency in English in a comfortable, friendly setting. The club meets Mondays from 7 to 8 p.m.

This was the first year children were turned away from March break programs.

The numbers tell the tale: attendance for March break activities were up 59.5 per cent from last year to this; the summer reading program had 27.4 per cent more people taking part in 2006 compared to 2005.

When it comes to softball in town, registrations are coming in steadily, June Doner, president of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association said. It indicates people are taking advantage of the wide variety of sports activities in town.

Last season, the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association had new faces on the team and quite a few inquiries, president Mike Humphreys said.

"We feel it is going to fill up relatively quickly," he said.

New callers are a lot more interested in rep hockey rather than the house league.

However, more players mean that ice time will become even scarcer in town for awhile.

A third arena most likely won't be open in Stouffville until early 2009.

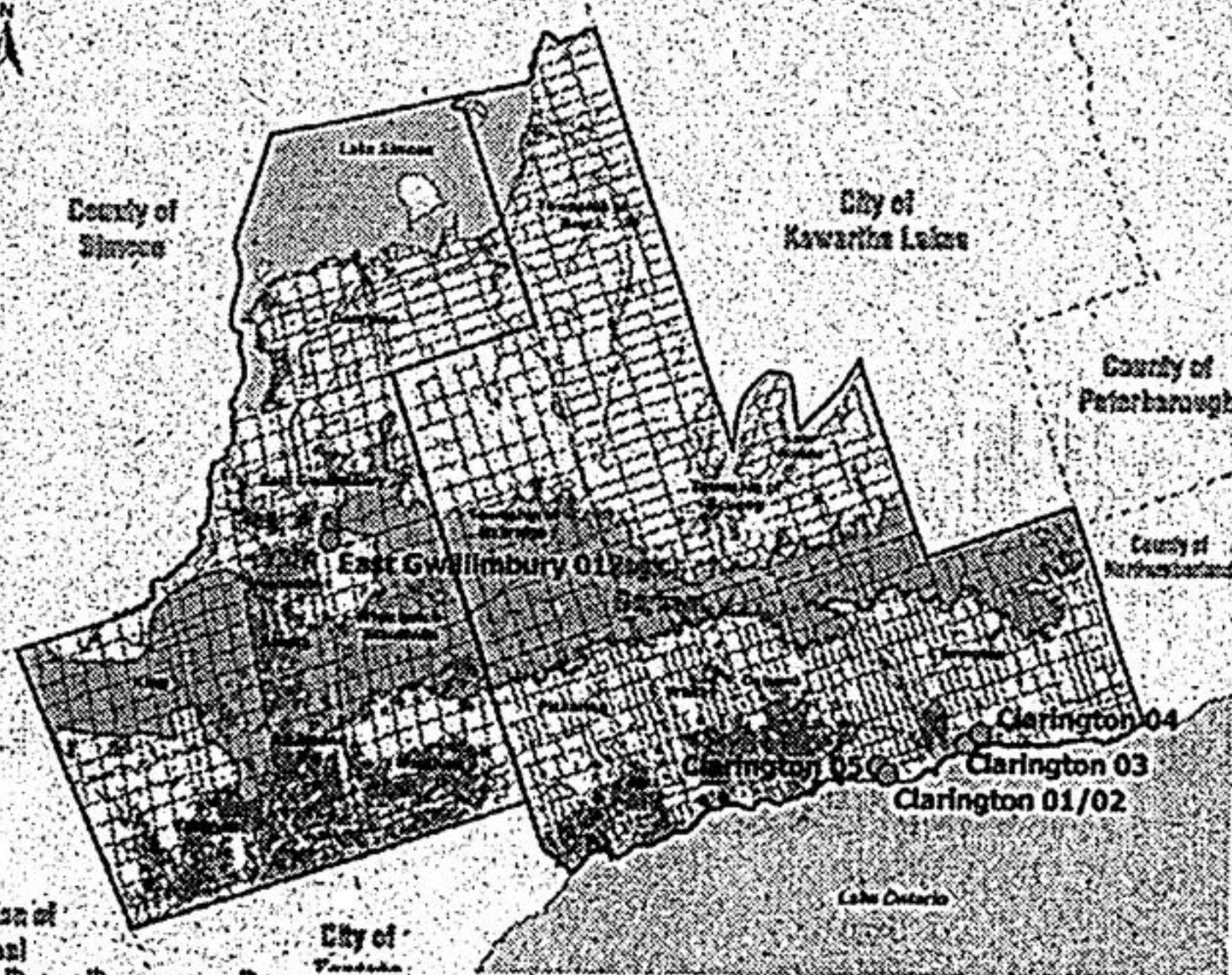
## Durham/York Residual Waste Study Public Information Sessions

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#### - A "Short-List" of Sites has been Identified -

Durham and York Regions seek your input on the "Short-List" of Sites recommended for a new Thermal Treatment Facility to manage the garbage that remains after recycling and composting

The Regions of Durham and York are participating in a joint study to find a better way to manage the residual waste (i.e., garbage) remaining after recycling and composting. Through the Joint Waste Management Group, the two municipalities are addressing the social, environmental and financial impacts of this issue by way of an "Individual" Environmental Assessment (EA) under the Provincial EA Act. The Site identification and evaluation process is currently underway to identify a Preferred Site for the Proposed Facility. We are now at a point in the process where a "Short-List" of Sites has been identified and are now ready for public and agency review and comment. The "Short-List" of Sites identified below was arrived at following the evaluation methodology and criteria in the approved EA Terms of Reference which was developed with extensive public consultation and public input.



On April 10<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> 2007, Public Information Sessions will be held in York and Durham Regions to present, discuss and receive public input on the "Short-List" of sites identified for the proposed Thermal Treatment Facility. The evaluation process followed and the rationale behind the identification of each site will be presented. A complete set of supporting documentation can be found on the Study website at: [www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca). The information sessions will be held as follows:

<b>Tuesday, April 10, 2007</b> Roman Palace Banquet Hall, 1096 Ringwell Road, Newmarket, ON 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Presentation at 7:30p.m.	<b>Thursday, April 12, 2007</b> Clarington Beech Centre, 26 Beech Street, Bowmanville, ON 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Presentation at 7:30p.m.	<b>Saturday, April 14, 2007</b> Municipality of Clarington Municipal Office, 40 Temperance Street, Bowmanville, ON 9:30a.m. to 11:30a.m. Presentation at 10:00a.m.
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Please register in advance for these sessions by calling 1-866-398-4423.

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