

Children give village addition thumbs up

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York Region Transit is hoping its newest station at York Region's Community Safety Village will help your children have fun and stay safe.

The new building won't see much in the way of bus or train traffic, but it will be home to plenty of learning and transit safety education.

As a few raindrops started to fall, York Region chairperson Bill Fisch took the podium and proclaimed the new addition to the safety village as a place specifically for children to learn and have fun Tuesday.

"The purpose here is that it's not about the adults," Mr. Fisch

said. "It's about kids learning about transit safety and road safety."

The village, in Bruce's Mill Conservation Area on Stouffville Road, is a gem, Mr. Fisch said and one that is recognized locally and internationally.

"We've worked very hard over the last few years to bring this place to fruition," he said. "And what a place it has become."

Deputy chief of York Regional Police Eric Jolliffe said the transit building and the Community Safety Village were great examples of the type of projects that could be accomplished through community partnerships and co-operation.

Student transit ambassador Jenny Chae from Richmond

Green Secondary School in Richmond Hill thinks they will.

But the real question is how will the target audience respond to transit safety presentation?

It didn't take long to get an answer. As the music-filled video ended and the screen faded, the group of third graders from Richmond Hill's St. Anne Catholic School had just one question of their own.

"Can we watch it again?" one little girl shouted as the screen went black.

The other students echoed her sentiments with an enthusiastic cheer and small hands reached to press the button again. As anyone with children knows, there's no greater sign of approval.

Musicians jamming on Main St.

The York Region Fingerstyle Guitar Association has a new location for its monthly open stage.

The musicians meet tomorrow at The Earl of Whitchurch on Stouffville's Main Street from 2 to 5 p.m.

Guitarists from throughout York Region and the Greater Toronto Area join host Bob Vopni to perform their music in a variety of styles, including jazz, blues, country, ragtime and rock.

The Earl of Whitchurch is at 6204 Main St., one block east of the Stouffville train station.

For more information, log on to yrfga.com

The open (electric) jam at the new Crossroads Restaurants at 6211 Main St. begins at 7 p.m. Sunday with Andrew Heathcote.

For The Love of Jo holds an open stage every Saturday night from 7 to 9:30. The coffee house is at 6308 Main St., across from the Clock Tower.

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