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## Lots of homes and buyers on market

Stouffville bungalows remain popular

BY ALYSHIA HIGGINS

From a record-breaking high last year to a slight decrease in activity this year, the real estate market seems to be back on track for a healthy year.

"There is a lot of good supply out there and there seems to be a lot of buyers, too," said John Walley, broker with Sutton Group Town and Country Realty in Stouffville. "Things aren't selling as fast as maybe they have in the past, but again, that's not a bad thing either. We're (still) busy."

A report released by the Toronto Real Estate Board this month showed housing activity was slightly down in the GTA in comparison to this time last year. While Mr. Walley said things are a little slower than last year, other areas actually increased, including Scarborough East and Willowdale.

"We've definitely got a seller's market," said Maureen O'Neill, board president, meaning there are more people looking to buy than there are people selling.

In addition to the varying market numbers, the buyers are just as diverse, Mr. Walley said.

"There (are) people (who) want to be in a mature area. They prefer century homes or custom built homes on larger lots," he said. "Then there are people (who) just want new homes only."

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## WATER PARK



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Science magician Freddy Fusion entertains the crowd, including volunteer Adam Ulgiaeti of St. Nicholas Public School in Newmarket, during the 10th annual York Children's Water Festival at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area Tuesday. More than 5,000 Grade 4 students from across the region learned about conservation and other water-related topics at the Stouffville Road park.

Massive Stouffville Road church addition four years in the making

## \$9 M Springvale 'campus' set to open

BY ALYSHIA HIGGINS

It's not your grandparents church.

It's massive, costly, took four years to build and comes with a new name.

Next weekend, it officially opens.

Springvale Church has a new look, name and is hoping to attract new people during its grand opening next weekend.

"We've put up a multi-purpose

facility that can be used for people of like-faith," Senior Pastor Bob Flemming said. "It's a bit of a campus thing we have here."

The new motto, "Building faith, community and family", is something Mr. Flemming hopes will be achieved with the new addition.

The grand opening weekend begins at 2 p.m. next Saturday, with Lt-Gov. David Onley kicking off the celebrations.

According to John Halse, a

member of the church, the process has taken so long due to the fact the addition was being built on the environmentally sensitive Oak Ridges Moraine.

"Many levels of government have to approve what you're doing," he said.

"It was also such a massive project. It just took longer than we thought."

The \$9-million, 60,000-square-foot addition isn't quite complete

yet, but new occupants are already calling it home. A Chinese Baptist church is using the old sanctuary as home, while Mother Goose Academy, a pre-school, is also using the new facilities.

In addition, Stouffville Christian School is moving to the top floor of the new building and hoping to start classes in September.

While the exterior has changed

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