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Kalan Porter (left) with Don Quarles, a Whitchurch-Stouffville resident and executive director of the Songwriters Association of Canada, at songwriting session this week.

Canadian Idol winner here for songwriting event

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A former Canadian Idol winner headlined a group of performing artists and songwriters from across the country who were writing and recording new tunes in Whitchurch-Stouffville this week.

They were attending a SongWorks session, sponsored by the Songwriters Association of Canada, at Mysthaven Country Retreat and Spa on Kennedy Road that ends today.

The session includes 2005 Canadian idol winner Kalan Porter, 2006 runner-up Rob James, Winnipeg recording artist Jaylene Johnson, award-winning Ottawa singer/songwriter Ana Miura, Toronto artist Martha Koll, songwriter/producer Chris Perry, singer/songwriter Nicole Hughes and producer/songwriter Tino Zolfo.

"We are excited to bring this special

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songwriting retreat again to Stouffville," said Whitchurch-Stouffville resident Don Quarles, executive director of the association.

"Mysthaven is an incredible venue for these artists and songwriters to collaborate on new songs."

SongWorks is designed to bring professional songwriters and artists together to create new Canadian songs for upcoming recording artist's releases.

"SongWorks also brings together songwriters that might not otherwise have the chance to connect and collaborate," Mr. Quarles said.

Financial assistance for SongWorks came from the Creators Assistance Component through the SOCAN Foundation.

OPEN LETTER TO THE EAST GWILLIMBURY COMMUNITY

July 7th, 2008

Dear Community:

As you may be aware, the Ontario Power Authority has identified the need for a substantial amount of natural gas-fired peaking electricity generating capacity in their Integrated Power System Plan. The OPA also noted that the Northern York Region is an important location for part of this capacity because of the need to enhance the reliability of electricity supply to the area.

Our Team at EPCOR recently announced our participation in the OPA's Request for Proposals to build the power plant required to provide peaking electricity capacity in this region. Upon further review, EPCOR has decided not to proceed with the proposal in East Gwillimbury due to timing and other competing commercial interests.

We would like to thank the community for their time and valuable input into our process in assessing this project. We met or visited with more than 50 neighbours at their homes or on their doorsteps to introduce ourselves and hear their thoughts about the proposed project directly. We spoke to many more by phone. We would like to thank everyone for their time in speaking with us. We hope to meet all of you again.

If you'd like any additional information, please visit our website at www.epcor.ca/yorkregion, or call us at 905-626-4736. For more information on the Ontario Power Authority's IPSP, see www.powerauthority.on.ca

Thank you again for your time and interest.

Best regards,

EPCOR's Northern York Region Project Team

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