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STAR OF THE SHOW

Big crowds lined Main Street Saturday afternoon for the Stouffville Kinsmen Santa Claus Parade. Children of all ages were waiting for the moment when Santa himself went by on his sleigh. For additional photographs, see page 3.



STAFF PHOTOS/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

FOUR-LANING DELAYED MOTORISTS, UPSET MERCHANTS

Main Street widening heads for finish line

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Main Street motorists, rejoice. Once new light standards and traffic signals are installed and the top layer of asphalt is laid, phase one of Stouffville's main drag reconstruction project will be complete, but that won't occur until next spring. Although the project, inclusive

of these last remaining items, was to be done this fall, Paul Whitehouse, Whitchurch-Stouffville's director of public works, insists everything is on schedule.

"Most of the hard structure work is done," he said.

The four-laning of the street, up from three in most areas, is complete and open in some stretches.

Motorists have avoided the strip where possible and some mer-

chants blamed the lengthy project for hurting revenue.

The traffic signals and light standards, which will be similar to the decorative light standards in downtown Stouffville, are currently delayed because of a manufacturing issue.

According to Mr. Whitehouse, they will be installed as soon as they arrive, even if it is in the middle of winter.

The laying of the top layer of asphalt will, however, have to wait until the spring after an early snowfall put a stop to that occurring.

However, Mr. Whitehouse noted giving the road extra time to settle isn't necessarily a bad thing.

"There has been a lot of underground work done, so we just want to make sure all of the settlement has occurred," Mr. Whitehouse said.

Also to be completed in the spring/summer of next year, will be the finishing touches, which include boulevard sodding, street tree planting and planting in the centre medians.

Just when you think driving through Stouffville will be that much easier, phase two will kick in.

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