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New-look Civic Square unveiled Friday

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Stouffville's newly rehabilitated Civic Square will officially be opened on Friday by Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

The opening ceremonies, which kick off at 10 a.m., will include an unveiling of a bronze plaque detailing the square's history, the installation of a time capsule and the dedication of a wall plaque inside the neighbouring Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park.

Civic Square, which welcomes people off Main Street as they enter Nineteen on the Park, received a major facelift this summer in order to enable the space to function more effectively as an outdoor meeting place, while also providing a location for programming.

Some of the square's key features include an information kiosk for events taking place at Nineteen on the Park, quiet sitting areas, picnic, chess and checkers tables, as well as a water fountain and tree-lined promenade.

The total cost of the refurbishment was budgeted at \$686,344.

The opening celebration

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Brother Andre's Natalia Stefanouska tries to dribble around Stouffville Secondary's Brooke Kiatipis during York Region senior girls high school basketball action at Brother Andre in Markham Thursday. Brother Andre, which won 53-40, also took the junior game 40-15.

RVs, bikes, water park for mill?

*Bruce's Mill Conservation Area
proposals to public Tuesday*

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An RV park, BMX bike trail, rope course, aquatic park and multi-purpose building are all ideas being put forward in the Bruce's Mill Conservation Area draft master plan.

The draft master plan has a 10-year lifespan, but implementation would occur within five years.

A public meeting regarding the draft master plan will take place this Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Lebovic Leisure Centre in Stouffville.

"The primary goal of this plan is to make sure the natural heritage is protected," said April Wepler, project manager, land management for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, which operates Bruce's Mill.

The popular park is on Stouffville Road just east of Warden Avenue.

In order to protect some of the park's land, the informal trails - created by people walking the same route time and again - are going to be shut down, along with one formal trail.

"It's a trail that takes you through a wetland area. It's not going to limit the trail experience because it duplicates another trail. But it is going to protect the wetland that is out there," Ms Wepler said.

There are currently 10 km of formal trails within Bruce's Mill.

In an effort to attract more people from the region, something Ms Wepler said the TRCA is mandated to do, they are investigating the

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