

FUTURE: Essays on life in Whitchurch-Stouffville to be opened in 2060

Put your thoughts inside arena time capsule

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In 50 years, iPods, BlackBerry's, gasoline-powered vehicles, our clothes and even possibly Kraft Dinner will be nothing more than relics found in museums and gawked at by people completely puzzled by how we lived.

In an effort to provide a bit more insight into what life was like in Whitchurch-Stouffville in 2010, the town is putting together a time capsule.

Filled with photos and memorabilia, it will be buried inside the lower lobby of the Clippers Sports Complex. The capsule is to be opened in 2060. The twin-pad arena on Weldon Road opens next month.

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As part of the time capsule's contents, the town wants to include essays written by residents detailing today's local life.

"This all seems to be us deciding what should go in the time capsule and we thought (the essays) would be a good way to get the community involved," said Carolyn Nordheimer James, CEO of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. "We'd like to know

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what was important to people at the time the time capsule was being put together."

The essays can be no longer than 500 words and the deadline has been extended to Jan. 25.

"Write about something somebody your age would want to know about," Ms Nordheimer James said.

People who do not want to write an essay can submit a poem, bullet points or children's artwork, but "they do have to fall in with the intent of what we're trying to do," Ms Nordheimer James said.

Submissions must include the author's name, address and phone number and can be dropped off at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, 30 Burkholder St. or e-mailed to wsplinfo@whitchurch-library.on.ca

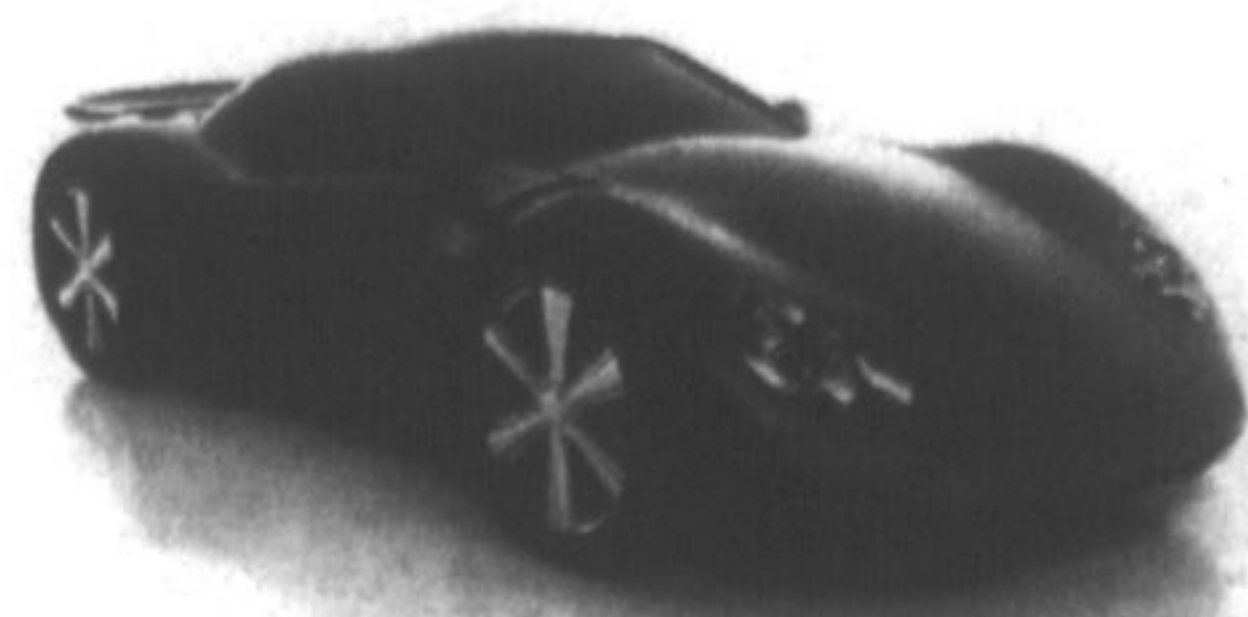


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