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Youths can program themselves

Town turns to kids to find popular activities

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Nothing to do in town, kids? Unhappy with the teen programming provided by the municipality?

You can now program yourselves.

After years of trying to provide programs designed to appeal to local youth but having limited success, the town has decided to let the younger generation come up with a program of its own.

With funding from the Mayor's Youth Council, the town is requesting residents aged 13 to 17 to submit a proposal for a pilot program that will run for 10 weeks next year.

"It doesn't necessarily have to be sports-related," said Jen McEachen, recreation programmer for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. "Whatever they'd like to see in the community.

"We want something new that is going to catch everybody's attention."

Over the years, the town has offered leadership training and a variety of drop-in programs with varying degrees of success. There was even a full-time youth centre upstairs at the Stouffville Arena

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Some of the 450 cyclists taking part in the seventh annual Tour for Kids raise their hands as they prepare to leave Bruce's Mill Conservation Area Thursday. The Coast to Coast Against Cancer Foundation ride wraps up at the Stouffville Road park tomorrow. For more photographs, see page 3.

CONSERVATIVE LEADER ATTACKS MCGUINITY DURING GORMLEY 'CAMPAIGN' STOP

Stouffville 'not getting fair share': Hudak

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The provincial election is more than a year away, yet one party leader is already rallying the troops and hitting the campaign trail.

Ontario PC party leader Tim Hudak was in Whitchurch-Stouffville Thursday afternoon to

address local supporters and started making election promises. In particular, he promised to lower taxes and create jobs.

"We'll focus on priorities," Mr. Hudak said in a speech to a room full of Oak Ridges-Markham PC backers at the Station Creek Golf Club in Gormley. "Instead of this culture of entitlement that has enriched so

many friends and Liberal insiders, we'll respect every tax dollar that you send to Queen's Park."

Election day is Oct. 6, 2011.

Locally, it's all about one's fair share.

"York Region, including Stouffville, (is) one of the fastest-growing parts of the province. They're not getting their fair share

of health care (and) education dollars in order to keep up," Mr. Hudak said in an interview with The Sun-Tribune Thursday.

Among the party supporters in attendance was Whitchurch-Stouffville Councillor Phil Bannon who came in second in the 2007

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