# MP opening new Stouffville boardroom to community

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Paul Calandra, MP for Oak Ridges-Markham has closed his Markham and King City offices and opened one on Main Street Stouffville.

"It's nice to be in my home town," he said.

About a year ago, Mr. Calandra was informed he would have to relocate his Main Street Markham office because the building it was

in was slated for demolition.

Calandra looked Markham and Richmond Hill, but the rent in both towns were too high, he said, adding, turning the King City office into his main hub was not possible because of accessibility issues.

"We wanted to be in the centre of the riding as much as possible," Mr. Calandra said.

Appointments will still be available for King residents at the King and Schomberg libraries.

'They're paying for us to be here through their taxes, so (they) should be able to use it once in a while.'

"I think King should still have an opportunity to meet their MP in their local community," he said.

About five months ago, Mr. Calandra inquired about renting a portion of 6060 Main St, which housed Paul Clubbe Marketing at the time. He was told, yes, there is space in the two-storey 4,500square-foot nineteenth century home-turned-office.

Mr. Calandra and his staff completed the move July 4.

The office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Evening and Saturday appointments are available; call 905-640-1125.

When Parliament is not in session, Mr. Calandra said he will be in the Stouffville office.

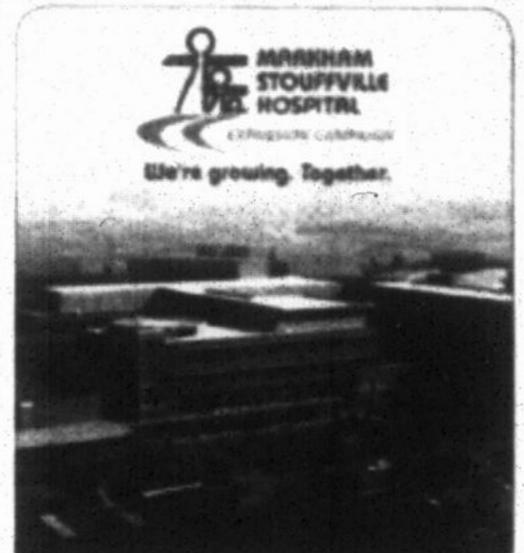
The office has a large boardroom Mr. Calandra has decided to let organizations use for free.

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An open house is being planned for September.



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