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Naming controversy recalled on anniversary

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The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville was almost called the Township of Whitchurch, according to longtime resident and journalist Jim Thomas.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the amalgamation of the Village of Stouffville and the Township of Whitchurch.

In 1970, the Ontario government established a two-tier municipal government system.

Prior to amalgamation, the area was known as York County and there were 14 townships and villages within it. But as of Jan. 1, 1971, the county and its villages and townships were dissolved and reformed into the Regional Municipality of York, which consisted of nine municipalities, according to Dorie Billich, manager of culture for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The Village of Stouffville was merged with the majority of the Township of Whitchurch, as well as a small portion of Markham Township, according to Ms Billich.

But when then-Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs Darcy McKeough outlined the local plan, "with a stroke of the pen,

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