

Country market receives 2-year reprieve

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The Stouffville Country Market will remain open for at least two more years, according to its operator Norm Clements.

"The vendors are all happy," he said, noting 2012 marks the 60th anniversary of the market.

About three years ago, Courtney Valley Estates and Lillipad Developments took over ownership of two pieces of land on the Tenth Line

just north of EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church, which includes the land where the market sits.

In all, the site has 65 acres of land and the two owners plan to build 356 homes on it, along with a 5.7-acre commercial block fronting Tenth Line, according to the Sept. 7, 2010 report to council.

Draft plan and zoning approvals have been granted by the town, said Andrew McNeely, director of planning and building services for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

However, there have been no site plans submitted for approval or development timeline made available for the commercial block, Mr. McNeely said.

"To my knowledge, the owner is not actively looking for tenants," he said.

The residential portion of the land has not been advanced for engineering or a subdivision agreement, according to Mr. McNeely.

The Stouffville Country Market will remain open until Dec. 23 and

re-open Jan. 7 and 8 before closing down until mid-March, according to Mr. Clements.

"The weather, the snow plowing, not enough business," Mr. Clements said mentioning reasons why the market has closed up for the first part of the year for the past four or five years.

Once the market does re-open in spring, Mr. Clements promised "it'll be exciting — a lot of things" are in the works.

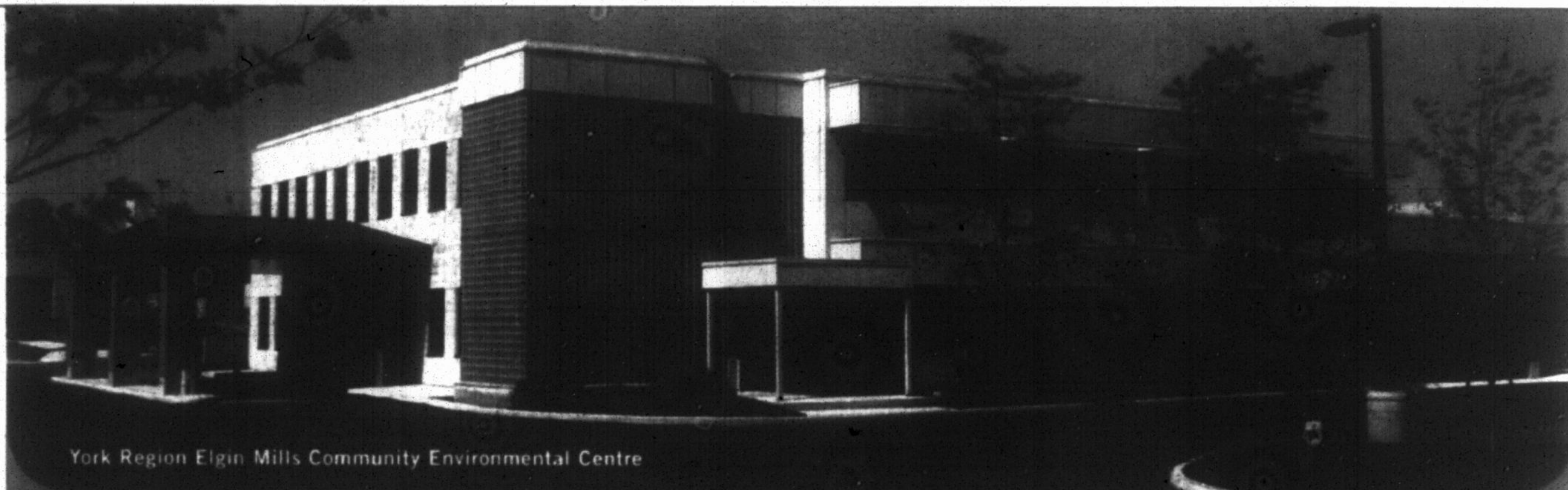
A new bakery is expected

to open and there will be more events, including "Stouffville's largest garage sale," according to Mr. Clements.

The market attracts about 5,000 people every weekend, but they're not from Stouffville, he said.

"The old people from Stouffville do come. But the new people don't come," Mr. Clements said.

For more information, go to <http://stouffvillemarket.com>



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