

Farmers market looking up

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All 32 vendors from last year's Stouffville Farmers' Market are expected to return this season, according to Andrew McNeely, director of planning and building services for the town.

"We hope to see an expansion as we move into 2013," he told council last week.

In its fourth year, pedestrian traffic at the Park Drive market was slightly higher and the number of vendors increased, although not all were at the Thursday afternoon market every week, according to a town council report.

Reasons why growth was limited, according to the report, include the general state of the economy. It has resulted in a smaller sales volume per shopper. There was also a carryover from the 2011 season, which allowed the sale of fruits and vegetables from all over Ontario. Only produce from within a 100-mile radius could be

sold at the market, in prior seasons.

"Consistent with council's expectations, the broadening of the definition of local has provided for a greater variety of products, vegetables and fruits to be available at the market on a weekly basis. This factor, in turn, has then translated into a reliable and consistent range of services available to market patrons on a weekly basis," according to the council report.

This year's Farmers' Market is to run from May 9 to Oct. 10.

Town to fix tax flap

If you own your home with someone else, you may have noticed something different about your recent interim tax bill. It was addressed to only one of you.

"When you sit down to pay the bill and you don't see your name, this makes no sense," said Stouffville homeowner Liz Tracey. "As far as I know, I still own the house. I don't know what's happened with

the town."

What has taken place is the roll-out of a new financial software program.

"It was a huge challenge for the town to convert the data," said Marc Pourvahidi, town treasurer and director of finance.

In implementing the program late last year, there was no time to make modifications, so the single name default was utilized for the interim tax bills sent out last month.

"It's a temporary thing," according to Mr. Pourvahidi.

The final bill will revert back to two owners.

"We have limitations to show the names and addresses in a window for the post office," Mr. Pourvahidi said.

"This is only a billing display issue. It has nothing to do with property ownership."

If residents want a certificate to prove ownership, Mr. Pourvahidi said the \$10 fee can be waived. A second bill can also be sent to the other owner.

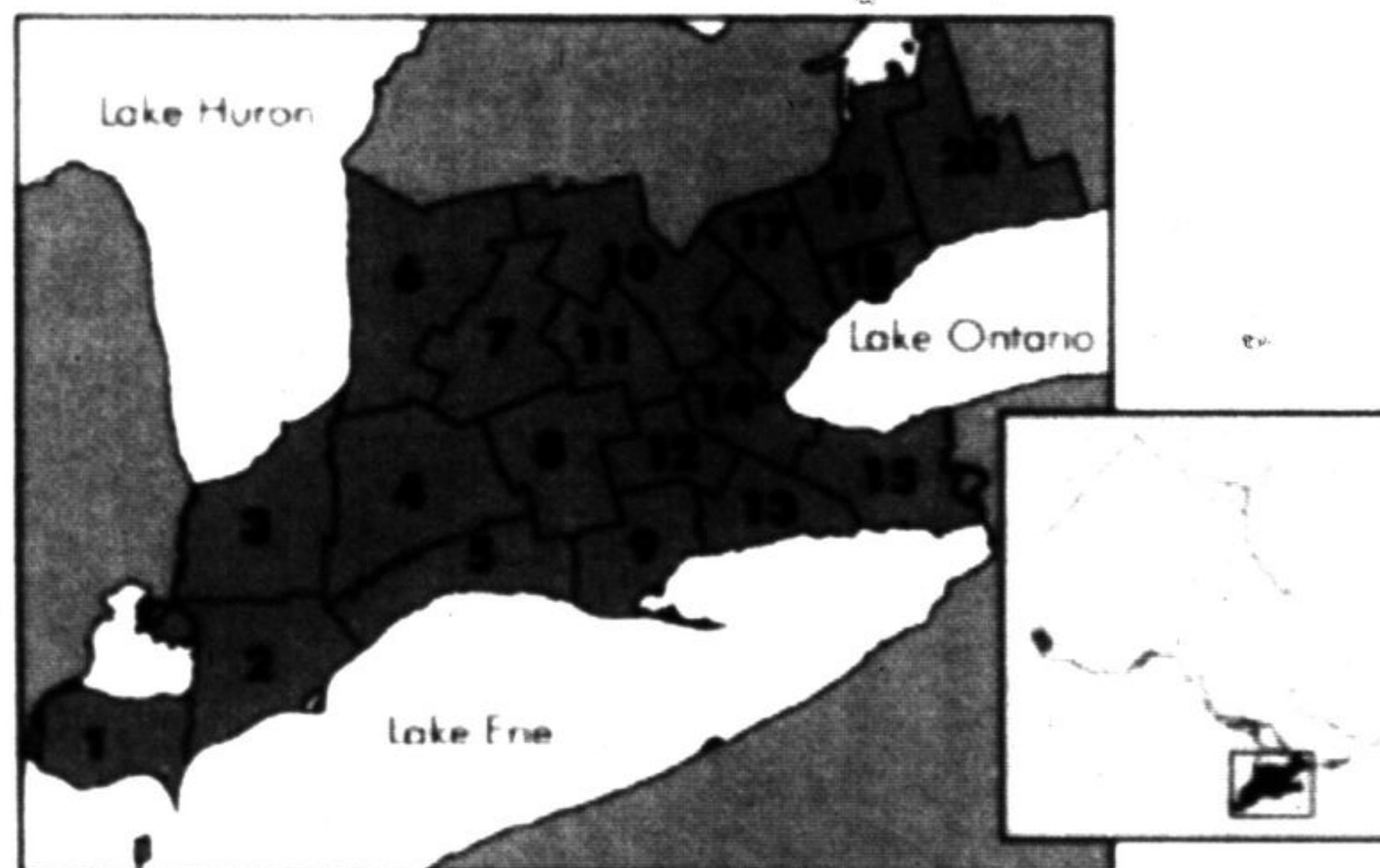
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(To be known as: **KING'S LANDING BAR AND GRILL (THE)**)
5946 MAIN STREET, UNIT 4
STOUFFVILLE (Indoor area)

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