

## Turn off lights tonight

Turning off your lights for one hour won't stop climate change, but it demonstrates that each individual's action can add up and make a big difference, according to the town's media release in support of Earth Hour.

The municipality is once again participating in the annual event, which takes place tonight, Saturday, from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The purpose of Earth Hour, which started in 2007, is to ask everyone to take personal accountability for their impact on the planet and make behavioural changes to facilitate a sustainable lifestyle, according to [www.earthhour.org](http://www.earthhour.org).

"And don't stop at turning off the lights. Think about what else can be done year round to reduce your footprint, such as taking transit, unplugging unused electrical appliances and washing your clothes in cold water," according to the town's media release.

To make an even stronger impact during Earth Hour, you can opt to use 100 per cent beeswax or soy candles, which are smoke-free, non-toxic and allergen-free, according to [www.earth-hour.org](http://www.earth-hour.org).

- Sandra Bolan

# Feedback sought on possible Stouffville bus route

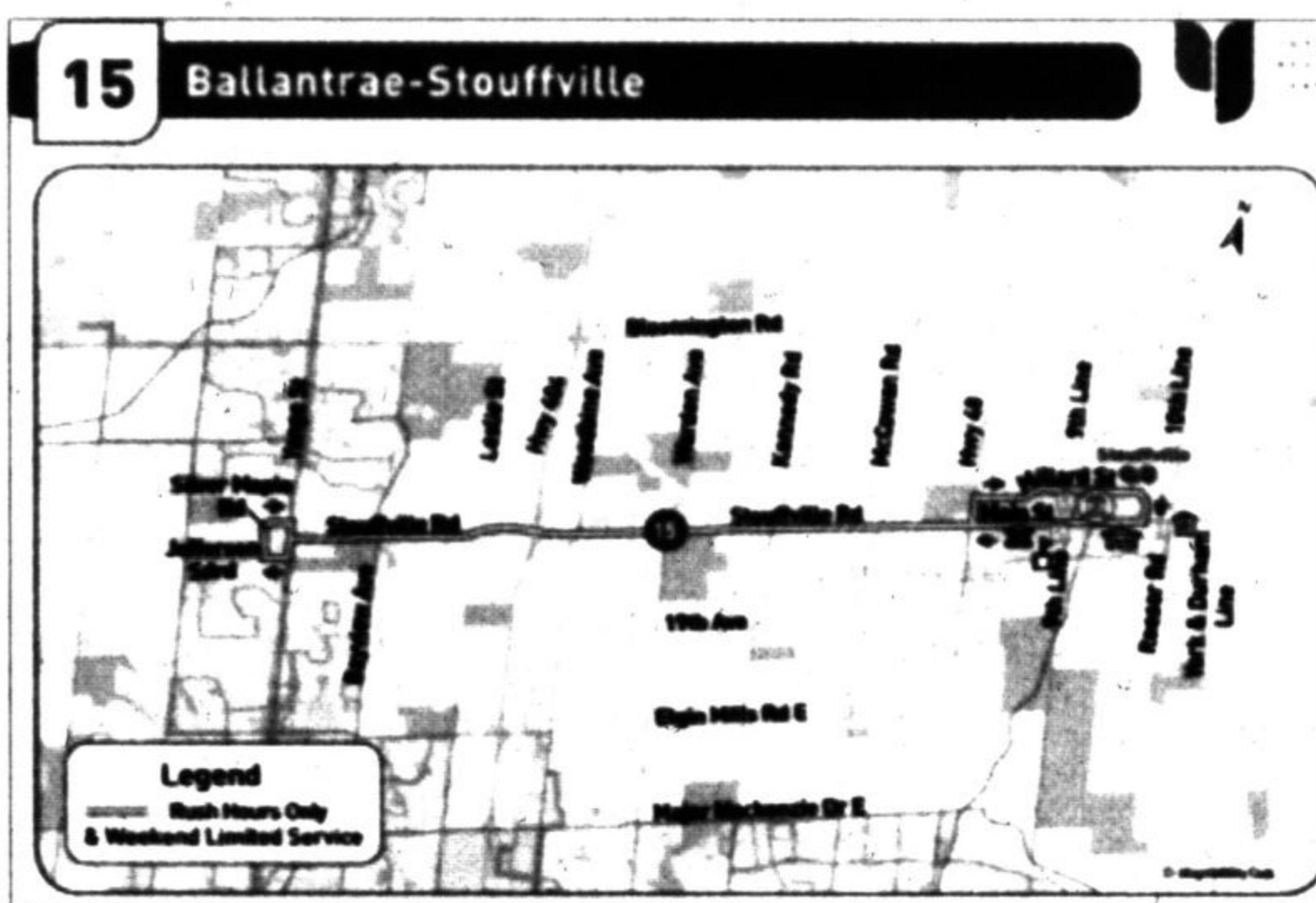
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If you want to get to Newmarket from Stouffville via public transit, you have to head south in order to go north. You'll also need to take three buses.

Travel time can be anywhere from two to two-and-a-half hours, according to Adrian Kawun, manager of services planning for YRT.

However, sometime next year, Route 15 will loop through town, then head west along Stouffville Road to Jefferson Sideroad station at Yonge Street, where riders will transfer onto a northbound bus into Newmarket, according to a YRP proposal on which the organization is seeking feedback.

Expected ride time is going to be about 70 minutes, according to Mr. Kawun. The transit system is asking for public feedback on many proposed routes and



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route changes throughout the region planned for 2014.

As the new route is still in its

planning stages, there is no start date or departure times available, according to Mr. Kawun.

However, he did say the transit organization is looking to provide two buses in the morning out to Yonge Street and two buses returning to Stouffville in the afternoon seven days a week.

There was once a Route 15 in Stouffville that looped around town. In 2012 it was merged with Route 9, which goes to Markham Stouffville Hospital.

The old route number will be re-used because that is the number designated to Whitchurch-Stouffville, according to Mr. Kawun.

For more information, go to [www.yrt.ca/en/aboutus/serviceplanning.asp#PIC](http://www.yrt.ca/en/aboutus/serviceplanning.asp#PIC).

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