

You can be part of new theatre company

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A live theatre company is coming back to Stouffville.

The Stouffville Theatre Company hopes to stage its first production in June 2014 at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park.

The impetus for the company came on the heels of three successful productions staged by Markham Little Theatre at Nineteen on the Park.

Markham Little Theatre has decided to focus on productions in Markham, leaving a two-week time slot available to other users.

"It is definitely not a split, but an aug-

mentation ... Entirely separate. That would be my intent," said Ron Brownsberger of the Stouffville Theatre Company and its relationship to Markham Little Theatre.

Four of the people leading the local group are also members in Markham.

"We will make it work," Mr. Brownsberger said, noting he plans on continuing to be a part of both companies.

"We have no interest in making life hard for MLI," he said.

Part of Nineteen on the Park's mandate is to stage community theatre productions, according to Priscilla Marr, who sits on the facility's board.

Like Mr. Brownsberger, Mrs. Marr is also a member of Markham Little Theatre and

hopes to continue to do both, as she is also on the Stouffville Theatre Company start-up team.

Mrs. Marr said she fully expects local residents involved with Markham Little Theatre to also work with the Stouffville Theatre Company.

The Stouffville company has no plans to stage shows that will conflict with the Markham group, which stages productions only in September, November, February and April.

This is not the first live theatre company for Stouffville.

Back in the 1950s there was Stouffville Little Theatre and in the mid-1980s there was Stouffville Players.

Mr. Brownsberger tried to resurrect the Players a few years ago but never followed through because he was unsure if Markham Little Theatre would create a local branch.

MEETING THURSDAY

An information meeting for the Stouffville Theatre Company will take place this Thursday, March 28 at Nineteen on the Park at 8 p.m.

Anyone interested in being a part of the theatre company — either on stage or behind the scenes — is invited to come out.

If you cannot attend the meeting, but wish to be involved, e-mail stouffvilletheatre@gmail.com

No opponents speak against Woodbine Ave. cell tower

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A Bell Mobility telecommunications tower is being proposed for Woodbine Avenue between St. John's Sideroad and Vivian Road and neither councillors nor residents spoke out for or against it during this week's council meeting.

Like the Rogers' tower proposed in 2011 for 3151 St. John's Sideroad, municipal coun-

cil has no authority to approve or deny the application, as telecommunication towers fall under federal jurisdiction, specifically Industry Canada's domain.

There is, however, a town protocol applicants must adhere to, which consists of consulting with surrounding landowners and public agencies, as well as hosting a community meeting.

The applicant has fulfilled the town's

requirements, according to the report.

Only six people, not including the land owner, attended the public information meeting held in December. Most of the comments, according to the report, were positive.

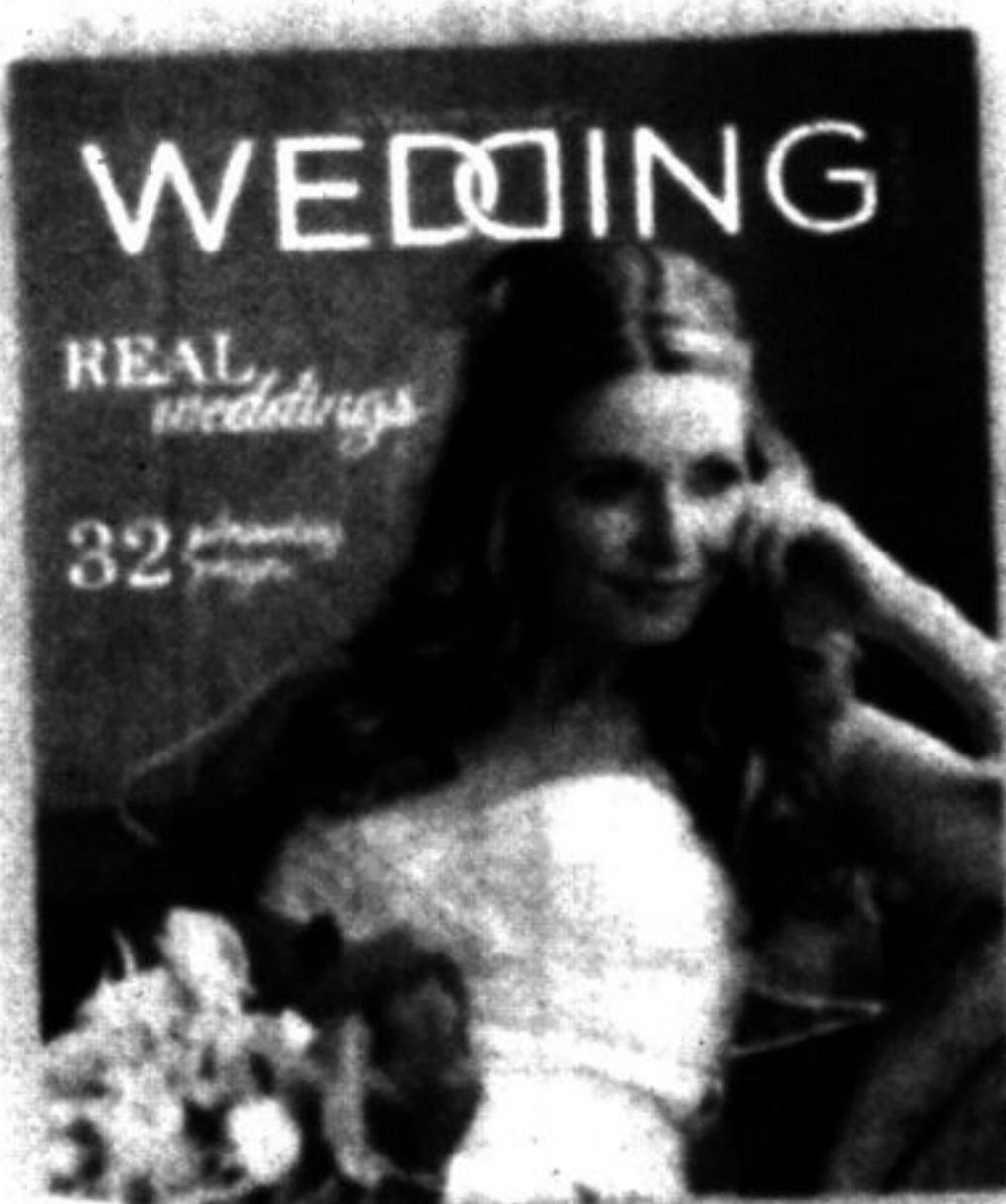
However, a few residents on Vivian Road were disappointed the proposed tower, to be located at 16296 Woodbine Ave., would not improve their telecom reception as they are

located outside its range.

The proposed tower, which will provide high-speed cell phone and data service, will be 198 feet tall, self supporting and made of galvanized steel. No lighting is required to be affixed to it.

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