Council awaits presentation on online voting for next election

The decision on how you will be able to cast your ballot in the 2014 municipal election was deferred to Sept. 3.

The motion to put off the decision was brought forward by Councillor Ken Ferdinands, Tuesday morning.

The Ward 1 councillor said a group of residents – The Sun-Tribune's Community Links Panel — has been trying to advance online voting and it wants to make a presentation to council but could not do so earlier this week.

The Links Panels is working on the York Region Media Group's Big 5-0 project, which is attempting to increase voting in the Oct.

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27, 2014 election to more than 50 per cent across the region.

A staff report recommended in-person voting location count optical scan tabulators be utilized next year. They were used at the advanced polls in the last municipal election.

Online voting was among the options considered by town staff. It was not recommended for the upcoming election because people are too unfamiliar with its process. However, the report did state if council

wished to utilize online voting, they do so for the advanced polls only in 2014.

The cost to run the election, which includes voter notification cards, hired help and equipment would be approximately \$200,000 if the in-person tabulator counter was utilized.

There was no cost estimate available for online voting.

The town will have about \$185,000 in its reserve fund for the election.

No matter the voting option chosen, Mayor Wayne Emmerson said Tuesday morning it will probably lead to a 1-per-cent increase in taxes.

The Sept. 3 council meeting begins at 7 p.m. The town hall is located at 111 Sandiford Dr.

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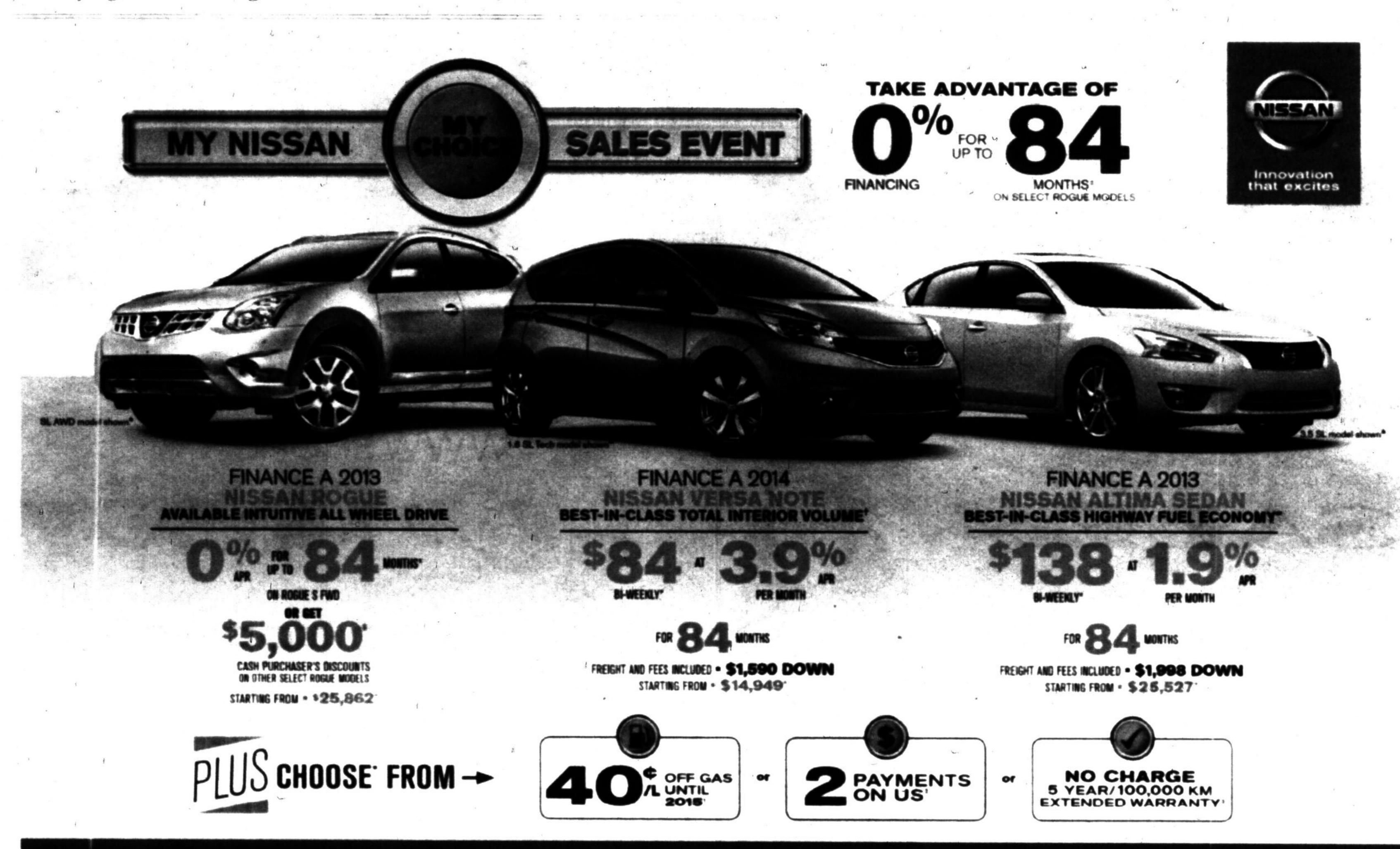
A full week of Terry Fox movies will be available for viewing via the Stouffville Terry Fox Facebook page starting tomorrow.

Movies you will be able to watch include
The Terry Fox Story, Into the Wind and I Had
a Dream.

A new movie will be uploaded to www. facebook.com/StouffvilleTerryFox every afternoon. Viewing is free.

The Stouffville Terry Fox Run takes place Sept. 15, 1 p.m. The 2k, 5k and 10 routes start at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre and can be completed by walking, running, cycling or in-line skating.

Kicking off this year's event is Terry Fox's older brother, Fred.



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