Plenty of interest in new Italian club, MP learns

Paul Calandra expected 50 people to come out to the Italian social club information meet-

In reality, about 300 Whitchurch-Stouffville residents took over the MP's Main Street office earlier this month.

What also surprised Mr. Calandra was the age range of those who showed interest. He expected an older crowd. Those residents did show up but so too did many in their 20s and 30s.

The next step is finding a permanent location for local Italians to watch soccer, play cards, bake Panettones and biscottis at Christmas and host dances. A strong candidate is one of SoccerCity's community rooms.

In setting up this meeting with Frank Frano, owner/operator of Frank's and Son Barbershop, Mr. Calandra came to realize there are roughly 1,500 Italian families in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

"I knocked on just about every door in the community and it never dawned on me," Mr. Calandra said.

The next meeting is scheduled for Oct. 25 with the location to be determined.

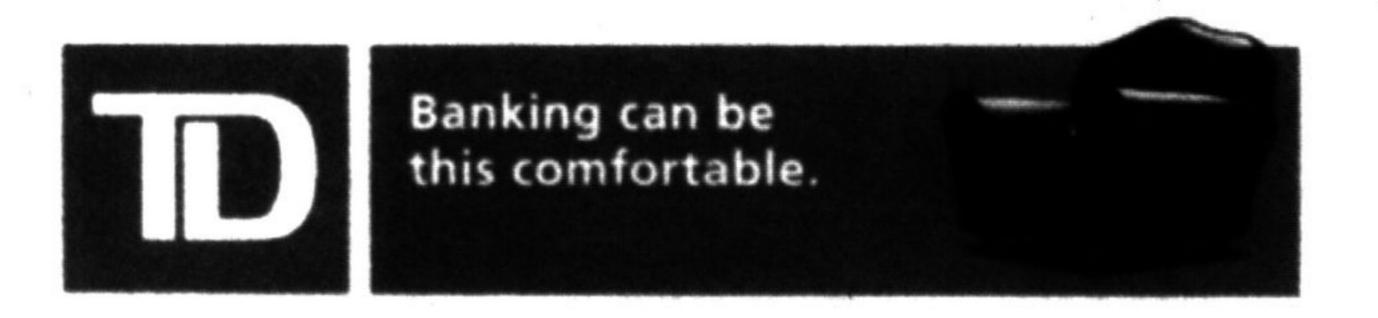
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THURSDAY

SCHOOL NEWS

The fifth annual Harry Bowes Public School fall fair is on from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Inflatables, bake sale, haunted house, silent auction, barbecue and corn roast

SATURDAY

WORK OF ART

Celebrate Culture Days from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Latcham Gallery See the current exhibition, create a free art activity and visit The Sculpture Walk.

SATURDAY

GIVE IT THE BOOT

Stouffville Professional Fire Fighters host a car wash, boot drive in support of Muscular Dystrophy at Station 51, 100 Weldon Rd., from 9 a.m to 2 p.m.

SUNDAY

GRAND EVENT

SUM Classy Classical Concert performance tea tures concert planist Oleg Samokhin on the grand piano at Stouffville United Church from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY OCTOBER

BACK ON ICE

The Stouffville Spirit returns to the Stouffville Arena to host the Burlington Cougars in Ontano Junior Hockey League action. Game time is 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY

REALLY BIG SHOW

The Latcham Gallery's Big Night Out - Pans is on tonight at Nineteen on the Park. Tickets are \$40 at the gallery. Go to latchamgallery ca for more information.

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