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York Regional Police block the driveway to Christian Chis' East Gwillimbury home in 2011. He has been charged in the murder of Peter Gavin, whose head was found in Whitchurch-Stouffville. Mr. Chis is expected to be back in court in January.

# Chis admitted to killing Gavin: former lover

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Documents released in court proceedings for the former girlfriend of a man charged with the murder of East Gwillimbury recluse Peter Gavin – whose head was found in Whitchurch-Stouffville – have shed new light on the case.

The agreed statement of facts, released to media after Katie Shalin pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice, state she told police her former lover, Christian Chis, admitted to the murder long before police started snooping around his property.

However, according to the information, she followed up the interview with a call to Mr. Chis, advising him to "wipe his face off the face of the planet".

Despite her protests that the two should not have contact, the conversation was quickly followed by a meeting at the remote Rogers Reservoir in East Gwillimbury.

Their discussion didn't last long.

Concerned for her safety, police, who had been listening via tapped phones, quickly moved in and arrested them.

Mr. Chis was charged with murder and Ms Shalin with accessory to murder, which was later lowered to obstruction, for which she is serving a one-year probation.

Police first visited the site of Mr. Gavin's bungalow and discovered a tidy home but rotting food and overgrown weeds.

A short time later in 2011, a farmer in Whitchurch-Stouffville found a human head,

later determined to be that of Mr. Gavin.

The rest of his body has yet to be located.

With no sign of a physical confrontation in the Gavin home, police struggled with the case, even talking to motorists as they drove by the victim's house a year after the grim discovery.

Murder charges were laid in December 2012 against Mr. Chis, who was Mr. Gavin's neighbour's son.

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Documents confirmed what residents had been telling The Sun-Tribune for months prior: Mr. Gavin, a retired CN Rail worker, was a wealthy man, worth nearly \$1.7 million.

Police also followed a paper trail that showed three of Mr. Gavin's debit cards were used at banks in Scarborough, Markham and Newmarket, destinations he was unlikely to visit.

The Chis home, which had been for sale in the past is, once again, on the market for nearly \$1 million.

Mr. Chis is expected to come before the courts on murder charges in January.

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## STOUFFVILLE PHASE 3 LANDS SECONDARY PLAN SERVICING AND TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLANS STEP 2 OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Council Chambers, 111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville

### BACKGROUND

The Town recently completed Step 1 of its Growth Management Strategy (GMS). The GMS demonstrated the need for additional residential and non-residential lands to accommodate growth in the Town to meet targets in the York Regional Official Plan for the Town of 23,000 jobs and a population of

60,600 persons by 2031. Step 1 of the GMS determined that the increase in population to meet the Regional target could largely be met by the expansion of urban development into the "Phase 3 Lands" in the Community of Stouffville and some moderate intensification elsewhere in the Community of Stouffville. The Phase 3 Lands are those contained within the Community of Stouffville Settlement Area boundary but currently outside the Town's and Villages Urban Service Area. (See map above) The GMS determined that there was a shortage of serviced Employment Lands in the Town of 70 hectares to meet Regional employment targets and that this land need could be met in the long term in the Vandorf Preston Lake Secondary Plan Area.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is undertaking the preparation of a Secondary Plan and related Servicing and Transportation Master Plans for the Phase 3 Lands of the Community of Stouffville to address this identified land need. A separate assessment of the development potential of lands in the Vandorf Preston Lake Secondary Plan Area is also being prepared. A Draft Development Concept for the Phase 3 Lands has been prepared as part of this process. The Town is hosting a Public Information Centre to present the Draft Development Concept, provide information concerning the planning process and obtain input.

### PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Staff and Consultants are available to discuss the Draft Concept Plan and the study process on Wednesday, October 16, 2013 from 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM at Town Municipal Offices

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7:30 - 8:00 PM Presentation

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### STUDY CONTACT

You can obtain more information on the Growth Management Study on the Town's website at <http://www.townofws.ca/GMS.asp>, or by contacting:

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### PHASE 3 LANDS OF COMMUNITY OF STOUFFVILLE

