

No comment as director leaves chamber

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Edward Nelles is leaving the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Nelles was hired two years ago as its executive director. His last day is May 2.

"One door closes, another one opens," he said.

Mr. Nelles would not say why he is leaving the organization, but he said he helped increase the number of chamber members and improved its member retention rate.

The chamber lists more than 400 businesses on its online directory.

Chamber chairperson Penny Reid did not respond to a request for comment from The Sun-Tribune in time for publication.

"What happened has happened. I'm proud of my record and I wish the organization all the best," Mr. Nelles said.

Before becoming the chamber's first full-time executive director, Mr. Nelles worked in the investment baking field.

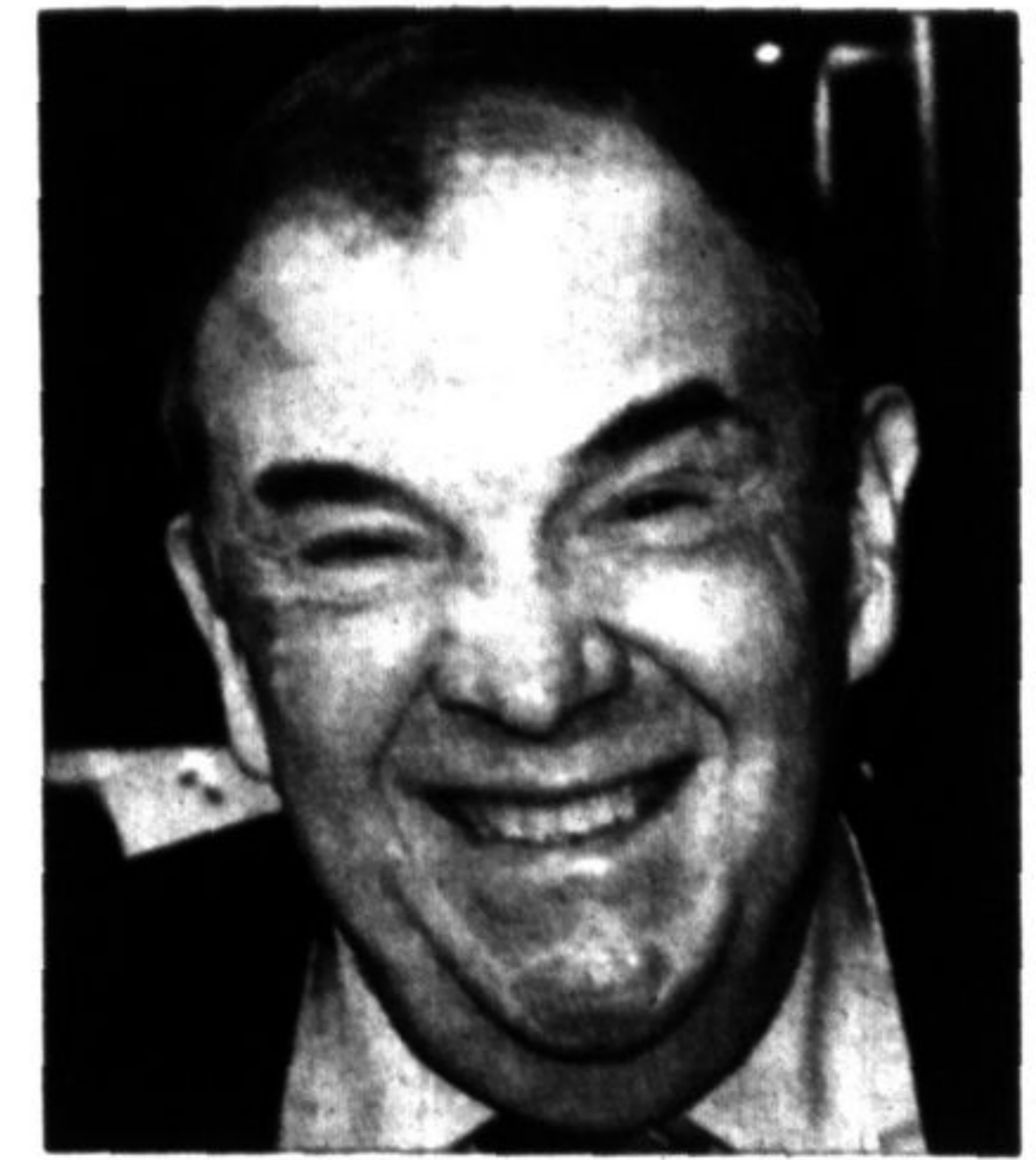
Mr. Nelles replaced Mardi Taylor, who took over from Helene Johnson.

Mrs. Johnson stepped down in 2010 after 11 years. She was a volunteer.

The chamber, which has offices in the Stouffville train station, offers member-only networking opportunities, member-to-member discounts and events, including next month's home show at the Stouffville Arena.

The chamber's annual meeting will be held Monday at 7 p.m. at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville's council chambers on Sandiford Drive.

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