

Town staff don't 'know all' about trade centre

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The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville does not, in fact, know everything about the wholesale trade centre, according to its project manager Andrew Chan.

Chan, who works for Corebridge Development Ltd., said there was a misunderstanding in the translation on his part, when executives spoke to The Sun-Tribune last week.

When The Sun-Tribune asked executives if the municipally knew everything, including the number of people the trade centre was expected to employ, as well as the economic benefits to the community, we were told yes.

Corebridge executives, Chan said, have all of this, but have not released it to Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville staff yet.

It was Premier Kathleen Wynne on Oct. 31, through a media release, who actually made public the number of people the trade centre would employ — 800.

The North America Yiwu Trading Centre, which is going into the former Southwire plant at Main and Mostar streets, is expected to become operational next September.

Chan called it a glorified office building that will operate Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Prior to moving ahead, there are a number of studies that still need to be submitted to town staff and site plan approval is also still required.

Reid heads chamber for now

Past chairperson of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Chamber of Commerce has been named interim executive director.

She will hold this position until the end of the year, according to an email from the chamber.

Reid is a ReMax sales representative in Stouffville.

The former executive director, Bruno Grise, resigned in September after five months on the job. He cited irreconcilable differences as the reason for the surprise departure.

He replaced Edward Nelles.

Chamber pioneer and downtown appliance store owner Graydon Card was added to the chamber board late last month.

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