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Controversial trade centre 'unapproved ... concept': mayor

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was no public outcry against it until late into the municipal campaign, when now Mayor Justin Altmann voiced his opposition to it. He would prefer it be constructed in Gormley.

In June, Altmann posted a YouTube video in which he claimed 400 trucks a day would come down Main Street into the trade cen-

tre. Twice in the video, he referred to the project as an "all-Asian trade centre".

Shortly after being elected, Altmann defended his comments to The Sun-Tribune stating: "I wasn't being prejudiced against a race."

"Asian trade centre, that's the culture ... that is what they said was coming. ... It's straight fact," he said.

"This proposed development does not have any approved status. The consider-

ation of the North American Trade Centre on Main Street is in its infancy and at this time represents nothing more than a concept," Altmann said in a media release issued by the town this month.

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Paul Calandra, MP for Oak Ridges-Markham and a Stouffville resident, noted his opposition to the project on Facebook, writing in part: "(It) will negatively impact the town's ability to attract new business."

Former mayor Emmerson visited Yiwu, China in June, as part of a GTA delegation, to check out its trading centre, which the Stouffville one is modeled after, although on a much smaller scale.

The Yiwu Futian Market is 3.6 million square feet in size and has more than 50,000 daily visitors. Market goods, which include everything from toys to cosmetics, sports equipment to sewing thread, are sold to more than 140 countries, according to its website.

Main Street stores win fresh look in North American contest

Forty-two Main Street business exteriors were re-painted thanks to the Benjamin Moore Paint What Matters project this summer.

The businesses were located between the gazebo and Park Drive.

Stouffville was one of three Canadian cities — 20 across North America — chosen through the Main Street Matters contest.

Benjamin Moore provided the paint and supplies needed for the façades, porches, railings, shutters and other exterior building trims and its colour experts consulted on the best choices to enhance the architectural style, regional influences and historic references in each community.

Main Street's colour palette was taken from Benjamin Moore's heritage collection.

The facelifts got underway in early June and were finished up in time for the Strawberry Festival.

A number of the businesses hired painters to re-do the rest of their exteriors.

The two other winning Canadian cities were Penticton and Halifax.

with files from Jim Mason

service update

EFFECTIVE

Sunday, January 4, 2015

The following YRT/Viva services are being adjusted and/or improved effective Sunday, January 4 (unless otherwise noted). Visit yrt.ca or call us for more details.

RESTRUCTURED ROUTES

33/33A Wellington
51 Keswick Local

REVISED SCHEDULES

Viva blue/blue 'A'
Viva purple
Viva pink
1 Highway 7
3 Thornhill
20/20A Jane
32 Aurora South
50 Queensway
52 Holland Landing
54 Bayview
55/55B Davis Drive
58 Mount Albert
84 Oak Ridges
85/85C Rutherford
88/88A Bathurst
90/90B Leslie
91/A Bayview

99 Yonge
426/428 G.W. Williams High School Special
441 Richmond Hill High School Special
760 Vaughan Mills/Wonderland

COMMUNITY BUS

521 Newmarket Community Bus

HIGH SCHOOL SPECIALS

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