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York Chair Wayne Emmerson and Mayor Justin Altmann chat at chamber of commerce event Monday.

Town staff turnover 'disappointing'

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According to Emmerson, Whitchurch-Stouffville's taxes, which were just increased by 3.47 per cent, are the fourth lowest in York Region.

"This council is doing a great job, as the previous councils have," he said.

Much of Emmerson's last term as mayor was spent putting a library/leisure centre expansion plan in place so all the new council had to do was approve it, fund it and build it.

This council, instead, opted for a scaled-down expansion of their own making.

"Remember me saying, though, many, many times, you can do all you want, but I said when it comes to election time, they can undo it all and it's gone," Emmerson told The Sun-Tribune in a one-on-one interview held after his presentation.

"It was planned right. We talked to the public, we got their support. We got to what we thought was best for the community. They decided not to. That happens all the time," he told The Sun-Tribune.

Although Emmerson is at arms-length concerning what is happening in Whitchurch-Stouffville, he knows about the town's staff turnover during the past year.

In 2015, 12 town employees voluntarily left, which is an 8 per cent turnover rate and within the industry average of 5 to 15 per cent, according to Marc Pourvahidi, Whitchurch-Stouffville's CAO.

CAOs to mayoral assistants have been replaced.

"It's disappointing," Emmerson told The Sun-Tribune. "Because when you have good staff there for a long time, they have a history and they know what's happening. ... You can't get it in a book. You can't write it all down. You take it with you."

"I'm not inside the (town) hall. I don't know what happens. It's disappointing. ... I think it's going to be tough to replace some really good people. But move on," he said.

About three months ago, Emmerson and his wife, Debra, left Whitchurch-Stouffville for Georgina and a home they renovated along Lake Simcoe.

"I don't really think they wanted me in Stouffville anymore," Emmerson told the Sun-Tribune, laughing, about the move from the town he lived in his entire life.

It came down to logistics. They had two properties — one in Whitchurch-Stouffville and another on Balsam Lake, near Lindsay.

When they retire, Balsam Lake will be too far from their children and grandkids, so they compromised on Georgina.

"It's been working out really well," he told The Sun-Tribune. "It was sad to leave. We miss it. I do miss Stouffville. Stouffville's been my home and it's been great. Listen, times change."

T SMOKED TURKEY DRUMS

To fully experience the Neanderthal aspects of this Sunday's big game, you'll need one (or more) of these. Nothing dainty here, just pick them up and chew. I know that these are available at some of the statewide games to make tailgates complete, but a lot more creative things can be done with these in your own kitchen. **Featured at** While quantities last.

\$1.24 EACH

O - SIZE 40 - RANGES

These are very nice size 40s (big) with thinner skin and a lot of juice. They come from the growing areas of Southern California, and are pretty close to peak season form. **Featured this week at**

\$1.29 /LB

WHAT'S COOKIN' AT THE DELI!

We'll start with our **Potato, Ham & Egg Salad**. We use red and white potatoes, diced ham, celery, Roma tomatoes with a mustard mayo dressing. It's very good! **Reg. \$1.49/100g**

1/3 OFF

Our next creation is an **Artichoke and Spinach Dip**. This is a dip that you would serve warm, and it also has marble cheddar, fresh jalapenos, Asiago and sour cream. Treat your nachos right & buy this! **Reg. \$7.95 per 4"x5" foil**

25% OFF

We'll need a soup on the menu, and this week it's **Chicken and Root Vegetable**. What we use are sweet onions, carrots, parsnips, sweet potatoes, celery (a partial root veggie) - the chicken, of course, and thyme. **Reg. \$8.95/900ml**

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Next, we'll have our **Slow-Smoked Ribs**. These are done Southern Style, with our Jack Daniels sauce, and they are done in small batches, so supply will be a bit tight, but we'll do our best. **Reg. \$3.29/100g**

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You'll need **Chili**, so we'll be making a lot of mine (Evan here). What makes this pretty good is that we use our Italian sausage meat as well as the beef. It's really nice, if I may say so! **Reg. \$7.99 4"x5" foil**

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And there are other options, the first being **Kulam's Burrito Mix**. It also comes in 4"x5" foils. **Reg. \$6.99**

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JUMBO WINGS

These are the extra-large size, which are recommended for extra-large appetites. Get these at the meat counter, along with your chunk of pork butt (it's from the shoulder) and make a mess in the kitchen, or talk nice to the help!

\$5.99 /LB

PORK BUTTS

Yup, this is what you'll need to make your very own Pulled Pork. If you feel like being creative, there are countless recipes online, or you can use ours! Get cooking!

\$3.99 /LB

S - WE'VE BEEN - SMOKED!

Not us, but our cheeses of choice this week. There are three of them and although they can be enjoyed as they are, they will add 'dimension' to any dishes that you care to jack up with them.

Smoked Cheddar Reg. \$3.49/100g
Smoked Mozzarella Reg. \$3.29/100g
Smoked Provolone Reg. \$3.29/100g
All these will be featured this week at

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HORS D'OEUVRES

We've been busy in the kitchen making a selection of ready to heat Hor D'oeuvres for Football get together. One that stood out for me was the **Deep Fried Mac & Cheese** and the **Meat Balls** too! Find them in the self-serve counter.

A - HASS - AVOCADOS

We'll have a good supply of beautiful 'Size 12' Avocados available for this week. This is the largest commercial size available - and that's good, considering how good they are. **Reg. \$1.99 each**

1/3 OFF

AISLE 4 GOES MEXICAN!

As all of you seasoned shoppers know, the Mad Mexicans loom large in our store, so here's the deal: we'll have their **Tortilla Chips** in a 200g size (**Reg. \$4.99**), their **Guacamole** in either mild or hot in a 250g tub (**Reg. \$6.99**) and their **Salsa**, again in mild or hot, in a 355ml tub (**Reg. \$6.99**).

And the feature prices will be

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With Pancake Tuesday upcoming, we've arranged a promo on our **Stonewall Kitchen Pancake Mixes and Belgian Waffles**. Sizes are 454g (**Reg. \$8.99**) and 420g (**Reg. \$5.99**) and the same deal applies.

25% OFF

Lastly, we'll have some of the best Apricot Jam to go with them - **Greaves**, from Niagara-on-the-Lake. It's 250ml size. **Reg. \$4.59** - and it will also be at:

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And don't forget that we've got great **Freshly Squeezed O.J.** - and our **Bacon and Breakfast Sausages** are pretty darn good too, to round out your pancake feast.

L - WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Thomas here... One of the saddest weekends is upon us, at least for me, as it marks the last football game of the season. But for now, I'll make the best of it. I've decided to dedicate my sandwich to Broncos' quarterback, Peyton Manning, as this is undoubtedly his swan song. The **"Peyton Mannwich"** will start with shaved striploin roast beef as Colorado is beef country, and the guy's career is worthy of only the finest cut of beef. We'll use Cajun Mayo as the dressing as he was born and raised in New Orleans. and as a borderline ancient white dude, no other cheese than Old White Balderson would be appropriate. We'll also have roasted red onions for no other reason than they taste good. Happy Football Sunday! **Featured at**

\$7.99 EACH

P.S. Please talk to my dad; he's still a CFL fan.

Sunday Brunch will begin with either **Minestrone** or **Cream of Tomato with Basil Soup**, with either **Penne with Ham in a Tomato Sauce**, **Jerk Chicken** or our **Beef Bourguignon** with either rice, or mashed, tea or coffee, and a **\$11.95** mini dessert, all for

\$11.95

Served from noon till 2.

WHAT'S BAKING THIS WEEK?

Let's start with our **Football Cakes**. They are a chocolate cake, generously covered with chocolate frosting in the shape of a football (inflated correctly). The two competing teams will be recognized, as well as the occasion of the 50th edition of the Big Game. One size fits all... **Reg. \$24.95 each**

Next play, we'll have Cliff's award-winning **Onion Cheese Bread**. We use old cheddar, fresh cut roasted onions and poppy seeds. This is what you'll need for my chili - or even spinach dip. **Reg. \$5.99 each**

Our third feature will be **Mango Cheesecakes**. We start with a shortbread crust and we add mango purée to the cheese mixture, making the flavour of these something to savour. They are then glazed, decorated with fresh fruit and drizzled with chocolate. These should be served as close to room temperature as possible. **2 sizes, Reg. \$18.95 & \$29.95 each**

These will be followed by **Mango & Raspberry Mousse Cakes**. These are made with three layers of vanilla cake interspersed with one layer of mango mousse and the other of raspberry. They will be decorated with fresh fruit and flakes of gold. **Reg. \$24.95 each**

Our last item will be **Limoncello Danish**. The filling in these is custard with the genuine article. Room temp. or just slightly warm is good here, too! **Reg. \$3.49 each**

All these items will be featured this week at

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PANCAKE TUESDAY!

Time to Feast! We are serving up a Pancake Tuesday like no other! Freshly squeezed orange juice, our delicious coffee from velvet sunrise, scrambled eggs, pancakes of course, our own breakfast sausage, bacon, fresh fruit and lots of fresh whipped cream - done the real way!

This event sure does sell out fast, and we only have a hand full of spaces left for our 6:00 PM seating on Feb. 9

Give us a call (905) 940-0655 to register!

D - WHAT'S FOR DINNER

As usual, we'll have two items from our freezer, starting with our **New England-Style Clam Chowder**. It's the white one, and it's creamy. Next item is our **Beef Bourguignon**. This is the 8"x5" size, and it will serve 3 or 4. I really like this with the wider egg noodles, just sayin'.

Reg. are \$8.95 and \$23.95 respectively, and both will be featured at

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