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MP Jane Philpott and MPP Helena Jaczek serve up pancakes at the festival on Saturday.

Festival will celebrate Canada's 150th

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Stouffville MP Jane Philpott, Oak Ridges-Markham MPP Helena Jaczek and Mayor Justin Altmann, saw about 500 visitors. Money and canned goods donated during the breakfast will be given to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank.

Matheson heaved a sigh of relief when she expressed her happiness with how this year's celebration manifested.

"For me, and for the committee members, it was just so great," she said. "To walk down Main Street, to see a sea of people, great vendors, everyone having a good time ... the park was just a sea of activity."

community spirit, everybody we talked to was having such a great time," Matheson added.

The festival saw 225 vendors in total, with 63 crafters (vendors selling homemade goods) and 63 businesses (a mix of services, companies and contractors).

Chairs Nancy Matheson and Ker-Yng Pang, along with the committee members and volunteers, worked tirelessly for 10 months to organize the festival. For next year's festival — Canada's 150th — Matheson's already started booking dates.

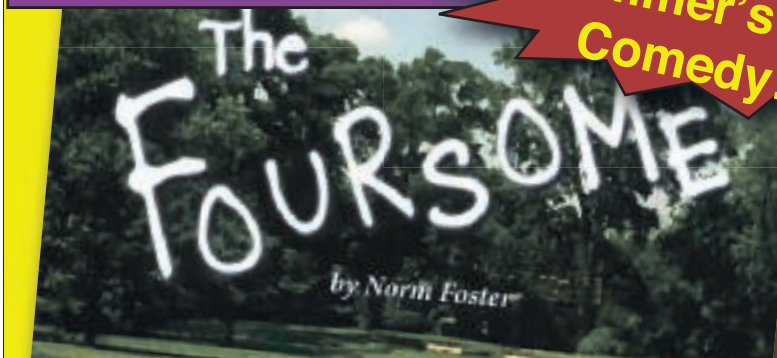
"I'm already sending out emails," she said. "We want to get a jump on it to get people locked in for next year."

The committee meets on Aug. 22 for an official recap and the start of planning for the 33rd annual festival.

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