

# Former resident talks to Canadians from coast to coast

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For one former Stouffville resident, working as a radio host for the CBC is "a dream come true."

Raina Douris is the host of the morning show on CBC Radio 2, where she wakes up with Canadians from coast to coast, playing them music and sharing their stories. It's been just a month since she started and the Sun-Tribune decided to ask her how it felt to go from a small town to national radio.

"It's been amazing," she said. "The idea that I'm speaking to people all over Canada is pretty incredible. When you let that thought go through your head it's kind of amazing, kind of terrifying, but mostly really cool."

Douris began her journey into broadcasting as a student at Markham District High School. CBC was looking for commentary

from high school students about the Iraq war and Douris' teacher put her name forward. She suddenly found herself on-air for the first time.

After that first taste of radio, Douris moved to Toronto and went to Ryerson University for the school's radio and television arts program. In her second year, she interned at 102.1 The Edge.

Having lived in Toronto for a few years by then, Douris had made several friends and contacts among indie bands across the city.

"It was bothering me that none of them every got played on the station," Douris said. "So I started this thing called Indie Online, affiliated with the Edge."

Indie Online gave Douris the chance to go on-air with radio hosts. Upon learning she'd gone on air without permission, her former boss was angry yet thought her voice was a good fit. He gave her more opportunities on-air until her contract ended.

After a stint of unemployment, she made video blogs online featuring local indie bands and eventually got a job with CBC Radio 3.



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Raina Douris, born and raised in Stouffville, is now the host of the morning show on CBC Radio 2.

"That (video blogs) got the attention of people at the CBC," she said. CBC was ready to offer

her a permanent position, but Douris also received an offer from Indie88; the smaller more local

Toronto radio station offered her a position as music director and afternoon host.

After being with Indie88 for three years, finally in September this year, Douris took her job with CBC Radio 2.

"I feel very fortunate to be able to play the music that I like, in the city I want to be in," she said about her new role.

Her former program director, Adam Thompson, says it's "no surprise" that Douris is on national radio.

"She's forever looking for ways she can improve," he said. "It's rare to find a personality that's intelligent, creative, funny and authentic, she's a real talent."

Douris credits growing up in Stouffville for allowing her to be herself. She says she realizes it can be hard for high school students to be themselves in a small town.

"Don't be afraid to be who you are," she said. "I got to be on the radio for the first time because I was a loud mouth, the second time because I went on without asking. I just think you have to go for it and be who you are."

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### NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW AND MEETING TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 22, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Education Centre, 60 Wellington Street West, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 3H2

The York Region District School Board (the "Board") proposes to amend the York Region District School Board 2014 Education Development Charges By-law No. 2014-02 (the "By-law"). The By-law came into effect on July 1, 2014 and has a term of five years, unless sooner repealed. The schedule of education development charges now imposed by the By-law is as follows:

Charge on residential development: \$3,349 per dwelling unit

Charge on non-residential development: \$0.58 per square foot (\$6.24 per square metre) of gross floor area

The proposed amending by-law will increase the charge on residential development to \$5,909.00 per dwelling unit and the charge on non-residential development to \$0.98 per square foot (\$10.55 per square metre) of gross floor area. The change is due to an increase in the estimate of education land costs which may be incurred by the Board during the balance of the term of the By-law over those estimated when the By-law was passed in 2014.

The By-law applies to all lands in York Region. Accordingly, a key map showing the location of the land subject to the By-law is not provided as part of this notice.

The Board will consider the proposed amending by-law at the regular meeting of the Board to be held on November 22, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at The Education Centre, 60 Wellington Street West, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 3H2.

Should an amending by-law be passed on such date, collection of education development charges pursuant to the By-law, as amended, will commence on November 28, 2016.

A copy of the proposed amending by-law, the education development charge background study prepared in 2014 in connection with the By-law, and information concerning the proposed amendment are available on request during regular business hours in the Planning and Property Development Services Department at the Board's administrative offices, 60 Wellington Street West, Aurora, Ontario, L4G 3H2.

The Board would appreciate receiving on or before November 16, 2016 any written submissions on the proposed amending by-law so that they may be distributed as part of the agenda package to trustees prior to the meeting. If a person wishes to address the Board at the meeting, he or she is requested to advise the Board on or before November 16, 2016.

Submissions and requests to address the Board at the meeting and any comments or requests for further information should be submitted to: Trina Sprayson, Manager, Accommodation Planning, Tel: (905) 727-0022 ext. 2429, Fax: (905) 727-1931, Email: Trina.Sprayson@yrdsb.ca.

All submissions received in writing and those opinions expressed at the meeting will be considered prior to a decision by the Board to amend the By-law.

Anna DeBartolo  
Chair of the Board



J. Philip Parappally  
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