

# Car to run for mayor - will remove traffic lights if elected

Otto Auto, a late model General Motors car, has joined Stouffville's mayoralty race, vowing to remove all traffic signals on Main St if elected.

Overall, Mr. Auto finds Stouffville a car-friendly town, but says that nine traffic lights on Main St. are sending the wrong signals to the town's vehicular residents. "How can cars feel welcome on Main St. when it takes us half an hour to travel from Sandale in the west to

Stouffer Street in the east because of traffic lights?" he asked.

Mr. Auto sees no reason why all the lights and crosswalks on Main St. could not be removed. "Other than on Saturday, there's hardly anyone downtown anyway. Any residents who go downtown can simply decide which side of Main St. they prefer and stay there for the day."

He concedes that there may be some residents

who will still wish to cross Main Street. To accommodate this, Mr. Auto is proposing a skywalk from the north side of Main St., extending across the street at a height of 25', with its southern terminus in the town square.

"Stouffville residents are always complaining about how much more Uxbridge has for its residents than Stouffville does. But Uxbridge doesn't have a skywalk over Main Street," said Mr.

Auto, who sees the skywalk as a part of a larger scheme to renew the downtown core.

"They've been talking about rejuvenating Main St. for years and nothing's worked. That's because the plans are always focused on people. This town needs to realize that cars rule," explained Mr. Auto, noting with approval the proliferation of fast food outlets and banks dedicated to car-based service.

"We (cars) have made

tremendous inroads in this town in the past few years but more can be done. With the elimination of the Main St. traffic signals, passage through Stouffville will be Auto-Maddic."

Mr. Auto is also proposing a new logo for Stouffville, to be displayed on banners along Main Street. The logo will consist of three stylized intertwined circles -- a donut, a burger and a tire - surrounded by the slogan "Welcome to

Stouffville - Drive Right on Through!"

He will launch his campaign the first Saturday in August with a one hundred car procession, which will tie up Main St. for several hours. The procession will then disperse onto every residential street in town, disobeying speed limits and stop signs.

Parked cars along the route are asked to honk their support for Auto and to proudly display Auto's campaign bumper sticker "Speed is Good".

## Margaret's Corner - by Margaret L. May, Stouffville

Public Business	Effective Councillors	Good Administration	Job Descriptions
I submit that "Public Business is the People's Business. Public demand for greater openness and access has become a major issue ...." (Municipal Councillor's Manual)	I submit that municipal councillors need to be in close contact with their constituents in order to develop the support, knowledge and initiative they require for their elected duties.	I submit that municipal councillors should ensure that their agenda workload is well-planned in advance so employees are not placed under heavy stress to create unwieldy agendas.	I submit that job descriptions for municipal staff should be kept up-to-date as a protection to staff "if a question of legal liability arises". (Municipal Councillor's Manual)

## Thank You



Another great Strawberry Festival is over, our 19th. It just flew by and it was fabulous. Each year it gets bigger and better. We had several new events, to highlight a few, the Lumberjack Show and Birds of Prey received rave reviews and who will forget the Tribute Artists Saturday night and Sonny Bono.

We would like to Thank all our sponsors for making this Festival possible. Without their support we would not be able to put on such a wonderful event and we hope for your continued support.

To *MaryAnn Fleming* and her staff at the paper *Stouffville this Month*: for their fundraising and for producing our classy guide.

To *Barbara Sharp* and *Anne Collard*: you did a terrific job organizing the Crafters and Food Vendors and bringing Crafters to the park on Sunday was a hit.

To *Doris Fusco*: for making sure that Strawberries had a real presence throughout the whole Festival and the Legion Ladies for preparing and serving at the Strawberry Social and cake on Canada Day

To *Ruth Leblanc*: the parade just gets better and better

To *Dave Duggan*: Strawberry Patch was a real success

To *Mike Morrison*: for his great job of organizing everything logistically. You will be missed.

To *Mike Monette*: for the great advertising both locally an city wide, and *Ted Harris* for supplying the Strawberries for the pies given to CITY TV, CHUM AM & FM and CFRB. Thanks for the great exposure.

To *Elsa Neumarch*: for the best Opening Ceremonies yet and for filling in wherever necessary.

To *Carol Guinane*: for organizing our volunteers who over and above our committee make things run smoothly.

To *Peter Guinane* and *Peter Sherban*: for being ready to do anything necessary to help.

To *Our Spouses*: who stay in the background until Festival Weekend and then jump in to help wherever they are needed.

To *Lesley Kunc*: as our Secretary Treasurer, you kept everything together. Thank You.

To *Sue Sherban*: It is hard to express how grateful I am for everything you did to make the Festival the best ever. You did more than any individual and worked tirelessly to put everything together. Your unselfish efforts really paid off. "Thank You".

To *Anne Pride*: The entertainment was great as usual and you as my friend kept my spirits up when I was faltering. Thank You.

To our 2003 Strawberry Festival weekend volunteers, it would be difficult to run such a large event every year without your dedicated help on this long weekend. The Festival Committee Members sincerely thank you for your time and hope you had fun. Please forgive us if we have missed someone. It is difficult to keep track of all those who help.

*Ruth Hadji, Denise Bruno, Ann Roe, Kay & Peter Martin, Miriam O'Rourke, Bob Luck, Ann Murray, Gladys Clarkson, Joan Marshman, Lenore Ramer, Bob Lewis, Ali Peck, Dianne Kennedy, Gary Gornick, Deborah Emmerson, Delores Kroupis, Anne Salvagna, Danny Smith, Ainee Castle, Marco Benevides and all the Stouffville Legion Ladies.*

*Students: Katherine Joyce, Ian Jenkins, Kemy Davie, Amber Daniels, Stephanie Jupp and Lesley Sherban*

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I truly hope everyone enjoyed the Festival as much as I did and will look forward to Strawberry Festival 2004, our 20th Anniversary. Thank you Liz Fraser

## Local graduates honoured with Millennium awards

Two graduating high school students from Stouffville have received Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation Excellence Awards.

Lynda Baker of

Stouffville, who attended Uxbridge Secondary School, received a \$4,000 award and plans to study education at Trinity Western with the goal of becoming a teacher. Carlos

Paz-Soldan, a graduate of Brother André Catholic High School, won a national award of \$5,000, which is renewable up to three times for a possible total of \$20,000. He hopes to study engineering science at university.

The Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation is a private organization created in 1998 with a \$2.5 billion endowment and a 10-year mandate to create opportunities for Canadian students in the pursuit of post-secondary studies. Entrance awards recognize academic excellence, community service, leadership qualities and a keen interest in innovation.

"This year's laureates are all outstanding students who care about the world around them," said Gérard Veilleux, chairman of the Foundation's Board of Directors. "They embody the Foundation's vision and goals and are bright lights to Canada's future success. We look forward to following their careers and I wouldn't be surprised to see them as our Premiers or Prime Ministers in the future."

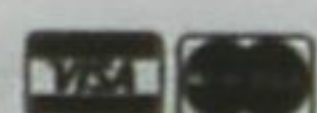
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