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Close to 1,500 people, including former students Nancy and Shelley, attended Stouffville District Secondary School's 50th Anniversary Reunion on the July 1st long weekend. Events included displays of school memorabilia, a Friday night wine and cheese, a Saturday night social and an exhibition of school art throughout the years.

## Bus transit coming to Stouffville this fall

By Kate Gilderdale  
Stouffville This Month

York Region Transit (YRT) plans to introduce bus service to Stouffville in September.

At a public meeting on June 8, YRT officials outlined proposed routes for a bus service along Ninth Line from Stouffville to Markham Stouffville Hospital. An in-town service along Main Street between Ringwood Drive and Stouffer Street and back to Ninth Line via Millard Street is part of the proposal.

In 2001 YRT took over bus and Mobility Transit services from the municipalities. Since then, it has developed a five-year plan to reach the most populous of the unserved areas in the region. YRT currently operates over 60 routes.

Keswick, Queensville and Sharon were added to the network in 2002 and this year the region approved \$70,000 to fund a trial service to Stouffville from September to the end of the year. At the meeting, YRT general manager Don Gordon and Irene McNeil, manager of service planning, presented a variety of service options to residents. Discussion focused on the best routes within Stouffville and the best type of bus to serve them.

Residents were asked whether services should be limited to the Main Street corridor between Ringwood and 10th Line, or whether they should include pick up venues such as the Leisure Centre, high school and shopping centres. A contingent of Eastern Gate residents lobbied for service to that community.

YRT planners are proposing the use of a mid-size community bus for Stouffville, which could accommodate stroller and wheelchair access from the curb. Initial service would be on weekdays and if that proves successful, evening and weekend service could be added.

The local service will provide access to jobs, shopping and schools, as well as the

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