

Some important dates in the history of Stouffville

1802 - The Township of Whitchurch is surveyed. The boundary between Markham and Stouffville is established along the the old road that is currently our Main Street.

1804 - Abraham Stouffer and his wife Elizabeth arrive at the headwaters of Duffin's Creek, looking for a good site to establish a farm and mill.

1805 - Abraham purchases 600 acres on either side of the Markham-Whitchurch boundary. Over the next decade, a small community begins to form around his mills.

1826 - First survey and lot plan of Stouffville townsite by provincial surveyor David Gibson, at Abraham's request.

1832 - Stouffville post office established, at first called "Stoufferville". Present name well in use by a decade later.

First schoolhouse opened on current site of United Church.

1837 - Upper Canada rebellion, led by William Lyon Mackenzie, the area representative in the legislature. Many Stouffville villagers and area farmers supported the rebellion.

1851 - Death of Abraham Stouffer.

1871 - Narrow-gauge Toronto & Nipissing Railway built to Stouffville.

1877 - Incorporation of Stouffville as a village, meaning administration separate from Whitchurch and Markham.

First library established.

1884 - First telephone line put through to Uxbridge.

1971 - Formation of Regional Municipality of York. Stouffville re-united with part of Whitchurch Township to form Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Boundary moved south to include all of Stouffville, and allow future expansion.

1973 - Stouffville receives its coat of arms.

SANDY MACKENZIE'S STOUFFVILLE HISTORY

Sandy MacKenzie recalls as a young child, coming over the rise into the rural enclave that was to become Stouffville. His grandfather, Benjamin MacKenzie trekked from Thornhill by way of a covered wagon with the whole family, 2 mules and a cow.

Well okay, it was 1986 when Sandy, a young State Farm Insurance Agent relocated his family from Thornhill to Stouffville. Fran Sainsbury had just been elected mayor, and Sandy moved into the upstairs office of 'Somebunnies' flower shop on Main Street. With his four year old daughter, Jaymee and one month old son Cameron in tow, he and Michelle began a new life here.

While not quite the lore of the early settlers, coming to Stouffville has been a most enjoyable journey. As Stouffville and the surrounding area have undergone drastic change, so has the insurance industry. Sandy recalls that in 1986 his business was auto, home and life insurance. The business has changed and grown over the past 18 years. State Farm has evolved from an insurance company to a full service Insurance and Financial Services provider. State Farm's mission is to help people manage the risks of everyday life, recover from the unexpected and realize their dreams.

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