

TASTE OF THE WORLD RAISES \$30,000



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The Kempfenfelt Rotary Club of Barrie, in partnership with the 100F Seniors Homes Inc., recently raised \$30,000 for local charities at the Taste the World event. Organizers wish to thank the event's sponsors, donors and volunteers, particularly Napoleon Home Comfort for hosting the event. In the photo, Doreen Saunders and Linda Muszynski of 100F Seniors Homes accept a cheque for \$15,000. Also in the photo are Steve Gauci, Igrid Schroeter, Wolfgang Schroeter, Garth Davis, Caitlin Fleming, Kristen Borland and Cheryl Simpson.

Downtown Stayner could be spruced up

Clearview and its partners want access to provincial cash to improve Main Street

By Michael Gennings

Downtown Stayner could be in for a make-over if local officials have their way.

Clearview Township council authorized municipal staff and members of the economic development committee (EDC) to submit a letter of interest to the Rural Economic Development Program.

The program funds downtown revitalization projects in small communities.

Should Clearview be successful in accessing some of the program's cash, it would be used to pay for a full-time coordinator to help develop a downtown Stayner revitalization project.

The program requires that projects contain four components: economic development, community development, marketing and streetscape improvement. Year one of the project would focus on developing a plan for the downtown, while year two and three would involve implementation.

"This is a great opportunity for Stayner to pull together," said EDC chair Doug Mills, who spoke briefly at the council meeting.

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Big box store for Innisfil? Not likely

BY BRUCE HAIN

Could a giant Wal-Mart and an accompanying Smart Centre become part of the development of lands on Innisfil Beach Road west of Highway 400?

A few months ago, a Smart Centres sign was erected on the property that composes the southeast corner of Innisfil Beach Road and the 5th Sideroad.

When contacted by the *Huronian Business Times*, Sandra Kaiser, vice president of cor-

porate affairs for Smart Centres, said the sign was simply placed "to generate some leasing interest" from prospective tenants.

She added the sign was only a preliminary gesture and the company has not filed any plans for development with the Town of Innisfil.

To date, the province of Ontario has stated if any new large-scale development takes place along the Hwy 400 corridor south of Barrie, it is expected to be for industrial or commercial projects, not big-box retail.

Dave Tambling, who lives on the southwest corner of Innisfil Beach Road and the 5th Sideroad, said he's not thrilled with the prospect of the corner turning into a shopping centre.

"We've lived here since 1988," Tambling said.

"A lot has changed, but if this project happens, we won't stay. Most of the commercial development is down in Alcona, where it should be. If this is one of the changes, we'll be moving for sure. This has been a safe place to live."

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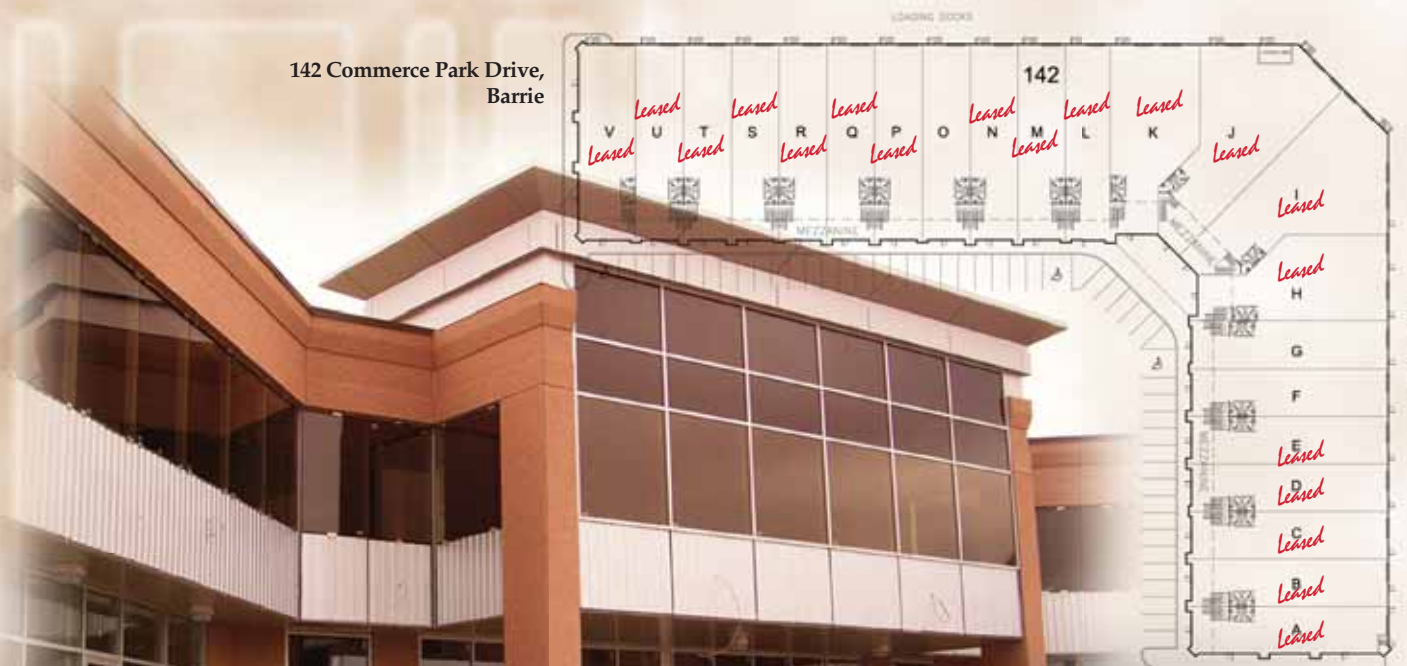
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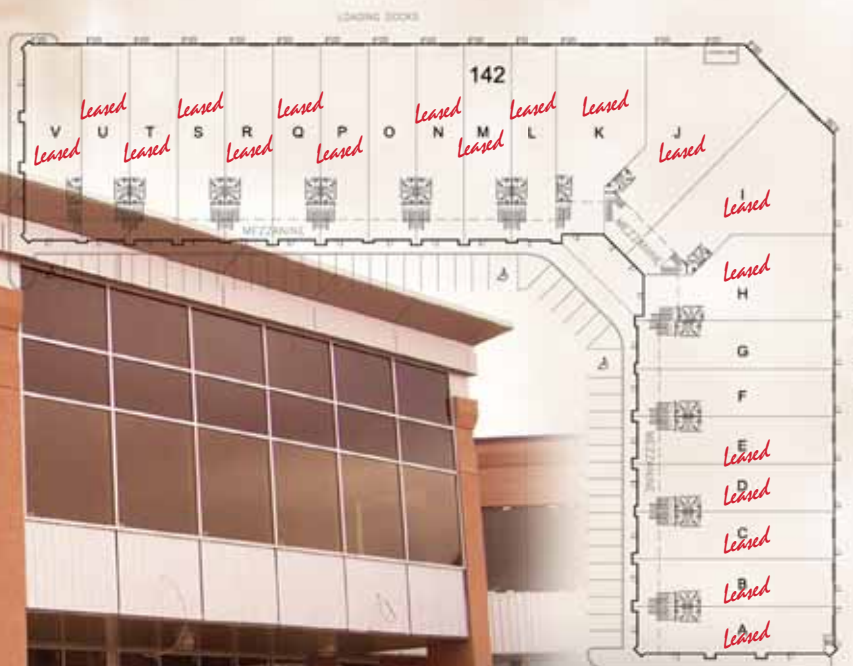
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