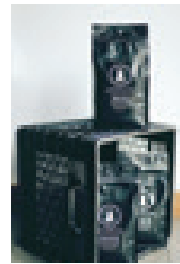
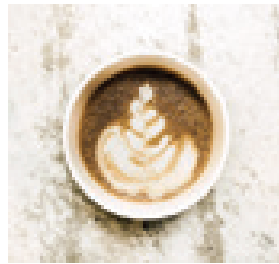


# MAIN STREET BAKEHOUSE

## STOUFFVILLE

BY ALISON SCOWCROFT



When I feel like a great cup of coffee and a home-baked treat, I head to the Main Street Bakehouse in the heart of Stouffville. It opened in February of 2016 and is owned by three families who are partners in the shop. I had the pleasure of meeting with Iain Lovatt (his mom Jessie is a Ballantrae resident) who is one of the partners and also a Councillor for Ward 5. He and his partners want to see Stouffville's Main Street thrive and this was one of the driving forces behind opening the Bakehouse.

They envision a place to gather, to meet friends, or to do some office work (free WiFi), rather than a traditional bakery. They want to encourage more people to come to Main Street and realize the pleasures of eating and shopping locally. When I asked about the inspiration behind the decor, Iain said it is a bit like bringing King Street to Stouffville. It is casual, warm and inviting.

The coffee is good, be it a traditional cup, an espresso, or a specialty brew. Iain and his partners taste tested a variety of beans from different roasters until they found the best. They use local roasters, one in Stouffville and another in Oakville, so you are assured a fresh and aromatic cup of java.

The Bakehouse employs three professionally trained bakers including Ella, Savannah and Christiana, who are young and just beginning their careers. Their creativity is apparent in all the delectable baked goods, such as blueberry-citrus glaze, double chocolate, brown sugar and morning glory muffins (a customer favourite says Iain). Scones (lemon/cranberry, maple coffee and my favourite, bacon/cheddar), butter tarts (with or without bacon), croissants, bagels, squares and cookies are

all baked fresh daily with natural ingredients and no additives or preservatives. At lunchtime, they also offer soup and sandwiches.

Their catering menu can be found on their website, [www.mainstreetbakehouse.com](http://www.mainstreetbakehouse.com). They can also host private events for up to 30 people. They have a liquor licence and offer craft beer, wine and scotch. On Friday and Saturday evenings in the fall and winter, they stay open until midnight and offer charcuterie boards and cheese platters to enjoy with drinks. They take great pride in customer service, as is apparent when you walk in the door.

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### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Wednesday 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday - Saturday 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Sundays 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### IN FALL & WINTER

Fridays & Saturdays 7:00 a.m. - midnight

*There is ample parking either on the street or at 6240 Main Street.*