

Bryson Donates To Charities

Our Councillor's Report by Rhonda Mulcahy

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During its 10th Annual Pumpkin Giveaway last year, Bryson Insurance raised \$7,000 for local charities. In the photo, the group presents a \$2,000 cheque to Stefanie Molica of Autism Ontario - Durham Region. Monies raised will support sending kids to camp including Nova's Ark Page and WindReach Farm, both in Whitby. Another \$5,000 was donated to

Grandview Children's Centre to support the development of its new location in Ajax.

Pictured from left to right: John Bryson, Rosemary Astley, Rafay Saeed, James Turner, Rose Kelman, Scott Bryson, Tobi McLeod, Dennis Downey, Stefanie Molica, Carly Kurysh, Tracy Makris, George Ciobanu, Kyle Paterson



The 4-1-1 on the 9-1-1

Last Monday night, the Operations Committee had a report about property sign numbers. I suspect this will pass without fanfare next Monday at council given the tone of our conversations this past week. In it are guidelines for residents about the size, shape, colour etc. of their house numbers.

This isn't something we're going to be heavy hitting with as it's more for community safety than anything. The crux of it is that all house numbers need to be legible for emergency services. So those with script-like fonts with numbers written out on the front of your garage should consider ensuring the house number is also visible numerically.

Additionally, the report addresses the long overdue 9-1-1 signs for our

rural areas. Yes, finally. Our rural areas, excluding the little hamlets, will soon have those obvious blue 9-1-1 signs you see in other municipalities.

The Budget

In addition to our agenda that night, we also held the public meeting portion of the budget. It was well attended (by staff), ironic given it's easily one of the hottest topics at the door during an election. I suspect it will be again this year as candidates start their journeys in May. This year's budget is what we call an election year budget. You can read it at whitby.ca/budget.

What you will see is significant investment into infrastructure for our future growth.

When your tax bill arrives, it will say

Town of Whitby on the envelope as the Town collects the taxes. But what isn't always clear is that 53% of the tax bill goes to the Region and another 14% to Education. The Town retains 33%. We also have other revenue sources, such as user fees and transfers (gas tax being one).

The Town operates on a budget of \$124.4 million. Of that, the top three expenses (in thousands) are Roads (\$467), Fire (\$445) and Facilities, Parks and Trails. (\$277).

Of note for our ward is on page 248: Brooklin Indoor Recreation Facility, \$45.8M (2019-2022). I wish I could share more on this. But for now, you know the budget and the timeline. I hope to have something to share on this soon.

Page 252 shows four new local parks and six new district parks at \$13.2M (this will also include some West Whitby parks). Our Brooklin Secondary Plan will show you the areas these parks are earmarked for.

This year, we are making significant investment in things that will be invisible to many. It's the cost of doing business. Our Service Delivery Review (SDR) indicated the serious need for investments in digitization services at the Town. So we are doing it. With it will come easier access and transparency. The Corporate IT Strategy is also being worked on and is simply part of our evolution.

I am always available to answer questions on the budget. Email me anytime. The overall tax increase is 0.98%. February 22nd is budget night.



Public Notice 2018 Municipal Election Nominations and Candidate Campaigns

The *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, provides that every person who proposes to be a candidate for the Office of Regional Chair in the 2018 Municipal Election to be held on Monday, October 22, 2018 shall file a Nomination Paper with the Regional Clerk.

The *Municipal Elections Act* further provides that a candidate's election campaign period for the Office of Regional Chair begins on the day he/she files a nomination for the office. No contributions shall be made to or accepted by or on behalf of the candidate and no expenses may be incurred by or on behalf of a candidate prior to filing the prescribed Nomination Paper with the Regional Clerk. Money, goods and services given to and accepted by or on behalf of a person for his/her election campaign are contributions.

Take notice that nominations will be received by the Regional Clerk for the municipal election to be held on October 22, 2018 for the **Office of Regional Chair**.

Nominations for the **Office of Regional Chair of the Regional Municipality of Durham** must be filed in the Office of the Regional Clerk, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario L1N 6A3.

Nomination Procedure:

- The prescribed Nomination Paper may be obtained and filed in the Office of the Regional Clerk:
 - on any day from May 1, 2018 to July 26, 2018 when the Regional Clerk's Office is open (8:00 AM to 5:00 PM)
 - no later than Nomination Day, Friday, July 27, 2018 during the hours 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- The Nomination Paper shall be accompanied by a filing fee in the amount of \$200.00 in cash, certified cheque or money order, payable to The Regional Municipality of Durham, or by Debit, Visa or Mastercard.
- The onus is on the candidate for election to an office to file a bona fide Nomination Paper.**

For further information, please contact:

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Dated this 16th day of February, 2018.

If you require this information in an **accessible format** please contact the Regional Clerk / Director of Legislative Services via email at clerks@durham.ca or by telephone at 905-668-7711, extension 2100.

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