

Plans for GTA a step in right direction: MPP

Durham-York MPP Julia Munro sends a message to her constituents that the provincial changes will improve the quality of life in this region.

The aim of the current discussion to examine the entire Greater Toronto Area (GTA) is to strengthen the identity and lifestyle of communities in Durham-York and to ensure that the delivery of local services is accomplished in the most economic and efficient manner on behalf of taxpayers.

I have always recognized urban and rural areas, counties and regions - all have specific

problems and all have unique circumstances. Previous provincial governments alienated rural communities with a decision-making process that appeared to benefit the urban sections of the Greater Toronto Area and failed to adequately reflect the reality of our smaller rural municipalities.

This attitude has changed. Rather than government formulating 'Toronto-based' solutions for everyone else, it has recognized that small towns have concerns and issues that are distinct from those larger urban regions. Our government is offering a true partnership which provides more flexibility to rural municipalities by giving local councils more control over how they use their resources and more local input into the provincial decision-making process.

Many hamlets and communities have long-established histories and identities. Over the course of several decades municipal and more recently regional boundaries have been superimposed in a continual effort to provide equitable and efficient delivery of services. As the



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demand for a variety of services continues to climb, so the mechanism for the delivery must change. New efficiencies, new technology and new communication modes all must be examined to avoid costly duplication and overlap.

The discussion surrounding the entire GTA and the need to look at this area as one with special needs is not new. It was not dreamed up overnight by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

In 1987, the Peterson government created the office of the GTA. The former NDP government-appointed Golden GTA Task Force and David Crombie's 'Who Does What' panel, both strongly indicated GTA co-ordination is essential to the growth of the entire area and recommended the creation of the new City of Toronto. The

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TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE NOTICE TO ANNUALLY CLOSE AND STOP UP THE WALKWAYS SHOWN AS PARTS 5 AND 7 ON REGISTERED PLAN 65R-7021 (BETWEEN WINDSOR DRIVE AND VALLEY ROAD) AND BLOCK 78 ON REGISTERED PLAN 65M-3097 (SCHICKEDANZ SUBDIVISION) DURING THE PERIOD BETWEEN OCTOBER 31 AND APRIL 1

TAKE NOTICE THAT The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville intends to pass a by-law to annually close and stop up the walkways shown as Parts 5 and 7 on registered Plan 65R-7021 (between Windsor Drive and Valley Road) and Block 78 on Registered Plan 65M-3097 (Schickedanz Subdivision) both in the town of Whitchurch-Stouffville during the period between October 31 and April 1.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville shall, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 23, 1997 at the Stouffville Missionary Church, Auditorium, 6500 Main Street, Stouffville, Ontario, hear any person who claims that he / she will be adversely affected by the by-law and applies to be heard.

DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 6th day of August, 1997.

Michele Kennedy, Clerk
 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
 19 Civic Avenue
 Box 419
 Stouffville, Ontario
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Come to Church

WIDEMAN MENNONITE CHURCH
 10530 Hwy. 48 - North of Major Mackenzie
 Phone: 640-6219
 Pastor Lawrence Burkholder 294-0649
SUNDAY, SEPT. 7, 1997
 10:30 am - No Service - Church Retreat
 5:30 pm - No Service
 Everyone Welcome

THE ANGLICAN PARISH of CHRIST CHURCH
 254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville
 The Rev. Robert A. Shields 640-1461
 September 7, 1997
 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist and Nursery is provided
 Everyone Welcome!

Welcome to...
ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
 Our Church School Program resumes on Sunday, September 21 9:45 a.m.
 Worship Services are held each Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
 Child and Nursery Care is provided
 Visitors always welcome.
 6432 Main St. 640-3151

STOUFFVILLE UNITED CHURCH
 34 Church St. N.
 640-1163
 Rev. Robert Nightingale
Sunday, Sept. 7, 1997
 10:30 am, Morning worship
 Sunday School from Baby Fold to the Grade 8 level
 Everyone Welcome.

VIVIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
 473-3543
 On Hwy. 48 at Vivian Rd.
 Pastor Robert Okum
 Holding forth the doctrines of grace
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
 7:00 p.m. - Evening Service
 Everyone is Welcome

BLOOMINGTON GOSPEL CHURCH
 13660 Ninth Line (South of Bloomington Rd.)
SUNDAY, SEPT. 7, 1997
 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. - We welcome Dr. John Howarth our new pastor to the pulpit.
 6:30 p.m. - Evening service
 Everyone Welcome

Springvale Baptist Church
 Stouffville Rd. at Kennedy Rd.
887-5651
 Senior Pastor: Bob Flemming
 Associate Pastor: Bill Thornton
 Associate Pastor/Student Ministries: Brian G. Simcoe
 Interm Worship & Music Co-ordinator: Heather Thornton
 Visitation Pastor: Bill Smith
Sunday, Sept. 7, 1997
 8:45 am & Pastor Bob Flemming
 11:00 am Series "Getting Back on Track"
 10:00 am Family Bible School
 6:00 pm Pastor Bill Thornton

STOUFFVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH
 A Fellowship Church
 6273 Main Street
 Pastor - Rev. Gordon Bickle
 Asst. Pastor - Gordon MacCormack
Sunday, Sept. 7, 1997
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
 Message:
 Rev. Gordon Bickle
 Communion
WEDNESDAY
 7:30 p.m. Hour of Power
 "When truth is mixed with tenderness... it's easier to take"
 "WE CARE"