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MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Residents to see slight increase in taxes

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Homeowners in Whitchurch-Stouffville will notice a slight increase in their taxes when the bill arrives next week.

On Tuesday, Mayor Wayne Emmerson announced that the "middle of the road" tax bill should be in the mail by Aug. 28.

The bill, which includes municipal, regional and education levies, reflects a 2.55 per cent increase over last year.

As well, council approved some cap-

ital expenditures.

A total of \$250,000 has been earmarked for roads and \$500,000 will go toward other projects.

While Emmerson declined to identify the projects, it's expected that an indoor swimming pool will top the list.

Two weeks ago, town officials learned that provincial legislation caused Whitchurch-Stouffville to lose \$500,000, even though Ontario Premier Mike Harris had promised a "revenue neutral" impact because of the down-

COMMUNITY: Santos club to pay visit

Rotary club welcomes Brazilians for visit

A Stouffville welcome will be given to 16 people from Brazil expected to arrive next week.

The newly formed Stouffville Rotary Club is hosting a visit from the members of the Rotary Club of Santos.

Santos is one of the busiest South American ports, local Rotarian Mary-Francis Juke pointed out.

The Brazilians will arrive in Stouffville on Aug. 29 and will remain here until Sept. 8.

The group will be guests of the members of the Stouffville Rotary Club. While here, the Brazilians will visit the Canadian National Exhibition, Niagara Falls and the CN Tower.

A trip on the York-Durham Heritage Railway is also on the agenda.

Runoff, culverts, erosion main concerns at Musselman's Lake

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decomposition of weeds and aquatic plants under the ice in winter.

Also, during construction and development around a lake, runoff is usually greater during lot clearing, road, cottage and septic field construction, experts say.

"This is the time to be especially careful and watch for erosion," said Lafleur in a group-issued newsletter.

Aquatic plants and weeds use nitrate for nourishment.

"When these plants die, they form a rich organic sediment at the bottom of the lake. The loss of oxygen under winter ice also encourages undesirable chemicals to be released from this sediment," said Lafleur.

"Once these plans have been put in place, further steps must be taken to implement the solution, to bring back the beauty and health that Musselman's Lake once had," said Carroll.

There's been no shortage of studies of Musselman's Lake. It's such an attraction that it's been studied and studied again. It is time to take the next step. We must get all levels of government to stand up and take notice of what we have to offer in our area and help us to look after it," he added.

Residents of Musselman's Lake and town officials know the damage has been done, said Carroll.

The town has already begun the process by installing infiltration pipes to help control storm water runoff.

We have to know how to undo it. With new planning and undertaking of new ideas, we can show the rest of Ontario how to look after the environment.



MARK CARROLL
Town officials know what damage has been done

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