

Stouffville aims to be smoke free by 2004

Council agrees to join regional tobacco ban

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Whitchurch-Stouffville will be smoke free by 2004, providing the region adopts a new tobacco use bylaw.

On Tuesday, Whitchurch-Stouffville council gave its final blessing to a move to put tough tobacco-use laws in place. The move is gaining strength across York Region.

Local council endorsed the recommendations made by the York Region No-Smoking Task Force, calling for an across-the-board smoking ban within three years.

If adopted, York Region will have similar smoking laws to Toronto and Peel.

York Region council is scheduled to vote on the issue Sept. 20.

Municipal buildings were smoke free effective last January. Workplaces are scheduled to be smoke free by June 2001.

Dinner theatres, restaurants, bowling, skating, curling and other sports facilities are to be smoke free by 2001.

Billiard places, bingo halls, casinos and race tracks have to comply by June 1, 2004.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson insists the town will focus on the needs of local bars and restaurants.

"We still need to work with the restaurant and bar owners," said Emmerson.

The laws linked to smoking are not a political issue, stressed Ward 5



WAYNE EMMERSON: Mayor says town must work with restaurant and bar owners on the issue.

Councillor Judy Scala

"This is a health issue. The biggest concern is the teens. The law is a step in the right direction," Scala said.

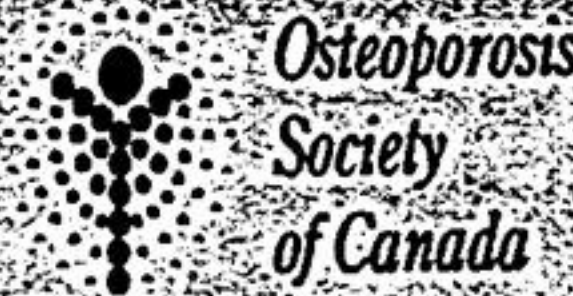
For the past year, the non-smoking task force has gathered public input by hosting meetings in its municipalities. The task force visited Whitchurch-Stouffville twice.

At the public meetings, residents, business owners, managers and employees in York Region made deputations regarding the eventual enactment of uniform smoke-free bylaws in York's municipalities.

Some restaurant and bar owners filed strong opposition to a smoke-free bylaw.

Others suggested lawsuits would be filed if they were forced to make their

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11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
Message: "Christ, the neglected stone"
Speaker: Rev. Doug Freeman (from Toronto Jewish Mission)
Acts IV: 1-12
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9:45 am - 11:00 a.m.
Pastor Bob Flemming
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6:00 p.m. - Guest Speaker: Pastor Jovin from Haiti
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