



TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE "COUNTRY CLOSE TO THE CITY"

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

Residents are advised that the following construction projects are to begin on or about July 8th, 2002

1) Park Drive Reconstruction from Main Street to Tindale Road

This project includes the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Main Street and Park Drive.

Park Drive will be closed to through traffic during the construction period which is scheduled to be approximately completed eight (8) weeks after the start of the work.

2) Watson Drive Reconstruction - from Tenth Line to the entrance of the Eastern Gate Development

Work on this street is to be completed approximately six (6) weeks after the start of the project.

Residents can anticipate some inconveniences in the construction areas. Your patience and co-operation during this period is appreciated.

TAX BILLS

2002 FINAL RESIDENTIAL TAX BILLS

- 1st Instalment Due - August 23, 2002
- 2nd Instalment Due - October 18, 2002

RESIDENTIAL TAX bills have now been mailed. Ratepayers who have not received their bills should make immediate application to the Municipal Tax Department. **Commercial, Industrial and Multi-residential tax bills will be mailed at a later date.**

THE PENALTY charged for non-payment of 2002 taxes is one and one-quarter (1 1/4) percent imposed on the first day of default and on the first day of each month thereafter.

FAILURE TO receive a tax bill does not eliminate the responsibility for payment of taxes nor the penalty charges for late payment.

TAX PAYMENTS may be made by mail or in person at the Town Office and at most Financial Institutions through tellers, banking machines and by telephone. Banking fees may apply. Penalty will be charged and added to your tax account at our office on payments made at the bank after the due dates. After hours tax payments may be left in the drop box at the front west entrance door of the Imperial Building (37 Sandiford Drive).

TOWN OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY to FRIDAY: 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.
905-640-1900 / 905-895-2423

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web site www.townofws.com • Automated Lines (905) 640-1910 / (905) 895-5299 • Drop off box at west entrance

MUSEUM

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM
JULY 24, 25, and 26 OR AUGUST 21, 22, and 23
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon or 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for our summer program for children ages 8 - 14. The program will consist of three half days, and you may choose either the morning or the afternoon session. A light snack will be served each day. Children will explore a variety of heritage activities and crafts, completing several projects to take home - including a kaleidoscope, a tole-painting project, and creating and working on an Indian Bead loom.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

COST: \$30.00 per three day session
(Members: \$24.00)

TO REGISTER BY PHONE OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

CALL: 905-727-8954 or toll free 1-888-290-0337

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum is located at 14732 Woodbine Avenue in the hamlet of Vandorf between the Aurora Road and the Bloomington Road.

LEISURE SERVICES

STOUFFVILLE ARENA
SUMMER ICE AVAILABLE
COMMENCING JULY 29th, 2002
CALL: 905-640-1910 ext. 287

NEW at the Stouffville Outdoor Pool
Saturdays and Sundays, 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Lane Swim.

For a full list of our Leisure Swim times call 905-640-6918 (outdoor pool information) or 905-642-7529 and press 3 then 4 (indoor and outdoor pool information)

Hey Kids, Get Wet and Have Some Fun
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Outdoor Pool, drop in activities for kids (water polo, synchro, games, etc.) \$5 per visit.
For more information, call the Outdoor Pool at 905-640-6918.

NEW Arthritis Aquafit
Brought to you by popular demand, we have added a new evening Arthritis Aquafit class, Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.
Pay as you go or memberships available.
For more information call 905-642-7529.

Swim Lessons

Space is still available in Sessions 2, 3 and 4 for swimming lessons of all levels. Call 905-642-PLAY and press "0" for more information

Summer Camp

Space is quickly filling in both our Adventures Day Camp and our Sports Camp. Register now to avoid disappointment. Registration is accepted at the Lebovic Leisure Centre, 30 Burkholder Street.

Over the Edge Skate Park Is Now On Summer Hours

7 days a week
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm
For up to date park information call the hotline at 905-642-3172.

Province won't take legal action against ex-CAO

The Ontario Realty Corp. says it won't be taking legal action against the former chief administrator for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The ORC, which manages the provincial government's real estate holdings, and the Ministry of the Attorney-General said recently they had dropped Merlin Dewing as a defendant in an amended lawsuit.

They now say he had no interest in a company allegedly involved in bid-rigging and breach of contract in environmental cleanup work.

Mr. Dewing, the chief administrator for the Township of Cramahe, had an interest in a numbered company that operated as Master Environmental Services, but told the agency this month he sold his stake before the firm conducted work for the ORC.

Mr. Dewing also said he informed the ORC some documents bearing his name were forgeries.

The ORC and the ministry expanded their claim this month and are now seeking \$47 million in damages against five former employees and 52 compa-



MERLIN DEWING: Documents bearing his name were forgeries, former CAO told provincial officials.

nies and individuals for alleged bid-rigging, fraud, kickbacks, conspiracy and breach of fiduciary duties relating to real estate sales and cleanup contracts, primarily during the late 1990s.

—With files from Torstar Network

Mayor wants arts groups on old hall's main floor

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
Staff Writer

Whitchurch-Stouffville old town hall will not be sold, local Mayor Wayne Emmerson has vowed.

"The old town hall is not for sale," stressed Mayor Emmerson.

Following a recent public outcry to keep the old town hall in municipal ownership, Mayor Emmerson has put forward a plan designed to have the top floor of the two-story building occupied through a condominium agreement by an architectural-engineering firm, while the bottom floor would become an arts and cultural centre.

Bruce Arrowsmith, spokesperson for Arrowsmith and Associates and its partner, Bell Engineering, said his group is eager to explore the possibility of striking "a condo agreement" to take over the top floor of the century-old building on Civic Avenue.

"We aren't trying to grab this building," said Mr. Arrowsmith. "We are interested in exploring public use for the bottom floor. We will work with the town in a joint venture. We'll explore all options. We've always been interested in public use for part of this building."

At a July 23 council meeting, Mayor Emmerson hopes to strike an arts and culture committee that would investigate the use of the main floor. "I'd like to get the ball rolling to establish an arts and culture centre on the bottom floor of the town hall," said Mayor Emmerson.

Two weeks ago, council received four proposals for the old town hall. Of the four, council chose Arrowsmith's over plans from Ward 6 Councillor Sue Sherban, businessman Don Quarles and a group of local potters.

Councillor Sherban's bid involved a multi-purpose cultural centre, including a live theatre and an addition to accommodate the return of the municipal offices. Despite being rejected



WAYNE EMMERSON: Mayor will bring proposal for arts and culture committee to council July 23.

Councillor Sherban still hopes her plan is realized.

Don Quarles, a manager at the Toronto's Hummingbird Centre for the Arts, suggested the town enter into a long-term lease agreement, launch a fundraising campaign and convert the building into a multi-purpose cultural centre, offering everything from community theatre to dance recitals to concerts. Mr. Quarles didn't want the municipal offices to return to Civic Avenue.

Officials with the Canadian Fiddlers and Step Dancers Hall of Fame and Museum have expressed an interest in setting up its head office in the old town hall.

Mr. Quarles is now backing the mayor in his plan to strike a committee. "I would be very keen to work with the mayor to see the bottom floor become an arts and cultural centre," said Mr. Quarles. "Also, the fiddlers are still interested. They wouldn't need very much space. It would bring national attention to Stouffville."

Bereaved Families of Ontario

Founded in 1978, under the auspices of the Hospital for Sick Children, Bereaved Families is a self-help organization staffed by bereaved persons. Specialists in the area of grief and bereavement from the professional community serve as a resource both in the development of on-going programmes and in the supervision and training of self-help group leaders. This co-operation between lay and professionals has enabled Bereaved Families to better respond to the needs of the bereaved and has helped guarantee that the best support is provided.

1-800-969-6904

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