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# Town buys works yard for \$2 million

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The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has bought 11 acres of land, which houses the town's public works yard on Main Street in west-end Stouffville.

On Tuesday, council gave the nod to spend \$2 million to buy the land, which has been leased from the province since 1993.

For the past nine years, the

municipality has been leasing the former Ministry of Transportation works yard from the Ontario Realty Corporation, said Whitchurch-Stouffville's chief administrative officer Nick Kristoffy.

The ORC owns a number of former works yards across Ontario, all of which are being sold either to the municipality in which they are located or to private interests.

"ORC is now in the process

of putting Whitchurch-Stouffville's yard up for sale and it is their policy to offer the property to the municipality prior to putting it on the open market," Mr. Kristoffy said.

The land is a "good spot" for the municipal works yard, Mr. Kristoffy stressed. "This is a good deal."

The money will come from the town's hydro reserve fund, which totals \$4 million.

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