



**TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE** "Country Living Close To The City"

**Old Town Hall  
Redevelopment of  
19 Civic Ave  
Public Information Session**

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has retained the services of The Ventur Group Architects to develop a Concept and Business Plan for the Redevelopment of the Municipal Building (Old Town Hall) at 19 Civic Avenue. The focus of this study is to explore the establishment of a Cultural and Arts Centre within the historically designated 19 Civic Avenue building.

A Town Hall Meeting was held on December 6, 2004, to present interim project findings and solicit public input into the final report.

The Consultant has advanced the project further and will present an overview of the Draft Concept and Business Plan at a Public Information Centre (PIC) on Thursday, February 10, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 4th Floor, 37 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville.

Any questions regarding this session can be directed to Mr. Tom Graham, Director of Leisure Services at (905)640-1910, ext. 289 or via e-mail: tom.graham@townofws.com.

**DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT  
FOR BYERS POND WAY  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION**

Monday February 21st, 2005  
3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Latham Hall, 8 Park Drive, Stouffville

*We would welcome your input... please join us for an informal discussion on the future development of a Park being built in your neighbourhood.*

In the 2004 Capital Budget, Council authorized the development of a Neighbourhood Park at a location generally defined as the intersection of Byers Pond Way and Hoover Park Drive within the southeast district of Stouffville.

Over the past few months, Staff from the Development Services and Leisure Services Departments have been working with Town Consultant, Totten Sims Hubicki Associates, to evaluate and assess the appropriate mix of facilities that could be accommodated in the proposed Neighbourhood Park. We are at a point in time where conceptual drawings have now been prepared which illustrate the arrangement of uses contemplated for the Park, and the technical standards of the various facilities.

On Monday February 21st, 2005 between the hours of 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. you are welcome to meet with Town Staff and Consultant in an informal setting to review the proposed development plans for the Neighbourhood Park. The Public Information Session is being convened at Latham Hall, 8 Park Drive, Stouffville. This session represents the neighbourhood's opportunity to confirm your expectations for the Park and to provide input on the design / arrangement of uses proposed for this Park. *Please plan to attend... we welcome your input and thoughts!*

The Park has been designed to serve as a meeting place where the neighbourhood's active and passive recreational / leisure pursuits can be realized. Elements proposed to be incorporated into the design of the Park include: a splash pad; junior & intermediate play structures and swings; a basketball court; a multi-purpose court; and a junior ball diamond. Woven throughout the Park are treed areas, multi-purpose paths and the appropriately designed sitting areas. The Park has been designed to incorporate elements that will respond to the needs of the area residents, both young and old.

The Park also represents an opportunity for connection into the emerging Stouffville Creek trail system through the enhancement of the existing stormwater management facility. The larger trail system, when fully developed to the north and south of the site, will respond to the desires of our avid walkers, in-line skaters, and in the winter time, cross-country skiers.

Following the Public Information Session, Staff and the Consultant will be revising the development scheme for the Park, as required, based upon our discussions with area residents. It is expected that in March 2005 Staff will present the final plans to Council for ratification and direction to initiate the tender process. It is our expectation that construction of the Park will commence in May 2005 with project completion targeted for September 2005.

For further information on the development of the Neighbourhood Park or the Public Information Session, please contact Mr. Andrew McNeely, Manager of Planning Services at (905) 640-1910 ext. 270 or via email at andrew.mcneely@townofws.com.

**WINTER REMINDERS**

In order to assist everyone for a safe winter season, the Public Works Department reminds residents of Council's approved Winter Maintenance Service levels as summarized below.

**General Information**

The inspection of roads during the winter maintenance season begins the third Friday of November and continues until the second Friday of April.

Road patrols are carried out each morning commencing at 3:30 am seven (7) days a week.

The sanding and plowing of roads is generally carried out in accordance with the classification of roads. Arterial roads such as Main Street and the Tenth Line receive preferred services at all times. These roads are major carriers of traffic and generally connect with major Regional and/or Provincial roads. Collector roads provide access to Town arterial roads and Regional arterial roads. Examples of this type of road includes Millard Street, Stouffer Street and Hemlock Road. Local roads such as Ironwood Crescent, Sawmill Lane, Hill Country Drive etcetera, are generally the final roads to be serviced. These roads generally carry low volumes of traffic and are not intended to carry through traffic.

**Residential Driveway Windrow Cleaning Service**

The Town provides a residential sidewalk and windrow snow clearing service to seniors and physically challenged residents where there is no able bodied person living in the household at no cost. The snow windrow is the snow bank left across your driveway by the snowplow. Applications forms are available from the Public Works Department.

**Snow Plowing**

Generally, the plowing of roads commences after the accumulation of five (5) centimeters of snow. Normal plowing operations of arterial, collector and local roads take approximately (8) hours to complete after the end of a snow storm. Generally the plowing of Arterial and Collector roads will be in progress before the plowing of local roads commence. All cul-de-sacs are plowed. Generally snow will be pushed to the centre of the cul-de-sac and will remain there until time permits clean-up or the area for snow storage becomes limited.

**Sanding and Salting**

At the beginning of a snowfall, the arterial and collector roads are salted and the local roads are sanded at hills, curves and intersections. The sanding and salting of roads are carried out to maintain roads safe and passable.

**Sidewalks and Walkways**

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville does not maintain all sidewalks. Inclusions and deletions of the sidewalks maintained by the Public Works Department are approved at the discretion of Town Council.

The plowing and sanding of sidewalks maintained by the Public Works Department commences when snow accumulations are five (5) centimeters or greater. The plowing and sanding of sidewalks are normally completed within eight (8) hours after the end of a snowfall.

For a list of sidewalks maintained by the Public Works Department please contact our office.

Residents are reminded that By-law 98-57-RD requires owners and occupants to remove ice and snow from sidewalks that are NOT maintained by the Town.

**Snow Removal**

A regular snow removal program is in-place only for Main Street between Albert Street and Park Drive. Generally this activity will take place after the accumulation of snow on the shoulder of the road has reached 0.75 meters in height.

Snow removal in other locations will take place on an as needed basis. Examples include when plowed or piled snow impede the safe and efficient movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic, blocked access to fire hydrants, creates unsafe sight distances, children are using the snow piled in cul-de-sacs as play areas.

**Bus Stop Locations**

The standing area and the windrow is cleared of snow and sanded (as needed) within twenty-four (24) hours of the end of a snowfall.

**Parking Lots and Parking at Town Facilities**

Snow plowing and sanding of parking facilities is the responsibility of the Public Works Department.

**Culvert Steaming/Cleaning**

During the winter months, road culverts and driveway entrance culverts are maintained on an as needed basis in order to prevent ice and snow accumulations which impede flow and create flooding problems on road surfaces and/or private properties. Different circumstances will require different approaches when providing the above-mentioned services. Freezing rain, prolonged unusual or unexpected weather conditions, availability of staff, equipment and materials may result in modified start times and prolonged completion times. Further information on our road and sidewalk winter maintenance programs are available by calling the Public Works Department.

**ADDITIONAL WINTER REMINDERS....**

To assist the Public Works Department with its winter maintenance activities residents are reminded of the following:

- 1) Over night parking restrictions are in place between December 1st and March 31st as stated in By-law 89-178. During the day, to assist with the Town's plowing operations, we asked that vehicles not be parked on the street until they have been serviced.
- 2) Not to push snow from driveways on to the travel portion of the road.
- 3) Placing of garbage containers and blue boxes in driveways rather than on snow banks.
- 4) When driving, stay well back of snow plows as they are, on occasion, required to back-up during plowing operations.
- 5) Residents are requested not to allow children to play on snow piles located on or at the side of the roads. Snow plow operators may not see children playing in the snow.
- 6) The municipality is not responsible for damage to items placed on Town Property by property owners. Examples of such items are fences, posts, hedges, shrubs, concrete and wood driveway curbs. Removal of these items will aid in our road and sidewalk plowing operations and prevent damage to these property improvements.

**2005 INTERIM PROPERTY TAX BILLS**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

1st Instalment Due - February 18, 2005  
2nd Instalment Due - April 22, 2005

INTERIM TAX bills have now been mailed. Ratepayers who have not received their bills should contact the Municipal Tax Department as soon as possible. Failure to receive a tax bill does not eliminate the responsibility for payment of taxes or the penalty charges for late payment.

TAX PAYMENTS may be made by mail, or in person at the Town Office, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, and at most Financial Institutions through tellers, banking machines and by telephone. Banking fees may apply. After hours, tax payments may be made in the drop box at the front west entrance door of the Imperial Building (37 Sandiford Drive).

APPEALING THE CURRENT MARKET VALUE ASSESSMENT on your property must be done before the deadline of March 31, 2005. Please direct questions regarding assessments to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722. Appeal forms are available at the Town offices.

When paying tax installments by Telephone, Internet and Bank Machines, please ensure that the **ROLL NUMBER AS SHOWN ON YOUR TAX BILL** is used.

VACANCY REBATE APPLICATIONS are available at the Town offices during business hours, for any commercial or industrial properties that have been vacant for 90 consecutive days. The deadline for submitting the application for the 2004 taxation year is February 28, 2005.

**TENDER**

TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE  
TENDER WS-T-05-04

Sealed tenders, in the envelope provided, clearly marked as to the contents, will be received by the Town Clerk's Department, 37 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 7X5 until 3:00 p.m. local time.

February 16, 2005

for

Janitorial Cleaning Services at the  
Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library;  
Whitchurch-Stouffville Municipal Offices;  
Ballantrae Community Centre; and Stouffville Train Station

As a condition of bid acceptance, Tenderers must attend a site inspection meeting with Rob Raycroft, Manager of Facilities and Parks, on Friday, February 11, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Lebovic Leisure Centre located at 30 Burkholder Street, Stouffville.

Tender documents may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Department after February 3, 2005 at the above-mentioned address, between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. local time, Monday to Friday. If further information is required, please contact Rob Raycroft, Manager of Facilities and Parks at (905)640-1910, ext. 290.

The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville reserves the right to accept or reject any Tender and also reserves the right to accept other than the lowest Tender.

2ND ANNUAL

**Winter Carnival**

Saturday, February 12  
Musselemans Lake 1:00 - 4:00

**OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES!**

Shoot for the Cure!  
Snowmobile/ATV Rides • Hayrides  
2:30 - Stouffville Figure Skating Club performing  
DOG SLED TEAMS!!  
Snow Shoe Fun!!

Celebrate Valentine's with  
'Heart shaped'  
Belgian Chocolates  
Face Painting • Children's Ident Kits

**Entertainment Featuring**

1:30 pm - BACH TO BLUES LIVE CONCERT  
WHITCHURCH HIGHLANDS PRIMARY CHOIR  
YORK DURHAM ACADEMY OF PERFORMANCE ARTS  
CONCERT BAND • CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**FABULOUS CHILL!**  
Hot Dogs!!  
Hot Chocolate!!



The Spring and Summer Activity Guide has been delivered to your home in your Tribune Thursday February 17. make sure to check your paper for your guide to all our programs and services this Spring and Summer.