



TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 9, 2007

PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LAND STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT ACT

Council received an information report on Planning and Conservation Land Statute Law Amendment Act, known as Bill 51. The legislation provides for a refining of the Planning Act and provides municipalities with new planning tools, powers and capabilities related to land use planning and development at the local level. In addition, the legislation requires that municipalities maintain current land use planning and development related policies to take advantage of the new powers and to ensure transparency.

The new powers include, among other things, the ability for the municipality to regulate the architectural design of buildings, including the character, scale, appearance, and accessibility. The legislation also allows for municipalities to impose conditions on the use, erection or location of built forms through zoning to address challenges with some developments or to achieve local goals.

A copy of the complete information report is available on the Town's website, contained within the January 9, 2007 Council in Committee (CIC) agenda, or in person at the Clerk's Department.

ASSUMPTION OF EARL COOKE DRIVE

Council approved that the Town assume Earl Cooke Drive as recommended by staff.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT POND AGREEMENT

Council authorized the signing of an agreement between the Town, the Town of Markham and Lebovic Enterprises Limited to construct a stormwater management pond in the geographic area of the Town of Markham.

The pond will be located in the subdivision lands between the 9th Line and the railroad from the south limit of the subdivision at the Markham/Whitchurch-Stouffville border north to the existing woodlot abutting the plan's northern limit.

EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS - MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

A number of Council Member appointments to external bodies were approved by Council, including:

- Councillor Ken Ferdinands was appointed to the Lake Simcoe and Region Conservation Authority;
- Councillor Clyde Smith was appointed to the Rouge Park Alliance, and as an alternate to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (Duffins and Carruthers Watershed Resource Group).
- Mayor Wayne Emmerson was appointed to the Markham-Stouffville Hospital Board of Directors and to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (Duffins and Carruthers Watershed Resource Group).

Members of Council represent the Town and help to improve communication between the Town and the organizations they are appointed to.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB - LIBRARY

Next meeting: Tuesday January 16th 1:30 p.m.
Discussion of Margaret Atwood's "Blind Assassin"
New members welcome!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP - LIBRARY

Next meeting: Wednesday January 24th 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Discussion of Scottish authors
Free Admission - New members welcome!

FREE FAMILY FUN - LEBOVIC CENTRE

Friday January 26th, 6:00 - 9:00pm
6:00 - 6:40 Family Physical Activity
6:00 - 8:45 Games & Puzzles with Multiverse
6:35 - 8:00 Family Swim
7:30 - 9:00 Movie: "Open Season"

STANDARD FIRST AID AND CPR

January 15 and 17, 6pm - 10pm
Choose either the emergency first aid to gain general knowledge or the more extensive standard first aid, recognized by the WSIB. Register at the Lebovic Leisure Centre.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS SOUGHT

The Town is now accepting applications from residents to serve on the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library Board for a four-year term.

Qualifications and applications are available:
In-person at the Clerk's Department, 4th Flr,
37 Sandiford Dr. or online: www.townofws.com
Deadline for applications is January 31, 2007.

Applications for other Town advisory committees will be received following Council's review of its advisory committee structure, expected to be completed in March 2007.

PUBLIC WORKSHOP ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Town Council has authorized a review of its advisory committees, to ensure they are consistent with their current needs, and to reflect best practice. Current advisory committee members and the public are invited to attend an informal workshop:

Wednesday, January 17, 7 - 9:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Town Offices, 37 Sandiford Dr.
The workshop is intended to identify strengths and weaknesses of the current advisory committee structure, as well as opportunities for improvement.

To RSVP and for more information, contact Andrew Brouwer, Deputy Clerk, 905-640-1910, ext. 321 or andrew.brouwer@townofws.com.

BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is undertaking an exciting new economic development project beginning in January 2007. Known as "Business Retention and Expansion" (BR+E), this project is designed to better understand the challenges local business are facing.

This week 22 business volunteers from Whitchurch-Stouffville will be trained in interviewing by the Province of Ontario, marking the formal beginning of the BR+E project. Two rounds of confidential interviews will be held beginning January 2007 and May 2007. Findings will be summarized in a report. It is expected that this report will be presented to Town Council in the summer of this year.

Funding for the project has been received from the Province of Ontario, York Region, and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. For more information, contact Rebecca Mustard, Economic Development Intern, (905) 640 1910, ext. 301 or rebecca.mustard@townofws.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PUBLIC COMMENT INVITED

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment
McCowan Road Reconstruction
From Bloomington Road to Aurora Road

THE STUDY:

URS Canada Inc. has been retained by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to undertake a study of McCowan Road Reconstruction from Bloomington Road to Aurora Road. This project is being planned under Schedule B in accordance with the Planning and Design Process for Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (June 2000).

THE PROCESS:

This project will utilize a multi-disciplinary team approach to ensure that the full range of issues and concerns of provincial ministries, local municipalities, agencies and the public are included and addressed.

Consultation will be an integral component of this project. The public is invited to a Public Information Centre to introduce you to the project and obtain comments so your input can be considered in the planning of this project.

In order to find out more about this project, you are invited to attend the public information centre. Details are provided below.

DATE: Wednesday January 24, 2007
TIME: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Lemonville Community Centre
13453 McCowan Road
Stouffville, ON L4A 7X5

All comments and material will be maintained on file for use during the study. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

If you are unable to attend the Public Information Centre, but would like to provide us with your comments, please provide us with your name, address and telephone number or e-mail to either of the contacts listed below.

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**FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHT - FRIDAY JANUARY 26TH 6 - 9 P.M.
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