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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 6, 2007

2007 BUDGET PREPARATION

Council received an information report on the 2007 Operating and Capital Budgets, as well as the Five Year Capital Forecast. The report indicated some of the challenges and opportunities in developing the 2007 Budget, including an assessment growth of 10.7% over 2006; staffing and cost of living allowances; municipal inflation; negotiation of collective agreements for unionized staff; and office and capital expenditures.

Council also confirmed their existing policy regarding the awarding of grants to various community organizations. An earlier request for funding from the Southlake Regional Health Centre for the development of a cancer treatment centre was considered by Council to be a Provincial funding responsibility, in addition to an existing Region of York levy for hospital campaign projects. Town staff currently participate in a voluntary contribution program with the Markham-Stouffville Hospital.

A special Council in Committee and Council meeting will be held on March 27, 2007 commencing at 7 p.m. in the Council chamber to consider the 2007 Budget.

MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION STATUS

Council received an information report on the status of the Main Street reconstruction project. The first phase will commence in 2008 with the widening of Main Street to four lanes from Ringwood Drive to Ninth Line, including a realignment of Mostar Road and Palmwood Gate to eliminate the existing offset and improve safety at these locations. The second phase is scheduled for 2009 and includes widening of Main Street from Ringwood Drive to Highway 48.

During construction, access will be maintained to all properties and at least one lane of traffic will be maintained open in each direction at all times.

UPDATE ON MEMORIAL PARK MASTER PLAN AND PROPOSED ALIGNMENT OF PARK DRIVE EXTENSION

For the benefit of new Members of Council, a discussion paper outlining the current status of the Memorial Park Master Plan and Proposed Alignment of the Park Drive Extension was received by Council. The proposed realignment is intended to help reduce the net amount of roads and utility functions within the park as well as improve the recreational and leisure uses of the park. Another report is planned to be presented at a June 20, 2007 Council in Committee meeting, which will be preceded by opportunities for public input, to be advertised.

2007 INVESTMENT READINESS AND INVESTOR POSITIONING REPORT

Council approved an "Investment Readiness and Investor Positioning" report as well as an update on current economic development activities. The report is intended to better understand the needs of potential investors and to refine materials and programs to deliver to such audiences. More information and for a copy of the report, contact Economic Development Intern Rebecca Mustard, 905-640-1910, ext. 301 or rebecca.mustard@townofws.com.

COUNCIL MEETING

**SPECIAL COUNCIL IN COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007 7:00 p.m.
"19 ON THE PARK" PRESENTATION**

Results of the community consultation/program development, preliminary building structural assessment/costing, and revised business plan.

COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2007 7:00 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1. 911 Investments Limited File ZBA95.011 Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Part Lot 8, Concession 9

The subject lands comprise three separate properties with a total area of 6.18 ha (15.27 acres), with frontages on the Tenth Line, Sleepy Hollow Lane, Hill Top Trail and Raevue Drive. The properties will be considered as one property for the purposes of the rezoning.

A Zoning By-law Amendment will be considered which would change the zone classification from Recreational Commercial (RC) to Rural Residential 2 (RR2), Rural Residential 7 (RR7) and Open Space Environmental (OSE) to permit the creation of four lots (three severed plus one retained) which would be eligible for residential building permits. The Amendment would also protect the stream valley, pond and woodlot located on the property with the application of the OSE Zone.

2. Monica Barwig File No. ZBA06.012 Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Part Lot 20, Conc. 7, 15167 McCowan Road

The subject land is located on the east side of McCowan Road, south of Aurora Road.

A Zoning By-law Amendment will be considered which would allow a home based business, namely the "growing and sale of potted plants grown on the property" on a year round basis as an additional permitted use, would limit the size of the operation to the approximate size of the two existing greenhouses; and, would apply the Open Space Environmental (OSE) zoning on the woodlot area to protect it from development.

3. 1609972 Ontario Ltd & L.K. Aurora Inc. File No. ZBA06.015 Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Part Lot 21, Concession. 8 15283 & 15307 Hwy 48 and 5292 Aurora Rd

The subject lands, with an area of approximately 1.44 ha (3.57 acres) are located in the northeast quadrant of the Community of Ballantrae with frontages on both Highway 48 and Aurora Road.

A Zoning By-law Amendment will be considered which would change the zone classification from Rural Residential 1 (RR1), Local Commercial - Development (LC-D), and Highway Commercial (HC) to General Commercial (GC), and would deem the properties to be one for the purposes of the rezoning. The proposed Amendment is designed to permit development of the site with two commercial buildings.

4. Mattamy (Hoover Park) Ltd. (Phase 1B of Wheler's Mill Subdivision) File No. ZBA06.022 Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment relates to a single residential lot on the east side of Mostar Street, south of Hoover Park Drive. The Amendment seeks relief from the interior side yard setback provisions and would permit the larger side lot line of proposed Lot 6 to abut the smaller side lot line of proposed Lot 5 to accommodate an existing drainage easement.

For more information on these public meeting files, please do not hesitate to contact the Development Services Department at 905-640-1900 or 905-895-2423, or visit the Development Services Department at the Town Municipal Offices, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

STATUTORY NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE - At the Council meeting scheduled for February 20, 2007, consideration will be given for Amendment to 2006 User Fees By-Law 2006-098-FI. Details will be available in the CIC Agenda on February 16, 2007 at 12 noon. Comments on user fees can be submitted to: Marc J. Pourvahidi, Director of Finance/Treasurer, 905-640-1910 ext. 245 or email marc.pourvahidi@townofws.com

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2007 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS

APPLICATION FOR FILL PERMIT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will consider an application on behalf of the Owner, Diversicare Canada Management Services Co. Inc. for a site alteration and clean fill permit on lands located at 40 Freel Lane pursuant to Fill Control By-law 2005-228-RE.

If you have any questions, please contact Jack Boonstra, Development Services Department, Telephone Nos. 905-640-1900 or 895-2423 ext. 250.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NOTICE

2007 INTERIM PROPERTY TAX BILLS

1st Instalment Due - February 23, 2007
2nd Instalment Due - April 27, 2007

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 and Internet banking. 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).

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

APPEALING THE CURRENT MARKET VALUE ASSESSMENT on your property must be done before the deadline of **April 2, 2007**. 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.

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 2006 taxation year is **February 28, 2007**.

Ruth Armstrong,
Tax Collector AMCT, CMTC

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH BREAK CAMP FOR AGES 6-12
Monday March 12 to Friday March 16
9 am - 4 pm (before and after care available)

In Partnership with Willowgrove Outdoor Education Centre, 11737 McCowan Road, we are pleased to offer camp during March Break. Activities include: winter sports, farm lessons, arts and crafts, wall climbing, wagon rides, a visit from renowned local artist John Roberts and much, much more.

Register now at the Lebovic Leisure Centre or call 905-642-PLAY (7529).

THE WOVEN WORD AT YOUR LIBRARY
Sunday February 11 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Join Charlene Jones in this discussion of the language spoken through poetry since the turn of the 20th century. Admission is free. Donations are appreciated.

PRESCHOOL CRAFT AT YOUR LIBRARY
Wednesday February 14 10:15 - 10:45 am

Ages 3 - 6 yrs. Cost \$2.00/child
Pre-registration is required!

It's coming...2007 Spring and Summer Activity Guide
Watch for your copy in the Sun/Tribune on Thursday February 15, 2007