

TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

STATUS REPORT ON KEY CAPITAL PROJECTS

Council received a report on the status of the key capital projects, designed to respond to growth related initiatives and assist in the rehabilitation of existing infrastructure. The report indicated that all of the 2007 key capital projects were underway or completed in accordance with the 2007 capital budget approved by Council. Park development projects outlined included Mauro Parkette (completed), Whelers Mill Neighbourhood Park (underway), Madoni Neighbourhood Park Construction (completed) and Vandorf Master Plan Implementation (underway). Road reconstruction projects outlined included Main Street Reconstruction (underway), construction of the Millard Street bridge at Little Rouge Creek (underway) and rehabilitation of McCowan Road (St. John's Sideroad to Faulkner Avenue) and Bethesda Road (Kennedy Road to Warden Road) (completed).

A similar capital projects status report is planned to be brought forward in December, 2007 and more detailed status reports on various projects will be outlined on the Town page.

REDUCED SPEED ON HILLSDALE ROAD

Following a notice of motion filed at the September 18 Council in Committee meeting, Council passed a by-law to reduce the speed limit on Hillsdale Road from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. A "Children at Play" sign will also be posted.

MEDISPA ON MAIN

Council approved an amendment of the Zoning By-law from Residential Low Density to General Commercial at 6038 Main Street, Medispa on Main. The change recognizes the existing use of the medical spa and permits an expansion of the building.

OAK RIDGES MORAINÉ FOUNDATION

Representatives of the Oak Ridges Moraine Foundation provided an overview of their current strategic directions. The Foundation is a non-profit charitable organization with a mandate to help fund Moraine conservation initiatives, acquire land on the Moraine and develop a Moraine trail system. The Foundation also undertakes research, education, and outreach related to Moraine stewardship and conservation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HANDS-ON HISTORY AT THE MUSEUM

Saturday, September 22, 2007 10 am - 4 pm

A chance to really experience life as it was more than 100 years ago! Help with food preparation in the farmhouse kitchen. See cross-cut sawing and woodworking demonstrations. Add stitches to our Victorian needlework projects, play 19th century games or complete your lessons on a slate in the classroom. Admission free, donations gratefully accepted.

PA DAY MOVIE AT YOUR LIBRARY

Friday, September 21 1:30 pm

"Nancy Drew" Rated PG. Free admission!

Teen detective Nancy Drew accompanies her father on a business trip to Los Angeles where she happens upon clues to a murder mystery involving a movie star.

LEISURE SERVICES FALL PROGRAMS

BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPT 17

There is still time to register for Community, Lifestyle and Aquatics programs for the fall session. Information can be found in the Fall/Winter Leisure Guide and on the Town website. All registration is done at the Lebovic Centre.

PUBLIC NOTICE

REVISION TO COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

On October 2nd, 2007, Council will consider an amendment to the Procedural By-law to revise the meeting schedule as follows:

- 1st Tuesday of each month - Council in Committee commencing at 7:00 p.m. immediately followed by Council.
- 3rd Tuesday of each month - Council in Committee commencing at 3 p.m. immediately followed by Council with Public Hearings, if required, on the same day commencing at 7 p.m.
- 4th Tuesday of each month - Alternate Public Hearing date, if necessary commencing at 7 p.m.

In addition, Council will consider amending the Delegation section of the Procedural By-law to permit Delegations to normally appear at Council in Committee.

Unless advertised, various Council meetings are held in the Council Chamber, 4th floor, 37 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville. Meeting agendas will be generally available on the Thursday preceding the date of the meeting, online at www.townofws.com or in person at the Clerk's Department.

THE FINAL INSTALLMENT OF REALTY TAXES IS DUE SEPTEMBER 21, 2007

AND

2007 FINAL COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & MULTI-RESIDENTIAL TAX BILLS

1st Installment due - September 21, 2007
2nd Installment due - October 19, 2007

COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & MULTI-RESIDENTIAL TAX bills have now been mailed. Ratepayers who have not received their bills should make immediate application to the Municipal Tax Department.

THE PENALTY charged for non-payment of 2007 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, by telephone and Internet banking. 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).

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 2007 taxation year is February 29, 2008.

Ruth Armstrong, AMCT, CMT
Tax Collector

UPCOMING EVENTS

Once again the Town is honouring provincial champion winners in sports & culture at an awards evening Tuesday October 9, 2007 in Council Chambers. If you are a provincial or gold medal winner, contact Barb Scaife 905-640-1910 ext. 292.

PUBLIC NOTICE

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The Town is implementing significant roadway improvements to respond to planned growth in a responsible manner, including new arterial roads (Hoover Park Drive and Millard Street) and widening of Main Street - a project approved under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process.

Over the next two years, Main Street will be completely reconstructed from Highway 48 to the Ninth Line. The project has been designed to provide a balance between improved traffic operations and pedestrian safety, while maintaining access to properties along Main Street. The new road will have two lanes for travel in each direction with a center left-turn lane and landscaped median features.

Construction has begun with stormwater system improvements between Ringwood Drive and Highway 48. A watermain and sanitary sewer will be constructed at the same time, with activity extending southwards on Ringwood Drive and northwards on Highway 48. Road construction on Main Street will continue to the Ninth Line through 2008.

For more information about this project, and/or to discuss details that relate particularly to your home or business, contact:

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WASTE COLLECTION

New Collection Contractor

The new collection contractor is
Turtle Island Recycling Corporation.
For collection inquiries,
call 1-866-421-5625

LARGE ARTICLE COLLECTION

Large Article Collection has changed. Non-metal items such as furniture, mattresses, plastic lawn furniture, carpeting (max 100 lbs) may be placed curbside on your regular garbage collection day, you are no longer required to call in advance for pickup of these items. Please refer to Page 17 of your new collection calendar for details. Large metal items such as appliances, barbecues (no tanks), furnaces, metal bath tubs, bicycles, etc are picked up on a pre-arranged basis on a Thursday of a garbage collection week, call 1-866-421-5625 to arrange for collection. Construction and demolition materials (drywall, wood, concrete, bricks, cinder blocks, etc) are not accepted. These materials may be taken to the York Region Transfer Station at 23068 Warden Ave. Refer to Page 3 of your new collection calendar for details.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Yard waste is now collected on Mondays, every second week from April to November. Next yard waste collection day is Monday September 24th, 2007. Please make sure yard waste is placed in paper yard waste bags or any rigid open-top container that has handles. Plastic bags will not be accepted. Refer to page 11 of your new collection calendar for more details.

Additional information is available online at www.townofws.com or e-mail us at binisin@townofws.com

2006 Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Annual Report Available

Online: www.townofws.com/pdfs/AnnualReport2006.pdf

In person: Clerk's Department, 4th floor, 37 Sandiford Drive

