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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS NOVEMBER 6, 2007

ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Accessibility Advisory Committee presented Council with a summary of its activities over the past year, as well as goals planned for 2008. A key focus for the Committee over the past year has been helping businesses to be more accommodating for persons with disabilities. The Committee recently completed a pamphlet to help businesses improve their accessibility. In addition, the Committee requested that Council consider funding in the 2008 budget to help businesses in the downtown area become more accessible.

FIRE PROTECTION AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF UXBRIDGE

A revised fire protection agreement between the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and the Township of Uxbridge was authorized by Council, intended to better reflect the scope, nature and current cost of fire service operations. The total estimated annual retainer and fees will be reflected in the Town's 2008 budget.

For several decades, Whitchurch-Stouffville has provided fire protection services to residents of the community of Goodwood and surrounding area within the Township of Uxbridge.

CHARITY DONATION IN LIEU OF OVERNIGHT PARKING FINE PAYMENT

From December 1 through 10, 2007 the Town will allow recipients of overnight parking fines to make a donation in the form of a children's toy, non-perishable food or clothing in lieu of their parking fine. At the end of this period, the Town will donate the toys, food and clothing collected to the Lions Club of Whitchurch-Stouffville or other local charities.

During the months of December through March, no parking is permitted on Town roads between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. to allow for snow removal. Vehicles parked on roads during this time will be issued a parking infraction notice and fined \$35.00.

COMMUNITY LEAD TESTING PROGRAM

Council received a report outlining how the Town will comply with Ministry of the Environment's lead testing program requirements for drinking water. The program is intended to protect residents from lead exposure in the Town's drinking water. As required by regulation, samples will be taken twice a year from private residences and the distribution system in the communities of Stouffville and in Ballantrae/Musselman's Lake areas. Notice to property owners and regulated corrective actions will be undertaken as required.

A copy of the report is available online at www.townofws.com/agendas.asp by clicking on "November 6, 2007 Addendum Agenda".

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 15, 2008, 3:00 p.m. - Council in Committee followed by Council (regular)

January 29, 2008, 9 a.m. - Council in Committee and Council (budget review)

PUBLIC NOTICE

A black neutered male pot bellied pig was secured by the Town's Poundkeeper on October 21 at McCowan and Aurora Road. If you suspect you are the owner of the pig, please contact Keith Saunders at 905-640-1910 ext. 254 or keith.saunders@townofws.com by Tuesday, November 13.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW AMENDMENT

At the Council in Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 4, 2007 at 7 p.m., the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will discuss, present and obtain public input on the Town's proposed update to the Development Charges By-law and underlying background study, pursuant to Section 12 of the Development Charges Act.

All interested parties are invited to attend the meeting and may make representation to the proposed by-law. Any comments questions and/or inquiries can be forwarded to: Marc J. Pourvahidi, Director of Finance/ Treasurer 905-640-1910 ext. 245, or email: marc.pourvahidi@townofws.com.

WATER DISTRIBUTION FLUSHING PROGRAM COMMUNITIES OF BALLANTRAE & MUSSELMAN'S LAKE

The Public Works Department reminds residents that it routinely conducts watermain flushing operations of the Ballantrae/Musselman's Lake municipal water distribution system.

The next flushing of the system is scheduled to resume on Monday October 29, 2007. The work takes place between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., and is generally repeated every four (4) weeks. This flushing is necessary to simulate normal operation of the system.

COMMUNITY OF STOUFFVILLE

The Public Works Department will be conducting a watermain flushing program throughout the Community of Stouffville, commencing Monday October 29, 2007. This work will be conducted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and is expected to last until approximately Friday November 19, 2007.

During the flushing operation discoloration of the water may occur and because of this we ask for your assistance by restricting the use of water to a minimum while the work is being conducted. Should discoloration of the water occur, let water run until it clears.

Questions and concerns regarding this operation should be directed to the Public Works Department.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

STATE OF MUSSELMAN'S LAKE SUB-WATERSHED REPORT & STEWARDSHIP PLAN

In partnership with the Town, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) has initiated a study to develop a State of Musselman's Lake Sub-Watershed Report (SMLR) to encourage a community-based planning approach to Musselman's Lake.

The SMLR will identify the present condition of Musselman's Lake and its surrounding drainage along with the land-use, water, recreation and resource management issues that need to be addressed. Based on the SMLR, a Stewardship Plan will be developed to improve the quality of Musselman's Lake. A series of workshops are being held to gain input from community members on potential issues and suggested solutions, the first of which was held on August 23, 2007.

SECOND PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING:

November 14, 2007, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Ballantrae Community Centre, 5592 Aurora Road

For details on the SMLR, Stewardship Plan and public information meetings, contact: Christa Sharp, LSRCA, 905-895-1281, ext. 225 or visit the following websites: www.lsrca.on.ca or www.frenchplanning.com.

PUBLIC NOTICES

RUPERT PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PUBLIC INPUT SESSION AND FORUM

The Town is seeking community input into the evaluation of current park facilities at Rupert Park and the options available to improve the park for the benefit of all residents. Staff will host the discussion with the public to:

- Assess the expectations of the Community with respect to existing and new facilities at Rupert Park
- Identify, and where possible, rank priorities in terms of park and facility requirements

Monday, November 12, 2007
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 4th floor, 37 Sandiford Drive

For more information, please contact Rob Raycroft, Manager, Parks and Facilities, at 905-640-1910, ext. 290 or email rob.raycroft@townofws.com.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Class Environmental Assessment Study for a New Operations Centre

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment study for a new Operations Centre. This study is being conducted as a Schedule "C" project in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process, which is an approved process under the Environmental Assessment Act.

Three Public Meetings have been held to date to evaluate alternatives and identify the Recommended Site for the new Operations Centre. The detailed assessment of the alternative site locations is complete and the choice of the Preferred Site has been confirmed as Part Lots 4 and 5, Concession 7 (Site #2) located on the south side of Bethesda Road between McCowan Road and Highway 48.

The Town has scheduled an additional public meeting to discuss the comments and concerns received to date and how they will be addressed.

Monday, November 19, 2007
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 4th floor, 37 Sandiford Drive

A brief presentation will take place at 7:00 p.m. followed by a question and answer period. Information pertaining to this meeting will be available at the Town office (or the Town's website, www.townofws.com) after Monday November 12, 2007.

For further information, or if you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to provide us with your comments, please contact:

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BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION BUSINESS BRIEFING

The Whitchurch-Stouffville business community is invited to the BR+E Business Briefing: release of the Final Report.

Tuesday November 13, 2007 5pm-7pm
Town Council Chambers

For further information or to RSVP, please contact Chris Paule 905-640-1910 ext. 223 or e-mail chris.paule@townofws.com.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES WS-RFP-07-44

For further details, please refer to our website at www.townofws.com/bids.asp

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Sunday November 11, 2007, 11:00 a.m.
Residents are invited to observe 2 minutes of silence in memory of our veterans.

LIBRARY & MUSEUM PROGRAMS:

For upcoming events and programs visit www.whitchurch-library.on.ca for the library and www.townofws.com/town_museumevents.asp for the museum