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**Call 905-640-4440 to reservations.**

# Region wants to partner on new fire, EMS station

Whitchurch-Stouffville's new fire hall should be a fire and emergency services headquarters when it opens by the fall of next year.

A staff report to York Region's health and emergency medical services committee recommends the region partner with the town to construct a building for the headquarters.

The new site would be on a large parcel of municipally owned land on Weldon Road behind Sobey's, moving the headquarters from its current location on Main Street.

The town plans to demolish the current building once a new facility is completed, the report says.

Construction is expected to begin on a 1,900-square-foot facility this summer and it's expected to open by the fall of 2009.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### How is your town doing?

You could be receiving a call from the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville starting Jan. 28 to find out how happy you are with town services and programs.

This is the first townwide statistically significant survey of its type.

Residents will be chosen at random for the telephone survey portion of the community satisfaction survey conducted by an independent consulting firm, DPRA Canada.

The survey continues until Feb. 22.

If you don't receive a call, but would like to give your input, you can get a survey form from the town offices, the Lebovic Leisure Centre and Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum starting Jan. 28.

Residents' submissions will stay confidential and only the results in total will be analysed.

Results should be available in April.

For more information, call the town offices at 905-640-1900 or go to [townofws.com](http://townofws.com)

### Town wants to get lead out

More volunteers are needed for the lead sampling program about to start in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

All Ontario municipalities now have to test for lead in the drinking water supply.

Sixty homes are needed from the community of Stouffville, while another 40 are needed from the Ballantrae/Musselman's Lake area.

Owners will have their water tested twice a year.

The first set of samples is being taken between Jan. 21 and April 15 and the

second set from June 15 and Oct. 15.

The town would like to particularly test the drinking water in homes that have a lead service line or lead plumbing. The second priority is being given to homes built before 1991, when plumbing could have been installed with pipe joining solder that contains lead.

Third priority will be given to newer homes.

When it comes to the municipal infrastructure, all known lead service lines from municipal water mains to homes have been replaced.

For more information on the program and lead in drinking water, visit [townofws.com](http://townofws.com) and [ene.gov.on.ca](http://ene.gov.on.ca)

You can register for the testing program by calling public works operations at 905-640-1910, ext. 272 or by e-mailing [gord.haggerty@townofws.com](mailto:gord.haggerty@townofws.com)

### Store would become apartments

Friends of Musselman's Lake is opposing a proposed change of zoning that will turn the community's local variety store into apartments.

Sunny's One Stop Variety is at 14635 Ninth Line, a few minutes' walk south of Musselman's Lake.

The Friends of Musselman's Lake is encouraging people to attend the public meeting regarding the proposed zoning change at the municipal offices Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Currently, there is the variety store and a vacant pizza parlour on the ground floor of the building. There are three one-bedroom apartments above the stores and a basement apartment.

The proposal calls for converting the building to a full residential apartment building by adding four one-bedroom apartments on the main floor.

For more information on making oral or written comments, call 905-640-1900 or 905-895-2423 or visit the municipal offices at 34 Sandford Dr.



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