



Town of
WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE
"Country Lifestyle Close to the City"

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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Chamber, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor
Tuesday February 19th
CJC followed by Council at 3:00 p.m.

Council will be considering amendments to the Town's Procedural By-law, which governs the proceedings of Council. Inquiries regarding the proposed amendments should be directed to Michele Kennedy, Town Clerk 905-640-1910 or 905-895-5299 ext. 224, michele.kennedy@townofws.com.

Tuesday February 19th
Public Hearing Meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Assistive Listening devices available upon request

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 5/08

**NORTHERN YORK REGION
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY**

Representatives of the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) presented Council with an update on its activities to address electricity supply issues in northern York Region. The OPA is responsible for ensuring an adequate, long-term supply of electricity in Ontario, and to coordinate conservation and electricity supply from diverse resources. The presentation highlighted the increasing demand for electricity in York Region and challenges with transformer and distribution line capacity among others. The OPA's Integrated Power System Plan aims to address these issues in an integrated manner by identifying opportunities for investment in new power generation while facilitating conservation programs. More information on the OPA is available on their website, www.powerauthority.on.ca.

**GRANT APPLICATION:
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT INITIATIVE**

Council authorized an application for \$930,000 in grant funding from Infrastructure Ontario's Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative. If approved, the grant funding will be allocated for a portion of the cost to renovate of 19 Civic Avenue, *Nineteen on the Park!*, an arts and cultural facility in downtown Stouffville. The grant application will be evaluated by Infrastructure Ontario in a competitive manner.

The Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative is a \$300 million, one-time funding program that is designed to support investment in local infrastructure in municipalities across Ontario. The total project cost for *Nineteen on the Park!* is approximately \$3.4 million, 50% of which is to be funded by the Town with the balance being comprised of community fundraising initiatives and government grants.

Information on *Nineteen on the Park!* is available online at www.townofws.com/nineteen.asp.

**PROCLAMATION
STOUFFVILLE LIONS CLUB**

It was noted that February, 2008 was proclaimed Lions Club Month in Whitchurch-Stouffville in recognition of the 70th anniversary of the Stouffville Lions Club. The Stouffville Lions Club has been actively involved in a number of important community development, fundraising and charitable causes over the course of their history.

NOTICES

2008 INTERIM PROPERTY TAX BILLS
1st Instalment Due - February 22, 2008
2nd Instalment Due - April 25, 2008

INTERIM TAX bills have now been mailed. Ratepayers who have not received their bills should contact the Treasury 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 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 on the main floor west entrance at 37 Sandiford Drive.

APPEALING THE CURRENT MARKET VALUE ASSESSMENT on your property must be done before the deadline of **March 31, 2008**. Please direct questions regarding assessments to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722. Appeal forms are available at the Town Office.

VACANCY REBATE APPLICATIONS are available at the Town Office 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 2008 taxation year is **February 29, 2008**.

Ruth Armstrong, AMCT, CMTC
Tax Collector & Revenue Supervisor
Town Office, 4th Floor
37 Sandiford Dr, Stouffville L4A 7X5

PUBLIC NOTICE

PURSUANT TO NOTICE BY-LAW 2007-104-MS

Notice is given that By-laws will be presented to Council at the meeting scheduled for March 4, 2008 in the Town offices for the naming of streets within 2 Plans of Subdivision:

- Mattamy (Little Rouge) Limited Plan of Subdivision 19T(W)-04.005 in Part of Lot 32, Concession 8, generally located south of Hoover Park Drive, west of Ninth Line and east of Little Rouge Creek; the proposed street name being Yorkleigh Circle; and
- Stouff Con Eight Developments Limited Plan of Subdivision 19T(W)-03.005B in Part of Lot 3, Conc. 8, generally located east of Highway 48 and north of Millard Street, the proposed street name being Norman Jones Place.

For information or to submit written comments contact Jack Boonstra, Development Coordinator at (905) 640-1910 or 905-895-5299 ext. 250.

**ROAD MAINTENANCE
STOUFFVILLE CEMETERY**

During winter months, the public should note that roads in the Stouffville Cemetery are not maintained and should not be accessed by vehicles, with the exception of Town authorized internments. Contact Colleen Clarke at 905-640-1910 or 905-895-5299, ext. 225 for further information.

NOTICE

FOCUSING ON CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE

The Town is undertaking a Community Satisfaction Survey to identify satisfaction levels with the Town's services and programs and solicit general feedback on municipal issues. Over the next few weeks, you may be randomly selected to participate in a telephone survey that will take about 15 minutes. The survey is being conducted by a third-party consulting company called DPRA Canada.

For more information, including other options to participate, contact Gary Sumner, Manager, HR Services, 905-640-1910 or 905-895-5299; ext. 267.

RECRUITMENT

**SEASONAL (8 MO.)
CONTRACT PARKS LABOURER**

Union Position, 40 hour week, \$16.448/hr. (under review). See www.townofws.com for details of duties and qualifications.

Interested persons should submit résumés by 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 15, 2008 to: Administrative Assistant, Human Resources Services, 37 Sandiford Dr., 4th Floor, Stouffville, ON L4A 7X5; or fax: 905-640-9259 or by email: chris.paule@townofws.com.

VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT

One volunteer vacancy exists on the Heritage Advisory Committee. Application forms available at www.townofws.com/town_committees.asp at the Town Office and the Public Library. Apply by **February 8, 2008**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**"DEPRESSION: LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS"
LECTURE @ YOUR LIBRARY**
Wednesday, February 13

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Depressed? Worried? Anxious? This interactive hour will probe some of the experiences of depression, and how depression is a response to being all too human! Free admission. Donations are appreciated!

HISTORY HANDS-ON (H₂O) AT THE MUSEUM
Saturday, February 23, 2008

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

A chance to really experience life as it was more than 100 years ago! Try your hand at some Pioneer chores in the Log Cabin. Help prepare treats in the Farmhouse Kitchen. Complete your lessons on a slate in the 19th century classroom. Activities change with the season. Admission is free, donations gratefully accepted.

MARCH BREAK CAMPS

We are able to again offer March Break camp situated at Willowgrove, beautiful rural Stouffville, for children 6-12. Program Highlights include: Snowshoeing, cross country skiing, maple syrup lessons, outdoor sports, farm lessons, low ropes, wall climbing, music wagon rides, arts, crafts and more. March 10 - March 14, 9am - 4pm with optional before / after care.

JUNIOR POWERSKATING CLINIC

This program helps develop strong hockey skills with a focus on power, coordination, and endurance. This is NOT a learn to skate program. Participants must have taken two sessions of skating lessons in order to attend this camp. Full Equipment required.

HOCKEY CAMP, FULL DAY OR HALF DAY

Lead by qualified instructors, campers participate in on-ice powerskating and hockey skills. Off ice activities include: movies, games and indoor FUN. Full equipment required. Pizza lunch provided for the full-day campers on Friday.

Call Jen at 905-640-1910 ext. 323 for more information

BOOKS ON WHEELS @ YOUR LIBRARY A BI-WEEKLY PROGRAMME TO BRING BOOKS TO YOU IN YOUR OWN HOME IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO TRAVEL. CONTACT THE LIBRARY AT 905-642-READ FOR MORE DETAILS.