WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE "Country Litestyle Close to the City"

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## NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Chamber, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor



Assistive Listening devices available upon request

**TUESDAY JUNE 10, 2008** SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:00 PM

This meeting will consider:

- 1. Capital Forecast and project prioritization process;
- 2. Review of service levels;
- 3. Overview of next phase of development growth including policies, objectives and goals.

**TUESDAY JUNE 17, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING AT 3:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING MEETING AT 7:00 PM** 

# **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS** JUNE 3, 2008

#### RUPERT PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CONCEPT PLAN

Council approved a concept plan for the Rupert Park Improvement Project, an established neighbourhood park located in the northwest area in the Community of Stouffville.

The concept plan incorporates feedback provided by residents at two public consultation meetings and lifecycle requirements associated with existing equipment and park amenities. The concept plan incorporates an enhanced play area, multi-purpose court/rink, toboggan hill improvements and additional planting and seating.

Council also named the toboggan hill "Hunt's Hill" after Mickey Hunt, a neighbourhood resident instrumental in the creation of the toboggan hill and an avid supporter of winter activities in the park.

#### **NOMINATION**

#### ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST COMMUNITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Council was pleased to nominate Mrs. Jean Barkey for the Ontario Heritage Trust's Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award. Mrs. Barkey has made a number of exceptional contributions to preserving built and cultural heritage in the Town, through her 35 years of volunteer service to the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum, as author of two significant publications on local heritage and for providing leadership and fostering financial and political support for local heritage conservation initiatives.

#### NORTHERN YORK REGION ELECTRICITY

Council passed a resolution to support the Ontario Power Authority (OPA)'s efforts to meet electricity demand in the Town, including conservation and demand management programs; transformer improvements; and construction of a local generator "peaking" station. The OPA has identified that the proposed natural-gas station is the best option for addressing electricity needs in terms of security, reliability and cost effectiveness. More information about OPA may be found online at www.powerauthority.on.ca.

### **BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA GRANT**

Council approved a grant of \$5,000 to the Downtown Stouffville BIA Board of Management to help assist with their Christmas Festival of Lights and Elvis Festival. More information about the Downtown BIA, including upcoming events may be found online at www.stouffvillebia.ca.

# COMMUNITY SATISFACTION SURVEY RESULTS

#### THE RESULTS ARE IN!

DPRA, a third-party research firm undertook a telephone-based community satisfaction survey of residents across Whitchurch-Stouffville in early 2008.

Over 94% of participants indicated their overall satisfaction with the Town's quality of life and 93% with municipal government services. Services and programs which residents indicated greatest satisfaction included fire and emergency services, the new waste management contract, including the recently introduced Green Bin program, Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and leisure and swim programs.

Some local services which the Town could improve upon include road and sidewalk maintenance, traffic control and safety measures, neighbourhood planning and environmental protection.

The survey will be used to help the Town address gaps and will serve as a benchmark for future surveys.

Copies of DPRA's full report are available on the Town's website www.townofws.com or at the Lebovic Leisure Centre, Museum and Town offices during regular business hours by Friday, June 6.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

#### THE FOLLOWING STREETS SHALL BE CLOSED TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC **DURING THE FOLLOWING PERIODS:**

Burkholder Street (from Franklin Street to Park Drive) from 12:00 noon on Thursday June 26, 2008 to 6:00 pm on Sunday June 29, 2008;

Park Drive south (to Burkholder Street and Thicketwood Blvd.) from 7:00 am on Thursday June 26, 2008 to 11:00 pm on Sunday June 29, 2008;

Main Street (from the east side of the railway tracks to Stouffer Street) on Saturday June 28, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;

Civic Avenue on Saturday June 28, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Burkholder Street (from the entrance to the Lebovic Leisure Centre to Thicketwood Blvd) on Tuesday July 1, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

#### "TOW AWAY ZONES" VEHICLE PARKING ON ONE SIDE OF THE STREET ONLY

Thicketwood Boulevard, Booth Drive, Stuart Street, Lori Avenue (Thicketwood Blvd. to Stouffer Street), Wheeler Crescent, Park Drive (north to Manitoba Street), Tindale Road, Maytree Avenue, Church Street, Duchess Street, George Street, Warriner Street, Hawthorne Avenue (Tindale Road to Stouffer Street) between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. on Saturday June 28, 2008. Vehicles may be towed.



JUNE 25 - 29 & JULY 1ST

Visit their website at www.strawberryfestival.ca for a complete listing of events

# **COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING**

#### REDEVELOPMENT & ENHANCEMENT OF CIVIC SQUARE AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC LANDS

Together let's plan ahead ...

Staff from the Development Services and Leisure Services Departments are hosting a Community Information Meeting on the options and opportunities in support of redeveloping and enhancing Civic Square and the public lands immediately adjacent to 19 Civic Avenue [former Town Hall site]

The Meeting will be convened on:

Date / Time: Wednesday June 11th, 2008 7:00 pm

**Location: Council Chamber** Municipal Office

37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor

A brief presentation on the project will commence at 7 pm followed by a discussion with the public on the options and opportunities to enhance this important precinct.

For further information on the project, please contact Andrew McNeely, Deputy-Director & Manager of Planning at 905-640-1910 x270 or via email at andrew.mcneely@townofws.com

# **VOLUNTEER RECRUITMENT**

#### DOWNTOWN STOUFFVILLE WORKING GROUP

Volunteers are being sought for the Downtown Stouffville Working Group (downtown Stouffville property owner, public at large category).

Applications are available online at www.townofws.com or at the Town offices and Library during regular business hours. Applications will be received until Wednesday, June 11.

### **DECORATION DAY**

#### STOUFFVILLE CEMETERY SUNDAY JUNE 15TH

Service 2:30 p.m. at the Cemetery Speaker: Rev. Scott Clubine of EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church (in case of rain, service at the church 12485 Tenth Line)

You are invited to the annual Decoration Day Service at Stouffville Cemetery, a non-denominational service celebrating the memory of loved ones. We welcome donations in honour of a loved one. For further information, please contact Colleen Clarke 905-640-1910 or 905-895-5299 ext. 225.

### **BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT**

### NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS TO DESTROY WEEDS

Please be advised that in accordance with the Weed Control Act, noxious weeds or weed seeds are required to be destroyed by June 15 and as required throughout spring and summer. In addition, please note that the Town's Weed Inspector may destroy any noxious weeds/weed seeds as required, the cost of which may be applied to the owner's property tax.

Although dandelions, burdock and goldenrod are not considered noxious weeds in the Town, the co-operation of all residents to eliminate these nuisance weeds is appreciated.

For further information, contact Keith Saunders, Senior By-law Officer 905-640-1910 or 905-895-5299 ext. 254 or keith.saunders@townofws.com



JUNE IS HONESTY MONTH "I WILL BE SINCERE, TRUSTWORTHY AND TRUTHFUL."