

Free HST help at Stouffville seminar

What tax benefits will your business be eligible for under the new HST?

Together with the Canada Revenue Agency, the York Small Business Enterprise Centre is hosting a free HST information seminar on March 30 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment—Nineteen on the Park in Stouffville.

The seminar will focus on the tourism, transportation and import industry and

how those services will be affected by the harmonized tax.

Representatives from the Canada Revenue Agency and an independent certified accountant will be on hand to answer questions pertaining to the HST to take effect July 1.

To register for the free seminar, contact Nadia Sacco 905-830-4444 ext. 1552 or e-mail tourism@york.ca

ELECTION 2010: Wants to hear from residents

Too much development for Ward 4 candidate

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Alexis Adams wants to know what concerns Ward 4 residents.

Ms Adams is the latest resident to enter the municipal election race. Anne Pride is also running for councillor of Ward 4.

Susanne Hilton, who represents the ward that includes northwestern Stouffville, has not announced if she will seek re-election.

Election day is Oct. 25.

"I want to get to know people and know what their concerns are because what I'm concerned about may not be what they're concerned about," she said. "I'm there to work for them and not the other way around."

Ms Adams, who lives in Ward 5 with her sister Irena, does, however, have some issues she wants to bring to council chambers, if elected.

The first is reining in local development.

"I think it's an excessive amount of development in such a short amount of time," Ms Adams said.

She also wants to bring more employment to Whitchurch-Stouffville, ensure the town is being fiscally responsible and provide activities for the younger residents.

"Youth are our future and we have to find things that will interest them," Ms Adams said. "I want to keep youth here."

Ms Adams also wants to bring that old-time community feeling back to Stouffville.

"I want the new residents to be welcomed by those who have been here a while," she said. "There is strength in numbers and the community takes care of each other and that is how we can go forth."

Ms Adams is no stranger to the behind-the-scenes work of running an election campaign.

She was on Paul Calandra's volunteer team when he won his bid for MP of Oak Ridges-Markham in 2008 and she assisted in Councillor Phil Bannon's unsuccessful run in the 2007 provincial election.



ALEXIS ADAMS: Stouffville council hopeful has worked on recent federal and provincial campaigns.

"I've been politically active federally and provincially. I really want to help the people in Stouffville, so I thought municipally would be the best way to do it," she said.

Ms Adams is a volunteer with the Strawberry Festival and a Kinsmen Club member. She has also fundraised for the Hospital for Sick Children and worked with Toronto's Out of the Cold organization.

Ms Adams moved to Stouffville from Scarborough 30 years ago and opened Cepora Kennels, which she ran with her sister. Ms Adams closed the business about 10 years ago and she now works in public relations for a Markham-based consulting firm.

Her full-time job, according to Ms Adams, will not interfere with her councillor duties.

"I have a passion for our community," Ms Adams said. "I know I can help bring the community together."

For updates on the election, including a list of declared candidates, go to townofws.com

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