

Town council shuts down until after election day

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Council meetings and public hearings have been cancelled until after the election.

The period following the Sept. 10 nomination day, through to election day, Oct. 25, is often referred to as a 'lame duck' period in which municipal councils could be restricted from taking certain actions.

There are a variety of parametres that define a lame duck council, with emphasis put on determining when three-quarters of current council members will not return to serve on the next council, according to a report to council by Michele Kennedy, clerk for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, Tuesday.

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"There is a perception that matters presented to council immediately prior to the end of their term should potentially be deferred for consideration by the new council," Ms Kennedy wrote.

After Oct. 25, depending on the number of council members re-elected the town may or may not become a lame duck until Dec. 1.

The current term of council ends Nov. 30.

However, a council meeting has been scheduled for Nov. 16 at 7 p.m.

Museum addition to cost \$3.26 M

The opening of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum Visitor/Community Centre is slated for May.

The \$3.26-million project remains on budget and is expected to be substantially complete by its target date of March 15.

The project consists of a 9,000-square-foot addition that will connect the existing Bogart-town Schoolhouse and Vandorf Public School buildings, creating barrier-free access to all three spaces from the inside.

The project is being funded equally between the federal and provincial governments as well as the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

The museum is on Woodbine Avenue in the community of Vandorf.

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