

Town gets extension for grant money from feds

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The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville was hoping for a 90-day extension to complete the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum's \$3.25-million expansion, but it received seven months.

A story in Thursday's Sun-Tribune reported on the town's appeal for an extension from a council meeting last week.

On Thursday, the federal government pushed back its economic stimulus plan deadline by a construction season. The new deadline is Oct. 31, 2011, instead of March 31.

"It's great news," said Marc Pourvahidi, the treasurer and director of finance for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. "It just gives us a comfort zone. If something goes wrong, we won't be in a panic."

Last year, the town received \$4.96 million in government grants to assist with reconstruction work. Along with the museum, other projects to benefit from federal and provincial government funding include the refurbishment of the Stouffville Arena and its soccer pitches, Memorial Park's diamond No. 1 and a portion of McCowan Road.

All project costs are being split equally between the federal, provincial and municip-

pal governments.

The museum received \$2.17 million, with the remaining one-third being paid by the town.

Last month, the museum's architect provided formal notification of concern indicating the project had slipped by as much as six weeks in some areas and by two weeks in others.

Town staff subsequently notified the Building Canada Fund grant agents of the potential delay and formally requested a 90-day extension, moving the completion date to June 30, 2011.

The one-time extension is expected to

allow sufficient time for virtually all the remaining projects to be completed, at no additional cost to the federal government. In order to qualify for this extension, work must have begun on the project and it must have incurred eligible costs before March 31, 2011. The extension applies to projects funded under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, the Building Canada Fund Communities Component Top-Up, the Recreational Infrastructure Canada Program or the Knowledge Infrastructure Program.

All of the other local projects are expected to be completed by the original due date of March 31.

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The staff report on this matter will be available in the Clerk's Department by noon December 17, 2010. Please address any inquiries to the Clerk, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, at 905-640-1910 or 905-895-5299 ext. 224.

Dated December 4, 2010
Michele Kennedy, Town Clerk

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