

GOVERNMENT: By 2021, 55,800 people in Whitchurch-Stouffville

Here we grow again: population to top 38,000 by June

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The municipality's population is expected to hit 38,650 by June.

The town is also forecasting 450 residential building permits being given out for new construction this calendar year.

By 2021, Whitchurch-Stouffville's total population is projected to reach about 55,800 with roughly 41,000 people residing within the community of Stouffville, accord-

ing to Andrew McNeely, director of planning and building services for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

NEW-HOME DEMAND

Prior to changes in intensification requirements, town staff estimated by 2021 Whitchurch-Stouffville's population would be between 51,000 and 53,000, with about 37,000 to 39,000 people residing within urban Stouffville, according to a Feb. 15 report to

council.

"It is relevant to note that the rate of growth is dependant on servicing constraints, internal and external to Whitchurch-Stouffville, as well as the economic demand for new homes and the market opportunity for various types of homes," Mr. McNeely wrote.

When it comes to water supply, future population growth, within the community of Stouffville, can

be accommodated through current ground water wells and increased flow from the McCowan and Stouffville roads lake-based reservoir.

SEWAGE, WATER

York Region's next contemplated expansion or enhancement to the water supply system is the construction of an elevated water tower in Stouffville's southeast quadrant, according to Mr. McNeely, who added the project is

proposed for 2016.

When it comes to sewer capacity, systems are already in place.

In 2005, the first phase of the York Durham Sanitary Sewer system extension, which went north on Ninth Line from Markham, was commissioned.

The entire project, including the decommissioning of the Stouffville Water Pollution Control Plant in Memorial Park, was completed in June 2006.

Design chair, help watershed

Littered along the shores of Lake Simcoe are cottage chairs, in which residents and visitors can sit and watch the sunset over the lake.

To commemorate the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority's 60 years of conservation efforts, its sister foundation, the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, is creating the Simcoe chair.

Instead of the typical wooden chairs with a rounded back, the Simcoe chair is custom designed with the foundation's famous swoosh.

The chair is a symbol of relaxation, foundation executive director Cheryl Taylor said.

To further distinguish the Simcoe chair, the foundation, which serves Whitchurch-Stouffville, is putting out a call to artists across

the watershed to paint six chairs that will be auctioned off at the George R. Richardson Conservation Dinner in May.

Funds raised from the auctioned chairs will support the authority's many conservation initiatives.

The hope is each of the six chairs, one for each decade, will be painted by a different artist, Ms Taylor said.

You are asked to design a chair relating to the Lake Simcoe watershed and should include a land, water, nature or native theme.

The deadline for you to submit a design proposal and a 250-word profile is Feb. 25. Selected artists will be announced Feb. 28.

E-mail your proposal to ykramer@lsrca.on.ca or mail it to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation, 120 Bayview Pkwy. Box 282, Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X1. For more information, visit lakesimcoefoundation.com

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