

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2011 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 37 SANDIFORD DRIVE, 4TH FLOOR

**PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
"HOUSEKEEPING" AMENDMENTS TO
COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW NO. 2010-001-ZO**

FILE NO. ZBA11.002

NOTICE OF MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will hold a Public Meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Town Municipal Offices, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, under the authority of Section 34 of the Planning Act to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

LOCATION

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment includes site specific and general amendments that together cover all lands in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville as shown on the map.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

The purpose of the Public Meeting is to solicit comments on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment from interested members of the public and government agencies.

On March 2, 2010, Town Council adopted By-law 2010-001-ZO, a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Town. The By-law was approved by the Ontario Municipal Board in a decision dated January 13, 2011. By-law 2010-001-ZO is the Town's Comprehensive Zoning By-law that establishes the permitted uses and regulations for all lands in the Town.

The proposed amendments address a number of matters that have been identified as requiring adjustment through the use of the by-law in the development process and through further review. These amendments are organized under Administrative/General Amendments, provisions related to Residential Zones, Commercial Zones, Mixed Use Zones, Employment Zones, and corrections to the By-law text and mapping Schedules.

REPRESENTATION

Any person or public body may attend the Public Meeting and make written and/or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. If you are unable to attend the Public Meeting, written submissions will be received up to the time of the meeting. Written submissions should be forwarded to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, Stouffville, ON L4A 7X5 [Fax: 905-640-7957].

NOTICE OF DECISION

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville in respect to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville 37 Sandiford Drive, 4th Floor, Stouffville, ON L4A 7X5 [Fax: 905-640-7957].

APPEAL

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville before the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville before the By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

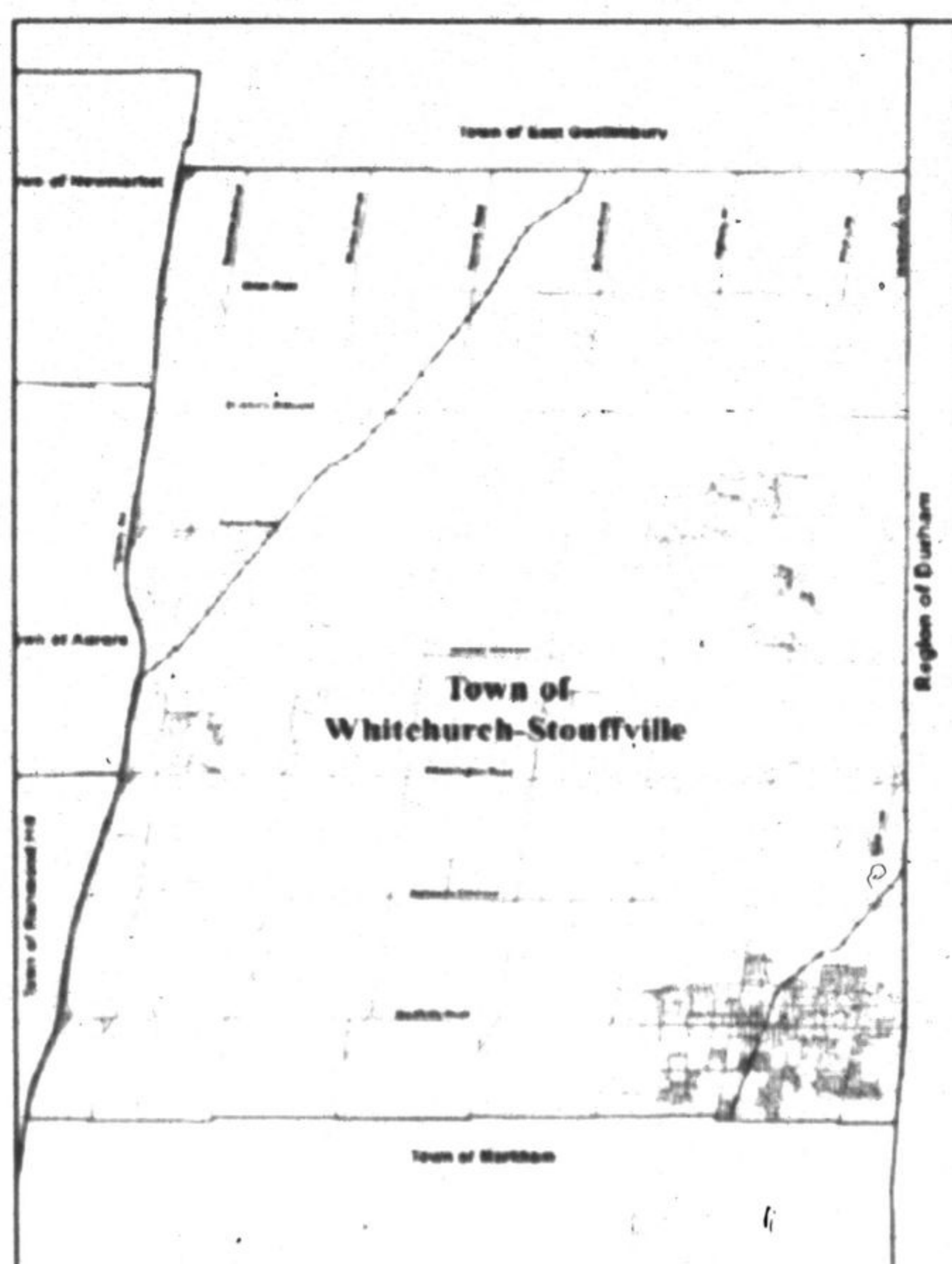
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is available for inspection at the Planning and Building Services Department, Municipal Offices, 4th Floor, 37 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

A copy of the proposed By-law Amendment will be available at the Town Offices and on the Town's website www.townofws.com/zoning_update.asp on May 3, 2011.

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Drozd, Manager of Planning, Planning and Building Services Department, Telephone Nos. 905-640-1910 or 905-895-5299, ext. 320 or email alan.drozd@townofws.ca.

DATED at the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville this 23rd day of April, 2011.

Andrew McNeely, Director of Planning and Building Services
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville



GOVERNMENT: 'Crowded' Hoover Park Dr. facility permanent

Dogs look for more leash-free parks

BY SANDRA BOLAN
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Local canines have given Stouffville's first off-leash park their tail wag of approval, as has the town, which has decided to make it permanent.

But it hasn't been all puppy romps and ball chases.

"There has been some bites and blood drawn on the animals," Mark Riden, spokesperson for the Stouffville Dog Owners Association told council April 5. "It's an at-your-own-risk park."

The association operates the park in conjunction with the town.

Despite that, Mr. Riden said no complaints have been received by the town regarding the park.

"Our existing park is crowded and probably putting a stress on the actual site," he said.

Which is why the association wants the town to construct two more off-leash dog parks, one in the Musselman's Lake/Ballantrae area and another in Bethesda Park, which currently has soccer pitches and ball diamonds on it.

"The location is very good to allow access to the reservoir trails," Mr. Riden said.

That may be, but Councillor Susanne Hilton predicts a potential problem.

... noting six dogs were on the trails, off-leash, behind his home just prior to that evening's meeting.

"Seeing kids running up and down a field. You know where that dog's going to go, chasing that ball," Ms Hilton said.

A second or even third park, while not out of the question, is not on the town's current to-do list.

"Good on them as an organization. It's

good that they're thinking about the future and where do we go to next," said Mike Richardson, manager of facilities and parks for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Since the park opened about a year ago, Mr. Riden said the number of dogs running free in other parks and recreation areas within the municipality has been reduced.

'Seeing kids running up and down a field. You know where that dog's going to go, chasing that ball.'

Not so, according to Mayor Wayne Emerson.

"We still do have issues with running at large," he said, noting six dogs were on the trails, off-leash, behind his home just prior to that evening's council meeting.

Last fall, the association estimates the park, which is located on Rougeview Avenue behind Staples in the Smart Centres plaza on Hoover Park Drive, had 100 daily users. That number dropped to 50 during the winter.

"(Which was) surprising to us we had a fair number of users in the park," Mr. Riden said. "In our opinion, the first park has been a huge success."

Along with two more parks, the association wants the current one-acre facility enlarged to accommodate separate areas for the smaller and senior dogs.

Mr. Richardson said when the town installs the permanent fencing this spring, there will be an opportunity to enlarge it slightly but "we just don't see how we can accommodate both of those requests at this time".

Before any expansions or changes to the park's current layout are made, the issue will be brought before council for final approval. Mr. Richardson expects that to take place next month.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
to be held in the Council Chambers on
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Representatives from GO Transit will make a presentation addressing Stouffville GO Station improvements and parking. Town Staff will make a presentation regarding proposed improvements for the downtown pedestrian crossing at the GO Train Station.