





TOWN OF  
**WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE**  
*celebrating 40 years*

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**NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

 **TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
**COUNCIL EDUCATION/TRAINING**   
**WORKSHOP**  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Council Chamber • 111 Sandiford Drive

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2011 • COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

**COUNCIL'S CORNER**

*Council Highlights provide a brief summary of pertinent decisions made at a Council meeting. More information on these stories and other Council activities can be obtained from the Town's website.*

**COUNCIL APPROVES THE TIMETABLE AND FINANCIAL GUIDELINES FOR THE 2012 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS**

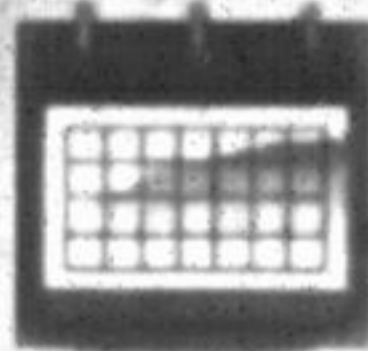
The Town's 2012 Operating and Capital Budget process is underway. Council approved the guidelines and timetable for the release of the Draft 2012 Operating Budget, 2012 Capital Budget and the Ten Year Capital Forecast. The budget process typically begins early in September, as staff review their operational requirements, forecast activity for the coming year and plan capital projects. This year, the Draft 2012 Budget is scheduled for public release on December 6, 2011 and is expected to receive approval in January 2012.

Council adopted guidelines for staff in preparation of the draft budget, with an overall net budget increase no more than the Consumer Price Index (2.5 - 3%), outside of any costs related to legislative, growth and service level changes. These guidelines also apply to the Town's Boards and Agencies, including the Library.

It is important to note that according to this year's Novae Res Urbis (NRU's), August 31st issue, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville ranked 17th when residential property tax rates of twenty-six GTA municipalities were compared. The Town also ranked extremely low, in 22nd place, for both their commercial and industrial tax rates in comparison to twenty-four other GTA municipalities.

A public information meeting (open house) is scheduled for October 25th, to provide members of the public with more information on the Budget.

**COUNCIL ADOPTS THE 2012 CALENDAR FOR MEETINGS OF COUNCIL**



Council adopted the 2012 Calendar for Council meetings for the New Year.

Every year a schedule of Council and other related meetings are presented to Council for approval. The 2012 meeting schedule also provides information regarding the closure of the Municipal Offices during statutory holidays and for the period between Christmas and New Years.

For 2012, a meeting of Council will be held the first Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., starting February 7th, 2011, and the third Tuesday at 3:00 p.m., starting January 17th, 2011, of each month. A meeting of Council requiring a Public Hearing will be held

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on the third and/or fourth Tuesday of the month, starting at 7:00 p.m. (note: these dates may be changed with appropriate public notice).

**COUNCIL RECEIVES THE FINAL PROJECT STATUS REPORT FOR THE NEW MUNICIPAL OFFICES (TOWN HALL)**

Staff reported to Council that all stages of the construction of the new Municipal Offices, located at 111 Sandiford Drive, were successfully completed on time and under budget. The new location opened its doors on August 3, 2011, following a two day closure to accommodate the move from its previous location at 37 Sandiford Drive.

Further information was provided to Council regarding the overall cost of this project which is estimated at \$10,185,000, approximately \$200,000 under budget. This amount includes all costs related to construction and renovation, as well as the acquisition of the building. Renovation and construction costs of the second floor leased space are also part of the overall costs but were fully recovered from York Works (a division of York Region District School Board), who is currently leasing the space. It is planned that the space will be used for future expansion for the Town offices. Further information about this project can be found on the Town's website.

The Town is hosting a Grand Opening of the Municipal Offices on Sept. 24th, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to commemorate the new facility and celebrate the Town's 40th Anniversary. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville was officially created in 1971, with the creation of York Region.

**COUNCIL DEFERS THE "NO STOPPING" RESTRICTION IN SCHOOL ZONES ALONG GLAD PARK AVENUE**

Council deferred a "No Stopping" restriction until a later date to allow Staff to meet with School Parent Councils and obtain their feedback on the proposed restriction. If passed, the "No Stopping" restriction would have prohibited vehicles from stopping, between 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Monday to Friday), on the east side of Glad Park Avenue from Elm Road north to Millard Street.

**COUNCIL PROVIDES APPROVALS FOR DOWNTOWN STOUFFVILLE REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

Council granted permission to a property owner to erect temporary construction hoarding on the Town's sidewalk. The Owner of 6280 Main Street, MDV International Inc., proposes to renovate the vacant commercial unit in preparation for a grocery store.

The approved Encroachment Agreement will allow the Owner to put up construction hoarding for a four (4) month period (until January 2012) and to extend a temporary sidewalk onto Main Street for pedestrians. This approval helps bring new businesses to Whitchurch-Stouffville and contributes to the revitalization of the Downtown area.

*These Council Highlights were prepared by Andrea D'Souza, Communications Officer.*

**RFP**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (WS-RFP-11-40)**  
Sale and Removal of Membrane Covered Structure  
Closing date: Wednesday-September 28, 2011

For information, please see our website at <http://www.townofws.ca/bids.asp>

**NOTICES**

**Taxes Due September 23, 2011**

**TAX PAYMENTS** may be made by mail, or in person at the Municipal Offices and at most Financial Institutions. A 24-hour drop box is available at the main entrance door of the Municipal Offices at 111 Sandiford Drive

**PENALTY** and interest charges of 1.25% per month will be added to taxes not paid by the due date.

**COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL & MULTI-RESIDENTIAL** tax bills have now been mailed. If you have not received your bill please contact us

**Taxes on Newly-Constructed Homes**

Owners of newly-constructed homes may receive tax bills on the vacant lot only until the home is assessed by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). Once assessed, the owner will be issued a supplementary tax bill that will be retroactive to the date the home was purchased or occupied. Tax bills will be issued within the next few weeks for "Notice of Supplementary or Omitted Assessments" that have been recently issued by MPAC.

It may take up to three years for a newly constructed home to be assessed, so **RESIDENTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO BUDGET FOR THIS UPCOMING TAX BILL.** To estimate the annual property taxes, multiply the purchase price by 1%. To set up a Pre-Authorized Payment Plan or submit a pre-payment towards this future tax bill, please contact the Town.

**FREE WELL WATER TESTING EVENT**

York Region public health inspectors and community partners will be on site to take your water sample and give you information about well water maintenance.

Well water sample bottles will be available for all well owners

**Well water sample drop off date and location:**  
Saturday, September 24 and Sunday, September 25  
Lebovic Leisure Centre  
30 Burkholder Street, Stouffville  
Main lobby, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Call York Region Health Connection 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-252-9933 and speak with a public health inspector or visit [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca)

**OCTOBER LIBRARY BOARD MEETING - START TIME & LOCATION CHANGED**

The October 6th Library Board meeting's start time has changed to 5:30 p.m. and will be held at Fire Station 51  
100 Weldon Road.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**IS YOUR BUSINESS GROWING?  
ARE YOU LOOKING TO HIRE FOR A PROFESSIONAL OR TECHNICAL POSITION?**

Join us for the upcoming Stouffville Professional & Technical Career Fair on Wednesday October 5, 2011, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., at 19 on the Park, Lebovic Centre for Arts & Entertainment. For more information contact Rebecca Mustard, Economic Development Officer or visit [www.townofws.ca/careerfair](http://www.townofws.ca/careerfair)

**PLEASE HELP!!**

We are looking for donations of new or gently used furniture, antiques, curios, art, gift certificates, gift baskets and/or sporting event tickets for the United Way Auction. To arrange for pick up, please call Debi Paterson. Watch for upcoming details on the auction.

**The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Municipal Offices and 40th Anniversary Celebrations**

**Saturday, September 24th - 111 Sandiford Drive**

10:00 a.m. - Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony  
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Guided Tours, Tree Planting to Commemorate our 40th Anniversary, and BBQ Lunch

