

# New costs for residents, council to deal with 2012 budget

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meetings in Whitchurch-Stouffville have taken place in the past, according to Mr. Pourvahidi. However, they haven't occurred for a number of years.

Earlier this month, the town released results from its second community survey.

The evaluation revealed respondents were satisfied with the town's delivery of fire and

emergency services, community special events, garbage/recycling/green bin collection, the library and arenas.

"We need to build on the community survey," he said.

Mr. Pourvahidi also said he has no idea how many people will attend the consultation meeting, but he anticipates various lobby groups will come forward.

"The forum has been provided for anyone to come forward... The

challenge is going to be there is only so much in the pot and we need to balance between all those groups," he said.

## LOBBY GROUPS

Although no time has been set for the meeting, Mr. Pourvahidi said it will take place in the evening in council chambers.

The meeting will start with a brief overview of the direction various town departments are planning to take in the 2012

budget, which will be followed up with comments from the public.

"We will try to fine-tune (the budget) based on the meeting we will have," Mr. Pourvahidi said.

The town's treasurer anticipates a 2.5 to 3 per cent net budget increase in 2012.

"In addition to the regular operating and capital expenditures that any municipality would experience, the town's budget is also

now influenced by growth related operational/capital projects," Mr. Pourvahidi wrote in his Sept. 20 report to council.

"In 2012, as a result of a number of assumptions, including new parks, new roads and sidewalks, street and traffic lights, etc., many new costs will be added to the budget," he wrote.

For more information, go to [www.townofws.com](http://www.townofws.com)

## Hear candidates in Markham

It might be your only chance to hear all of the candidates in the riding of Oak Ridges-Markham before the Oct. 6 election.

Markham Public Library is hosting the meeting Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Angus Glen Library, Major Mackenzie Drive.

Confirmed candidates include Helena Jaczek (Liberal), Farid Wassef (Progressive Conservative), Joe

Whitfield (New Democrats), Karl Boelling (Ontario Libertarian), Trifon Haitas (Green) and Ruida Lu (independent).

Following position statements from each candidate, the floor will be open to the public for questions.

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No other all-candidates meeting have been announced.

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8. Guinea Pig - Most Attractive
9. Hamster - One the judge would like to take home

10. Rabbit With Twitchiest Nose
11. Rabbit With Silkiest Coat
12. Best Farm Pet - not entered in classes 1-11
13. Most Unique Pet - not entered in classes 1-12
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