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## NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS



**TUESDAY OCTOBER 18th**  
**COUNCIL MEETING at 3:00 p.m.**  
**PUBLIC HEARING at 7:00 p.m.**  
Council Chamber • 111 Sandiford Drive



## OCTOBER 4, 2011 • COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### COUNCIL'S CORNER

by ANDREA D'SOUZA

*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 RECEIVES THE PROGRESS REPORT ON THE BALLANTRAE - MUSSELMAN LAKE REVIEW

Council received a report on the progress of the Ballantrae - Musselman Lake and Environs Secondary Plan / Highway 48 Corridor Review. The Ballantrae - Musselman Lake and Environs Secondary Plan was originally adopted by Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council in 1994 and has served as a basis for the planning and development of the Ballantrae - Musselman Lake area.

On June 21, 2011, Council awarded Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd., a consulting firm, with a contract to undertake the Ballantrae - Musselman Lake and Environs Secondary Plan / Highway 48 Corridor Review. What prompted the need for such a review was a number of emerging issues that restricted proposed and planned development for this area. This review process is designed to address these issues by assessing whether the current land-use designations and policies within the settlement area are adequate. The review will also facilitate the creation of servicing, land-use and access plans for lands along Highway 48, as well as the development of linked natural heritage and trails systems.

Work on the review has commenced and is proceeding according to the project's work plan. In order to obtain input from residents, landowners, community groups and other stakeholders, several consultative initiatives were undertaken. A community survey was mailed out to residents living within Ballantrae - Musselman Lake this past summer with more than 130 responses received. The purpose of the survey was to gather input towards the future development of the Ballantrae - Musselman Lake area. In addition, a visioning workshop was conducted with the community to obtain further input and to discuss developmental opportunities for this area. Approximately 90 residents and stakeholders attended the workshop which was held at the Ballantrae Community Centre on September 14th, 2011.

Work towards the advancement of the review is proceeding according to plan. A draft report outlining the results of the analysis and consultation process is expected to be released in November 2011.

The Town's website provides background, and updated information and documents relating to the ongoing review process.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D

*Highlights from the Council Education and Training Workshop (September 27th, 2011)*

### COUNCIL CONTINUES WORK ON THE 2011 CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN

Council and Staff continued work on updating the Town's Corporate Strategic Plan at last week's education workshop, which was also open to the public. Strategic Plans are important tools for municipalities since they provide a framework for Council and Town staff to plan for and deliver services to the community.

The current Strategic Plan, which was adopted by Council in 2006, is being updated for the current term of Council. At Council's most recent workshop on September 27th, the drafted Plan was reviewed and discussed, with a few minor suggestions provided by Council. The Town's strategic priorities in the revised draft are:

1. Community Prosperity and Sustainability
2. Fiscal and Asset Management
3. Service Excellence & Community Engagement
4. Quality of Life

The project status for updating the Plan was presented at the workshop to indicate that the project is on track and that, once Council endorses the Plan, Staff will use the framework to assist with prioritizing budget and work plans. The final 2011 Corporate Strategic Plan is expected to go to Council for endorsement in November.

### COUNCIL RECEIVES INFORMATION ON THE 5 YEAR REVIEW OF THE TOWN'S OFFICIAL PLAN

The Director of Planning and Building Services presented Council with the 5 Year Review process for the Town's Official Plan. The Official Plan for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, adopted in September 2000, establishes a general framework to guide the use of the land in the community up to the year 2021. The Plan is to be reviewed every five years to determine if it should be revised according to Provincial requirements.

A discussion paper prepared by the Planning and Building Department, titled 'The Need for Revisions to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan', was also presented to Council. The paper is available on the Town's website and discusses the revisions or updates to the Town's Official Plan that may be necessary to meet new requirements under York Region's Official Plan and several Provincial documents.

A Public Open House on the Town's Official Plan is scheduled for October 17, 2011 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and a Special Public Meeting will be held on October 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the need for revisions to the Official Plan. Both the Open House and the Public Meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Town's Municipal Offices.

*For questions about these Highlights, please contact Andrea D'Souza, Communications Officer at extension 2451.*

## RECRUITMENT

### GIS ADMINISTRATOR

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is an enviable blend of urban and rural communities located in the GTA, just north of Markham, with a current population of 39,000 and growing. In this new position reporting to the Manager of Information Technology Services, you will lead and administer corporate GIS services, including providing technical support services, user training, enhancing application functionality and conducting system upgrades. Please see our website for more details.

## HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Municipal Offices, Library, Leisure Centre & Museum will be closed on **MONDAY OCTOBER 10, 2011.**

For Public Works/Leisure Services Emergencies, please call 1-800-997-9377

Animal Control: 1-800-898-8606

Fire & Emergency Response: 911

The Municipal Offices will reopen on **Tuesday October 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.**

Customer Service Centre and Planning & Building Services open at 8:00 a.m.

## RECOGNITION OF ACHIEVEMENT

Have you or someone you know achieved a provincial gold or equivalent in recent months? The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville would like to recognize all of its local teams and individuals with such outstanding accomplishments. Contact Janet at ext 2287 or by email at [janet.ruhl@townofws.ca](mailto:janet.ruhl@townofws.ca) before Monday October 17th, 2011.

## NOTICES

Council will be considering amendments to the Procedural By-law which governs the organization, operation, proceedings and administration of Town Advisory Committees on October 18th, 2011. The amendments specifically pertain to the provision of public notice prior to the holding of an Advisory Committee meeting. Inquiries regarding the proposed amendments should be directed to Michele Kennedy, Town Clerk at ext. 2224.

Council will be considering an amendment to the Delegation By-law which delegates routine Council powers and duties to staff. The amendment specifically deals with the delegation of authority to the Director of Public Works pertaining to relocation or modification of existing school crossings as required. Inquiries regarding the proposed amendments should be directed to Paul Whitehouse, Director of Public Works at ext. 2248.

A copy of both reports will be included in the agenda for the October 18th, 2011 Council meeting and can be accessed on the Town's website [www.townofws.ca](http://www.townofws.ca) on October 13th, 2011.

## WATER BILLS

**DUE DATE - OCTOBER 7, 2011**

WATER bills have now been mailed. Failure to receive a water bill does not eliminate the responsibility for payment of water or the penalty charge for late payment. If you have not received your water bill, contact the Finance Department as soon as possible.

PAYMENTS may be made by mail, at most Financial Institutions, banking machines, by telephone and internet or in person at the Municipal Offices at 111 Sandiford Drive. After hours, water payments may be made in the drop box at the main entrance of the Municipal Offices (111 Sandiford Drive).

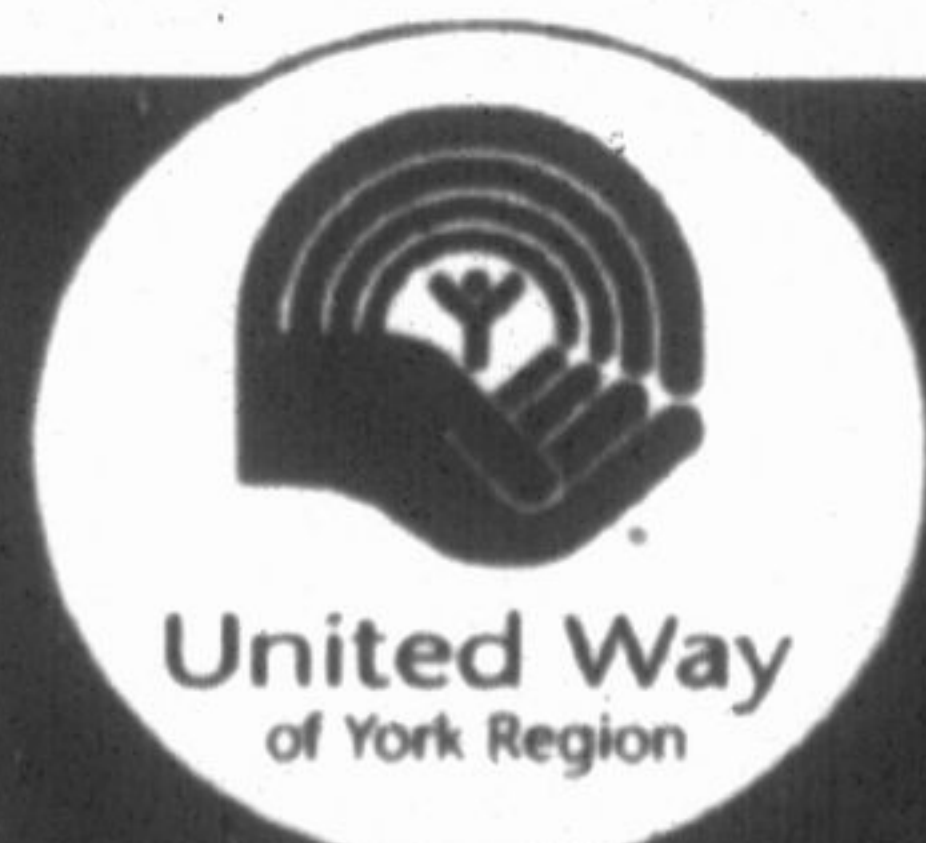
For inquiries, please contact Customer Service at 905-640-1900 or Toll Free 1-855-642-8696

**PLEASE NOTE: The Town will no longer accept credit cards for payment of your water accounts.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER LIBRARY BOARD MEETING START TIME & LOCATION CHANGED

The October 6th Library Board meeting will be held at Fire Station 51, 100 Weldon Road at 5:30 p.m.



**UNITED WAY LIVE AUCTION**  
**SATURDAY OCTOBER 15 • FIRE STATION 5-1, 100 Weldon Road**

Preview - 11:00 a.m. • AUCTION begins at 12 noon

Please call Debbie at 905-640-9595, Ext. 229 for more information.