Heritage homeowners getting more information on properties

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Not only will heritage homeowners be able to look at old photographs of their

property and learn who originally built it, but they will also be able to discover how it fits into Stouffville's local lore.

There are 370 properties within

Stouffville on the town's built heritage inventory list, which are currently being reviewed and evaluated.

"I don't know if you want to tell all the stories in those houses," quipped Mayor Wayne Emmerson.

So far, about 140 properties have been reviewed and evaluated, according to Catherine Kerr, planner, urban design for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Upon completion of the review, each property will have a rating of A, B or C.

An A rating means it has protection and conservation priority.

A B rating indicates it has potential for conservation in some manner, while a C rating means it is a possible candidate for removal from the town's built heritage inventory.

As a result of this project, every single photo at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum now has an address associated with it, according to Fred Robbins, a member of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Heritage Advisory Committee, which has been assisting the town on this project.

A student from Young Canada Works is also helping on the project until the end of October.

Ms Kerr noted the response from homeowners has been good and more people have put their names forward to be a part of next year's Doors Open, during which private homeowners open their heritage homes to the public. "People want to know more about the history," Mr. Robbins said.

A public information centre is expected to take place this December.

Bundling work saves town

More than half of the town's eight capital projects are currently under budget by a total of \$996,266.

With 95 per cent of Tenth Line's first phase of reconstruction complete, the project is \$908,935 under its \$4,725,300 budget and Mike Molinari, director of engineering and capital projects for the town, estimates in a report to council last month it will only cost another \$200,000 to complete.

Also under budget and 95 complete are Rose Avenue's reconstruction (\$59,338), Park Drive (\$5,732) and the first phase of Rupert Avenue's reconstruction (\$10,946).

In an effort to better co-ordinate with its planned construction of 2015-2017, council has approved the deferral of design assignments for Winona Drive, Church Street north as well as Frederick, South, Boyer and North streets.

"There is opportunity to bundle similar projects, especially those in close proximity to one another to reduce administration and potentially achieve cost savings. It is proposed to re-budget these design projects to the year prior to the construction year for council's consideration," Mr. Molinari wrote in his report.





