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NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING



Council Chambers • 111 Sandiford Drive

MARCH 19, 2013
COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00 PM

MARCH 26, 2013
PUBLIC MEETING - Cancelled

The agendas for these meetings will be available for review at the Municipal Offices, Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and on the Town's website at noon the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Complete Schedule of Council Meetings available on the Town website.

COUNCIL'S CORNER

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEBRUARY 26, 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

by KAREN EWART

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.

PHASING OUT OF THE PENNY

The Royal Canadian Mint has ceased the distribution of pennies to financial institutions as of February 4, 2013. As a result, all cash transactions after the calculation of the applicable taxes will be rounded up or down to the nearest five-cent increment. The amounts for non-cash payments, such as cheques, credit and debit cards, will continue to be settled to the nearest cent. For more information regarding the phasing out of the penny visit the Canada Review Agency website www.cra.gc.ca.

DRAFT 2013 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGETS RELEASED

The Draft 2013 Operating and Capital Budgets were released February 26, 2013. The Draft Budget is proposing (for the Town's portion only) a 3.9% tax increase of the overall municipal taxes. The municipal taxes are composed of Town, education and Regional taxes. It is projected there will be no increase for the education portion. When added to the Regional increase of 1.8% the overall tax increase to Whitchurch-Stouffville residents would be 1.9% for 2013. If approved, this would translate to an average increase of approximately \$60 in property taxes (Town portion only) for a house with an assessed value of \$575,000. A copy of the Draft Budget and accompanying report is available for review at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, Municipal Offices - Customer Service Centre and on the Town's website under **Town Hall/Financial Information** tab. The budget will be discussed by Council at the April 9, 2013 meeting at 9:00 a.m.

2012 YEAR END ASSESSMENT, DOWNTOWN STOUFFVILLE FARMERS' MARKET

2012 marked the 4th year of operation for the Farmers' Market with approximately 32 vendors. The Market's home on Park Drive, just south of Main Street, proved to have a positive effect for the majority of vendors. Companion initiatives of Entertainers, Cooking, Dancing and Fitness Demonstrations had a positive impact for both the patrons and vendors alike. For more details regarding the market see Report #2 of the February 26, 2013 Council agenda.

The Market will again operate on Park Drive from Thursday, May 2nd to Thursday, October 10th, leading into Thanksgiving weekend, from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

THE COMMUNITY OF STOUFFVILLE COMMERCIAL POLICY STUDY UPDATE DIRECTIONS REPORT

Council considered an update report regarding the Community of Stouffville Commercial Policy Study. The update is to assess the implications of growth to date on the commercial districts, and to examine commercial land use requirements through to the Year 2021. Report #4 of the agenda provides a summary of the major findings of the Background and Analysis Report, the results of the public and stakeholder review and provided specific recommendations for amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law as a result of the Report and public consultation. A further consultation meeting will be held to obtain comments on the report.

NINTH LINE RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Region of York is reconstructing the Ninth Line in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. The work will include: a road realignment, a new road surface and the installation of curbs, storm sewers, concrete sidewalks, multi-use paths, new street lights and trees. The project is planned to be completed by the summer of 2014. Regular updates will be posted on the Town's website.

TENDERS/REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS AWARDED:

WS-T-13-01 - ROAD SWEEPING - Dale Farren and Son Trenching Limited for a three year period (2013, 2014, 2015)

WS-RFP-12-62 SKATEBOARD PARK DESIGN CONSULTANT FOR MEMORIAL PARK - Vander Zalm & Associates Inc.

For questions about these highlights, please contact Communications, at ext. 2321.

NOTICES

LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Load restrictions will be enforced on all roads which are posted under the jurisdiction of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville from **MARCH 1ST TO APRIL 30TH INCLUSIVE**. Vehicle loads shall be restricted to five (5) tonnes per axle.

For a complete list of roads, please visit our website or for further information, contact our Customer Service Centre.



WINTER PARKING REMINDERS

Parking is prohibited on Town streets between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. December 1st to March 31st inclusive

- streets must be clear to accommodate traffic flow, emergency vehicles and snowplows
- vehicles parked on the street during this period will receive a fine of \$50.00
- during a snow event, do not park on streets at any time until they have been cleared
- do not allow children to play on snow piles located near roads; snow plow operators may not see them

NOTICES CONT'D

HELP US HELP YOU!

During the winter season please clear the snow away from the fire hydrants near your residence to assist Fire & Emergency Services in the event of an emergency. We appreciate your cooperation.

SKATEPARK - HAVE YOUR SAY!

Visit our website for more information and to participate in our survey. Jump on board!

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

See our website ("For Business" tab) for details.

Bid Number	Description	Bid Closing
WS-RFP-13-08	ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS SUMMARY	3:00 p.m. EST March 13 2013

Bid documents are available at the Customer Service Centre or at www.biddingo.com.

The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville reserves the right to accept or reject all or part of any Bid and also reserves the right to accept other than the lowest Bid and cancel any Call for Bids at any time.

RECRUITMENT

See our website for details.

PUBLIC WORKS - MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

UPCOMING EVENTS

THE WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE MUSEUM & COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL HOST:

BOOK LAUNCH & SIGNING

March 11th, 2013 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Join us at the Museum to get your copy of the book we've all been waiting for: **The Mantle Site: An Archaeological History of a Huron-Wendat Community** by Dr. Jennifer Birch & Dr. Ron Williamson. Learn more about the excavation and the research that followed. Dr. Williamson and colleague Andrea Carnevale will be available for questions and they'll be bringing one-of-a-kind artifacts uncovered at the site. **This event is FREE!!**



DEFINING MOMENTS EXHIBIT: DISCOVERING OUR CANADIAN STORIES

February 11 - March 31, 2013

Monday through Friday, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

This travelling exhibit, created by TakingITGlobal and supported by Canadian Heritage, is a national digital media arts and citizenship project aimed at engaging youth across Canada to explore, express and showcase their diverse perspectives on Canadian identity. These works are the 26 winning pieces, representing 8 provinces/ territories across Canada. While you're here, participate in an on-site art activity that expresses your Canadian identity! **Regular Admission applies.**



BLUE BOX REMINDER

Oversized (approx 128 litre) containers with wheels and lid which are sold at some local improvement stores are not accepted for collection.

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