

Road project denied grant

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Improvement Fund grant.

The skateboard park will also be constructed this year.

"That would be a large project for us to complete. I'm looking forward to getting that done," said Rob Raycroft, director of leisure services for the town, during the council meeting.

Council pre-approved a \$75,000 budget for the design of the park Tuesday.

Vander Zalm and Associates, in partnership with New Line Skatepark Inc., was awarded the design. They submitted a bid of \$39,459.

The reconstruction of Maytree Avenue was also in the budget. However, going ahead with the project was based on grant approval, which was rejected last week.

"They just thought it didn't meet all the criteria they had in mind," the town's treasurer and director of finance Marc Pourvahidi said, noting more than 400 applications were received to the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative program and roughly 25 per cent of them made it to the second round of the approval process.

The Maytree Avenue proposal did not make it out of the first round, he said.

Less than 50 projects are expected to receive funding, Mr. Pourvahidi told council.

It will now be up to council to either go forward with the \$745,000 project, or postpone it.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library requested a grant of \$1,121,010, which includes a co-ordinator of young adult and electronic services.

The library board has also wants \$20,000 for an organizational staffing study.

Town staff does not support the study request because "it is premature to embark on such study in advance of the detail design of the new space and strategic planning for the library," according to the Feb. 26 council report.

The library CAO begs to differ.

"The library board feels that the staffing study is necessary for maximum efficiency and for future expansion planning to have an outside consultant look at how the library staff is structured and recommend the best way to proceed for hirings in the future. The board is also concerned about succession planning and wants to know best how to address this," said Carolyn Nordheimer James.

Copies of the 249-page budget book are available at the town hall and library.

Final budget deliberations will be made April 9 starting at 9 a.m. and if necessary, April 10.

Both meetings are open to the public and will be held in council chambers.

Local students taking 'Big Crunch'

Students at Summitview Public School will take part in a Canadawide crunch March 7.

The Great Big Crunch, which is a salute to healthy and local eating, is in its sixth year.

Last year nearly 150,000 crunchers took part across the country. This year, organizers want 200,000 to participate.

Due to a shortage of Ontario-grown apples, crunchers will also be able to munch on other locally-grown crunchy fruits, as well as vegetables.

The purpose of the event is to promote, celebrate and enjoy healthy snacking and highlight the availability of locally-grown produce year-round. The event also promotes food literacy through activities on nutrition, cross pollination, composting and food systems.

Schools are encouraged to register with FoodShare Toronto, which is a not-for-profit with a vision of good, healthy food for all.



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Whitchurch-Stouffville Library

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