

# TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

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## NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Chambers • 111 Sandiford Drive



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24**  
**Special Council Meeting 7 p.m.**

Pace Financial/Geranium, Mixed Used Condominium at  
Southeast Corner of Llyod and Main Street

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1**  
**Council Meeting 7 p.m.**

## COUNCIL'S CORNER

### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

#### COUNCIL APPROVES 2014 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Council approved its 2014 Council Meeting schedule. The schedule details Public Meetings, Council Meetings, the Municipal Offices closures for non-essential services and statutory/Town holidays for the year. In 2014, Canada Day falls on a Tuesday. Council approved closing the Municipal Offices on Monday, June 30 in addition to the holiday on Tuesday, July 1, consistent with previous practices. The Municipal offices will also be closed between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The Municipal Election will be held on Monday, October 27. Normally scheduled Council Meetings in September, October and November are cancelled, as Council could be in a 'lame duck' position as early as September 12 (Nomination Day) until mid-November ('Lame duck' refers to the period of time after Nomination Day (September 12) when Council could be restricted from taking certain actions). A regular Council Meeting and Public Meeting (if required) are scheduled for November

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18 to wrap up any items. In addition, a Council Education and Training Workshop (orientation) will be held on November 25. The Inaugural meeting for the new Council is scheduled for Tuesday, December 2.

#### COUNCIL APPROVES 2014 BUDGET GUIDELINES AND TIMETABLE

Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Council approved the 2014 budgetary guidelines and timetable. The Draft 2014 Operating and Capital Budget will be released on December 3, 2013. The final budget deliberation is set for January 28, 2014 and if necessary, January 29, 2014. Council and members of the public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the draft budget prior to final approval in January. A ranking system will be used by Town staff in order to prioritize 2014 capital expenditures relative to funding availability.

The Treasurer has provided the budgetary guidelines and timetable with anticipation of a two per cent net operating budget increase. This rate is influenced by the Consumer Price Index, growth, service levels, legislative requirements and staffing annualization. Town staff are recommending that Council approve the 2014 User Fees and pre-approval of any key capital budget projects at the time the Draft 2014 Budget is released in December.

#### COUNCIL RECEIVES INFORMATION ON FEDERAL MEDICAL MARIHUANA REGULATIONS

In June 2013, new federal regulations about medical marihuana production – Marihuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR) came into effect. Now the MMPR requires anyone obtaining a production license to advise local municipalities of their applications. Currently, there are no requirements for

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the applicant to comply with local zoning regulations or other municipal bylaws, obtain the support of a local municipality or to follow a consultation protocol.

Health Canada has indicated that municipal regulations including zoning, must be respected by the applicant. Town staff will review this matter further to determine whether the characteristics of these new facilities require specific consideration in the Zoning Bylaw or through other regulations.

#### COUNCIL APPROVES ADDITION TO OSCAR PETERSON PUBLIC SCHOOL

Council approved a one-storey side addition to the Oscar Peterson Public School located at 850 Hoover Park Drive in Stouffville. The new addition will house childcare services allowing the room in the existing building for all day kindergarten classes. As part of the construction phase, existing parking spaces will be relocated to the east side of the existing parking drive aisle. The proposed development by the York Region District School Board is in accordance with the permitted uses for this site and does not require a Site Plan Control Agreement application.

#### COUNCIL APPROVES AMPLIFIED SOUNDS BY ICE CREAM TRUCK VENDORS

Following the implementation of the pilot project, Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Council approved the use of amplified sounds with restrictions for Ice Cream Truck Vendors in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Licensing bylaws have been repealed and a new bylaw has been enacted. The new bylaw prevents amplified sounds between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. or for more than 20 seconds while stopped at any one location. Notices requesting comments from the public were issued for five consecutive weeks and no comments or complaints were received.

## NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Facility Allocation Policy – DRAFT review Wednesday, September 25 at 7 p.m. Council Chambers, Municipal Offices

Seeking input from the general public to the DRAFT Facility Allocation Policy. Draft Policy can be found on our website. For further information, please contact Micole Ongman at ext. 2323 or via email at [micole.ongman@townofws.ca](mailto:micole.ongman@townofws.ca)

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS – MPAC

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has become aware that a person or persons is placing phone calls to property owners claiming to represent MPAC and asking for personal information. MPAC has reported these incidents to the Ontario Provincial Police.

MPAC does not make calls to collect personal information. If you receive a phone call from anyone claiming to represent MPAC and is requesting your personal information, please do not provide it. If you have any questions or receive such calls, please contact your local police service, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or MPAC's Customer Contact Centre at 1-866-296-6722.

## NOTICES CONT'D

#### 2013 FINAL TAXES DUE DATE - SEPTEMBER 20, 2013 TAX PAYMENTS may be made:

- By Pre-Authorized Payment Plan – applications are available on our website
- By mail, postdated cheques are acceptable
- At most Financial Institutions through the teller or banking machine, or by telephone and Internet banking
- In person at the Municipal Offices, 111 Sandiford Drive.
- After hours payments may be placed in the drop box located at the main entrance of the municipal offices

#### SUPPLEMENTARY TAXES ON NEWLY-CONSTRUCTED HOMES

Owners have been or will be receiving tax bills for the value of the "land" only excluding building, until the house is assessed by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). Once assessed, supplementary tax bills will be issued for the house, retroactive to the date of possession. This process can take two to three years and the tax bills will be due within a short time period. To estimate the annual taxes, simply multiply the purchase price of the home x 1%. Pre-payments on account or through a pre-authorized payment plan can be made to assist homeowners in planning for these future supplementary tax bills. For further information, please contact Customer Service.

Brenda Van Essen

Manager, Revenue & Taxation Services

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#### BYERS POND NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK SPLASH PAD CLOSED STARTING SEPTEMBER 23RD FOR MAINTENANCE

Re-opens September 30th (weather permitting)

## BID DOCUMENTS

Bid packages may be obtained by registering on Biddingo at: [www.biddingo.com](http://www.biddingo.com) (a subscriber and/or document fee may apply) or from our Customer Service Centre. Visit our website (For Business tab) for more information.

Bid Number	Description	Bid Closing
WS-T-13-33	Small Asphalt Repairs	Wed, Oct 2 before 3:00:00 p.m. EST

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

#### • MANAGER OF ENGINEERING SERVICES

• RECREATION CONVENOR & PROGRAMMER  
(1-Year Contract position, with potential for renewal)

Visit our website for details

THE WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE MUSEUM & COMMUNITY CENTRE WILL HOST:

**ARCHAEOLOGY SERIES: 1 OF 3**  
**ABC'S OF ARCHAEOLOGY: WRITE LIKE AN EGYPTIAN**  
Saturday, September 21 • 9 a.m. to 12 noon

Join archaeologist Dr. Amy Barron to see how and why ancient peoples first learned to write. Children will be able to take home their own examples of writing in the ancient world. Ideal for children ages 6 - 12. \$5.00 per child.

