

Santa, I'd like concert, ball team, seniors centre...

We played Santa this week. Not the gin-soaked, X-rated Billy Bob Thornton version either.



Off The Top

with Jim Mason

The real deal. Well, at least we got the first part right — asking Stouffville politicians, sports stars, community leaders and other notables what they want for Christmas for themselves, and their home town. Read their responses on page 3.

(Others here at the York Region Media Group will take care of the giving side of the equation through our annual Santa Fund projects later this week.)

But why should our glitterati have all the fun?

The \$1-million miniature Camden Yard deserves a town team, and so does the taxpayer.

What do you want for your community? Tell us, even if it's not for Christmas.

I'll get us started.

I want:

- Local transit service that's both used and useful. GO seems to be getting it right, judging by the numbers waiting at stops and its ability to continually add new service. Now, how do

we begin to fill those YRT buses, Stouffville?

- A prime-time tenant for Stouffville Memorial Park's wonderfully refurbished ball park. The \$1-million miniature Camden Yard deserves a town team, and so does the taxpayer.

- Online voting to remain on the table with the next edition of town council. It's too late for the 2014 election, but how about 2018, new council? It's all about being convenient and accessible. You can order a pizza or reserve a book on your smartphone, but you can't

pick your mayor or councillor — in this municipality.

- A return to glory for the Stouffville Spirit Junior A Hockey Club. Eighteen months after winning its first Ontario Junior Hockey League championship, the Spirit is in danger of missing the playoffs for the second straight season.

- Tom Cochrane, Marc Jordan and Burton Cummings performing at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park. Not necessarily on the same night.

- More retail and other services to fill those vacancies in downtown Stouffville and those wants and needs in the east-end.

- A proper activities centre for the growing and active 55-plus group in Stouffville. Now, there's an election issue!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 111 SANDIFORD DRIVE

PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT
GROWTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
PHASE 3 LANDS – COMMUNITY OF STOUFFVILLE SECONDARY PLAN
TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE
FILE NO. OPA13.004

NOTICE OF MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville will hold a Public Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, 111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville, Ontario to consider an application for a proposed Official Plan Amendment pursuant to Section 17 of the Planning Act

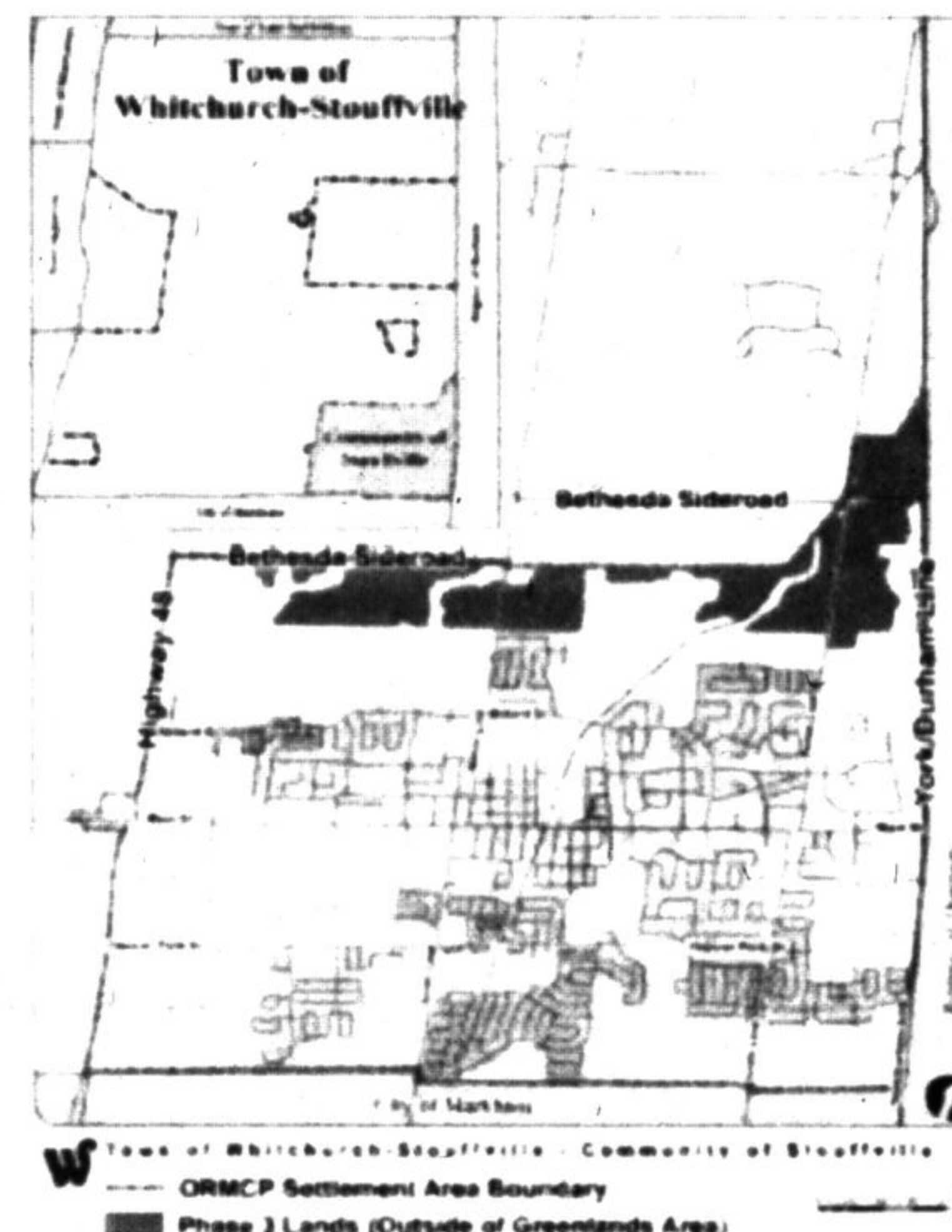
SUBJECT PROPERTY

The proposed Official Plan Amendment addresses policies in the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Official Plan that apply Town-wide. Specific emphasis of the amendments relate to policies and land use designations affecting lands within the Community of Stouffville Secondary Plan and in particular the "Phase 3 lands" as shown on the map

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Official Plan Amendment (File No. OPA13.004)

The proposed Official Plan Amendment implements the results of the Town's Growth Management Strategy (GMS). Step 1 of the GMS demonstrated the need for additional residential and non-residential lands to accommodate growth in the Town in the next 10 years and through to 2031. This is to be accommodated through some moderate intensification, and the urbanization of the Community of Stouffville Phase 3 lands. The Phase 3 land area takes in those lands in the Secondary Plan that are currently not designated for development, but are within the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan Settlement Area Boundary as shown on the map.



Step 2 of the GMS is a process for amendments to the Community of Stouffville Secondary Plan urban expansion into the Phase 3 lands. Step 2 also involves the preparation of amendments to the Official Plan to implement directions arising from Step 1 Key components of the proposed Official Plan Amendment include

- Amendments to the schedules and policies of the Community of Stouffville Secondary Plan that delete the Rural Area designation and replace it with appropriate residential designations and policies, including a new High Density Residential Area designation and related policies, a Major Transit Station Area designation, Activity Nodes for schools, institutional uses and related policies
- Revisions to the Greenland System in the Phase 3 lands to reflect changes to the boundaries
- Addition of a Special Provision to the Residential Area designation to recognize an increase in density for low density residential uses
- Phasing policies and mapping to stage the development of the Phase 3 lands
- The Special Employment Area designation on Tenth Line is proposed to be redesignated Special Residential Area to implement the recommendation of the GMS to allow the conversion of these lands
- The Official Plan is to be revised to reflect a town population of 60,800 persons and 23,000 jobs in 2031
- The Official Plan housing policies in Section 6.2 is to be revised to reflect the updated policy directions in the Provincial Policy Statement's new policies related to Employment Land Conversions. This implements the requirements of Section 26(1)(b) of the Planning Act, Section 2.2.6 of the Growth Plan, and Regional Official Plan concerning Significant Habitat of Endangered Species, Threatened Species, Fish Habitat and Wildlife
- Policies are proposed to be modified to allow community facilities in all designations except Employment Areas and Greenland Areas subject to specific criteria including frontage on an Arterial Road
- The introduction of a High Density Residential designation to allow additional opportunities for intensification in the Greenfield Areas and the existing community

REPRESENTATION

ANY PERSON may attend the Public Meeting and make written or oral representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment. If you are unable to attend, written submissions will be received up to the time of the meeting.

NOTICE OF DECISION

If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, 111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville, Ontario L4A 0Z8.

APPEAL

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting or make written submissions to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Council of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a Public Meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION on the proposed Official Plan Amendment is available for inspection at the Planning and Building Services Department, Municipal Offices, 111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville during regular business hours (Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and on the Town's website www.townofws.ca/GMS.

If you have any questions, please contact Alan Drozd, Manager, Planning Services at extension 2320, or email at alan.drozd@townofws.ca.

DATED at the TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE this 19th day of December, 2013

Andrew McNeely, Chief Administrative Officer (A) & Director of Planning & Building Services
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

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