



TOWN OF  
**WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE**

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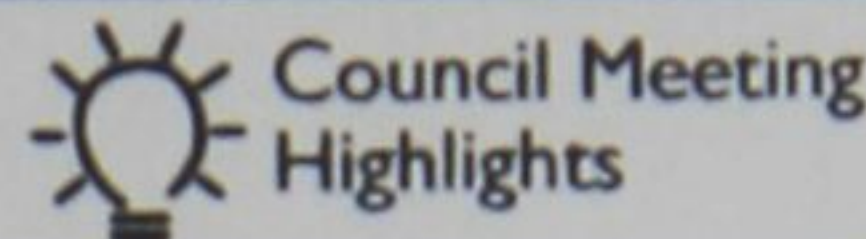
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## COUNCIL'S CORNER

Council Highlights by Andrea D'Souza

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.

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Council Meeting Highlights

### Council Approves 2012 Operating and Capital Budgets

Council approved the 2012 Operating and Capital budgets for the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville at its January 24 Budget & Audit Committee meeting.

Highlights from the Budget include:

- A 2.9% property tax increase (net) for the fiscal year of 2012 (this percentage includes a contribution to the capital fund as previously recommended by Council to improve capital funding and reduce future tax pressure).
- A home assessed at \$360,000 would pay an additional \$29.00 per year (Town portion only) in property taxes.
- Out of every \$1 of property taxes collected, about \$0.27 stays with the Town, while the balance pays for Regional and Education services.
- The Town's approved 2012 Operating Budget is \$50.1 million.
- The Town's approved 2012 Capital Budget is \$15.5 million (\$9.6M growth and \$5.9M non growth related projects).
- Council also directed staff to complete an update to the 2009 Space Requirements Study for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, in order to prepare for the expansion project in the next few years.

For detailed information on Town projects and initiatives, please refer to the 2012 Business Plan, Capital and Operating Budgets, available on the Town's website ([www.townofws.ca](http://www.townofws.ca)) or in person by visiting the Town's Customer Service Centre at 111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville or the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library at 30 Burkholder Street, Stouffville.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville offers the lowest residential tax rate (Town portion only) among the Northern Six Municipalities within York Region (as illustrated in the table below):

2011 Residential Tax Rates			
Municipality	Residential	Municipality	Residential
Georgina	0.605105	East Gwillimbury	0.344545
Newmarket	0.404418	King	0.318836
Aurora	0.358495	Whitchurch-Stouffville	0.285019

### Council Remuneration

At the January 24 meeting, Budget and Audit Committee deliberated a proposed increase for Council remuneration. Comparative data from other municipalities was considered as part of this proposal showing that the average Mayor's salary is \$64,194/year and the average Councillor salary is \$33,828/year. The changes adopted at the meeting resulted in an increase for Council remuneration which remain below the average comparator salaries (refer to table on right).

For 2014, the Mayor's and Councillors' salaries will increase based on the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), while the car allowance will remain at the 2013 level.

SALARY	2011 (current)	2012	2013
Mayor	\$42,149	\$42,900	\$48,900
Councillors	\$27,730	\$29,900	\$32,900
CAR ALLOWANCE	2011 (current)	2012	2013
Mayor	\$7,353	\$8,000	\$8,500
Councillors	\$2,626	\$3,500	\$4,000

For questions about these Highlights, please contact Andrea D'Souza, Communications Officer, at ext. 2451.

### PLAN YOUR MONTH (FEBRUARY EVENTS)

#### P.A. DAY ACTIVITIES

February 3

**Free Movie**, Captain America: The First Avenger 1:30 p.m. at the WS Public Library

**Swimming** at the Leisure Centre 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

**Skating** at the Stouffville Arena 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Children's Workshop** at the WS Museum & Community Centre 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

\$40/child (pre-registration required)

#### 9TH ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL

February 11, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Clowns, choirs, ice skating, treasure hunt, ATV/pony/hay rides, food, beverages, entertainment and more.

Cedar Beach, Musselman Lake

#### STOUFFVILLICIOUS

February 15 - March 31

Discover the culinary delights that Stouffville's Downtown Restaurants have to offer. Visit the Town's website for more information.

#### FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES

February 20

All regular programs cancelled

Lebovic Leisure Centre open from 7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

#### Swimming

Aquafit 9:05 - 10:00 a.m.

#### FAMILY DAY ACTIVITIES continued

February 20

#### Swimming continued

Recreational Swim 10:05 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lane Swim 12:05 - 1:00 p.m.

#### Fitness

Group Fitness 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Group Fitness 10:20 - 11:20 a.m.

#### Skating, Stouffville Arena

Recreational Skate 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

#### Drop in at WS Museum & Community Centre

12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tour the historical buildings and create some fun heritage crafts. \$2/youth

#### HISTORY HANDS ON IN WINTER

February 25, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

A chance to experience life as it was more than 100 years ago.

WS Museum & Community Centre

Free admission; donations gratefully accepted.

#### YOUTH BAND NIGHT

February 25, 6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Nineteen on the Park

\$10 at the door or \$8 with a non-perishable food item.

Contact the Lebovic Leisure Centre for more details.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

(held at the Town's Municipal Offices)

**February 7, 2012 - 7:00 p.m.**

Council Meeting

**CANCELLED**

**February 21, 2012, 7:00 p.m.**

Council Meeting

**Calendars for Council meetings for the new year are available on the Town's website.**

## FEATURED TOWN STORY

### Town Offers Exciting Series of Youth Programming

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is proud to offer an exciting series of evening and P.A. Day outings for youth between the ages of 14 - 17. With free transportation service provided, youth are able to take advantage of the following activities:

- Rock Climbing-Of Rock and Chalk on Friday, February 17 (\$16.50 including harness rental) - Barcode 18333
- Vaughan Mills Shopping Spree on Friday, March 23 - Barcode 18334
- Next Paintball on Thursday, April 5 (\$12.50 includes gun rental and first 100 balls) - Barcode 18335

Participants of the evening programs can catch the bus at the Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex at 120 Weldon, Stouffville. The bus will leave at 4:00 p.m. and will return back to Stouffville by 10:00 p.m.

On Friday, February 3, the P.A. Day Adventure program will include a trip to Playdium in Mississauga. Free transportation can be accessed by catching the bus from Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex at 11 a.m., which will return back to Stouffville at 7 p.m. Please visit the following website for costs and a list of activities: [http://www.playdium.com/pricing\\_indoor.php](http://www.playdium.com/pricing_indoor.php).

#### A few things to keep in mind:

- Pre-registration is highly recommended for the above mentioned programs.
- Events with low enrolment will be cancelled a week before the event date.
- Waivers need to be filled out and signed by a parent or guardian.
- Youth without signed waivers will not be allowed entry on the bus.
- Waivers will be posted on the Town's website or will be made available for pick up at the Lebovic Leisure Centre.

For more information about these programs, please contact Alison Jeschke by email at [alison.jeschke@townofws.ca](mailto:alison.jeschke@townofws.ca) or check out our facebook page at Youth Programs - Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

Be sure to stay tuned for upcoming Youth programs in the Spring & Summer, including Youth Pool Parties, The Amazing Race, Youth Band Night and Youth Week.

## Contact Whitchurch-Stouffville's New Customer Service Centre

#### Hours of operation:

- 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday)
- 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month)

**In person:** 111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville

**By phone:** 905-640-1900 or toll-free at 1-855-642-8696

**Online:** [www.townofws.ca](http://www.townofws.ca) by clicking on 'Contact Us'