

COUNCIL'S CORNER

Council Highlights 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.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM ANNUAL REVIEW

Whitchurch-Stouffville has a responsibility under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act to review its Community Emergency Response Plan on an annual basis and as appropriate update the plan. The plan outlines how the municipality is prepared for and responds to emergency situations occurring within its jurisdictions. The areas of review includes: Critical Infrastructure and Community Risk Profile; Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA); Emergency Response Plan; Annual Exercise and Training; and Public Education on Emergency Preparedness. Whitchurch-Stouffville has met the annual regulatory compliance for an Essential Level Emergency Management program for 2012. More details are available in Report #2 of the February 12, 2013 Council Agenda.

2012 DRINKING WATER ANNUAL REPORT

Council received the 2012 Drinking Water Annual Report for the Stouffville and the Ballantrae/Musselman's Lake Water Distribution Systems in accordance with the Safe Drinking Water Act for the period January 1st to December 31st, 2012. The report provides a general description and a review of the operation of the systems and the quality of water. More information regarding these reports is available in Report #3 of the February 12, 2013 Council Agenda.

GROWTH MANAGEMENT STATUS - COMMUNITY OF STOUFFVILLE: 2012 YEAR END ASSESSMENT

Another report Council received was the year end Growth Management Status Report. The report confirmed that in 2012 582 permits were issued for new residential dwelling units, which were

previously estimated as 470 new residential starts. The forecast for 2013 is approximately 350 new residential starts. Furthermore, Staff has forecast the population of the municipality will increase 5% to 43,300 people by June 2013. See Report #6 for more information.

PRIME MINISTER'S VOLUNTEER AWARDS

Ministry of Human Resources and Skills Development is seeking nominations for the Prime Minister's Volunteer Awards recognizing achievements in a wide range of volunteer activity. Nomination deadline is March 1, 2013. Visit www.pm.gc.ca/awards for more information.

Award of Contract for 2013 Development Charges Background Study and Fiscal Impact Study - Watson & Associates Economists Ltd.

BOOK LAUNCH AND SIGNING

The Mantle, Site: An Archaeological History of a Huron-Wendat Community by Dr. Jennifer Birch & Dr. Ron Williamson
Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre. Monday March 11th, 2013 - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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!!



For questions about these Highlights, please contact communications at ext. 2321.

What's On in Whitchurch-Stouffville**MARCH EVENTS****Defining Moments:**

Discovering our Canadian Stories
Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre

February 11 - March 31, 2013
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This travelling exhibit 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.

Stouffvillicious

Downtown Stouffville

February 15 - March 31, 2013

Taste some of the culinary delights that Stouffville's Restaurants have to offer. For more info, visit www.townofws.ca/events

Spring and March Break Program

Registration now open for Residents
Program details available in the online eGuide.

Spring programs begin the week of March 25.

905-642-PLAY (7529) or
leisure.services@townofws.ca

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library Free Tax Clinics

March 9 - 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and
March 10 - 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Income restrictions apply.
Call the Library to reserve a ½ hour appointment.

March Break Camps

March 11 - 15

Various locations around town
Include: Camp Ballantrae (general daycamp), Hockey camp, Atlas Sports camp, also see Latham Gallery
905-642-PLAY or
leisure.services@townofws.ca

March Break schedules for skating and swimming are now available online or for pick up at the Leisure Centre.

March Break Art Camp Days

Art Bunker Studio
(basement of 6297 Main St)

March 11 - 15, 2013
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Draw, paint collage and explore with an experienced art instructor. Sign up for one day or more. Each day will end with a different finished artwork.
Contact: 905-640-8954 or
info@lathamgallery.ca

Online Safety for Kids!

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

March 14, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

With guests Claudiu Popa and musical performer Sacha Visagie

Amazing Stouffville Race 2013

March 14, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

In teams of 2, youth racing around town while completing challenges. Prizes for winners. \$14.00/team registration fee
905-642-PLAY or
leisure.services@townofws.ca

Seniors' St. Patrick's Party

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

March 15, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Irish dancing performed by members of the Irish Dance Studio

Free Admission

905-642-READ (7323) / 1-888-603-4292

www.whitchurch-library.on.ca

YRT/VIVA Public Information Centre

2014 Annual Service Plan

March 19, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Municipal Offices - Lobby

For more information visit www.yrt.ca

Smart Nutrition and

Supplementation for

High Blood Pressure

Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library

March 28, 7:00 p.m.

Farid Wasseff, Local Pharmacist

Easter Egg Hunt

Downtown - Main St Go Train Station

March 30, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Guided tour every hour on the hour,

downtown, hunting for Easter Bunny

Treats.

905-640-0749

Free Family Art Day - Easter Art Treat!

The Latham Gallery

March 30, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

905-640-8954 or www.lathamgallery.ca

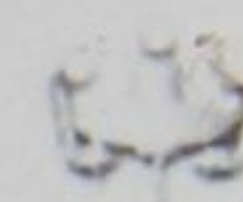
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Council Meeting Highlights

Draft 2013 Operating And Capital Budgets

Available on the Town website and at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library for review.



Council Agendas, Minutes & By-Laws

Upcoming Council Meetings (held at the Town's Municipal Offices)

MARCH 19, 2013

COUNCIL MEETING - 7:00 PM

MARCH 26, 2013

PUBLIC MEETING - 7:00 PM (If Required)

The agenda for these meetings will be available at the Municipal Offices, Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and on the Town's website at noon the Thursday prior to the meeting for review. The Council Meeting Schedule for this year is available on the Town's website.

FEATURED TOWN STORY**RENOVATIONS AT LATHAM COMPLETED**

The doors to Latham Hall have reopened for community use. In July 17, 2012, Council authorized staff to update the facility. Renovations included additional activity space; removal of the stage, levelling and replacement of the main hall floor; upgrades and replacement to the kitchen cupboards and appliances; renovations and expansion to the existing men's and ladies washrooms to meet accessibility requirements and new flooring in the main hall. Latham Hall is the interim location of the Silver Jubilee Club and will continue to accommodate other community users such as the Brownies and the Stouffville Lions during the week and leisure services programs on weekends.

The Hall was original constructed in 1970 by the Stouffville Lions Club with the financial support of Arthur Latham, an honorary member of the Club. On February 16, 2013 the Stouffville Lions Club celebrated 75 years of serving the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

More information regarding the renovated facility is available in Report #5 of the February 12th agenda.

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