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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

Staff Presents The Communications Strategy For The Town

At its April 3 meeting, Staff presented the Communications Strategic Plan to Council for the next three years. The specific goals and objectives outlined identify what needs to be accomplished in order to improve communications between the Town and community, as well as among staff. Staff also presented the specific actions and timelines for 2012 to provide Council with more details on upcoming initiatives and improvements to communications. The development of the strategy drew upon resident input, interviews with Council Members, and through surveys sent to staff and key stakeholder groups. Best practice research on communications from neighbouring municipalities helped with the development of the Plan, and will guide upcoming initiatives related to communications (e.g. Town's website redesign, social media and corporate identity/branding).

Council Approves Moving Forward To Explore Creation Of Rural Broadband Internet Demonstration Site At WS Museum & Community Centre

At its April 17 meeting, Council agreed in principle to establish a rural broadband internet demonstration site at the WS Museum & Community Centre. Xplornet Communications Inc. is proposing to establish this pilot site to allow residents and businesses to test their new 4G broadband service through a computer terminal. The terminal will be available for up to a 6-month period. A detailed Memorandum of Understanding will now be developed with Xplornet Communications Inc. and will return to Council for final approval. The demonstration site would act as 'proof of concept' for residents and businesses to test whether 4G satellite broadband could provide quality, reliable service in Whitchurch-Stouffville. It is also important to note that the Town is not endorsing this service, rather providing an opportunity for residents and businesses to make their own assessment before moving forward.

Council Approves Reclassification Of Latcham Hall Facility To Allow For Multi-Purpose Use

At its April 17 meeting, Council approved to reclassify the Latcham Hall facility to meet the demands for more multi-purpose programming space. Findings from the Leisure and Community Services Master Plan in 2011 indicated that based on projected future growth within the municipality, the Town will require more community programming space. Latcham Hall, a facility owned by the Town, was considered as potential dedicated space to be used for a variety of programs. The facility was operated by the Stouffville Lions Club through a Council-approved Lease Agreement. Latcham Hall was classified as a Category "B" facility which meant that the Town-owned facility could be operated in partnership with a Board/Committee or third party. In conjunction with the Lions Club, Council approved the reclassification of the facility as a Category "A" to allow the Town to operate it directly in order to use the space for multi-purpose programming. At this Council meeting, the Stouffville Lions Club was recognized for their dedication and efforts in operating Latcham Hall on behalf of the community. The Latcham Hall multi-purpose space will be renovated this year. Staff will undertake interior upgrades to the kitchen, washrooms and main hall areas in order to maximize the use of the facility.

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

What's On in Whitchurch-Stouffville

MAY EVENTS

Youth Week / April 30 - May 5

Fashion show, dance, Stouffville has talent at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment. Visit www.townofws.ca/youth for more details.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Jane's Walks / May 5

- "Public Spaces and Institutions on Main Street" walk to start at 10:30 a.m. (meeting spot: Civic Square, 19 on the Park).
- "Bridges Over Troubled Waters" walk to start at 1:30 p.m. (meeting spot: Latcham Gallery).

Community Garage Sale / May 5, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

At Civic Square, 19 on the Park. Book a table and bring your items to sell - \$25/table. Contact 905-642-PLAY or leisure.services@townofws.ca to book a table.

Farmers' Market / May 10 - Oct 4, 2012

This seasonal market is sure to please everyone. Open every Thursday from 2:00 - 7:00 p.m. Located on Park Dr. (south of Main st.).

Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire & Emergency Services, 3rd Annual Open House / May 12, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Stop by the Fire Station on Weldon to see the new Heritage Area showcasing firefighting history and take part in other fun activities.

Youth Pool Party (ages 14-17) / May 12, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Stop by the Leisure Centre for a swim, snacks and games. Pre-registration required (\$8.00 per person).

Storytime with York Regional Police (Ages 3-6 years)

May 14 at 10:15 a.m., May 15 at 10:30 a.m. and May 15 at 7:00 p.m. Come and listen to York Region's Finest read their favourite stories at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library!

Youth Band Night / May 18, 6:30 - 11:00 p.m.

\$10 admission. For Youth By Youth. Come out and see your favourite local bands perform at 19 on the Park.

Free Admission Day / May 18

at the WS Museum & Community Centre. Contact for more details.

Victoria Day Fireworks

May 20, Show at Dusk (approx. 9:30 p.m.)
At the Ballantrae Community Centre (5592 Aurora Sideroad)

Volunteer Work Bee / May 27, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Come out and volunteer to prepare the gardens, clean up the grounds and open the barn. At the WS Museum & Community Centre. Lunch provided for all volunteers. Please call the 1-888-290-0337 to register.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

(held at the Town's Municipal Offices)

May 1, 2012, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Council Education and Training Workshop

May 1, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

May 15, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

Council Meeting

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

FEATURED TOWN STORY



Town Hosts E-waste Recycling Event

Recycle Your Unwanted Electronics

On May 5, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the Town is hosting an e-waste recycling event to help divert unwanted electronics from landfills.

Help do your part by dropping off your unwanted electronics at:

Whitchurch-Stouffville
Operations Centre
5061 Bethesda Road

Sat. May 5th, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Electronics accepted include computers, laptops, keyboard and mouse, computer monitors, printers, cartridges, digital cameras, cell phones, fax machines, televisions and audio equipment.

Please contact York Region toll free at 1-877-464-9675 or visit www.york.ca/waste for more information.

TOLL FREE PHONE NUMBERS

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The Customer Service Centre can be reached at 905-640-1900 or toll free at 1-855-642-TOWN (8696).

The automated numbers (dial by extension) are 905-640-1910 or toll free at 1-855-642-TOWS (8697).