



TOWN OF
WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

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COUNCIL'S CORNER

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.

Temporary road closure of Main Street

Council approved a temporary road closure of Main Street in the Downtown core (block(s) to be confirmed May 7) on **Tuesday, May 14** (Rain date: Tuesday, May 21) from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. to host a car show (weather permitting). The event is in conjunction with the launch of the Downtown sidewalk sale. Future car shows will be held on Tuesday evenings at the Stouffville Legion Branch 459.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Council awards 2013 Municipal Grants

Council approved a budget of \$20,000 for community grants and donations for the 2013 year. Funds were allocated and approved on Tuesday, April 9 based on new and historical requests. Grants for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, Strawberry Festival and Latham Gallery were approved separately in the 2013 Budget. These grants align with the Town's Strategic Plan of providing service excellence and community engagement as well as enhancing quality of life for its residents.

Land/building in Downtown Stouffville

Council has declared that the land and building on 6297 Main Street, Stouffville as surplus and will be sold or leased as per By-Law 2008-057-LA regarding disposition of land. The Town will follow a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Consideration will be given to local retail businesses and to ensure the protection of the heritage architectural elements of the exterior façade. The building is the former post office and was recently the home of the seniors Silver Jubilee club.

Centralized Customer Service Centre update

Council received a status report regarding the hours of operation for the Centralized Customer Service Centre (CCSC). The objective of the CCSC is to continuously improve services to the public as well as the efficiency of service delivery by providing a one-stop-shop for residents and customers for Town services/programs. The CCSC currently offers extended hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Emerging trends such as the increased use of email and the number of individuals making their payments through alternate channels such as internet banking and Pre-Authorized Payment plan through the Town, have been a valuable resource to assist residents outside of normal business hours. These trends have determined that extended hours until 8 p.m. are not necessary; however, staff will continue to monitor the needs of our residents.

Nominations being accepted for the 2013 Lincoln M. Alexander Award
Council invites residents to submit a nomination for the 2013 Lincoln M. Alexander Award. This award honours young Ontarians who have demonstrated exemplary leadership in contributing to the elimination of racial discrimination. The deadline to submit your nomination is **Friday, May 31**. For more information or to get a nomination form, please visit www.ontario.ca/honoursandawards

Feedback wanted on Town's 2013-17 Annual Accessibility Plan (Draft)

Provincial legislation requires municipalities to develop annual accessibility plans and the Town would like your feedback on our 2013-17 Draft Plan. Copies are available at the Municipal Offices or on the Town's website at www.townofws.ca (Accessibility section on the Town's home page). Please forward written comments to the attention of Gary Sumner, Office of the CAO, email gary.sumner@townofws.ca or call ext. 2267 by **Friday, May 10**. The purpose of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (AODA) is to achieve accessibility for Ontarians with disabilities with respect to goods, services, facilities, accommodation, employment, buildings, structures and premises on or before January 1, 2025.

Tenders/Requests For Proposals Awarded

Ws-T-12-49 - Construction Of Stormwater Management Facility E3 North - Tacc Construction Ltd.

For more information, please contact Corporate Communications Specialist, Maria Schembri at maria.schembri@townofws.ca or call ext. 2451.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held at the Town's Municipal Offices

- MAY 7** COUNCIL EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP - 2 P.M.
COUNCIL MEETING - 7 P.M.
- MAY 21** COUNCIL MEETING - 3 P.M.
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 7 P.M.
- MAY 28** PUBLIC MEETING - 7 P.M.

The agenda for these meetings will be available for review at the Municipal Offices, Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and on the Town's website at noon the Thursday prior to the meeting. Calendar of Council meetings for 2013 is available on the Town's website.

FEATURED TOWN STORY

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES 2013 BUDGET

Property Tax Increase Components for 2013		
Town	2.9%	26.9%
York Region	1.8%	48.4%
Education	0.0%	24.7%
	Average 1.56%	Total 100%

Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Council approved a 2.9 per cent property tax increase for the 2013 fiscal year. This translates to a \$75 increase on a single family dwelling home with a final assessed value of \$575,000. When combined with the Region and provincial (education) tax, this translates to only 1.56 per cent tax increase for Whitchurch-Stouffville homeowners.

"This is a very responsible budget that maintains services to residents and keeps a close eye on the bottom line costs," said Mayor Wayne Emmerson. "Council began working on this budget back in 2012, completing 3 key studies to improve efficiencies; manage future staffing costs and enhance revenues. We have had four Budget workshops open to the public and we have received valuable input since the draft 2013 budget was released in February."

The final 2013 Capital Budget is set at \$13 million. Some items of significance in the 2013 tax levy include:

- Enhancements to Memorial Park with the addition of a skate board park
- Improvements to track and tennis courts
- Municipal office renovations to accommodate York Regional Police sub-station
- Approval of concept development of Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and Leisure Centre expansion
- Storm water management pond
- Ninth Line jog elimination and improvements in partnership with York Region
- New assumptions of roads, water/sewer, sidewalks, trail bridges and parks
- Labour agreement obligations
- Additional contribution to Capital Reserves to reduce future borrowing
- Increased municipal service demand due to growing population

Council has also approved in principle a \$156.4 million 10-year Capital Forecast budget which supports funding for the expansion of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Leisure Centre including the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library. Council modified the draft 10-year Capital Forecast, postponing some projects such as an additional fire apparatus and adding more funding to park developments (such as Musselman's Lake) and road maintenance.

The 2013 Capital Budget funds a joint design concept for the future expansion of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library and Leisure Centre. This is a follow up to the report Council received in 2012 that confirmed the expansion of the future Library. Once the design concept work is completed, attention will focus on detailed design in 2015 and construction in 2016 and 2017.

For more information on the 2013 budget, please visit www.townofws.ca

WOWS - What's On In Whitchurch-Stouffville

MAY EVENTS

Stouffville Toyota Ladies Night

Wednesday, May 1 - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park

The Town's Firefighters will be giving a presentation on home escape planning. For more information, call 905-640-9595.

Healthy Living Now Workshop (FREE)

Leisure Centre

Six week workshop every Wednesday starting **Wednesday, May 1 - 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

For more information, email leisure.services@townofws.ca or call 905-642-PLAY (7529).

Emergency Preparedness Fair

Saturday, May 4 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Regional Administration Centre (17250 Yonge Street)

Learn about fire safety and watch demonstrations on how to use a fire extinguisher. For more information, call 905-640-9595.

Recycle Your Unwanted Electronics

Saturday, May 4 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Municipal Offices

Bring your unwanted electronics to our collection event. For a list of accepted items or for more information, visit www.york.ca/waste or call 1-877-464-9675.

Jane's Walk

Saturday, May 4

10:30 a.m. - Main Street GO Train Station

Keep in pace with new development with Fred Robbins

1:30 p.m. - Front of Latham Gallery

Sculpture Walk with famous artist Ron Baird

3 p.m. - 6782 Main Street

Celsius 444 with Fred Robbins

Youth Week

Monday, May 6 to Saturday, May 11

Leisure Centre

Stouffville Has Talent, Youth Show and Fashion Show. Register online or at the Leisure Centre.

For more information, email leisure.services@townofws.ca or call 905-642-PLAY (7529).

York Regional Police Community Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, May 7 - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

York Region Administrative Centre, Seminar Room (17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket)

Wednesday, May 15 - 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Thornhill Community Centre (7755 Bayview Avenue, Centre Hall, Thornhill)

Have your say! For more information, please visit www.yrp.ca

Downtown Stouffville Farmers' Market

Thursday, May 9 - 2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Park Drive (South of Main Street)

Farmers' Market opens and continues everything Thursday until October 10. For more information, visit www.townofws.com/farmersmarket

Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire Department Open House

Saturday, May 11 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

100 Weldon Road, Station 52

Learn more about your Town's Fire Department.

For more information, call 905-640-9595.

Police Week Open House

Saturday, May 11 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Community Safety Village (Bruce's Mill Stouffville)

Town Firefighters will be at the Police Week Open House with a fire truck and handouts for the kids. For more information, visit www.yrp.ca

Community Garage Sale

Saturday, May 11 - 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park (in the square)

Tables can be rented from the Leisure Centre or online, barcode 20606. For more information, email leisure.services@townofws.ca or call 905-642-PLAY (7529).

Downtown Car Show/Sidewalk Sale

Thursday, May 14 - 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, call 905-640-0749.

Volunteer Orientation (FREE)

Tuesday, May 14 - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Leisure Centre

Opportunity for youth to better understand what

volunteering with the Town is all about. For more information, email leisure.services@townofws.ca or call 905-642-PLAY (7529).

The Stouffville Professional and Technical Career Fair

Thursday, May 16 - 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park

For more information, visit www.townofws.ca/careerfair

Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre

Summer Hours Begin Friday, May 17

Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

International Museum's Day

Saturday, May 18 - FREE ADMISSION

Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre

Celebrate International Museum's Day. Today only, purchase the Whitchurch-Stouffville History Book for \$20. For more information, visit www.townofws.ca/museum

Victoria Day Fireworks

Sunday, May 19 - Dusk

Ballantrae Community Centre (5592 Aurora Sideroad)

For more information, email leisure.services@townofws.ca or call 905-642-PLAY (7529).

Spring Work Bee

Sunday, May 26 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre

Volunteer to prepare the gardens, clean up the grounds and open the barn. Lunch provided. To volunteer, call 905-727-8954.

Rabies Clinic

Sunday, May 26 - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hollingsworth Arena (35 Patterson Street, Newmarket)

Open to all dogs/cats over 23 months of age.

Cats must be in a carrier and dogs must be leashed. Cost is \$20 (Cash only).

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Central Customer Service Centre

905-640-1900 or 1-855-642-TOWN (8696)

Automated Lines

905-640-1910 or 1-855-642-TOWS (8697)

Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
First and third Tuesday of each month:
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.