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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 Meeting on June 5, 2012

Council Considered Staff Report for the New Seniors'/55+ Centre

Council deferred the report on the proposed Seniors'/55+ Centre. Staff were directed to flesh out the option of locating the seniors' complex at the Lebovic Leisure Centre. Staff were also asked to explore all reasonable alternatives for temporary options and interim scenarios for a suitable facility for the seniors 55+ that would serve until the alternative seniors complex is planned and built. Staff were directed to report back in September providing alternative scenarios and costs.

Council Approves the Site Plan for an Indoor Soccer and Recreation Building

Council approved the site plan agreement between Nocera Properties Ltd. and the Town for a 55,775 sq. ft. indoor soccer and recreation building located in the Beacon Hill Business Park Area (southeast corner of Innovator Dr. and Sandiford Dr.). The proposed development will consist of a FIFA regulation soccer pitch that can also be divided into 3 mini soccer pitches. The building will also have other amenities such as, change rooms, offices and a (2nd) level public viewing mezzanine.

Staff has confirmed that there is agreement, in principle, for a User Agreement with the Town for the provision of field time for Town recreational programming. Further details are to be worked out with the final agreement subject to Council approval.

Council Endorses Revised Long-Term Vision for Memorial Park

Council adopted (in principle) a revised long-term Master Plan for Memorial Park in Stouffville. In 2010, Council requested staff to conduct a series of public consultations on the existing Memorial Park Master Plan and determine whether the document was still relevant and consistent with resident expectations. Over the past 9 months, staff have completed a series of public consultations, traffic and technical studies in support of a revised long term vision.

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

Highlights from the revised plan, to be included in the park over the next few years, are: protection for possible expansions to the Library/Leisure building, new and relocated skate park, enhanced play pods, sensory garden, basketball court, convertible pool, and various pathways and walkways. The Town will seek external expertise for the completion of detailed design drawings for Memorial Park and ensure that the community is involved and consulted throughout this process. The revised Plan also provides financial estimates for future work and a timeframe for the completion of this work until 2021.

At this meeting Council also confirmed its intent to include a new skate park as part of Phase 1 of the Memorial Park project. Approximately \$425,000 will be proposed in the 2013 budget construction. Financial contributions of up to \$175,000 are proposed through fundraising efforts and in-kind services. Mayor Emmerson has indicated he will lead this initiative, in partnership with the community and the Town's Corporate Partners.

Council Receives Update on Library Space Requirements

Mr. Jim Morgenstern from dma Planning & Management Services presented findings from the update to the 'Current and Future Space Requirements 2012 Update' final report. The firm dma was hired by the Town earlier this year to conduct a study on current library trends and to determine how these trends are affecting future space requirements for Municipal libraries.

The report finds that while traditional space allocated to printed material is not expected to grow as much in the future, library space is being re-allocated to provide for more creative, collaborative and meeting space. The study confirmed that the Town's expanded Library should be based on 0.65 gross sq. ft./capita and be expanded in one larger project in the future. Council also requested staff to work with the Library in the interim to investigate options to improve space utilization at the existing site.

Next steps include the completion of the Library Strategic Plan by the Library Board before the end of the year and Town Council and the Board collaborating on a vision for the expanded Library facility including a more detailed concept plan.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

(held at the Town's Municipal Offices)

July 17, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
Council Meeting

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

FEATURED TOWN STORY



Town Releases 2011 Community Report

This year's Annual Report is being presented as a Community Report to highlight the Town's achievements in 2011 from a community perspective. The contents of the report are similar to that included in previous annual reports but is presented in a way that is simple, clear, and relevant to residents and businesses. The theme selected for the Report is "Country Close to the City" to emphasize the Town's character, natural settings and proximity to many amenities and urban areas.

The Report will be made available on the Town's website. Printed copies will also be available at the Municipal Offices, Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library, Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre and other Town owned facilities in July 2012.

The Town's 2011 Audited Financial Statements were also approved by Council at the same time as the Community Report. The Town's Treasurer is required to report financial statements of the municipality to Council. These statements are prepared in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practices (GAAP) and Canadian public sector accounting standards (PSAB) for the design and implementation of internal controls to prevent and detect fraud and error.

What's On in Whitchurch-Stouffville **WOWS** JULY EVENTS **WOWS**

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.).

Calling all Community-Oriented, Charitable, Not-For-Profit Organizations

August 23 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Would you like to let people know more about what YOU have to offer?

You are invited to participate in "Inside Whitchurch-Stouffville" 2012 taking place in partnership with Moonlight Madness.

Contact Jean England at 905-640-1910, ext. 2274

or jean.england@townofws.ca for more information.

Leader in Training Program (youth 13+ years)

July 16 - 20 and July 23 - 27

Stouffville District Secondary School, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Leadership camp aimed at developing real life leadership skills.

Linked with Camp Stouffville, participants will learn to put their developing

skills to practice by assisting with camp Councillors and campers for a piece of their day.

Library Web Site Demo

July 17 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Topics include downloading e-books and audio books, renewing or reserving from home, electronic book lists, researching health issues, etc. Free Admission!

Volunteers Needed for the 39th Annual Car Show

Get involved in your community by assisting at this family-focused event.

Contact wsmuseum@townofws.ca for more information. Car Show runs August 12 with a rain date of August 19. First time volunteers should plan to attend a training session on Wednesday, August 1.

FREE Outdoor Movies

Come out every Friday at dusk in Downtown Stouffville to enjoy a movie.

For the full schedule and location, please visit www.townofws.ca or call 905-640-0749.

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