

# Council meetings going paperless

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The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is going paperless, when it comes to council meeting agendas, reports and minutes.

As of September, the agendas/reports/minutes will only be available in hard copy upon request. Otherwise, people can follow along on their tablets or smartphones while in the council chambers.

"We recognize we need to make things available in different formats," Ken Turriff, spokesperson for the town, told The Sun-Tribune.

Going paperless will save the municipality 100,000 sheets of paper a year, according to Mayor Justin Altmann, who made the announcement at the start of the July 28 council meeting.

On average, town staff produces 25 agenda packages per council and public meeting. There are 250 pages, double-sided, per package and there are roughly 20 meetings a year, according to Altmann.

The annual cost of paper alone, according to Turriff, ranges from \$930 to \$1,410.

Along with trees, going paperless will save on staff time spent reproducing the agendas/minutes/reports as well as photocopier maintenance and ink.

The first council meeting in September is on the 1st at 7 p.m.

## \$100,000 ENTRANCE SIGN QUESTIONED

Spending \$100,000 on a decorative municipal display sign at Hwy. 404 and Stouffville Road is "a total waste of money," according to Mayor Justin Altmann.

Currently, Whitchurch-Stouffville only has a "lower tier basic" highway sign at the municipality's southern limit.

The sign will face northbound Hwy. 404 traffic and be south of Stouffville Road but north of the exit.

"It is the only spot left. But if we still had all the options, I would still choose this one," Marc Pourvahidi, the town's CAO told The Sun-Tribune.

Aurora and Newmarket have constructed their municipal entry signs on Whitchurch-Stouffville property at Aurora Road and Mulock Drive respectively.

Whitchurch-Stouffville's highway exits are Stouffville Road, Bloomington Road, Aurora Road, Mulock Drive and Davis Drive.

But this is not an exit sign. "It's a destination sign," Pourvahidi told The Sun-Tribune.

"Maybe people pass by but at least they know there's a town," he said.

Town staff presented council with four preliminary options for the eight-foot-by-12-foot sign last month.

Two of the designs that caught the eye of council included silhouettes of a church, clock tower and grain elevator.

"A shout-out to our non-existent grain elevator," Councillor Hugo Kroon noted.

Kroon, who initiated the sign back in April, said last month it would show "a certain amount of pride in our town" and "tell people Whitchurch-Stouffville is on the map."

Councillor Ken Ferdinands admitted he was "a little lukewarm" to the idea. The mayor, however, was ice cold to it.

"So we're going to turn down a food bank in the back (of the municipal building), which is 1,500 square feet and we're going to build, for \$100,000 a sign that is 12 feet by two feet. I have a bit of a problem with it," he said during the July 28 council meeting.

"I really think \$100,000 will go back into the community a lot better," he said.

Kroon noted he has already spoken to local businesses about helping offset the cost of the sign, which was something Councillor Iain Lovatt was happy to hear.

It also appeared, upon hearing this, Altmann warmed up a little more to the idea, adding fundraising can also help pay for the sign.

- Sandra Bolan

## T NITRITE-FREE TURKEY BREAST

We make this cold-cut in our kitchen pretty much daily, and it comes in three seasonings; French Herb, Five-Spice or Au Naturel. We make these without any cure at all, so you'll find the shelf life a bit shorter than our cured products, but they are equally delicious. **Reg: \$3.29/100g**

**1/3 OFF THIS WEEK**

## MEXICAN MANGOES

These beauties are the 'Keiti' Variety, and they are prosperous-looking. A lot of product complies with an internationally-recognized grading system for size. What this means is that there is a count of a number of pieces that fit in a standard-sized box. In the case of **Mangoes**, sizes will vary from a 14 size (14 per box) which makes them pretty small (and a lot of work for what you get) to size 5s, which are pretty huge! These are size 6s - huge as well, with a lot of 'meat on the bone.'

**\$1.49 EACH**

Featured this week at

## WHAT'S HAPPENIN' AT THE DELI!

Let's start with our **Roasted Red Pepper Soup**, which can be served hot or cold, or as a light pasta sauce! This soup is chicken-stock based, with roasted garlic and fresh herbs. **Reg: \$7.95/900ml**

**25% OFF THIS WEEK**

Next up will be our **Champagne-Mango Salad Dressing**. We use our fresh mangoes, champagne vinegar, Dijon, and poppyseeds. This can double as a dipping sauce for veggies or grilled meats.

**\$4.95 PER 250ML**

Feature will be

Next, we've made a **Mango Quinoa Salad**, with Haden mangoes, sweet onions, peppers, pecans, and a mango dressing. **Reg: \$2.99/100g**

**1/3 OFF THIS WEEK**

And next, we'll be stuffing our **Chicken Breasts with Our Black Forest Ham and Mango Slices**. These are fully prepared when you get them, simply warm them in your oven. **Reg: \$5.29/100g**

**1/3 OFF THIS WEEK**

Next, for a special treat this Friday we are making the mango version of my fave **Lemon Chicken**. This will be a show-stopper, so come early. **Featured at \$3.99/100g**

## LOCAL PEACHES

The crop of **Local Peaches** is well underway, and they are available in baskets as well as loose. We've arranged a deal on 'Loose' this week - take as many or as few as you like. They will be

**99¢ /LB THIS WEEK**

## BANDSTAND

Tonight - World Music chart topper Johannes Linstead returns with his brilliant Latin and Mediterranean classical repertoire, performed at his favorite outdoor space to his favorite Unionville audience. Sure to be another outstanding Thursday Night at the Bandstand!!! Be sure to join us!!! Put Thursdays 7:30 to 9:00 on your entertainment calendar throughout the summer at the Unionville Millennium Bandstand. Check it all out at [www.unionvillepresents.com](http://www.unionvillepresents.com).

## IT'S A FAMILY BUSINESS THE SEQUEL

My youngest son, Dylan, whom most of you know, is now gainfully employed at our store. Once again, as he has some further struggle with that ever elusive income / outlay balance. At issue is the cost of getting his fledgling junior golf career launched, the balance between work and the play, and the considerable costs of play.

His job at the store is unchanged, packaging pricing and labelling all those bulk food products, and for this he is paid piecework.

The more (and faster) he works, the sooner he gets to play - similar to a lot of us. To help him out, we're having a sale on two of our bulk items this week. The first is our amazing **Jubes**, both sour and regular, and the second is our **Jumbo California Raisin Medley**.

Either approach to snacks works good, depending if you're the mom!

**1/2 PRICE THIS WEEK**

## RUDOLPH'S BAVARIAN LIGHT RYE

This bread is probably our most popular rye, and we use it in a lot of our cafe sandwiches, too. Flavours that are available are: **Multigrain, Premium, and Poppy Seed**.

**Reg: \$3.49 ea. 500g** Now **\$2.49 EACH**

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# LIGHT CHEESE

We've picked three heavy weights from the lighter side of the cheese spectrum, and they are: **Jarlsberg Light from Norway, Havarti Light from Denmark, and Beemster (Sklimkaas) Light from Holland**. They will be available in chunks and where possible, slices; and as usual, samples abound. Feature will be **1/3 OFF**, and Regs: are \$4.59/100g, \$2.99/100g, and \$4.99/100g respectively.

## VEGGIE CHIPS!

Pursuing the thin theme, we'll be featuring **Terra 'Veggie Chips'**. Apart from the veggie aspect, they are baked rather than fried. They come in most every colour in the spectrum, and they are tasty as can be! **Reg: \$5.99/Bag**

**1/3 OFF THIS WEEK**

## WHAT'S BAKING THIS WEEK?

Beautiful local **APRICOTS** are in this week, and we are using them in our specials alongside tropical MANGOES.

**APRICOT CHEESECAKE FLANS** - Deep shortbread crusts filled with a bit of Almond Cream (frangipan), our cheesecake mix and sliced fresh apricots spiced with cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and cardamom. **\$12.95 and \$24.95**

**APRICOT UPSIDEDOWN CAKES** - Different take on an old-fashioned pineapple upsidedown cake. Apricot halves in caramel topping on a buttery white cake with a bit of lemon zest. This cake is heavenly! **\$14.95 and \$24.95**

**APRICOT SLIPPERS** - Cliff's all-butter puff pastry squares filled with vanilla custard and half of an apricot and baked to golden perfection. Apricot glaze finishes them off. **\$3.99**

**MANGO MOUSSE CAKES** - Light refreshing mango mousse layered with white cake and decorated with fresh mango slices and berries. **\$24.95**

**MINI MANGO CHEESECAKES** - Our most popular cheesecake in a mini size. Graham crumb crust topped with cream cheese mix swirled with mango puree. **\$3.99**

ALL THESE ITEMS ARE

**25% OFF THIS WEEK**

## DEL MONTE PINEAPPLE JUICES

I have always thought that the super-sweet pineapples from Del Monte were the best, and I was surprised to find pineapple juices in the personal size, especially one with coconut and banana. Although I was served this just 'on the rocks,' its real use must be for a Pina Colada. There are two other flavours as well, so be creative! **Reg: \$1.99ea/250ml**

**3 FOR \$3.49**  
Featured will be

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

To keep your summer "bod" in tact, we'll be featuring both of our **Healthy Choice Sandwiches** this weekend. We'll have our **Turkey Avocado with Low-Fat Mayo**, and then our **Turkey Mozzarella with Maple Mustard**, both on multigrain rye from Rudolph's Bakery.

Sunday Brunch will be our **Roasted Red Pepper and Tomato Soup**, followed by either **Bow-tie with Smoked Trout and Asparagus** in White Wine Sauce, **Chicken Breast with Peach and Mango Sauce**, or **Beef Bourguignon**. All with either rice, mashed or vegetables, tea or coffee and a mini dessert.

Served from noon till 2 p.m.

## PIZZA SPECIAL

My favourite time of year is Christmas - but Ontario peach season is right up there as well! This weekend we'll be featuring these succulent beauties on one of our **Pizzas**. We caramelize them in butter and brown sugar and pair them with pancetta, goat cheese and basil. A delicious sweet and salty treat!

**\$8.95**

## OUR TURKEY BURGERS

We'll be making some of these for the weekend. The seasoning is light, just the same as our regular beef burger, and the same size (5oz), as well. **Reg: \$7.99/lb**

**25% OFF THIS WEEK**



SPECIALS IN EFFECT FROM THURSDAY TO CLOSING SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

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