

Association invites you to take a hike



This group of energetic hikers participated in a 15 km hike through the Aurora-Whitchurch sections of moraine trail blazed by the Oak Ridges Trail Association on July 16. ORTA offers guided hikes ranging in length from 1.5 to 17 km. The Whitchurch-Stouffville chapter of the association boasts a membership of 110.

By Nancy Hopkins
Stouffville This Month

Residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville are surrounded by a beautiful, bountiful, environmentally important, landscape officially named The Oak Ridges Moraine.

On the morning of July 16, an eager group of nearly 30 people set out on a 15-km hike end-to-end through the Aurora-Whitchurch sections of moraine trail blazed by the Oak Ridges Trail Association (ORTA), to see first-hand what makes up the Oak Ridges Moraine. A 200-km ridge of rolling hills, forests, lakes and streams formed by glacial

action 14,000 years ago, the Moraine stretches from Caledon in the west, through Whitchurch-Stouffville and on to Rice Lake in the east.

Officially formed in 1992 ORTA is a not-for-profit association consisting of nine chapters, that exists to develop a system of public recreational trails along the full length of the Moraine, thereby promoting an appreciation and respect for its ecological, cultural and scenic integrity. To date ORTA has completed nearly 200 km of trail that is always open and free for all to access.

Local resident Charlie Atkinson, volunteer head
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STEVE PLIAKES for MAYOR of Whitchurch-Stouffville • November 10

Stop the Escalation of Youth Crime - Youth crime is on the rise in Whitchurch-Stouffville. While local newspapers continue to report cases of vandalism, I am proposing we take the first step in putting a stop to it. If elected mayor on November 10th, I'll invite the community to come together to provide a gathering spot: a place the kids can call their own.

While the town could handle most of the administrative costs tied to a youth centre, volunteers from our service clubs and from our youth corps could help run it. I'd invite the business community to get involved.

Over the past decade, Whitchurch-Stouffville's taxpayers have paid out millions of dollars on parks, ice pads, baseball diamonds, soccer pitches, tennis courts, a skateboard park and an indoor swimming pool and library complex. Money even went to keep our outdoor pool open. All these things were built with the kids in mind. While good investments, youth crime still haunts us.

Some teenagers and younger kids vandalize our public and private property. Other kids break windows, destroy trees, shrubs and flower boxes. Town staff is constantly repairing damage at the gazebo on Stouffville's Main Street. Owners of downtown businesses struggle for answers to the problem.

Certain kids from Whitchurch-Stouffville make up the bulk of this trouble. We can't blame our youth problems on kids from neighbouring towns. Let's start by providing a youth centre and see if it helps reduce youth crime.

More Cops - We need more police in Whitchurch-Stouffville. If I'm elected mayor on November 10, I'll show the leadership required to lobby for more policing for this municipality. Last year, about \$120 million was spent on policing in York Region. Still, Whitchurch-Stouffville is under-policed. I will commit myself to doing everything possible to bring more police protection to this town. Anything less would be irresponsible.

Adopt-A-Park - Let's strike a town-wide Adopt-A-Park program. Such programs have reduced vandalism in other municipalities. We could work in partnership with our schools, offering each school in Whitchurch-Stouffville the chance to adopt a park or parkette. Students can help oversee the care of the park. Such programs give children a sense of responsibility and a sense of pride.

Hardest Job in the World: Raising Kids - Local government must be the first to recognize that our most precious resource is our children. While help is available to the parents who need it, not everyone knows where to turn when he/she needs help. Remember, raising a child is the hardest job in the world. If I am elected mayor on November 10th, I will try to provide better links between the community and the child.

Youth Crime Escalation Stops Here - Whitchurch-Stouffville deserves a leader who lets its people put their collective heads together to fight crime. If we do nothing, crime will escalate. I ask for your support on November 10.

Steve Pliakas

SUPPORT STEVE PLIAKES

for Mayor of Whitchurch-Stouffville on November 10

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