

CWC/COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

From November 21

Zoning By-Law Review - Staff presented a revised draft Zoning By-law to Council and outlined a few possible exceptions to the draft zoning by-law based on public feedback. If you would like to learn more about the by-law or see if permitted uses will be changing on your property, please visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/zoningbylaw or attend the next public meeting at 7 p.m. on January 16, 2018 at the Civic Centre. Staff are aiming to present the final Zoning By-law to Committee of the Whole Council for approval in the first quarter of 2018.

Operations Centre Zoning - The Town will be holding a public meeting at 7 p.m. on December 19, 2017 at the Civic Centre to receive public comments regarding the rezoning application submitted for the Operations Centre located at 19850 Woodbine Avenue.

Next CWC/Council Meetings

Committee of the Whole Council - December 5 at 10 a.m.

Special Council - December 5 following CWC

Council - December 5 at 3 p.m.

Agendas for the December 5th meetings will be available at noon on November 30th at www.eastgwillimbury.ca/agendas.

2018 BUSINESS PLAN & BUDGET

Council approves 2018 Budget

At the November 21, 2017 meeting, Council approved the 2018 budget. This is the earliest budget to be passed in Town history and, through early adoption, the Town is poised to leverage advanced pricing for major projects and initiatives.

The budget provides for the construction of a new Operations Centre, which will be funded through development related charges. The Operations Centre will replace the current Works Yard, located behind the Sports Complex. The relocation of operations will result in approximately five acres of space available for community recreational purposes. With land secured in 2014, the Town is now ready to move ahead with tendering and construction in 2018.

The total tax levy increase is 2.25 per cent, which is equal to approximately \$36 per year for the average home. The approved budget focuses on two main areas:

Community Safety

One per cent of the increase, or \$16 per year, is dedicated to supporting Council's multi-year focus on community safety. The budget will provide for a number of new initiatives including an additional full time firefighter, increased training, as well as increased community outreach and public education.

Programs and Services

1.25 per cent of the increase, or \$20 per year, will allow the Town to continue the provision of the Town's quality programs and services. It also includes funding for two new multi-year contractual agreements for waste collection and animal control. The new waste contract will begin January 1, 2018 and will provide enhanced Customer Service, with a new dedicated website and Customer Service phone number and accountability measures for the Town's contractor to ensure effective and efficient services for residents. The budget also includes trail improvements, new parks and park replacements, as well as improved infrastructure in the Town such as road resurfacing projects.

The water and wastewater budget will be deliberated in 2018. For more information about the 2018 budget please visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/budget.

PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPOUNDED LIVESTOCK

One miniature male goat was found roaming at large on Kennedy Rd. between Herald Rd. and Mount Albert Rd. on Wednesday November 15, 2017.

Should you be the owner, please contact the Clerk's office at 905-478-4283 ext.3855 or e-mail clerks@eastgwillimbury.ca for instructions on how to retrieve the goat.

If the above mentioned livestock is not collected and expenses paid by 4 p.m. on Friday December 8, 2017 the livestock will be publicly sold. Time and place at which the animal will be publicly sold is yet to be determined.

JOIN THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION & TRAILS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TODAY!

Do you or someone you know have a passion for the outdoors? Would you like to participate and share ideas on East Gwillimbury's public parks and green spaces? If yes, then our Active Transportation & Trails Advisory Committee is for you!

Help make a difference in EG by joining this advisory committee! For more information or to apply, visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/advisorycommittees

YARD WASTE COLLECTION EXTENDED

Yard waste collection takes place every other week until December 8. Please place your waste at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day to ensure collection. All Fall and Halloween decorations like: pumpkins, clean straw, and dried corn stalks should go out with your yard waste. For more information, visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/collectionfaqs.

WHAT DOES YOUR HEALTHY & ACTIVE LOOK LIKE?

This is the final opportunity to provide feedback as part of the development of the new Health & Active Living Plan. The Plan will outline the future development of parks, trails, facilities, programs, and services in East Gwillimbury over the next 10 years.

Visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/HALP to complete the survey. All survey respondents will be entered into a draw to win a free registration to a Town of EG recreation program or recreation passes!

INAUGURAL YORK FARM FRESH MEETING

Join us for the inaugural York Farm Fresh Association meeting on November 27th at 7:30 p.m. at the Sports Complex. Farmers, local organizations and businesses, including agri-tourism, food retailers, and farmers' market vendors are invited to learn more about promoting local food in York Region.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Aquatic Instructors - No deadline

Visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/jobs for submission details.

TOY &
Food drive

November 13 to
December 20

Help spread cheer this holiday season by participating in the Town's annual Toy & Food drive!

Donations

Unexpired, nonperishable food, new unwrapped toys, gift cards and toiletries are welcome! Drop off donations by December 20th to ensure delivery by Christmas.

Drop off locations:

- Civic Centre
- Holland Landing Library
- Mount Albert Library
- Sports Complex

If you or someone you know requires assistance this year please contact the Salvation Army at 905-895-6276. All information is kept strictly confidential.

'Tis the season to be active!

Stay active this season at one of our many camps & programs!

PA Day Camp
November 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
@ Ross Family Complex
Registration code: 6514

Holiday Break Camps
January 2 to 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
@ EG Sports Complex
Registration code: 6518



Extended care is available. To register please visit, www.eastgwillimbury.ca/ireg.

MAKE YOUR MARK

UPCOMING VISIONING WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2017 FROM 6 TO 9 P.M. AT CIVIC CENTRE, ATRIUM
Share your ideas and help design the future of the Civic Precinct Lands.

Participate in workshop activities and contribute to focused discussions to help design the future of the Civic Precinct. For more information, visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca/civicprecinct

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Nutrition Talk - November 23 from 7 to 8 p.m. at Sharon - Hope United Church. Join nutritionist Alisa Herman to learn about nutrition and its impact on mental health.

EG Food Pantry - November 25 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the EG Public Library (Holland Landing branch).

York Harmony Chorus Christmas Celebration - November 25, two showtimes at 2 and 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Visit www.yorkharmonychorus.ca.

York-Simcoe Naturalists Nature Walk - November 25 at 10 a.m. at the Nokiidaa Trail. Walkers are asked to meet in the parking lot at the south east corner of Mount Albert Rd. and Old Yonge St.

Christmas Open House - November 25 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at LFIT Ladies Gym (18075 Leslie St. #1, Newmarket). Shop for crafts, giftware, holiday treats and more!

York Region Holiday Market - November 24 from noon to 8 p.m. at the York Region Administrative Centre. Shop from over 70 vendors, visit with Santa and enjoy hot chocolate.

ABCD Gala Fundraiser - November 25 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Mount Albert Community Centre. Dance to the great blues, funk, soul music and silent auction. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.abcdreams.ca.

Free Diabetes Footcare Assessment - November 29 at 1 p.m. at Sharon-Hope United Church (18648 Leslie St.) Assessments are by appointment only. Call 905-478-1977 to book your free appointment.

MVA Christmas Tree Lighting - December 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mount Albert Community Centre Park. Enjoy hot chocolate, caroling and tree decorating.

Mount Albert Lions Santa Claus Parade - December 2 at 11 a.m. in Mount Albert. The parade begins on King St. and will end at the Mount Albert Community Centre. Visit with Santa, enjoy complimentary hot dogs, hot chocolate and children's entertainment.

Holland Landing Lions Brunch with Santa - Dec 2 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Holland Landing Community Centre. Tickets are \$5 person and children 10 and under are free.