



# Town of East Gwillimbury

## Our Town...Our News!

### COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole Council met on Monday, June 6th and considered the following matters. These will be brought forward to the next Council meeting for adoption

#### Commercial/Retail Needs Study

A needs study has been conducted in conjunction with the Town's new Official Plan to determine future commercial/retail needs to 2031. Key findings include:

- there is currently over 1 million square feet of existing retail/service space
- 2 million square feet of additional commercial space is needed, which can be accommodated on lands already designated in the Official Plan for this use
- commercial development in the Yonge St./Green Lane corridor will continue to be a major retail centre serving a regional market
- new commercial areas should be developed in a way that supports the centre identified in the Official Plan and is friendly to pedestrians and public transit
- it is recommended that department stores be restricted to the Queensville centre

The study report will be posted for public review and comment. Staff will consult with key business stakeholders and report back to Council later this year with recommendations.

#### Park improvements

It was recommended to approve the tender to construct a limestone trail 3m wide along the Nokiiidaa Trail from 2nd Concession at Rogers Reservoir southward to the pedestrian bridge at Green Lane and 2nd Concession. This will complete the Nodiidaa link from Holland Landing to Newmarket. The cost of \$270,000 will be shared equally with the Region. Also, a new foot bridge will be installed and an older one replaced in Vivian Creek Park at a combined cost of \$175,000.

#### Facility Accessibility Audit

Since 2007, the Town's Accessibility Advisory Committee has been conducting audits of Town buildings to ensure they provide barrier-free access for all users. To date, seven facilities have been audited and recommendations have been brought forward. By the end of 2011, 58 identified issues will have been addressed, with priority given to those required by the Ontario Building Code and East Gwillimbury Accessibility Standards.

#### Holland Landing Development

The Holland Landing Developers Group presented to Council on the design and architecture control guidelines that will apply to new developments within Holland Landing. The draft plans on eight parcels of east and west Holland Landing have been prepared to provide well-designed buildings that create high-quality streetscapes. Inspired by rural village heritage, design standards will ensure connectivity for pedestrians and mixed uses including residential, commercial and schools. Zoning changes to implement a final version of the design and architectural control guidelines will be presented at a public meeting in September. Watch this page for details.

#### Doane Road Realignment

This is a Region project. Following up on the public open house on April 5th, Region staff made a presentation on the results of the environmental assessment that was required for the widening of Doane Road between 2nd Concession and Woodbine Ave. The option preferred by the Region is to improve Doane Road on its existing alignment. The Region will place the environmental study report on public record this month for a 45-day public review period. Once a final option is chosen, detailed design can take place this fall, with construction to begin in 2015.

### UPPER YORK SEWAGE SOLUTION

The Region of York invites the public to an information forum to discuss the recommendation that sewage from new development in Aurora, East Gwillimbury and Newmarket be treated and discharged into the Lake Simcoe watershed. Thursday, June 27th, Council Chambers, 19000 Leslie Street. Open house at 6pm, presentation at 7pm. Materials will be available June 20th at [uyssolutions.ca](http://uyssolutions.ca). Further information: 905-830-4444 ext. 5098.

### POSTAL STRIKE?

In the event of a postal strike affecting East Gwillimbury, please note that tax and water bills are payable on their normal due dates. Please visit [eastgwillimbury.ca](http://eastgwillimbury.ca) for more information about when your payments are due and the payment options available.

### BIG BIKE EVENT

Heart & Stroke Big Bike Event June 23rd. Create a team of friends or colleagues and ride the 30-person bike to collect donations for the Heart & Stroke Foundation. A great opportunity to work together, be active, and support heart health. No registration fees, and fabulous prizes. Further information: [bigbike.ca](http://bigbike.ca).

### STRATEGIC PLAN

For information on the 2011- 2014 Draft Strategic Plan or to provide input please contact us at:

1. [www.eastgwillimbury.ca](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca)
2. Email Natasha Denham at [ndenham@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:ndenham@eastgwillimbury.ca)
3. Phone Donna Ingram at 905-478-3823
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### QUEENSVILLE PLAYERS AUDITIONS

Queensville Players are auditioning for "Little Women" the musical from June 23rd to June 30th. For more information, please call 905-476-1329. [www.queensvilleplayers.org](http://www.queensvilleplayers.org)

### SENIOR WINTER GAMES WINNERS

Congratulations to the 2010 York Region 55+ Senior Winter Games winners. Games were held all across York Region, each town played host to a number of events.

These winners were from East Gwillimbury:

- 10 Pin Bowling – Gold – Graham & Linda Armitage – Holland Landing, Table Tennis Men's Doubles – Bronze – Randy Gibson – Mount Albert, Badminton 65+ mixed – Bronze – Margaret & Cliff Skinner – Queensville, Badminton 65+ men's – Silver – Fred Allen – River Drive Park, Bid Euchre – Gold – Paul Sapergo – Sharon, Shuffleboard – Bronze – Paul Wolscht & Eva Fekete – Mount Albert

## CAR SHOW

VINTAGE, MUSCLE & COLLECTOR CARS



### Cool Country Cruise In

Saturdays 6pm to dusk  
19000 Leslie St.

Food & washrooms on site

### EAST GWILLIMBURY LIBRARY

The Friends of the East Gwillimbury Library present: A garden tour in support of literacy in East Gwillimbury Saturday, June 18, 2011 (10am-4 pm) Gardens to impress & delight! Tour of numerous private gardens as well as the Sharon Temple garden and the Literacy Garden at the Holland Landing Public Library. Tickets \$10.00. Available at Holland Landing Public Library and Mount Albert Public Library and various retail locations. For more information contact: Linda Tanaka (905) 478-2522 [lindaetanaka@gmail.com](mailto:lindaetanaka@gmail.com)

## Living in York Region: our community check-up

What matters to you and your community?  
Take the online survey before June 17.

[www.livinginYR.ca](http://www.livinginYR.ca)



## Holland Landing • River Drive Park • Mount Albert • Queensville • Sharon

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