



Town of East Gwillimbury

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COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole Council met on Monday, April 18th and considered the following matters. These will be brought forward to the next Council meeting for adoption.

Sharon Village

Representatives from the Sharon West Landowners Group made a presentation on the approved plans for developing the land west of Leslie Street from Colonel Wayling Blvd. to just north of Mt. Albert Road. This included a presentation on the architectural vision that will guide the heritage-inspired character of the new development within the Sharon community.

Thinking Green Development Standards

In 2008, a sustainable development study was completed and appropriate policies were included in East Gwillimbury's Official Plan. Then, an evaluation system was drafted that would ensure proposed developments meet these standards. Through these Thinking Green Development Standards, all future developments will be required to demonstrate how standards will be achieved. The draft document is available for public viewing and comment at the Town offices or on our website at eastgwillimbury.ca.

Farmers' Market

Following the success of the East Gwillimbury Farmers' Market in 2010, Committee approved a budget and operational plan for the market to continue and grow in 2011. This year's market will be operated by an advisory committee with a budget comprised of money from the Town, Southlake Futures Development Corporation, and vendor fees. The market will operate in the Civic Centre parking lot on Saturdays, 8am-2pm, from May 28th to October 8th.

Storm water management master plan

According to the province's Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, all municipalities in the watershed will create a plan for the effective handling of storm water. This is a long-range plan of the entire Town that considers the infrastructure necessary for existing and future land use. The plan's recommendations will be used to design and possibly enhance storm water management facilities.

Development hinges on sewage solution

Region staff presented an alternative to provide a sustainable sewage solution that will accommodate forecasted growth. The alternative proposes to use innovative technologies to treat sewage and release it into the Lake Simcoe watershed instead of sending into Lake Ontario as previously proposed. Further evaluation and consultation regarding this Region project is planned through 2011.

Regional Official Plan appeals

The Official Plan for York Region was approved by the province last September. A number of appeals have been filed with the OMB. Several of these refer specifically to land use in East Gwillimbury. A prehearing conference has been scheduled for 10am on May 2nd at Glenway Golf Club.



Join Team E.G.

Register as a member of Team E.G. or pledge someone who is already registered. The first 100 people to bring their pledge forms in to the Town Civic Centre before the event will get a free Team EG hat.

Sunday, May 1, 2011
Aurora Community Centre

WALKERS
WELCOME!



www.runforsouthlake.ca
905-836-7333

PROPERTY TAXES DUE

The interim 2011 property tax bills were mailed the week of January 24, 2011. 2nd installment due: April 29, 2011

We encourage the payment of your tax bill through the pre-authorized tax payment. Two pre-authorized payment plans are available for enrollment throughout the year, however, tax accounts must be current.

- Option #1 – 10 Month Installment Plan
Withdrawal date is the 15th of each month.
- Option #2 – Due Date Installment Plan

Payment can also be made by telephone/internet banking, at any Chartered Bank or in person by cash, cheque or direct debit at the Civic Centre. All unpaid taxes will be charged an interest charge of 1.25% per month effective the 1st day of default.

Please contact the Finance Department at 905-478-4283 ext. 1229 if you did not receive a tax bill.

PUBLIC MEETING

PROPOSED ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Council is considering amendments to the Zoning By-law to define commercial fill operations and site restoration and to clarify that commercial fill operations for the purpose of site restoration is permitted only on lands zoned Industrial Extractive (M3). The amendments do not apply to any specific property but amends general sections of the Zoning By-law.

A public meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Civic Centre on Monday, May 16th at 6:30pm.

Any person may attend the public meeting to make written or verbal representation. Written submissions should be addressed to Carolyn Kellington, Manager of Community Planning and Development and will be received up to the time of the meeting, however, we would appreciate receiving comments by Friday, May 13th. Should you be unable to attend the public meeting but wish to be notified of any further proceedings or decisions relating to this application, please submit a request to the Planning and Building Services Department.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Town of East Gwillimbury before the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Town to the Ontario Municipal Board and may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal.

Further information is available for inspection at www.eastgwillimbury.ca or between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Municipal Offices.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

"A Pioneer Woman". Catherine Ashton presents a free workshop on pioneer life, based on her research for the biography of her mother, "Turning Clouds Inside Out". May 3, 2011 @ Holland Landing Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; pre-register at 905-836-6492. Book available for purchase. Visit website www.egpl.ca for more information

York Simcoe Naturalists Group General Meeting – 7:30pm Tuesday, May 10th, River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Avenue in River Drive Park (off the Queensville Sideroad, north of Holland Landing) Kathy Boles will talk about her EarthWatch trip to Africa to study brown hyenas. Refreshments will be served. Further information www.ysnaturalists.ca or ysnclub@yahoo.ca.

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.

THINKING GREEN!

With the warmer weather approaching, it is the perfect opportunity to get outside and check how well your home stands up against air leaks. Weather-stripping and caulking around windows and doors gradually wear down allowing air to move in and out of your home freely. The warm or cool air that escape a home through air leaks force heaters or air conditioners to work harder to keep a consistent indoor temperature. Replacing damaged weather-stripping and caulking around windows, doors, and other external openings in your home will greatly reduce unnecessary air leaks and will save you money on energy bills.



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

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