



Town of East Gwillimbury

Our Town...Our News!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole Council met on Monday, July 25th and considered the following matters. These will be brought forward to the next Council meeting for adoption.

New stop signs

Following a citizen deputation to Council in June, staff have reviewed the 3-way corner of Hollis Cres., McQuaid Ct. and Beckett Ave. to analyze current and future traffic requirements. Engineering determined that stop signs could be placed at this intersection and installation can be completed within the month.

French Catholic School Board

The Town has received development applications to permit a new elementary school at 180 Hillcrest Drive (northwest corner of Hillcrest and 2nd Concession). Staff provided an update report to Council indicating that additional traffic analysis and discussion of the timing of full municipal servicing is required.

New school in Harvest Hills

A new elementary school, the first new school in East Gwillimbury in 34 years, is planned for Harvest Hills neighbourhood. It will accommodate 567 kindergarten to grade eight students and is targeted for construction in 2013-2014.

New Official Plan

Staff continue to work with York Region to advance the Regional approval of East Gwillimbury's new Official Plan (adopted by EG council in June 2010). A report was presented outlining modifications proposed by the Region and Council referred the matter for further discussion in a workshop.

Kelson relocation

George A. Kelson Company is relocating its Ontario corporate headquarters from Newmarket to a site at 2 Bales Drive West in East Gwillimbury, the former Kasai building. The relocation will also include an extension to the industrial plant and construction of a new three-storey office attachment. This Kelson location will accommodate about 90 employees.

Fetlar Holdings

The Town has received an application to construct a three-unit commercial building on the property at Yonge St. and Green Lane adjacent to Best Buy and Silver City cinemas. One of the occupants will be La-Z-Boy Furniture.

Financial reports

Following a review of the 2010 year-end, the auditor has issued a clean audit opinion. The staff report and audited financial statements can be found on the Town web site.

Yield to flashing green light

Later this summer, the Town will install signs in major traffic areas notifying drivers of a new green light program. Flashing green lights on moving vehicles indicate volunteer firefighters trying to provide emergency response. Drivers are asked to pull over and yield.

BMX redesign

As staff consider options for resurfacing the BMX bike track in Vivian Creek Park in Mount Albert, young citizens have been consulted at a community meeting and informally on-site at the park. Detail design will be drafted and contractors will be hired to carry out the work in late summer.

York-Durham Sewage System extension

The YDSS extension project will provide a sewage system to service new growth in East Gwillimbury's. Cost estimates have risen from \$63 million in 2009 to \$150 million currently. The Region is working with the development community and affected municipalities to develop a new approach to keep the project moving forward. The new residential growth anticipated for occupancy in 2013 is pushed back to 2014/2015.

PROPERTY TAXES DUE

The final 2011 property tax bills were mailed June 10. Payment is due August 31.

Two pre-authorized payment plans are available for enrollment throughout the year, however, tax accounts must be current.

Option #1 – 10 Month Installment Plan (Feb-Nov)

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.

TOWN LAUNCHES CULTURAL MAPPING PROJECT

The Town of East Gwillimbury is launching a Cultural Mapping Project to identify and document the rich diversity of our community's cultural resources. These include a wide range of tangible assets but also those important intangible assets such as stories and traditions that help define our community's unique identity and sense of place.

Benefits:

- increases awareness of cultural resources
- informs planning and economic development decisions
- supports the Town's Economic Development Strategy currently underway, and a future Cultural Plan to be initiated in the Fall of 2011
- helps build networks and collaboration across cultural groups

The Town has struck a Steering Committee to provide advice and support. The Committee is composed of representatives from a range of municipal, community, business and cultural interests.

A project website will provide essential information and be updated throughout the project. A community survey will be circulated widely to enable anyone in the community to provide their ideas and input. A public meeting will be scheduled to report to the community on findings and to seek additional ideas and input. The project is anticipated to conclude in September 2011.

CAR SHOW

VINTAGE, MUSCLE & COLLECTOR CARS



**Cool Country
Cruise In**
Saturdays 6pm to dusk
19000 Leslie St.
Food & washrooms on site

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Circulation Desk Assistant (Sunday Contract) Part-time, Mount Albert Branch. For detailed information about this position, including application instructions and deadlines please check our library website at: egpl.ca

FARMERS' MARKET

Saturdays, 8am-2pm
Civic Centre parking lot



Local fruits, vegetables, eggs,
perennials, honey, baked goods,
artisans and more.

BE CAREFUL AROUND THE WATER

As the warmer temperatures of summer are here, swimming and water-related activities become even more enticing. It's important to take precautions when enjoying activities in any body of water:

- Wear proper floatation attire when participating in a water-related activity. Children should insist their parents wear a life jacket too
- Always know where your children are when around water and never leave children unattended
- Be aware of changing weather conditions and familiarize yourself with conditions before engaging in water-related activities
- Obey all signs, markings and regulations posted near bodies of water
- Tell someone where you plan to go, and carry a fully-charged cellular phone for emergencies

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