



COUNCIL/COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

TENDERS

Committee of the Whole Council met on Monday, January 16th and considered the following matters. These will be brought forward to the next Council meeting February 6th for adoption. For a full agenda of this meeting, please refer to the Town web site at eastgwillimbury.ca.

Economic development strategy

Council reviewed the final economic development strategy and endorsed it as a guideline for promoting economic growth for the next 10 years. The three strategy goals are to support the expansion of business investment opportunities; to help create a community that is attractive, liveable and sustainable; and to advocate regional development as a way to advance local EG priorities. Some key recommendations in the strategy:

- a post-secondary institution
- a gateway business park in the Highway 404 corridor
- sustainable green building standards
- recruiting selected industries such as green technologies and health care
- balanced growth that preserves our history and our heritage, and promotes the arts, culture and tourism
- provide resources for small and medium size businesses, and
- promote the local food supply

The Strategy was developed through an extensive consultation process with local businesses and stakeholders, community leaders, the Business Development Committee, a steering committee, Council and Senior Town staff. Staff will now develop a 2012 work plan as the first phase of implementing the strategy.

Pancakes and skate

The Mayor and Members of Council served up breakfast to hundreds of East Gwillimbury citizens at the annual pancake breakfast and free family skate January 7th at the sports complex. Next year's event has already been booked for Saturday, January 5th.



A&B Courier Walk/Run for Southlake

This annual fundraiser for the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation will take place on Sunday, April 29th. Participants can walk or run the 5k, 10k or Kids' Mini-mile. Councillor Tara Roy-DiClemente will lead Team EG again this year. Watch this page for opportunities to join Team EG and to pledge our team members.

Outdoor smoking policy

Following a review of the Town's outdoor smoking policy, Committee directed that a bylaw be drafted to limit smoking at Town-owned properties. Smoking will be prohibited within 25 metres of any Town-owned playground, splash pad, sports field or recreation facility within East Gwillimbury.

19040 Leslie St.

The status of this property has been reported previously on this page. After reviewing a 2007 condition survey and the historical research prepared in 2009, Committee asked that a formal assessment of the building be undertaken by a qualified heritage consultant.

Enhanced public notification

Staff presented a proposal for tracking members of the public who have asked to be notified when certain topics will be dealt with at Committee or Council meetings. A form is planned for the Town's web site which will allow anyone to make the request, and email or telephone notification would be provided on the Thursday preceding the Monday at which the topic will be discussed. This pilot project will be re-evaluated at the end of the year.

M-2012-4	Sanding/Snow Plow Equipment Rental 2012-2014 Seasons (2 Year Contract)
M-2012-5	Supply, Delivery, Mixing & Stocking of Winter Sand 2012-2014 Seasons (2 Year Contract)
M-2012-8	Street Sweeping (2 Year Contract)
M-2012-9	Catchbasin Cleaning (2 Year Contract)

No tenders will be faxed, e-mailed or couriered.

Sealed tenders, plainly marked as to contents, will be received by the Clerk's Department of the Town of East Gwillimbury, at the Municipal Offices, 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon, Ontario, until 1:00 pm, on: Thursday, February 2, 2012

Payment of a \$25.00 plus H.S.T. (\$28.25) non-refundable fee may be made to Customer Care for each set of tender documents and specifications, prior to obtaining the tender from the Office of the General Manager, Community Programs & Infrastructure.

The lowest or any tender will not necessarily be accepted.

For further information or inquiries regarding this contract, please contact Steve Krystal at 905 478-4282, extension 3818.

Tenders will be opened on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 1:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

NOTICE TO ALL DOG OWNERS

Dog licenses for 2012 must be purchased by February 28th of this year in accordance with the Town of East Gwillimbury By-law #2004-119. Licence fees are \$30.00 per dog tag, with the exception of Seniors, 65 years and over, for whom the first dog tag is \$25.00. Door to door sale of dog tags commenced January 2nd, 2012. Door to door sales has been found the most convenient method of tag sales to East Gwillimbury residents. Each tag seller will be carrying appropriate identification for your protection. Dog tags are also available at the East Gwillimbury Civic Centre in our Customer Care Department.

IS YOUR APARTMENT SAFE?

In order to protect public safety, the law requires that a second dwelling within a home (an "accessory apartment") must be registered with the Town. Before granting registration, we will ensure the apartment meets fire safety standards, and verify there is adequate allowance for sewage, parking and garbage removal. Also, did you know a basement apartment must be at least 50% above ground? Tenants should ask to see their landlord's registration certificate. Inquiries should be directed to the Town at 905-478-4282.

If you're a property owner considering adding an accessory apartment, the Town will help you through the registration process. Our Fire Prevention Officer will consult with you and advise you before you pay the registration fee to help you understand what the requirements are and how to go about satisfying them. Call our Emergency Services department at 905-853-8842.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

EG Synchro Gala, February 4th, 3:30-6pm, Sports Complex. EG hosts teams from across the Ontario region as they compete to qualify for Nationals. Last year Shiver was # 1 in Ontario and 3rd in Canada. Our gala will be a fabulous show to watch and a good send-off to the teams as they head into Nationals. Admission is \$5.00 per person.