



Town of East Gwillimbury

Our Town...Our News!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole Council met on Monday, March 21st and considered the following matters. These will be brought forward to the next Council meeting for adoption.

Early contracts save money

By being one of the first in York Region to approve the 2011 budget, Council enabled staff to tender a series of road maintenance contracts early in the season. As a result, 35% of the amount budgeted for these projects will be saved, amounting to \$305,000. This is approximately equal to a 3% property tax reduction on an average \$375,000 East Gwillimbury home.

Fieldgate site progressing

The property in the northeast corner of Yonge St. and Green Lane, where Lowe's is located, will be further developed as soon as the ground dries. Planned for this site are two banks, three restaurants, a fitness facility, many other retail stores, and a market street that can, on occasion, be closed to cars for a festival pedestrian area.

Zoning by-law review

Following adoption of the Official Plan in June of last year, the Town needs to review its zoning by-laws and many amendments to ensure they conform to the new Official Plan. A request for proposals will be drafted to retain a consultant to help complete this work.

Green Lane corridor secondary plan

Meridian Planning Consultants will be contracted to help with a secondary plan for the development of the corridor along Green Lane between Leslie Street and just west of Yonge Street. This will include a public consultation program. Watch for details on our Town page.

Winter road maintenance

Staff presented a detailed report about sanding and salting of Town roads. East Gwillimbury's maintenance standards are in line with those of other municipalities, and are in practice to ensure roads and sidewalks are safe. It is believed the 90% sand and 10% salt mixture provides that safety while minimizing corrosion and other environmental effects of salt. Also, technical improvements have been made to the vehicles, allowing for better safety at reduced costs.

Neighbourhood Network

Council heard a presentation from Neighbourhood Network, an organization that connects volunteers with local charities and community groups. It's about bringing together the people who want to help with organizations that need help. Their vision is "building better communities together". Watch for details about their community tree planting event planned for April 23rd.

SPORTS COMPLEX UPDATE

In recent months, weather conditions have challenged the construction schedule with extreme temperatures and high winds making it difficult to pour concrete, work with steel, and continue construction on the upper level. However, we are making progress and the facility continues to serve the needs of our minor hockey and figure skating patrons. Here's a brief update.

The east ice pad, players' benches and spectator areas are complete. Final painting will be completed after the ice is removed and warmer temperatures return. The east lobby, viewing gallery, offices and change rooms have been enclosed and heated: these areas should be complete early in April. The upper level meeting room, washrooms and mechanical room are also scheduled for early April completion. The main lobby, lounge, pro shop and snack bar are scheduled to be finished in April. And the new west end addition should be completed by the middle of May.

The minor hockey tournament March 31 to April 3 will not be affected, as both ice surfaces are fully operational. Town staff continue to make every effort to ensure the sports complex serves the needs of the community and provides a safe recreational experience.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ladies Softball League registration Tuesday, March 29th, 7:30pm, Sharon Temperance Hall

KC's Cancer Cushion Fund - 5th Annual Irish Pub Night & Silent Auction to benefit cancer patients. Live music, late lunch, and more. Saturday April 2nd, 2011, 7:30pm-1:00am
Roman Palace, Newmarket. Tickets \$30 each, Call Eileen (905)853-0166

EG Soccer Office - Walk-in Registration. 45 Grist Mill Road, Unit #8. April 5th 6:30pm-9pm

Holland Landing & District Lions Club Seniors Breakfast, Wednesday April 6th, 2011, 9-11am at the Holland Landing Community Centre, 19513 Yonge St., Holland Landing.



Join Team E.G.

Please join Team E.G. as we challenge neighbouring municipalities. Who can raise the most money for this worthwhile cause? If you can run or walk, go to the web site below and register as a member of "Team E.G."

Sunday, May 1, 2011
Aurora Community Centre

WALKERS
WELCOME!

ab COURIER
Run For
SOUTHLAKE
Half Marathon • 10K • 5K • Kids Mini Mile

www.runforsouthlake.ca
905-836-7333

2011 WATER AND SEWER RATES

Prior to 2010, the Town's water and sewer billing system included a "deemed minimum usage calculation" which assumed for billing purposes that everyone used a minimum amount of water. This calculation is being phased out to enable all residents to have control over the variable portion of their bill. The new billing system being phased in includes a variable charge based on how much water is used, plus a fixed charge to pay for such things as equipment maintenance and water quality testing. Phase 2 of this new billing system was approved by Council for implementation in 2011. In summary, here are the changes for 2011.

Drinking water is supplied by the Region and, although they have increased their charges to the Town by 10% in 2011, the Town has offset some of the impact by keeping the net increase to East Gwillimbury residents down to 9% this year. The quarterly fixed charges for 2011 will be \$24 (water) and \$11 (sewer) for residents; \$40 (water) and \$75 (sewer) for businesses.

These rate changes will take effect with your first bill in 2011, which you will receive in April, May or June depending on where you live. A brochure with more details will be included with your first bill.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The following employment opportunity is available:
Library Assistant (Part-time) Mount Albert Branch

For detailed information about this position, including application instructions and deadlines, please check the Library Web Site at:
www.egpl.ca

THINKING GREEN!



Spring cleaning is an excellent opportunity to get rid of unwanted items that have been accumulating in your home. However, it is important to remember that some household products such as paints, cleaners, oils, or batteries may contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable or reactive ingredients that are

considered hazardous; to properly dispose of these items, locate the hazardous waste depot nearest you.

Also, instead of throwing away your unwanted goods such as toys, clothes, sports equipment, working appliances, etc; plan a garage sale or donate them to local charities.

You will extend the use of your unwanted items while reducing the amount of garbage reaching landfills.



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