



Town of East Gwillimbury

Our Town...Our News!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole Council met on Monday, May 16th and considered the following matters. These will be brought forward to the next Council meeting for adoption.

Town strategic plan - Following a number of visioning and planning sessions with staff and Council, the Town's strategic plan for 2011-2014 is now in its final draft form. It provides an overall focus for Town direction. Residents will soon have the opportunity to provide comments online: please watch for details at eastgwillimbury.ca.

Sharon Village - Architectural control guidelines have been submitted which set out the design and materials for development within the community of Sharon in order to achieve a consistently high standard of residential and commercial design. The full document can be viewed on the Town's web site at eastgwillimbury.ca.

Pedestrian & cycling master plan - Council directed staff to apply for York Region funding of 50% of the cost of improvements to construct a multi-use cycling trail along the south side of Green Lane from Peggy's Wood to the west entrance of the Costco parking lot. The resulting trail enhancement could be seen as a new design standard within York Region.

Princess Street sidewalk - In order to provide safe pedestrian access from residential areas of Mount Albert to the Foodland property and across the railway tracks, the Town is considering the provision of a sidewalk on Princess Street. A public open house to present the project and options to residents will be advertised on a future Town page.

Council meeting schedule - Beginning in June, Committee of the Whole Council meetings on the first Monday of each month will begin at 10am, followed by a Council meeting at 3pm. The second Monday of each month will be reserved for Council workshops as needed, also beginning at 10am. Committee of the Whole Council meetings scheduled on the third Monday of each month will begin at 1pm, followed by a Council meeting at 7pm. Matters of significant public interest will be scheduled for the evening meetings. Meetings are open to the public and interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

Mosquito control program - Some residents did not receive written notification of the Town's mosquito control program this year. This was not because their neighbourhood was skipped, but simply because notification was reduced to within a 100m buffer of the treatment area. In fact, the program was not operated any differently this year than in the past. Citizens should also know that only identified wetlands are treated.



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COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUPS

Economic Development Strategy - Wednesday, May 25. Temperance Hall (in front of the Sharon Temple), 18974 Leslie Street Session 1: 10am-12pm, Session 2: 2-4 pm

The Town of East Gwillimbury is developing an Economic Development Strategy and we are interested in your opinions and your vision for the Town's future. If you are a business owner/manager or an interested citizen, you are invited to attend one of the sessions. Mayor Hackson will be on hand to welcome attendees at both sessions. Please call the Town's Economic Development Officer, Marnie Wraith at 905-478-4282 ext. 3806 to register. If you cannot attend but would still like to provide input, an on-line survey can be completed at eastgwillimbury.ca.

OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

York Regional Police remind residents that off-road vehicles such as ATVs, pocket bikes and riding lawnmowers are prohibited from public roads, parks, schools, hydro right-of-ways, sidewalks and private property. Also, the vehicles must be plated and insured, riders must wear helmets, and children must be supervised by an adult. Fines can be as high as \$5,000 and parents of children riding unsupervised may also be charged.

For a complete list of vehicles that are not permitted on public roads and for more information on the laws governing off-road vehicles, please visit mto.gov.on.ca/english/dandv/vehicle/emerging, or call 866-876-5423 ext. 7703.

EAST GWILLIMBURY FARMERS' MARKET

Grand Opening - May 28th

- Every Saturday 8am-2pm
- Located in the Civic Centre parking lot
- Come and enjoy the local fruits, vegetables, eggs, perennials, honey, baked goods artisans and more!



SAVE YOUR TIRES

Get rid of your old and scrap tires for FREE on May 27th & 28th through the Ontario Tire Stewardship event. Drop your tires off at Four Hundred Auto Wreckers Ltd. located at 72A Sluse Road, Holland Landing.

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.

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; \$75 (water) and \$40 (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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

David Lepofsky, one of Canada's most dedicated champions of equal access, will be at the Civic Centre on Saturday, June 11, 9:00 a.m. to noon. Learn about what Accessibility Advisory Committees within the Region are doing to improve access to your communities, buildings and parks. RSVP before June 3 to marric@neptune.on.ca or michal.fairburn@sympatico.ca. Please advise if any specific accommodations are required. Further information: eastgwillimbury.ca

Sharon Art Show & Sale - Sharon Temple Museum, Saturday, May 28th, 2011 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. Emerging and established artists will be showcased on the grounds and in the heritage buildings. Refreshments will be provided by the Sharon Lions Club. Admission is by donation with all proceeds going to the Temple.

EAST GWILLIMBURY LIBRARY

JOB POSTING

Summer Student Assistant (2 positions)

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