



COUNCIL / COMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

Committee of the Whole Council met on Monday, September 19th and considered the following matters. These will be brought forward to the next Council meeting October 3rd for adoption.

Property tax increases can be deferred

At the request of Council, staff reported on a program that provides municipal tax relief for seniors aged 65 and older, low-income seniors aged 55-64, and low-income disabled persons.

Through this program, any increase in property taxes can be deferred for eligible individuals, who then will repay the Town when the home is sold, when the title is changed, or at any earlier time of their choice (for example with income tax refunds). To apply for tax deferral, please call the Town's Finance Department at (905) 478-4283 ext. 1229.

New school in Harvest Hills

East Gwillimbury's first new public school in 34 years is planned for the Harvest Hills neighbourhood. Construction is scheduled to begin for occupation in September 2013. The Town is discussing a potential joint-use agreement with the school board to allow community groups to use school facilities during off hours.

Community policing update

York Region Police are recruiting volunteers to staff a police substation planned for Mount Albert. 25-30 qualified volunteers would be required to make the substation viable. Anyone interested in volunteering are invited to contact York Region Police at 866-876-5423.

York-Durham Sewage System extension

Region of York staff made a presentation to review the status of the extension of the YDSS. This will allow more sewage from East Gwillimbury to be piped to Pickering for treatment. The extension is to be tendered in phases, beginning in the first half of 2012. Committee asked Region staff to provide regular updates.

Upper York Sewage Solution

In addition to the YDSS, York Region is planning a system that could treat EG sewage and pipe it north for release into the Lake Simcoe watershed. A report to Regional Council is expected this fall.

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

Committee heard a presentation regarding plans to develop the Rogers Reservoir. A public workshop will be held in October and then a draft plan will come forward late next year. The Conservation Authority will advertise the details about the public workshop.

2012 business plan and budget

Committee approved the 2012 budget timelines:

- October – preliminary budgets prepared
- November – preliminary presentation to Committee of the Whole and deliberations
- December – final review and adoption

Strategic plan

The Town's strategic plan was adopted. This is the high-level document that lays out the Town's plan for building on investments and priorities for providing programs and services for citizens. This is the result of extensive consultation with residents, advisory committees and staff. Once the plan is approved by Council, it will be formatted for ongoing communication. It is available in its current form on the Town's website under Council minutes.

Cultural mapping project

The Town is conducting a project to help identify what part of EG culture makes the Town unique and special. This might include museums, arts, history and heritage buildings, festivals and events. Committee heard the results of a public survey and forum earlier this month.

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Public meetings

A public meeting was held to review rezoning in the eastern and western sectors of Holland Landing, to implement plans of subdivision that were approved by the Ontario Municipal Board and the Town several years ago. A public open house will be conducted in the near future, which will be advertised on this page.

A public meeting was held regarding the residential plan of subdivision involving 123 single detached and townhouse units to be developed at the southwest corner of Mount Albert Road and Leslie St. Input from this meeting will be considered as part of future Council deliberations on this development.

Doane Road

The Region plans to widen Doane Road between 2nd Concession and Woodbine Ave. An evaluation, including an environmental assessment, was conducted by the Region to compare options. The option preferred by the Region is the current alignment. Following extensive review and dialogue, Council reaffirmed its position that the Town does not support the current alignment of Doane Road for any widening.



The family of Police Constable Garrett Styles would like to thank the residents and businesses of East Gwillimbury for their kind support throughout this difficult time.

LIBRARY GIANT BOOK SALE

Holland Landing Branch - Early Bird Sale: Friday October 14, 7-8:30pm, \$5 each or \$10 family Sale: Saturday October 15, 9am-4pm, free admission. Last call 2-4pm – fill a bin for \$5
Silent auction featuring local artists! Bring your own bags please. Wanted: donations of children's books!
For information or to volunteer please contact us: 905-836-6492 www.egpl.ca

RFQ-CONTRACT M-2011-3-2 COMMERCIAL 7FT SPREADERS

Sealed quotations, plainly marked as to contents, will be received by Mr. John Hannah, Manager of Engineering and Environmental Services, in the Community Programs & Infrastructure Department of the Town of East Gwillimbury, 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon, until 12:00 noon, on: Thursday, October 6, 2011

Quotation documents and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the General Manager of Community Programs & Infrastructure at the Municipal Offices, 19000 Leslie Street, Sharon, Ontario. The lowest or any quotation will not necessarily be accepted. Quotations will be opened on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. and the successful proponent will be notified.

RFQ NO. PR-2011-15

The Corporation of the Town of East Gwillimbury is calling for the replacement of street trees on the road allowance, Town property within the Town of East Gwillimbury.

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FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE

From 10am-2pm on October 1st, come out to see firefighter demonstrations, life safety and emergency preparedness information, children's water target, games and refreshments

Station 2-4 Holland Landing (19314 Yonge Street)
Station 2-6 Mount Albert (22 Princess Street)
Station 2-8 Queensville (1590 Queensville Sdrd.)

Upon resident's request, East Gwillimbury Fire Fighters will come to your home to check smoke detectors and batteries.

Please call 905-853-8842 x1102 to make an appointment.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Volunteers from the Canadian Cancer Society will be selling pink ribbons on October 1, 2, 6 & 7, 2011 to raise awareness about breast health. Funds raised during this campaign will support breast cancer research and community programs for people living with breast cancer and their families.

YRPMC PASTA DINNER, Friday, October 14th, 4:30-7 pm at the Mt. Albert Lion's Hall. Tickets: Adult \$10, Children (10 & under) \$6, Family (2 adults & 2 children 10 & under) \$30. For more information or tickets, call 905-895-1436. Everyone welcome.

The Santa Claus Parade will take place in Holland Landing on Sunday, November 20th. Enter your floats and walking groups before November 13th by emailing esedgc504@rogers.com