



Town of East Gwillimbury

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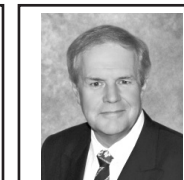
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STRATEGIC MESSAGE - OFFICIAL PLAN OPEN HOUSE

The Town of East Gwillimbury has been designated as a Growth Area by the Provincial Government. In addition, the Town is required to update its Official Plan to address the Provincial Greenbelt Plan and the 2005 Provincial Policy Statement. To prepare for this growth, Council has initiated a Consolidated Official Plan Review.

You are invited to the second Open House regarding the Town's Consolidated Official Plan Review and Update. The Open House will be held on:

Tuesday, January 29, 2008
5:00pm – 9:00pm with a presentation at 7:00pm
East Gwillimbury Civic Centre
19000 Leslie Street, Sharon

The Open House will present residents with an opportunity to see what is being planned and provide comments on the plan and process. This is the second Open House regarding the Official Plan Review and will focus on:

- A plan to protect the Town's Natural Environment
- Urban Area Expansions to meet proposed employment targets
- Phasing strategies as to how the Town will accommodate the growth
- Sustainable Community Development Standards
- Development Charge and Fiscal Impact Studies
- The Town's 30 Year Transportation Master Plan
- A Countryside Strategy to address the rural area

The Open House will also provide a general update on the Town's overall Official Plan Review Process. All East Gwillimbury residents and businesses are welcome and encouraged to participate in the process. For more information visit the Town's website or contact Dan Stone, Manager of Policy Planning, at extension 3806 or Robin Skinner, Environmental Planner, at extension 1286.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Presentation from Ontario Power Authority

The Ontario Power Authority made a presentation regarding hydro supply and the demand for peak power supply in northern York Region.

Traffic Control for Farr Avenue

Based on resident input regarding speeding and engagement of York Regional Police the following safety measures will be implemented on Farr Avenue:

- All-way stop will be installed at the intersection of Farr Avenue and Donlands Avenue
- Speed limit on Farr Avenue (100 metres east of Oxford Court to Donlands Avenue) will be reduced from 50km/h to 40km/h

Upcoming Council Meetings:

Budget Review by Committee of the Whole Council (CWC)

Tue January 29, 2007 – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tues February 5, 2007 – 9:00 to 12:00 noon

For more information, including full Council Agendas and approved minutes of meetings, please visit the Town's website: www.eastgwillimbury.ca

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Holland Landing Chapter IODE

Valentine's Dinner and Dance

Saturday, February 9, 2008

Dinner 6:30pm, Dancing 8:30pm

Queensville Community Hall

Hot & Cold Buffet, Dancing
and Door Prizes

\$25/person call Julie at 905-830-5680

PROPERTY TAXES DUE

The interim 2008 property tax bills were mailed on January 10, 2008.

Payment is due as follows:

1st installment due: February 29, 2008

2nd installment due: April 30, 2008

You may pay your tax bill at the Town office or at any chartered bank. You may pay your taxes by cash, cheque, post-dated cheque, direct debit, telephone/internet banking, or pre-authorized payment.

There are also two pre-authorized payment plans available:

Option #1 – Monthly Installment Plan

Withdrawal date is the 15th of each month.

Option #2 – Due Date Installment Plan

Please contact the Finance Department at 905-478-4282 ext. 1229 if you did not receive a tax bill or wish further information about the pre-authorized payment plan.

All unpaid taxes will be charged an interest charge of 1.25% per month.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRESENTATION

The York Regional Police Services Board invites you to its public meeting on **Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at 1 p.m.** to hear a presentation by **Chief Armand La Barge** on Domestic Violence in York Region.

Location: Region of York Administrative Centre, Committee Room A, 17250 Yonge St., Newmarket. Additional visitors' parking is south of the Administrative Centre on Eagle St., west of Yonge St. Please RSVP by **Monday, February 25, 2008** to Connie Phillipson, Executive Director, at psb@yrp.ca or 905-830-0303 or toll free, 1-877-464-9675, ext. 7906. All are welcome!

2008 BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

The Business Plan and Budget sets out the work plans and priorities for the municipality to accomplish over the year. All residents and businesses are welcome to participate in the process and attend the Budget meetings. All meetings are held in the Council Chambers and open to the public. The following is a schedule of the Budget meetings:

Budget Review by Committee of the Whole Council (CWC)

Tues. January 29, 2007 – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Tues. February 5, 2007 – 9:00 to 12:00 noon

Proposed Adoption of the 2008 Business Plan and Budget at Special Council Meeting

Mon. February 11, 2007 – 7:00 pm

TIP OF THE WEEK



To save water, replace leaking faucets and taps to conserve the water for when you really need it.

Leaking taps and faucets in a home can waste 9000 litres of water annually.

TOWN-WIDE LEAD SAMPLING PROGRAM

The Town of East Gwillimbury is seeking your help to fulfill new provincial legislation.

The Ontario Government has amended the existing Drinking Water Systems Regulation (O. Reg. 170/03), effective July 2007, which means East Gwillimbury is now mandated to **perform additional tests** at private residential taps to check for lead in the municipal drinking water.

Residents who receive their water from the Town's municipal water supply systems are **encouraged to volunteer** to take part in the Town's Lead Sampling Program. On a first-come, first-served basis, your home may be a candidate for such water testing. There is no cost to participating residents.

The program will involve **testing tap water twice a year** in the volunteer's home. The samples must be taken between December 15, 2007 and April 15, 2008, and again between June 15 and October 15, 2008. All sampling will be undertaken by identified East Gwillimbury Waterworks staff members.

East Gwillimbury's records do not indicate the existence of lead water services from the municipal watermain up to the property line. However, there may be some privately-owned lead pipes from the property line to the house that have not been replaced, or there may be lead pipe plumbing within a home.

For more information on the impact of lead in drinking water, please visit the Ministry of the Environment website at <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/water/tapwater/qna.php>

If you are interested in participating in East Gwillimbury's Lead Sampling Program, please contact our Community Programs & Infrastructure Department at (905) 478-4282, ext.1296 or leadsampling@eastgwillimbury.ca.

Also, visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca to learn more.