



Town of East Gwillimbury

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Mayor James R. Young



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LETTER FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



July 11, 2008

Town of East Gwillimbury
19000 Leslie Street
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To the Attention of:

Mayor James Young
Councillor Cathy Morton
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It has been brought to our attention that a recent newspaper article in the Era Banner has lead some to believe that the East Gwillimbury Chamber of Commerce, along with our sister chambers and boards in York Region support the establishment of a gas fired peaker plant to address the increasing electricity demands of northern York Region.

While the letter sent in by the York Region Chambers' Advocacy Committee (YRCAC) clearly stated our collective desire to see a solution for this pending energy crisis identified as soon as possible, at no time was it intended to support the placement of any one solution or technology in any specific community. Our letter was intended to create a sense of urgency for all levels of government to make the electricity supply issue in York Region a priority and to move expeditiously towards an immediate solution.

YRCAC is essentially saying that the municipalities and the province need to be cognizant of the fact that businesses in the region, particularly in the north, are in danger of having their affairs severely blighted if something is not done to secure a reliable power supply in the region.

The reference to the peaker plant in our letter was guided by the fact that this was the technology currently being recommended by the Ontario Power Authority. As business owners and fellow citizens in East Gwillimbury we too share concerns about a safe and healthy environment and respect your recent decision against the current proposed technology. At the same time we hope to put across the point that if business is curtailed or severely damaged in its operations, everyone suffers consumers and business owners alike.

We hope this letter clarifies any misunderstandings and welcome further questions should you have any.

Yours very truly,

EAST GWILLIMBURY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council Holds Sustainability Workshop

As part of the Official Plan Review, East Gwillimbury Council held a sustainability workshop during its regular session on Monday, July 14th, 2008. Discussion focused on the triple bottom line approach of environment, social and economic policies. Please visit the Town's website, under the "One Vision" icon for more information.

East Gwillimbury Joins Greening Greater Toronto

The Town of East Gwillimbury has joined forces with the City of Toronto and other GTA municipalities to develop sustainable policies to protect the environment.



Mayor Jamie Young with Toronto Mayor David Miller at the Green Living Show

Council Welcomes New Firefighters

The community of Queensville has already seen an improvement to response times with the addition of two full-time firefighters. The firefighters were approved as part of the 2008 Business Plan and Budget and started on July 2nd, 2008.

Mount Albert Church Site Plan Approved

Council approved a site plan for the expansion at Mount Albert Church. Construction is slated to commence in late July.

Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority Presentation

Council received a presentation from Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority on the various projects being conducted throughout the watershed. In East Gwillimbury, several improvements have been made to the East Holland River as well as Well Decommissioning projects. For more information visit www.lsrca.com

Next Council Meeting: Monday, August 18th, 2008

1:00 p.m. - Committee of the Whole Council
3:00 p.m. - Council
For more information including Council Agendas and Minutes please visit www.eastgwillimbury.ca

FINAL PROPERTY TAXES

2008 final tax bills were mailed on June 18, 2008.

Consistent with the Town's "Thinking Green" Program, in order to conserve resources and reduce waste, property owners participating in the pre-authorized tax payment plan will no longer receive a letter in addition to their tax bills.

Option #1 - Monthly Installment Plan
Withdrawal amount is printed on remittance stub.
Withdrawal date is the 15th of each month July through November



Option #2 - Due Date Installment Plan
Installment amounts will be withdrawn on August 29 and October 31

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.

NEW FIRE TRUCK UNVEILED



East Gwillimbury Council and Fire Department unveiled a new Fire Truck to protect the community. The pumper truck can carry one thousand gallons and also has a foam system for increased fire fighting capabilities. The truck is now in possession and ready to use by the East Gwillimbury Fire Department.

MUSIC AT THE CIVIC SQUARE



Music at the Civic Square is back!

Residents are invited to bring their family and friends to the Civic Centre on: **Tuesday evenings until August 26 • 7pm until 8:30pm**

to enjoy a variety of musical performances featuring local entertainers. On **Tuesday, July 22** Music at the Civic Square will be featuring:

Pierre & Dominique Bordeleau
Acoustic Rock - Classic

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS



HOLLAND RIVER BLVD. IN HOLLAND LANDING

The Town will be installing a new pedestrian bridge over the East Holland River at 68 Holland River Boulevard.

The new bridge will provide a link across the Holland River to the Nokiidaa Trail System to the south.

A temporary access road from Holland River Boulevard to the river, will be required to access the site. Work on the temporary access road commenced on July 14, 2008.

The entire project should be completed before August 31, 2008, weather permitting.

Construction vehicles will be limited to Holland River Boulevard.

If you have any further questions, please call Steve Krystal, C.E.T.

Manager, Capital Programs and Traffic Engineering
905-478-3818.



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wasted. Buying an insulated travel mug to carry your drink in will provide multiple advantages not only environmentally but economically as well. An insulated travel mug will keep your drink warmer for longer, creates less waste and most coffee shops offer a discounted price for those who supply the mug.

Holland Landing • River Drive Park • Mount Albert • Queensville • Sharon

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