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EAST GWILLIMBURY COUNCIL **ADOPTS 2010 BUDGET**

December 22nd, 2009 (East Gwillimbury) – On December 21st, 2009, Town Council adopted its 2010 Business Plan and Budget, with a 1.4% property tax rate increase.

“East Gwillimbury remains in solid financial shape,” said Mayor Jamie Young. “This budget represents a responsible approach to today’s recovering economy. East Gwillimbury will be completely debt free by 2011, reserve levels remaining strong and rising. We have improved the quality of service to residents while maintaining costs aligned with the rate of inflation.”

The increase of 1.4% equates to an annual increase of \$18 for the average household. This year’s \$30 million gross budget is the largest in Town history, including approximately \$5 million of funds from Federal and Provincial Economic Stimulus programs.

The 2010 Business Plan and Budget includes the following key initiatives for the year:

- Adoption and implementation of the Town’s Consolidated Official Plan, further establishing East Gwillimbury as a progressive leader in sustainable growth management
- Expansion of sidewalk snow-snow clearing program to include the entire municipality
- Significant retrofit of the East Gwillimbury Sports Complex, including upgrades to accessibility, dressing rooms and rebuilding the east pad ice surface (funded through Economic Stimulus grants)
- Proposed construction of a splash pad in the Holland Landing community with public consultation to determine location and features

“I would like to commend Council and staff for the diligent review of the 2010 Business Plans and Budget. While we continue to provide excellent programs and services, the municipality has achieved significant efficiencies and passed these on to the residents and businesses of East Gwillimbury,” said Councillor Jack Hauseman, 2010 Budget Chair.

The 2010 Business Plan and Budget process included significant public process, including public review sessions and an online commenting forum. The early adoption of the 2010 Business Plans and Budget will facilitate program and service delivery.

For more information and budget documentation, please visit the Town’s website at www.eastgwillimbury.ca.

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