

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

From September, 2020

**COVID-19 Updates** - The Town has a full-page update related to the Town's response to COVID-19 on page five of the paper.

**Yonge Street Road Work** - York Region is improving Yonge Street from Davis Drive to Green Lane beginning this fall. Access to businesses, as well as four lanes of traffic will be maintained throughout this project. Visit [www.york.ca/yongestreet](http://www.york.ca/yongestreet) for details.

**2019/2020 Winter Summary** - The Town responded to 59 winter events last season. Using a new pre-snowfall anti-icing application of a salt brine, the Town is able to reduce salt application by 75 tonnes while also reducing the amount of sand applied to less than 50% of the previous year. The Town is entering into a new sidewalk clearing contract. The new provider has strict service level requirements and will utilize new equipment to better clear the sidewalks this coming season.

**New Crossing Guard in Mount Albert** - There is a new crossing guard at the intersection of Mount Albert Road and King Street/Don Rose Boulevard in Mount Albert. Staff will monitor the usage and if it is sufficiently used will continue this pilot program for future years.

**GO Transit Changes** - As the Province continues through Stage 3 of re-opening, GO Transit is phasing in most train and bus services that were suspended. Users should monitor [www.gotransit.com](http://www.gotransit.com) for updates.

**Paving of Nokiidaa Trailhead Parking Lot** - The Town has received \$40,000 in funding from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to install a low impact development stormwater management system at the Nokiidaa trailhead parking lot. The Town will be installing this new system along with paving the parking lot in 2020 to assist with winter operations and maintenance.

**Park Re-development Updates** - The Mount Albert Community Centre and Queensville Park re-developments are now complete and open to the public. The Children of Peace park located next to the Sharon Temple is under final construction and will be opened later this fall. The Emily Park and Simcoe Trail redevelopment will be completed in summer 2021. Public outreach will continue into the Fall and Winter and an in-person public meeting will be held in the Spring for this project.

**EG Local Business Walk** - The Town is hosting a one day business visitation 'blitz' on September 24, 2020 to promote available programs and resources, assess the impacts of COVID-19, and identify future needs of local businesses. Businesses will be provided with a listing of available resources and contacts as well as a EG Loves Local window cling decals for display.

**Official Plan Update** - The Town is undertaking a review of the Town's Official Plan, which outlines growth and development in the Town until 2051. This process involves a number of master plans including items such as roads and water master plans. This process will include public engagement in the Fall 2020.



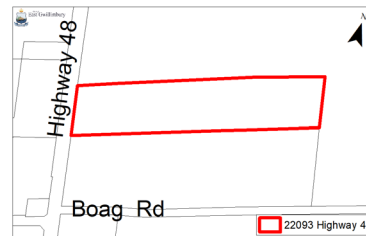
## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING 22093 Highway 48

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 3 p.m.  
Virtual Statutory Public Meeting

### Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications

**Applicant:** Alexander Planning Inc.

**Proposal:** To allow the existing monastery and place of worship to remain on the subject lands.



**File Number:**  
OPA.20.03 &  
ZBA.20.05

The public is welcome to provide feedback to Council before the meeting. To watch the meeting live, visit <http://youtube.com/user/TownEastGwillimbury>. For more information, including appeal rights, contact Jack Smith, at [jack.smith@eastgwillimbury.ca](mailto:jack.smith@eastgwillimbury.ca) or 905-478-4283 ext. 1252.

## VANDALISM IN MOUNT ALBERT

Numerous incidents of vandalism and destruction of property have been reported at the recently reconstructed Mount Albert Community Park. The Town continues to work with York Regional Police to prevent these incidents and will make efforts to press criminal charges related to destruction of public property.

These incidents have occurred multiple times throughout the summer and have an escalating price tag for the Town and taxpayers. For example, the average graffiti costs \$1000-\$1500 in staff time and contractors to remove the graffiti and follow up with police.

In response to these incidents, the Town is launching a Community Park Watch program. As part of the program, residents can report incidents or suspicious behaviour to the Town at [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/parksafety](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/parksafety). The Town will use this information to follow up with York Regional Police and the Town's By-law department to coordinate patrols and help increase prevention of these types of incidents.

**SL5K**  
5-DAY VIRTUAL CHALLENGE

  
SEPT. 23-27, 2020  
JOIN TEAM EG

Team EG needs your help to raise funds for Southlake Regional Health Centre by joining the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake - SL5K Virtual Challenge! To participate, run, walk, bike or take part in ANY distance-based activity from September 23 to 27. For more information and to pledge Team EG, visit [www.runforsouthlake.ca](http://www.runforsouthlake.ca).

## WHAT'S NEW IN EG

### QUEENSVILLE PARK NOW RE-OPENED!

Get ready to serve one up at the newly re-developed Queensville Park! This re-developed park includes a fire safety themed playground that opened in 2017, updated pavilion for programs and camps, three lit tennis courts, the start of a new trail walking loop and a new heritage reclaimed brick feature from a home in Queensville.



### SHOPPERS DRUG MART NOW OPEN!

Shoppers Drug Mart has officially open its doors in East Gwillimbury at the Fieldgate Plaza located at Yonge and Green Lane. Visit [www.shoppersdrugmart.ca](http://www.shoppersdrugmart.ca) for more information on this new EG business.

### SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY SUPPORT PROGRAM

York Region has recently launched their Business Recovery Support Program! The program offers training, specialized workshops and the opportunity to apply for a grant of up to \$5,000. Applications are open until September 25, 2020. Visit <https://bit.ly/2XC0MrA> to apply today!

EG VIRTUAL

ART SHOW & SALE

NOW OPEN

The Arts and Culture Advisory Committee is pleased to present the EG Virtual Art Show & Sale!

View and purchase great pieces featuring various mediums online at [www.eastgwillimbury.ca/artshow](http://www.eastgwillimbury.ca/artshow)

Art Sale:

SEPT.  
8 TO 30

 **Library Reopening**  
Sept. 23!

### Available Services:

- Grab & Go check outs
- Computer use (1 hour)
- Curbside service upon request
- In-person browsing
- Photocopying & faxing
- Book drops open

Visit [egpl.ca](http://egpl.ca) for more details

