



Council Meeting – August 23, 2011

Council Approves the Sale of Surplus Property in Vandorf

Town Council has accepted an offer of purchase of \$1.3 million for the surplus lands located across the street from the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum on Woodbine Avenue in Vandorf. These lands include offices, assembly hall and works garage on 2.3 acres. In 2007, Council endorsed the inclusion of the Vandorf Community Centre function within the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum expansion. The expansion of this facility provides more space for use by the local community. The Town consolidated all of its public works and parks operations into the new Operations Centre that opened in December of 2010.

As a result in February 2011, 2.3 acres of land in Vandorf were declared surplus and put up for sale. Within the Town's financial planning, the net proceeds from this sale will be deposited to the Town's reserves. *For a link to the report, please click [here](#).*

COMING SOON -Watch for more information regarding the grand opening of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre in Vandorf.

Council approves installation of traffic signals at Hoover Park Drive and Park Drive / Reeves Way Boulevard

With the extension of Park Drive completed, Council has awarded the contract for the installation of traffic signals at Hoover Park Drive and Park Drive/Reeves Way Boulevard. The intersection connects surrounding residential areas to major streets in the Town, including Main Street, Ninth Line and Hwy 48. The installation of traffic signals at this location has been in the Town's long term planning. Stacey Electric Company Limited Construction will be installing the new signals, completing this project, by October 2011. *For a link to the report, please click [here](#).*

Accessory Buildings (sheds etc.) Changes to the Town's Zoning By-law

Council approved reduced setbacks for accessory buildings (sheds etc.) with limitations. The regulations will permit accessory buildings in interior side yards and exterior side yards and delete provisions requiring that an accessory building be set back a minimum 1.5 metres from any other building. For more detailed information, contact Planning & Building Services.

Pilot Project - Infrastructure Improvements in partnership with the Region of York

As part of the Town's Inflow/Infiltration Reduction and Long Term Water Conservation Strategies, Staff is working with the Region of York on a pilot project to reline the sanitary sewer mainlines and repair manhole structures in a portion of the municipality. The pilot project area is located in the north-east quadrant of the Community of Stouffville with the boundary limits of Baker Street, South Street, Tenth Line and South Street. The work at an estimated total cost to the Region is \$1.18 million with the Town's portion estimated at \$12,000 which was included in the 2011 Budget. *For a link to the report, please click [here](#).*

Town partners with neighbouring municipalities for the purchase of road salt

Another partnership with area municipalities! Town Council awarded a contract to Sifto Canada Corporation for the supply and delivery of road salt for the 2011-2012 winter season. The purchase is a co-operative effort between several York Region municipalities to minimize costs. Other cost-saving partnerships have included the garbage, blue box and green bin program, shared internal auditor services and the use of alternative vote tabulation equipment introduced in the 2010 Municipal Election. *For a link to the report, please click [here](#).*

Town Council approves expansion and construction for potential businesses

Council granted the necessary Building and Planning approvals to allow for the construction and expansion of new businesses within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville:

- Global EMC Inc. in Gormley, a technical support company for the medical industry, is expanding into a larger 23,000 sq. ft. facility. The building, to be located at Woodbine Avenue and Stouffville Road, will be home to the company that is involved in product safety and EMC testing operations through "state of the art" test equipment. *For a link to the report, please click [here](#).*
- Gottardo Construction Ltd. is building a third office block within the Beacon Hill Business Park (located on Mostar Drive across from Oscar Peterson Public School) in Stouffville. The thirteen unit multi-use industrial building (approximately 20,234 sp. ft.) will provide a space for potentially 13 new companies to operate their businesses in Town. Gottardo recently completed construction of the new Royal Canadian Legion Branch #459 and King Fisher International Company buildings also within the Beacon Hill Business Park. *For a link to the report, please click [here](#).*

For more information on these stories or other Council activities that occurred during this meeting click [here](#).

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