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Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

Summer 2016 Newsletter

I trust you are having a wonderful summer. If you are travelling, please travel safe.

Here is an update on a few of the town projects I am currently supporting:

I continue to enjoy receiving your input and being of assistance to residents of Ward 2.

Please feel free to contact me by email.
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Town Of Whitchurch-Stouffville Customer Service

If you should have the need, the town has excellent staff available in Customer Service. They can be reached at 905-640-1900.

One of their staff can always direct your call to a required department for assistance. They will also provide you with a Service Request Manager number SRM. Your name and this number are logged into the town's computer system such that if you should ever need to follow-up on your service request it is readily available. Your file will show dates and action taken.

Coultyce Park

Construction of this park at the lake is well under way. Council allocated approximately \$2 million for this project and I am confident it will be the gem of all the parks in Whitchurch-Stouffville. The Park design has incorporated many storm water management features. By doing so we were able to apply to the LSRCA for a contribution towards the construction cost. We were advised recently that we had been awarded a \$103,260. grant towards the rain gardens which will collect and absorb overland storm water within the park.

I will advise through both my website (www.mauricesmith.ca) and the MLRA website when the official opening will be held.

Ballantrae Area Construction

In 2015 the town constructed a sidewalk along Aurora Road to the west of the community centre and up to McMullen Drive. The second phase of this work to take place in 2016 is for a similar sidewalk installation from Hwy. 48 to just beyond Grayfield Drive. The third and final phase of this work, proposed for 2017, is to add street lighting on Aurora Road along those installed sidewalks.

Ballantrae Park

In my opinion there has always been the need to add another permanent field house at this park on Aurora Road. I was successful in convincing council to allocate funds in the 2016 capital budget such that this will become a reality this year. Final design has been approved and construction plans are now before town planning staff for approval.

Library Building Expansion

One of the largest single capital expenditures ever undertaken in our town is the expansion to the building in Memorial Park which houses the public library. I along with the Mayor, represent council on the committee for this exciting project. We have met regularly for about a year and construction should start this fall. When finished late next year, the building will consist of an expanded public library, a full-size gymnasium, pickle ball courts, a fitness facility designed for families and a new 5500 square foot home for Latcham Gallery.

Happenings Around Town

This summer our Strawberry Festival was the best ever. Weather for most of the weekend was perfect. Attendance was over 35,000. Great event for food, meeting friends and dining. Food Truck Frenzy will be held on five different dates over the summer. Sections of Main Street will be closed for each date and for those held so far this year crowds were outstanding. Be sure to check your local newspapers or the town's website for remaining dates of this event.

Your 19 on the Park venue continues to hold a number of spectacular, reasonably priced and very popular events. Check out their fall schedule at www.19onthePark.ca. You may also want to take in a TIFF movie on their big screen or consider bringing your children to one of their family features.