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TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE CRACKING DOWN ON VANDALISM, GRAFFITI New online reporting will help Town, police track down suspects quicker

Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON – In response to recent incidences of vandalism and graffiti throughout our town, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville staff would like to remind residents that they may report such acts through our new online reporting form.

The online form, located at townofws.ca/graffiti, can be used to report any graffiti marks residents may find on public, private or Town-owned property. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville takes graffiti, and other forms of vandalism, very seriously. We cooperate with any and all investigations by York Regional Police to apprehend suspects in such cases.

The Town would like to remind residents that they are held responsible for all damages if they, or their children are found guilty of vandalism or applying graffiti on Town-owned property.

“We will pursue damages from the accused for financial compensation to repair municipal facilities,” said Rob Raycroft, Director of Leisure and Community Services. “Parents must remember if their kids are caught, they must pay the price.”

“These activities are illegal – plain and simple” he said. “Repairing Town property is not cheap, and it is not appropriate to put the financial responsibility back on taxpayers.”

York Regional Police recently announced the arrest of a local man in connection with a series of graffiti incidences throughout the Community of Stouffville. He was to appear in court last week.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville offers a reward of \$1000 to anyone providing information that leads to the apprehension of a suspect for vandalism or graffiti painting.

Residents who spot graffiti or vandalism may use the online form to report it, or call Customer Service at (905) 640-1900. Upon reporting, an incident tracking number is created and followed up on by Town staff.

If you witness graffiti or vandalism taking place, please call York Regional Police immediately at 9-1-1.

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