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## **MAIN STREET RECONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN THIS SUMMER Four-year project will revitalize downtown Stouffville**

**Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON** – Stouffville’s Main Street is about to get a facelift. Beginning early this summer, a four-year reconstruction project will get underway that will see the road resurfaced, new infrastructure installed and the downtown area revitalized.

“Main Street has been in need of reconstruction for many years,” said Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Justin Altmann. “I know residents and businesses have been looking forward to this for a long time.”

Whitchurch-Stouffville Council approved the set-up of a steering committee in May to help guide the engineering consultant through the planning and detailed design services for the reconstruction of Main Street between Tenth Line and Ninth Line. The steering committee met for the first time earlier this month.

The committee includes members of the public, elected officials, The Downtown Stouffville Working Group, community advisory committees and Town staff.

The primary objective of the project is to revitalize the Main Street corridor through infrastructure and right-of-way upgrades. The project will:

- Replace aging infrastructure including pavement, sidewalks, water mains, sanitary sewers and storm sewers;
- Accommodate intensification through increasing capacity of sewers and water mains where appropriate;
- Identify upgrades to other utilities such as power supply and telecommunications for future intensification;
- Enhance the visual aesthetic of the Main Street streetscape;
- Improve pedestrian safety in the vicinity of the GO Train Station terminal;
- Improve the Town's Active Transportation network, including consideration of facilities for cycling; and,
- Improve the Town's banner advertising system.

In consultation with the engineering consultant, the steering committee will make recommendations to Town staff which will then need to be approved by council.

The awarding of the engineering consultant services is expected to be made by council this summer.

The first phase of reconstruction is scheduled to begin in July on Main Street between the Tenth Line and Stouffer Street. That area of the road will be resurfaced, water mains and sanitary sewers replaced, new curbs installed and localized sidewalk repairs made. It is expected that work will be completed by October.

Council awarded the contract for the construction work to Mar-King Construction Company Ltd. at the June 7 council meeting for that portion of the road.

Phase two of construction is expected to begin next year on Main Street between Stouffer Street and Park Drive. Construction between Park Drive and Albert Street is expected to take place in 2018 and phase four, between Albert Street and Ninth Line, is expected to take place in 2019.

The detailed estimated budget for the project is between \$12 million and \$14 million.

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# PROJECT LOCATION MAP

## Main Street Reconstruction, Ninth Line to Tenth Line

