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**TOWN RECREATION PROGRAM RECEIVES GRANT
FROM ONTARIO GOVERNMENT**
Trails guide to be produced to enhance WS Walks

Whitchurch-Stouffville, ON – The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville’s WS Walks program has received a grant from the province’s Ontario Sport and Communities Fund.

“The people of Whitchurch-Stouffville should be very excited about this,” said Micole Rubinoff, Manager of Recreation. “We are looking forward to using the money to expand on the WS Walks program.”

WS Walks is a walking club for all residents.

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport approved a grant in the amount of \$10,404, all of which will be going towards enhancing existing trail use and awareness through the creation of a trails walking guide.

“We are looking forward to creating a new booklet to document our trail system,” Rubinoff said. “We will be using GPS surface data to make it as accurate as possible.”

The Town has close to 121 kms of trails throughout the municipality.

“The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is grateful to the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund for recognizing the importance of the WS Walks program to our seniors and families,” said Rob Raycroft, Directory of Leisure and Community Services. “Through commitments like this, the residents of Whitchurch-Stouffville can continue to enjoy fun and healthy activities throughout our community.”

Leisure and Community Services aims to have the trail guide ready by the spring of 2017 in both digital and hard copy versions.

The WS Walks program consists of staff leading walks throughout the town three times a week. Walking poles are provided if desired. Orientations to the outdoor fitness equipment take place at Greenwood and Sunnyridge Parks.

During the winter months, walks are held indoors at SoccerCity, on Innovator Ave., Monday to Friday at 8:30 a.m.

“We would like to thank the Ontario government for their generous investment in helping people in Whitchurch-Stouffville of all ages and abilities to get active, stay fit and lead healthier lives,” Rubinoff said.

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