

## Media Release

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### **STOUFFVILLE COMMEMORATES HISTORIC BRIERBUSH HOSPITAL WITH PLAQUE UNVEILING CEREMONY**

**WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON** – Brierbush Hospital will be recognized for its historic significance to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville at a plaque unveiling event held by the Town’s Heritage Advisory Committee next week.

The unveiling will take place on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at 10 a.m., on the north side of Main Street just east of Spring Street (located diagonally across from Success Plaza). Complimentary coffee will be provided.

“The building was an important part of the development of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville,” said Heritage Advisory Committee Chair Bob Curgenvin. “For 43 years it was the only hospital in the area.”

Brierbush Hospital served the community of Stouffville from 1932 to 1975. What started as a four-bed maternity and nursing home evolved into busy and successful private nursing hospital that provided medical, minor surgery, emergency, and maternity services to the local community. In 1948, Brierbush recorded 142 births and 516 admissions.

In 1968, the property was sold and converted into a chronic care facility for seven years until it was sold again for development and demolished in 1977.

“It is of vital importance to not loose these links to the history of the community,” Curgenvin said.

Learn more about this historical landmark during the event from speakers including former Brierbush Hospital Doctor Don Petrie, Councillor Rob Hargrave, and members of the Heritage Advisory Committee.

### **About the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville**

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is one of the jewels of the GTA, located just north of Toronto on Highway 404. We are a community rich in heritage and character and we are committed to offering our residents and businesses 'Country Close to the City'.

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