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TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE CELEBRATES CANADA'S 150TH BIRTHDAY WITH FESTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON – The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is honouring Canada's 150th birthday with celebrations across town throughout the year.

A long line up of festivities including events, activities and initiatives have been confirmed from May to September, with more expected to come. In addition to these celebrations, Main Street and Memorial Park will be lined with Canada 150 themed banners and decorative flowers this spring and summer.

Canada 150 Whitchurch-Stouffville Festivities:

- **May 6:** Jane's Walk. Join award-winning historian Fred Robbins on two historical walking tours of downtown Stouffville. Learn about the town's churches on the morning walk, and Pre-Confederation homes in the afternoon.
- **May and June:** The Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library presents a Canadian flag collage made up of drawings and statements about "what Canada means to me." At the Library, 175 Mostar Street.

- **June 3:** Doors Open Whitchurch-Stouffville. Fourteen sites, plus a historical Walking tour, will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year's theme is "Knowing Ourselves - History, Culture, Recreation and Industry.
- **June 3:** Historian and Musician Dr. Jason Wilson will be hosting a two-part historical event at Nineteen on the Park. An expert on numerous facets of Canadian history, Dr. Wilson will be talking and answering questions about Canada's rich history at 3:30 p.m. and then perform with his band Jason Wilson and the Perennials between 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
- **June 10:** "Yellow Bellies" at Nineteen on the Park- Stouffville Premiere! This historical drama, presented by Theatre of the Beat, highlights the experiences and public response to Mennonite Conscientious Objectors during WWII. This episodic tale features interviews, fictionalized scenes and live music from this chapter of Canadian history that has such a close connection to Stouffville's own community.
- **June:** "Safeguard Program" water safety awareness training.
- **July 1:** Canada 150 Birthday Celebration in Memorial Park as part of Strawberry Festival 2017 featuring Stouffville's own Motus O Dance Company, Soldiers of Song and much more. More details coming soon.
- **July 1:** Enhanced fireworks display as part of the Canada 150 celebrations and Strawberry Festival.
- **July 1:** Funded in part by the Federal Government's Enabling Accessibility Fund, the new Accessible Trailer/washroom will be launched at the Stouffville Strawberry Festival.

- **Summer:** As part of the Town's WS Walks Program, prizes will be awarded for anyone who completes 150 km in support of Canada's 150. The program will be supplying the pedometers.
- **September:** As part of the Culture Days celebration, join us to create a Canada 150 Mosaic. This mural will bring over 400 people together to create a permanent celebration of our communities individuality. More information coming soon.

To stay updated with Canada 150 celebrations within the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, visit townofws.ca/canada150.

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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'.