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### **CANADA 150 PHOTO CONTEST TO CAPTURE WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE ‘THROUGH THE LENS’**

**WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON** – In celebration of Canada’s 150th birthday this year, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is holding its first ever photo contest, in an effort to catch the beauty of the municipality through the camera lens.

The contest, being held June 1 to October 31, is open to all Whitchurch-Stouffville residents and visitors and is a community effort to capture our events, landscapes, heritage and people during Canada’s sesquicentennial. Winning entries will be awarded a prize from Henry’s, be featured in the new 2018 Whitchurch-Stouffville calendar and have the opportunity to be on display in an art exhibit at Town Hall.

“What a better way to capture the beauty of Whitchurch-Stouffville, and celebrate Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday?” said Glenn Jackson, Communications Specialist with the Town. “Anybody can enter – you can even take a photo with your phone!”

Submissions are now open and can be uploaded on the Town’s website at [townofws.ca/2017photos](http://townofws.ca/2017photos) or they can be entered through social media.

“We love the idea that shutterbugs can upload their photos to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram for the world to see and be entered in the contest at the same time!” Jackson said.

By using the hashtag #Canada150WS, photographers can upload their photos to their social media accounts. Participants must mention where they took the photo and the date stamp will act as the official time of entry.

All photos must be taken within the boundaries of the municipality however people from anywhere may enter.

The top submissions will be featured in the brand new 2018 Whitchurch-Stouffville calendar that will be free to residents near the end of the year, while quantities last. Selected entries will also be featured in a photo exhibit in Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Hall at the end of 2017.

All eligible photo submissions will be judged by a panel of volunteers consisting of Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville staff and residents. Photos will be judged on the Contest Theme and the appropriateness and overall quality and appearance of the photo.

The contest is open to those over the age of 18. For more information, including complete contest rules, please visit [townofws.ca/2017photos](http://townofws.ca/2017photos).

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