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TOWN HOSTS SUCCESSFUL VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON – On Tuesday, April 7th, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville Council held its second virtual meeting using live streaming software. This move was made possible by changes in provincial legislation in order to allow municipal councils to carry on both critical and routine business while obeying current guidelines on public gatherings.

“It is a priority for Council and staff to remain transparent during this time. We are very excited to be able to include and engage with the public despite Town Hall being closed” says Mayor Iain Lovatt “Our first council meeting went off without a hitch and we are all adjusting to our new normal. If there’s a silver lining to our current situation it is that we are all learning to be more adaptable.”

During the meeting, the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition presented a delegation to Council through the streaming software

“These times allow us to come up with new, innovative ways to communicate,” Lovatt said. “and the COVID-19 pandemic has served as a catalyst to evolve Council meetings to a more virtual platform.”

Virtual Council meetings are now going to start at 1 p.m. on the scheduled dates until Council can resume meetings in Town Hall.

Residents are encouraged to participate and give feedback. Currently, they may follow along live on Twitter, @ws_townhall and via audio live stream. Community members can also send remarks to clerks@townofws.ca that will be read into the record.

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is continuing to collaborate with York Region Public Health, provincial, and national health agencies to monitor COVID-19. Further information about Town-related COVID-19 concerns, can be found at townofws.ca/COVID19. Further information about the virus can be found at york.ca/COVID19.

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