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TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE RESPONDS TO FURTHER PROVINCIAL LOCKDOWN MEASURES

Outdoor rinks, toboggan hills to close in effort to help stop the spread of COVID-19

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON – As a result of Ontario Premier Rob Ford’s announcement today of extended COVID-19 lockdown measures, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville has closed or further limited several services.

To help further stop the spread of the virus, Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Hall remains closed, and services requiring appointments have been suspended. The Town has also closed all outdoor skating rinks, toboggan hills and the off-leash dog park for the next 28 days.

All town trails, including those at the Stouffville Reservoir, will remain open and residents are reminded to please adhere to social distancing practices. Please note that not all town trails are maintained during the winter months.

“It is imperative that residents help stop the spread of COVID-19 and adhere to these new guidelines,” said Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Iain Lovatt. “Please stay at home unless absolutely necessary.”

The Library will continue to offer curbside service on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information please visit wsplibrary.ca. The Leisure Center will continue to offer virtual programming which can be found at townofws.ca/wsplay.

As part of the Provincial announcement made today, Ontario will be declaring a state of emergency effective immediately and instituting a “stay-at-home” order effective Thursday, January 14, 2021. Essential businesses such as grocery stores, pharmacies, and big box retailers will be allowed to operate under greater restrictions. Non-essential businesses will continue to allow for curb-side pickup.

Under the declaration of emergency, the Town will provide enhanced enforcement and officers

will continue to issue tickets to individuals who do not comply with the stay-at-home order, those not wearing masks when required and those retail operators who do not adhere to the regulations.

“We ask that everyone please play your part and only venture out for essential reasons,” Lovatt said. “Get some exercise, get some sunshine, walk the dog and enjoy time with your family. We will get through this!”

We ask residents to stay vigilant and follow the reminders from York Region Public Health to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Please visit stouffvillereopens.ca for all community COVID-19-related updates.

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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