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WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE TOWN HALL TO REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL THE NEW YEAR

**Residents encouraged to use online services; remain vigilant in fight
against COVID-19**

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE, ON – In an effort to fight the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Whitchurch-Stouffville Town Hall will remain closed to the public until at least January 4, 2021.

Town Hall, located at 111 Sandiford Drive, Stouffville, has been closed to residents since March 13, a week before Town Council declared a State of Emergency.

“In the best interest of public safety, we feel that Town Hall should remain closed,” said Town Chief Administrative Officer Rob Adams. “We are following the lead of many other municipalities in York Region and the GTA and will remain closed to help contain the spread of the virus.”

According to Adams, Town Hall will remain closed to the public except for specific appointments for services that require in-person meetings. Limited appointments with the public will have specific times and locations and all safety protocols will be followed to ensure the safety of our staff and the public.

Adams encourages the public to visit the Town’s website at townofws.ca for many online services. The Town’s new website *Virtual Town Hall* (vth.townofws.ca) allows residents to check tax and water accounts online, including the ability to pay bills. The Town’s COVID-19 reopening plan, including safety protocols, is available at StouffvilleReopens.ca.

A public computer station with additional resources is available in the vestibule of Town Hall. The public can also drop off building and planning-related documents within the main vestibule, during regular business hours. Cheques and confidential information should be mailed, couriered or dropped off outside of the main vestibule, anytime, in the exterior “Secure Drop Box.” For more

information about building and planning-related COVID-19 protocols, please see *StouffvilleReopens.ca*.

Customer Service can always be reached at (905) 640-1900.

“We all must remain vigilant about stopping the spread of COVID-19,” Adams said. “This includes maintaining physical distancing with those outside your social circle, washing your hands frequently with soap and water and wearing a two-layer, non-medical mask when physical distancing is not possible.”

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