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WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE RECEIVES ONE-TIME FUNDING FROM PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark, announced one-time funding for many of the province's small and rural municipalities.

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE – Whitchurch-Stouffville along with 404 other small and rural Ontario municipalities have been granted one-time funding to help modernize and improve services in the community.

“Taxpayers deserve modern, efficient service delivery that puts people at the centre and respects hard-earned dollars” says Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Government of Ontario is giving a total payment of \$427,218 to the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. Whitchurch-Stouffville Council with recommendations from staff will be able to allocate those funds based on the municipality's unique circumstances. “I am happy to have secured funding that will improve service delivery and help reduce costs for Stouffville taxpayers,” said Paul Calandra, MPP for Markham-Stouffville. “I understand the financial pressure our town faces and will continue to work closely with our Mayor who, in a short time, has shown a fierce commitment to our shared goal of making our town the best place to live, work, and invest.”

This grant comes just over a month after the 2019 budget highlighted increased funding to help the Town manage and service new developments; increased funding to help maintain our cemeteries; and improvements to the 24-hour fire protection services in Ballantrae; would all be a priority in 2019. “Whitchurch-Stouffville is a place of resourcefulness and we have always been able to provide efficiencies with our financial resources” says Mayor Iain Lovatt “we are grateful for this generous assistance that will allow pending capital projects to come into fruition sooner than we had previously planned.”

The provincial government plans to distribute \$200 million in one-time funding to 405 of the province's 444 municipalities. Funding was allocated based on the number of households in a municipality and

whether the municipality is urban or rural. “You can’t expect the small municipalities to have the same levels of staff and resources,” Clark said. “They need the province to come forward and provide assistance.”

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