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Fall 2011—Status Updates From the Last Few Months

Charles Van Zant Park

Town staff met with the York Region School Board regarding the ownership, upkeep etc. of the park and it was confirmed that the School Board did indeed own the park, not the town. I have noticed that since we brought the condition of the park to the attention of the Board, the park has been somewhat improved. The backdrop of the baseball diamond has had some minor repairs. Perhaps not perfect, but certainly not leaning over as it once did. Also, the grass cutting seemed a bit better this year and the soccer goals were painted. I believed the town will be resurfacing the tennis courts this year, albeit it is getting late now so perhaps it will be done in the spring.

Stop Signs for Huron Heights/Waratah and Wayne Drive

I have had many residents ask me about the implementation of a stop sign at this intersection. In the spring we had traffic (both vehicle and pedestrian) counts done during peak times at this intersection. There are standard warrants they use to determine if an additional stop sign is needed in the area and accordingly the report came back that it did not. When I received the report at Committee of the Whole a couple of weeks ago, I asked that we defer it to a Transportation Management Workshop. The reason being, I did not want this to fall off the table at this point until I further investigate what possibilities of implementing a stop sign at this intersection. I personally feel strongly as do many residents that a stop sign is needed. I have received one letter in support of this from a resident and if you have any comments, please forward them to jtwinney@newmarket.ca

School Zone Safety

It was brought to my attention by a resident that they would like to see a School Safety Zone implemented for Wayne Drive in front of Glen Cedar PS, that could include a flashing amber light to remind drivers to slow down especially around a school zone area.



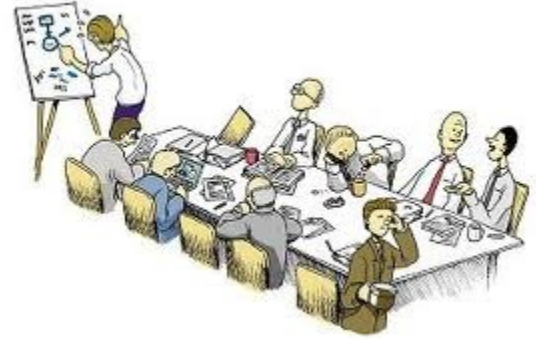
A few years back a Pilot Project was done at Stuart Scott School. The result of this was the bright neon signs were placed at all schools. I think further measures still can be taken and would like to look at implementing the flashing amber lights as well. This matter will be brought forward to our Transportation Management Workshop. This brings me to a recent meeting of a **Road Watch** Committee meeting that I just had this week. Road Watch is a way for residents to inform the York Regional Police of traffic concerns such as careless driving, excessive speed and running stop signs for example. You simply take down the driver's license plate, description of vehicle and occurrence. I feel there can be more attention brought to this service that is provided to residents through YRP and in the next few months will be working on this further. If you need more information or have an incident to report, please go to



<https://onlinereporting.yrp.ca/RoadWatch.html> .

Ward Meetings

Our last ward meeting in the middle of September was well attended. Thank you to VivaNext for coming and presenting to the group. It was the major portion of the evening as there were many questions to be answered from the group. At the meeting I brought forth the idea of quarterly meetings for the coming year. Basically January, May, and September/October were agreed upon as good timeframes to have Ward meetings. There will also be budget meetings at the town that are town wide, which I will send notification of. Once I have the dates set with the Seniors Meeting Place, I will let you know of the dates. Any suggestions on topics of discussion are always welcome. Please feel free to send me your suggestions so that I can include them on the agenda.



2012 Dates are Set: January 25th; May 16th; and September 26th—All at the Senior's Meeting Place

Leash Free Dog Park



I am encouraging residents who are interested in having a leash free dog park to sign up on my website as well as join the facebook group if you are interested in this. The lack of a Leash Free Dog Park came up for discussion when I was out campaigning last year many times and continues to do so now. If this is something that you would like to see happen for Newmarket residents, please visit my website and sign up. This is all in its preliminary stages and I would like to gage the demand for such a park within our community. If you know someone who isn't on my mailing list who you think would be interested in such, please have them go to my website for further information.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

October 17th 7 pm Council Meeting; Council Chambers (Broadcasted on Rogers Cable 10)

October 20th 7 pm Green Series—Keeping the Heat In; Council Chambers

October 24th 1:30 pm Special Committee of the Whole; Council Chambers (reserved for Budget discussions)

October 30th 8:30 am Tom Taylor Trail Ten Miler in support of the Inn from the Cold—Location:George Richardson Park

October 31st 1:30 pm Committee of the Whole; Council Chambers and Halloween

November 1st 10:30 am Joint Council Committee (Fire Services) Newmarket

November 2nd 6:30 pm Newmarket Environmental Advisory Committee; Mulock Room

November 6th 1:15 pm Remembrance Day Parade—Royal Canadian Legion (starts at Doug Duncan Drive)

November 7th 7pm Council Meeting; Council Chambers (Broadcasted on Rogers Cable 10)

November 14th 1:30 pm Special Committee of the Whole : **7 pm 2012 Budget Public Input**

November 21st 1:30 pm Committee of the Whole

November 28th 7 pm Council Meeting; Council Chambers (Broadcasted on Rogers Cable 10)