

SUMMER 2021 PERSPECTIVE



With more than 80 kilometres of recreational trails and walkways, more than 100 parks and 16 splash pads, Whitby is a great place to stay active outdoors this summer. Just remember to stay safe: always practice physical distancing and bring and use hand sanitizer frequently. Use the Town's new interactive map to plan your next outing. It lists everything from recreational trails, parks and dog parks. Simply scan this QR code with the camera on your mobile device or visit whitby.ca/ParksMap



Prefer to get active from the comfort of your own home? The Town offers a variety of virtual programs for all ages and abilities. Sign up at whitby.ca/GetActive

With all of this and so much more to see, do and explore this summer, staying active is easy.



Happy Birthday, Canada! There are many ways to show your Canadian spirit and celebrate virtually this year. Due to COVID-19, the Town will not have fireworks on July 1. If using your own fireworks, be respectful of your neighbours. Fireworks are only allowed on Canada Day (July 1) between dusk and 11 p.m. Remember that their unsafe use can injure people and pets. Learn how to safely use fireworks and view the virtual event schedule at whitby.ca/CanadaDay

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Celebrating Our Diversity



June is Pride Month And National Indigenous History Month

Diversity is one of our community's greatest strengths. That's why the Town is proud to celebrate both Pride and National Indigenous History Month this June. Share and tag the Town of Whitby on social media to tell us how you are getting involved. Looking for resources to learn more about the importance of these months and how you too can support diversity, visit whitby.ca/Diversity

Celebrating Seniors Month

This month we are celebrating our residents age 55+. The Town has a variety of virtual fitness programs and informative webinars to help keep our 55+ residents connected and supported. To learn more about available programs and resources, visit whitby.ca/Calendar, call the Town's Whitby 55+ Connection Line at 905.668.1424 or email 55plus@whitby.ca and leave your name and number to request a calendar of events. We look forward to connecting with you soon! whitby.ca/55plus

Mayor's Senior Volunteer Award

Do you know a Whitby Senior who demonstrates outstanding and ongoing commitment to volunteerism in the community? Nominate them for the Town's annual Mayor's Senior Volunteer Award by Friday, August 13. whitby.ca/MSVA



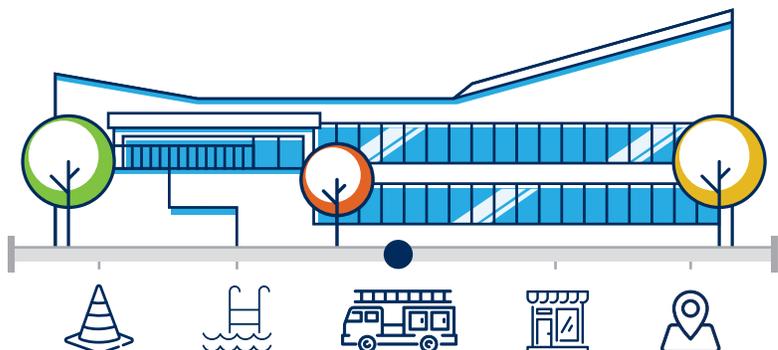
Help Build Whitby's 2022 Budget

What would your ideal budget look like? What Town programs and services would you prioritize? Between now and Friday, July 30, residents and local businesses are invited to learn more about the Town's budget planning process and share their budget priorities at connectwhitby.ca/Budget

Through the site, residents can access the Town's Citizen Budget tool – a virtual budget simulator that shows the financial impacts of participants' choices in real time. This year, community engagement has been moved earlier in the process than ever before, to allow more time for you to have your say.

The feedback collected will help inform Whitby Town Council on the priorities of the community and will be considered when creating the 2022 Budget.

connectwhitby.ca/Budget



A Healthy Community

Bringing Care Closer To Home

Hey, Whitby! Did-you-know: Lakeridge Health is planning to build a new acute care hospital with an emergency room in Durham Region? The process to select a site in the region for the new hospital to be located has begun.

Whitby's proposed site, which will be submitted to Lakeridge Health for consideration, is located between Highway 407, Highway 412, Winchester Road and Lake Ridge Road. This location can provide care closer to home for residents from across the region.

Why do we feel Whitby is the best location?

- Whitby does not have a full-service, acute-care hospital. One is needed to close the gap in service as central Durham continues to grow.
- The site is well connected being close to two 400-series highways and has easy air ambulance and transit access.
- The site provides enough space to construct a new hospital.

Lakeridge Health will be leading community engagement as part of the process to choose a site for the new hospital. Stay informed and learn how you can get involved by visiting whitby.ca/NewHospital or lakeridgehealth.on.ca



Help Keep Our Town Streets Safe

Wonder what to do if you see an unsafe or aggressive driver in your neighbourhood? Report them anonymously to Road Watch. Scan this QR code with the camera on your mobile device or visit whitby.ca/RoadWatch



Community Feedback Helps Shape New Whitby Sports Complex Design

Your feedback matters! The Town is making a number of changes to our proposed design for the new Whitby Sports Complex being built on Baldwin Street South – the direct result of feedback collected from more than 2,700 people on the project. We heard residents want more outdoor, aquatics and gymnasium space at the facility. That's why we are now considering new space for outdoor recreational opportunities, such as skating, 2 additional pool lanes, with a 2nd floor spectator viewing area, and a double gymnasium as part of the final design to be shared with Council later this year. If approved, construction on the site could begin as early as Spring 2023. For ongoing updates, subscribe to the project page at connectwhitby.ca/SportsComplex

Whitby Has New Ways To Put Waste In Its Place

Did-you-know: the Town has a new team of seasonal professionals dedicated to litter clean-up and keeping our Town clean.

Interested in doing a community clean-up?

The Town has a new app that makes it easy for anyone to schedule a one-time clean-up or adopt a park, trail or road to keep clean for two years. Register and get your free cleanup kit with bags and gloves. The Town will collect the waste after the event. Scan this QR code with the camera on your mobile device or visit whitby.ca/CleanUp



Celebrating Local Art



Welcome Sir William Stephenson

Have you seen the new bronze statue of Sir William Stephenson installed in Celebration Square outside the Whitby Central Library? It was created to commemorate the life of Sir William Stephenson who founded and was in charge of Whitby's Camp X during the Second World War. The installation was designed by artist Ruth Abernethy and funded by many private donors.

View a special documentary about the story of Sir William Stephenson and the making of this public art project. Scan this QR code with the camera on your mobile device or visit whitby.ca/SWS



The statue is one of a number of public art displays that can be found throughout the community. Learn more about these and Whitby's new Culture Plan to support and promote art within the community at whitby.ca/Culture

Whitby Loves Local

Have you heard about the love local movement? It's about consumers shopping at locally owned businesses in the community. Right now many local businesses are offering a variety of products and services safely, whether it's online, through curbside pick-up or in-person while physical distancing. Check out whitby.ca/WhatsOpen for some ideas on where to shop in our community. Come behind the scenes with us to meet some local business owners from Brock Street Brewery, Crock a Doodle, Elias Naan and Kabob and the Thirsty Jester. Discover what makes them unique, why they love operating in Whitby and what they offer. Be sure to follow the Town on Twitter and Facebook to see more stories. whitby.ca/TakeOutTuesday



Take A Virtual Tour Of Whitby From Home

Are you new to Whitby? The Town has a new way to learn about local landmarks and historical destinations from the comfort of your own home during continued COVID-19 closures.

Take a virtual tour of more than 20 Whitby destinations. Scan this QR code with the camera on your mobile device or visit



whitby.ca/Tour