

WINTER 2021 PERSPECTIVE



Get In The Holiday Spirit

'Tis the season for reconnecting and safely celebrating the holiday season. This year's Whitby Lights the Night and Holiday Festival will help make our community even brighter with a number of walkable, driveable and virtual experiences to take part in. Be sure to look for the WISH sign at Whitby Civic Park and snap your #HolidayWish Instagram-worthy selfie.

Whether you are doing holiday baking, enjoying a cup of hot cocoa by the fire or writing a letter to Santa, do it listening to local Folk band The Doozies play the Christmas Edition of 'Whitby Live' on Tuesday, December 21 at 7 p.m. on the Town's Facebook page @TownofWhitby.

Attend a variety of holiday festival webinars, including Letters to Santa, Outdoor Holiday Planters and Wreath Making, Holiday Cheers to Local Beers and more! Register for these and other activities at whitby.ca/Calendar



Christmas Tree Collection - Christmas Trees will be collected in yellow collection areas from January 10 to 14 and blue collection areas from January 17 to 21. Visit whitby.ca/Waste to learn which colour area you are in. Please clean natural Christmas trees of any tinsel, decorations, wire, stands or bags, and cut trees longer than 3 metres (10 feet) in half. The Town unfortunately can't collect trees that are frozen in snow banks.

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Be Winter-Ready

Did you know the Town maintains more the 1,140 lane kilometres of road and 320 kilometres of sidewalk during the winter? The Town works hard to make our community safe to travel during the winter months by sanding, salting, grooming, plowing and removing snow.

When Are Roads Cleared?

While it is snowing, the Town will salt and clear all primary roads (road class 2) first. Primary roads provide access to Regional Roads, which are maintained by Durham Region, schools, community centers and industrial and commercial areas. Some of these roads include Dundas St, Brock St and Rossland Rd.

After primary roads are cleared, the Town will then move on to secondary roads (road class 3 and 4). These roads connect to primary and residential streets. Some of these roads include Anderson St, Ashburn Rd, Bonacord Ave, Burns St, Columbus Rd, Garden St and Garrard Rd.

Next, the Town focuses on residential streets and parking lots. Sidewalks and trails continue to be cleared as the snow falls. They are maintained on a priority basis and will be cleared and maintained as soon as possible.

Be Safe This Winter

Snow and ice-covered sidewalks can create a safety hazard. Help prevent avoidable slips, trips and falls this winter by clearing your sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowfall. Please remove sports equipment like basketball nets from the road and remind children not to play in the snow banks near the roads. whitby.ca/Bylaws



Winter Waste Collection

Placing waste and recycling bins on or behind snowbanks can pose a safety risk to waste collectors. Help everyone stay safe this winter by placing waste and recycling out on the snow cleared portion of your driveway on the right hand side. Questions about how to dispose of waste? You can look up waste items on Whitby's Waste Wizard at whitby.ca/Waste

Whitby Weather Desk

From freezing rain to heavy snowfall, be prepared for major weather events. Sign up to receive alerts directly to your inbox by subscribing to the Whitby Weather Desk. whitby.ca/Subscribe



Find My Street

When will the snow be cleared on your street? Visit whitby.ca/FindMyStreet to locate your street and see the latest information for estimated snow clearing timing. Learn more about the sidewalks and trails that the Town maintains throughout the winter.

whitby.ca/Snow



An Engaged Community

Building Whitby's Budget

Thank you to the nearly 2,000 people who have taken the time this year to share your budget priorities with us.

Top budget priorities identified included:

- Local job creation
- Continued revitalization of the downtowns
- More green spaces

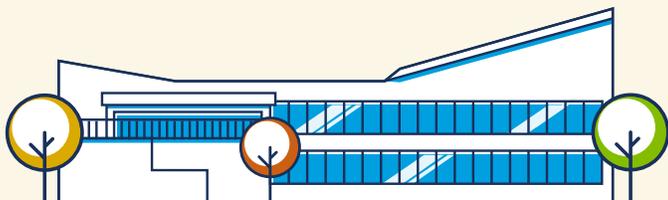
View the full results on connectwhitby.ca/Budget

Next Steps

Here are the next steps in our budget process and how you can continue to get involved:

- **Available now:** budget target report and presentation are available for public review at connectwhitby.ca/Budget
- **January 24:** Release of proposed budget for 2022 online at whitby.ca/Budget
- **January 24 to February 9:** virtual 2022 Budget forum available at connectwhitby.ca/Budget for community input on proposed 2022 Budget
- **February 7:** Budget Public meeting for community input on proposed budget for 2022
- **February 17:** Special Council Meeting for final approval of the Town's 2022 budget

To learn more about participating in the process and speaking at Council meetings, visit whitby.ca/Delegation. For comments or questions about the budget, contact the Financial Services Department at treasury@whitby.ca or by phone at 905-430-4300 x1952.



Supporting Whitby's Local Businesses

With two historic downtowns, a waterfront, green spaces, a growing number of culinary and entertainment stops, and much more – Whitby has a lot to offer to residents, visitors and businesses alike. To support local businesses, the Town of Whitby is creating a new four-year Tourism Strategy and a new five-year Economic Development Strategy, to ensure it continues to attract new investment and businesses, support existing businesses and highlight all of these great things that make our Town a great destination to live, work and play in. Learn more at whitby.ca/Business



Have your say in the municipal decisions and projects that matter to you - sign up today connectwhitby.ca



Adopt A Pet

Looking to give an animal a forever home? The Town provides animal care, sheltering and adoption services through the Whitby Animal Services Centre. See which animals are up for adoption at whitby.ca/PetAdoption

Keeping Active This Winter

You asked and we listened, Whitby! Based on significant community interest, the Town is working to create two natural ice skating rinks that will be opening for community use: one at Peel Park (in the lacrosse box) and the other at Brooklin Memorial Park (in the tennis courts).

While the rinks are expected to open in January, as natural rinks their exact opening date will be highly dependent on weather. Stay informed on when the rinks will open by visiting whitby.ca/Skating or following the Town of Whitby on Twitter or Facebook.

Once open, the rinks will operate between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. daily.

If skating isn't for you, that's okay. With ample parks and open green spaces, Whitby is a great place to stay active outdoors all year long. To help you plan your next outing, the Town has created an interactive map listing recreational trails, parks and dog parks.



Scan this QR code with the camera on your mobile device or visit whitby.ca/ParksMap



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Register Now for Winter Programs

There are a number of virtual and in-person programs for all ages and abilities, including yoga, Zumba and relaxation classes. Browse the winter recreation programming and sign up at whitby.ca/GetActive

Over 55? Stay Fit, Connected and Have Fun!

The Town has a variety of in-person and virtual fitness, recreation and general interest programs to help keep residents ages 55+ connected and supported. Learn more about available programs and resources: visit whitby.ca/55plus, call us at 905-668-1424 or email 55plus@whitby.ca. We look forward to connecting with you soon!



DANGER

KEEP OFF!

No Sledding Thin Ice, Stay Off No Skating

Unknown Ice Conditions
Stormwater ponds are never safe to walk, skate or play on.
Ice can break and you can become trapped.

Reminder: Do Not Skate On Stormwater Ponds

While they may look fun, stormwater ponds, rivers, and creeks are unsafe and not meant for hockey, skating or any recreational use. **Stay off, Stay safe.**