

# WINTER 2022 PERSPECTIVE



## Celebrate The Holidays In Whitby

The Town of Whitby is celebrating the holidays and we invite you to join us! Our annual Whitby Light's the Night festival is back and our Town is aglow with more than 100,000 twinkling lights and ground displays. So gather your friends and family, and go for a magical walk to experience the lights in Whitby Civic Park, Grass Park, and Celebration Square. For more information, visit [whitby.ca/Events](https://whitby.ca/Events)

### Shop Local This Holiday Season

This holiday season, every dollar spent in the community will help make a positive difference. For every \$100 spent locally, \$70 is reinvested back into the local economy. Shopping local also helps protect and create local jobs, support Whitby's innovative spirit, and provide the opportunity to purchase one-of-a-kind holiday gifts. For a listing of Whitby businesses, visit [whitby.ca/ShopWhereYouLive](https://whitby.ca/ShopWhereYouLive)



Christmas trees will be collected in blue collection areas from January 16 to 21 and yellow collection areas from January 23 to 28. 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.

[whitby.ca/Waste](https://whitby.ca/Waste)

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## CONNECT WHITBY

Have your say in the municipal decisions and projects that matter to you! Visit

[connectwhitby.ca](https://connectwhitby.ca)

or scan the QR code to sign up today.



# Be Winter-Ready

**Did you know the Town maintains more the 1,170 lane kilometres of road and 325+ 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. Here's some information to help you be winter-ready.



## Keeping You Safe and Moving

Whitby's winter operations team is prepared to keep the community safe and traffic moving this winter, but we need your help.

Here are a few ways you can help make a difference after a snowfall:

- Move basketball and hockey nets off the road
- Clear snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snowfall
- Keep fire hydrants clear of snow

A reminder that overnight on-street parking is not permitted on roads now through April 15. The annual seasonal restriction is in place so snow plow operators can clear away ice and snow quickly and easily during the hours when there is less traffic and impact on drivers. Thank you for your help!

[whitby.ca/Snow](http://whitby.ca/Snow)

## Reporting An Issue This Winter

Has it stopped snowing and you've noticed snow or icy conditions on roads, sidewalks, or trails after we've been through? Tell us about it! Use our new online reporting form to report your concern at any time. Scan the QR code or, visit



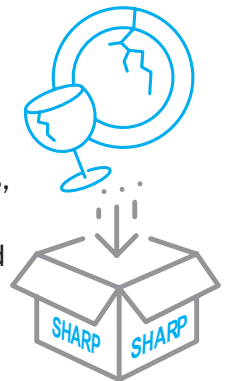
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## Winter Waste Collection

Please remember to place waste and recycling bins out on the snow cleared portion of your driveway or on the snow cleared portion of the boulevard. Waste bins placed on snowbanks can create quite the challenge! [whitby.ca/Waste](http://whitby.ca/Waste)

## Broken Glass and Sharp Waste? Be Sure to Box it!

When disposing of sharp items like broken glass, knives, or razor blades, make sure to put these items into a cardboard box labelled "SHARP" and put it beside your regular garbage. Thank you for helping to keep our staff safe. [whitby.ca/Waste](http://whitby.ca/Waste)



## 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.**



# An Engaged Community

## Building Whitby's Budget

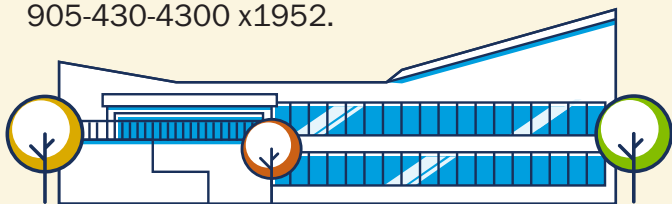
The development of the Town's 2023 Budget is underway.

Each year, the Town undergoes a robust budget planning process that includes community engagement and an in-depth, line-by-line review of the proposed budget. Already to date this year, more than 3,500 people have engaged in the process of creating the 2023 Budget, with many completing the Town's annual Citizen Budget Tool to share their budget priorities. Learn more at [connectwhitby.ca/Budget](https://connectwhitby.ca/Budget)

**Next Steps** - Feedback collected will help to inform the development of the Town's 2023 Budget. Here are the next steps in our budget process and how you can continue to get involved:

- January 23: Release of proposed 2023 Budget online at [connectwhitby.ca/Budget](https://connectwhitby.ca/Budget)
- January 23 to February 8: virtual 2023 Budget forum available at [connectwhitby.ca/Budget](https://connectwhitby.ca/Budget) for community input on the proposed 2023 Budget
- February 6: Public meeting for community input on the proposed 2023 Budget
- February 16: Special Council Meeting for final approval of the Town's 2023 Budget

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



## Have Your Say On The Future of Parks and Recreation

The Town is preparing a new plan to guide future recreational services, infrastructure, and investments – and wants to hear from you! How do you currently use Whitby's parks and recreation facilities? Do you want more tennis, pickleball, or basketball courts in our community? Do you want to see more funds invested in our arenas, pools, waterfront and/or marina? Have your say by visiting [connectwhitby.ca/ParksAndRecreation](https://connectwhitby.ca/ParksAndRecreation) or scan the QR code to complete an online survey by January 30, 2023. Hard copies of the survey are also available at all Whitby recreational facilities and public libraries.



## Register Now for Winter Programs

There are a number of programs for all ages and abilities, including yoga, Zumba, and relaxation classes. Whitby's swim lesson programming has now transitioned from Red Cross to the Lifesaving Society Swim for Life Program. Visit [whitby.ca/Swimming](https://whitby.ca/Swimming) to see a chart on which level to register your child in or drop in with your child to any public swim for a free assessment. Browse the winter programming at [whitby.ca/GetActive](https://whitby.ca/GetActive)

## Property Tax Rebate Program

Qualifying Whitby homeowners can now receive a \$462 rebate per year. This program is available for low-income seniors eligible for the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) or low-income homeowners with disabilities enrolled in the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP). For more information or to apply, visit [whitby.ca/TaxRebatesAndRelief](https://whitby.ca/TaxRebatesAndRelief)



# Connect With Your New Mayor and Council

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote in the Municipal Election this fall. Your vote matters.

Municipal government is the closest level of government to you. The Town provides many of the programs and services you rely on each day - from waste collection, to snow clearing, to building parks and trails, to attracting new businesses to Whitby.

Whitby is governed by a Council that consists of the mayor, four regional councillors, and four ward councillors who are elected every four years. The job of Town Council is to represent the public and consider the wellbeing and interests of the municipality when setting policy and making decisions about municipal financing, programs, and services. Looking to connect with your Mayor or Member of Council? Scan the QR code, or visit [whitby.ca/Council](http://whitby.ca/Council)



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