



## MEDIA RELEASE



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### **Highlights of the King Township Nov. 28 council meeting**

#### **Economic Development Strategy Progress Report**

Jamie Smyth, King's Economic Officer, presented a progress report regarding the Township's ongoing economic development strategy.

After the presentation, council agreed to conduct a Committee of the Whole working session before the end of May, 2017 to validate the progress made and chart the course for a new five-year plan. The goal is to have a new plan approved by council no later than May, 2018.

You can read the report [here](#).

#### **2018 municipal election report**

The clerk's department submitted a report on the upcoming 2018 municipal election, including the possibility of changing from the existing first-past-the-post system to a ranked ballot model.

After discussing the pros and cons of both systems, the report recommended staying with the first-past-the-post model. One of the main reasons was the fact there would be very little time for public consultation, feedback and council debate before the Ontario's government's May 1, 2017 deadline to change systems.

In the end, council approved the report's recommendations to stay with the first-past-the-post model.

You can read the report [here](#).

#### **Snowball planning application**

A planning department report recommended approval of an Official Plan amendment, zoning bylaw amendment and site plan development for a property on 1380 Wellington Road West in Snowball. The approvals will allow the property owner to construct a 2,381 square-metre (25,631 square-foot) building for industrial storage purposes and expand the outside storage of aggregates by about 780 cubic metres.

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*Lying in the heart of the Greater Toronto Area, King Township is located within York Region, one of the fastest growing and diverse economies in Canada. More than 60 per cent of the Holland Marsh, also known as Ontario's salad bowl, lies within King Township. Though predominantly rural, most of King Township's 20,000 residents live in the communities of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. Residents and visitors are drawn to King because of its rural lifestyle, village atmosphere and quality of life.*

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The approvals would be contingent on many conditions the property owner needs to abide by, including noise, dust and traffic controls.

Council refused the application.

You can read the report [here](#).

### Land conveyance

Planning staff submitted a report recommending approval of a zoning bylaw amendment that would see land from 4235 to 4355 of the 17<sup>th</sup> Sideroad – part of the Happy Valley Forest Reserve – conveyed for natural heritage conservation purposes.

The zoning amendment also proposed to sterilize the severed lands as well as the remainder of the lands located at 4355 17<sup>th</sup> Sideroad from any development requiring a building permit.

Council approved the recommendations.

You can read the report [here](#).

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