

Whitchurch-Stouffville is a lively, fast-growing town that has maintained the small-town atmosphere valued by residents and businesses. With a current population of over 50,000 residents the forecast is steady growth towards 60,600 people by 2031.

What makes Whitchurch-Stouffville unique is the opportunity to experience country living in an urban setting. Both businesses and residents have chosen Whitchurch-Stouffville as the place to be due to an excellent growth-oriented business environment and an unmatched quality of life.

Your Opportunity to Make a Difference

Reporting to the CAO, the **Director of Leisure and Community Services** is as an essential member of our Executive Leadership Team. In this key role you will be responsible for the planning, administration, operation and maintenance of all Town municipal parks, recreational programming, special events, cultural programming and cultural operations including theatre and Museum services.

As our Director you will provide vision and leadership to business operations, financial management and the development of short and long-term Leisure and Community Services strategies to support the growth of our community. This includes the development of a new community leisure master plan while ensuring effectiveness of policies, procedures, quality management practices and optimal services levels to support effective operations of all programs within your department and promoting active and healthy lifestyles in the community. In addition, you will liaise with committees, advisory boards, and organizations on related community service issues and projects.

Your ideal Professional Qualifications will include:

- **Education:** A degree in Recreation Administration or other related discipline.
- **Management:** Substantial (eight to ten years) experience in parks and recreation management, with considerable related experience at a management level in a complex multi-function department in a municipal government setting.
- **Recreation and Culture:** Extensive knowledge of the philosophies, principles, and practices of community recreation and cultural service delivery including related marketing and public relations strategies and techniques.
- **People Leadership:** Ability to effectively lead, coach, and inspire staff in a unionized team environment.
- **Relationships:** Ability to establish and maintain effective business relationships with representatives of cultural and recreational groups, government, business, the general public, Town staff and Council members.
- **Finance and Contracts:** Thorough knowledge and background in short and long term capital and operational budget preparation and management plus contract management.
- **Communications and Interpersonal:** Exceptional interpersonal, communication, presentation, facilitation, public relations, negotiation, problem solving, decision making, leadership and general management skills.

How to Apply

To explore this opportunity, please email your covering letter and resume in word or PDF format by October 29th, 2021 or sooner to careers@waterhousesearch.ca quoting project WS-DLCS.

Should you wish to speak to our Executive Recruiter or to receive a detailed position description please contact Jon Stungevicius at 416-214-9299 extension 1, jon@waterhousesearch.com or Amy Oliveira at 416-214-9299 extension 4, amyoliveira@waterhousesearch.com.

We appreciate all applications, however, only those candidates invited for an interview will be acknowledged. Personal information contained in your resume is collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used strictly for employment assessment purposes. Whitchurch-Stouffville is an equal opportunity employer committed to diversity in the workplace, we are committed to providing accommodations throughout the hiring process and will work with you to meet your needs as required.