

King Township knew had a gem on their hands when Nobleton's Tasca Park opened in 2016. The park earned a design award from Parks and Recreation Ontario.

# King wins design award for Tasca Park

One of King's newest parks was recently crowned with a provincial award for its innovative design

Tasca Park in Nobleton was named the winner of Parks and Recreation Ontario's PRO Award of Excellence for de-

sign (for a community under 30,000 residents).

"Our Award Review Committee, board members and staff, are extremely impressed with what is being done to advance parks and recreation services in your community," said Bill Allen, president of Parks and Recreation Ontario. King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini, said he was pleased with the news of the award.

"I know how much work staff and council put into making Tasca Park a premier destination," Pellegrini said. "It's nice to be recognized for the work we're doing when it comes to making King such a great place to live. Even better, though, is being able to see the difference these improvements are making in the community."

Tasca Park, located on Parkheights Trail, is more than 20 acres in size and features a splash pad, soccer field, basketball court, fully assessable playground, trails, a skate park and more.

David Boyd, councillor for Nobleton, says the park has become a huge part of the community in a very short time. "It's become an extremely popular destination for people, especially families with children," said Boyd. "One of the best parts of my job as a councillor is seeing the enjoyment so many people get out of the park."

Chris Fasciano, King's director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, said a lot of thought went into the planning of the park. He said the initial driving force was the new housing development in the north part of Nobleton. The decision was made that, instead of building several smaller parkettes, a much larger community park would be built.

"We felt it was important to develop a park large enough so that new residents would have a place to go and build relationships," Fasciano said. "We also saw it as forming a bridge connecting the existing community with the newest parts of Nobleton.

Once the overall concept of the park was decided on, staff next focused on what features to include in the park. Fasciano said staff held discussions with residents and the school board before finalizing the park's features.

Some of those features include a full-size soccer pitch, playground area, naturalized playground, a shade structure, splash pad, basketball court, exercise equipment, skateboard park and an extensive naturalized area with several kilometres of walking and cycling trails.

The park got its name from Joe Tasca and family who have donated their time to the community in countless ways over the years and also since part of the park used to be part of the Tasca family farm.

The PRO award will be given to King staff at an event in Huntsville on March 30.

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### **MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road Monday, March 20, 2017

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Public Meeting: re: Zoning bylaw amendment File Numbers: Z-2015-02 and SPD-2015-02 Applicant: Condor Properties (ADG) Inc. Location: 191 MacTaggart Drive, Nobleton

### Monday, April 3, 2017

6 pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

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### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Crossing Guard for King City (Nicort Court): remains open until filled
- By-law Enforcement Officer: Closes March 3
- Seasonal Parks Operator Horticulturist (6 month contract): Closes March 3
- P/T Administrative Assistant Museum (10 month contract): Closes March 3
- Planning Student (summer student position)
- Building Student (summer student position)
- Water/Wastewater Assistant (summer student position)
- Engineering Assistant (summer student position)
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- IT Help Desk Support (summer student position)
  Planning Technician (contract)

Please visit the Township website at <u>www.king.ca</u> for employment opportunities.

### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

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### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The public are invited to attend a public meeting to be held by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King on:

Monday, March 20th , 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City to receive information and provide comments on a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

### APPLICANT AND LOCATION

File Numbers:	Z-2015-02 & SPD-2015-02
Applicant:	Condor Properties (ADG) Inc.
Agent:	KLM Planning
Location:	191 MacTaggart Drive, Nobleton
	South-west corner of Highway 27 and MacTaggart Drive
	Plan 65M-2877, Block 100
Area:	0.49 hectares (1.22 acres)
Note:	

ote:

An initial public meeting on the zoning amendment was held on March 23, 2015. The applicant has since revised the proposal to, most notably, reduce the size of the building from 3,723m2 (40,074ft2) to 2,897m2 (31,183ft2), removed underground parking and the request for a drive-through facility.

The application proposes amend Zoning By-law #74-53, being the in force and effect Zoning By-law and the new Nobleton Urban Area Zoning By-law #2016-71, which is currently the subject of an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board and is not in effect.

### REVISED PROPOSAL

The zoning by-law amendment and site plan development applications propose the construction of a three (3) storey commercial plaza that is oriented to the corner of Highway 27 and MacTaggart Drive with at-grade parking located at the rear and south-side of the proposed structure. A total of 72 parking spaces (including three accessible spaces) and 20 bicycle parking spaces are proposed. The proposed building has been designed to be three (3) storeys at the corner of Highway 27 and MacTaggart Drive and steps down to two (2) storeys as it continues to the south. The total proposed gross floor area of the building is 2,897 square metres (31,183 sq.ft.).

### The amendment to Zoning By-law #74-53 proposes:

- to rezone the property from "Transitional (T)" to "Commercial Shopping Centre (C4) Exception Section 14.XX";
- to allow for a range of additional commercial uses including, adult or children's learning centre, artist or photographer studios and galleries, banks, professional
  offices, day spas, daycares, day nurseries, dry cleaning establishments, education or training facility, fitness club or health centre, medical, dental or drugless
  practitioners, pet grooming and boarding establishments, pharmacies or drug marts, printing establishments, private schools; restaurants, including takeout
  restaurants, and veterinary clinic; and
- several development provisions to be amended including front, side and rear yards, lot coverage, height maximum, as well as loading space, parking space dimensions, and planting strip requirements.

### The amendment to the Nobleton Urban Area Zoning By-law #2016-71 proposes:

- Changing the zone symbol from "C3(H)" Commercial Shopping Centre, Holding Zone to "C3-XX(H)" Commercial Shopping Centre Exception, Holding Zone;
   to allow for a range of additional commercial uses including institutional uses, club, private club, daycare, day nursery, dry cleaning establishment, education or training facility, pet daycare, and private school; and
- several development provisions to be amended including front and side yard setbacks, height maximum, loading space, parking space dimensions, and accessible parking space requirements.

A Site Plan Development application (file #SPD-15-02) has also been submitted detailing the specific engineering and design aspects of the development.

### APPEAL PROCEDURE

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of King Council to the Ontario Municipal Board. If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

### DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2017 GRANTS

Non-profit community organizations which provide or develop recreation, cultural or social opportunities within the Township of King are advised that applications for Grants from the Township of King for 2017 must be completed and submitted to the Township by **Friday, March 31st, 2017**. The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available

on the Township website at <u>www.king.ca</u>, or please contact:

Kathryn Moyle	Telephone: (905)833-5321					
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement	Fax:	(905)833-2300				
Township Clerk	E-mail:	kmoyle@king.ca				
Township of King						
2075 King Road						
King City ON L7B 1A1						

### PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE



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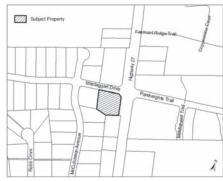


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Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

### HOW TO STAY INFORMED

If you wish to be notified of the passing of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2075 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1.



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and additional information about the proposed applications are available for review at the Planning Department located at the Municipal Offices. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Kristen Harrison, Planner, 905-833-4065 or kharrison@king.ca

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING THIS 28TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

Comments and personal information (PI) are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13 as amended, and become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form, also become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information (PI), please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321.



Council of the Township of King are now accepting nominations for awards to recognize volunteer contributions and achievements in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Special Recognition
- Lifetime Achievement
- Senior Citizen Award of Merit
- Youth Award of Merit

Nominations for Volunteer Awards must be submitted on the nomination form obtained from the Clerks Department and will be received by the undersigned until **4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16th, 2017**. The nomination form and further information regarding the criteria for each category is available at the Township office or on the Township website at <u>www.king.ca</u>, under the "What's New" tab.

Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on **Thursday, April 20th, 2017**.

Kathryn Moyle, Director of Clerks & By-law Enforcement Township Clerk E-mail: kmoyle@king.ca

### Run or Walk for SOUTHLAKE presented by Nature's EMPORIUM

King Township council and staff are looking for support for a great cause. Once again, they have registered a team for this year's Run or Walk for Southlake charity event called the King Marsh Muckers.

The event takes place on Sun., April 30. The Run or Walk for Southlake is the evolution of the Bob Hartwell Challenge that began in 2002 to pay tribute to local businessman, civic leader and avid runner, the late Bob Hartwell. The Run or Walk for Southlake honours his legacy by raising much-needed funds for the hospital.

Please visit <u>http://bit.ly/2IDoRu6</u> to either donate to or join the King Marsh Muckers team.



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n or Walk for

# Speed radar signs curbing bad habits

### **By Mark Pavilons**

Community speed radar signs may not be the only deterrent to speeding. but the they are a useful tool in compiling data.

King Township staff provided councillors with one year trial traffic results from two such signs, posted in Nobleton and Kingscross.

According to the staff report, speed radar signs do require an investment financial investment, but they have proven to be "highly effective in lowering average speeds and improving traffic safety."

They're an easy method of calming

seem to be long-term.

Locally, the biggest success was on Hazelbury Drive in Nobleton. Local residents requested the measure to address pedestrian safety concerns near a local park. The posted speed limit is 40 km-h, but studies indicated that 85% of drivers were going 51 or more. Police enforcement was effective for a short time, but when they stopped, drivers sped up again.

Council okayed the purchase of the speed board feedback sign on Hazelbury. Staff saw immediate results. After the sign had been up for the oneyear trial, the average speeds along the

King Township to cement its partnership with ASK

### **By Mark Pavilons**

King Township and its lead cultural group – Arts Society King (ASK) – are working towards a concrete partnership.

Council recently endorsed staff's recommendations to pursue a more formal agreement with ASK, to take the traditionally informal partnership to a higher level.

According to a staff report, ASK and King's Parks, Recreation & Culture department entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in 2013, for the shared use of King's Heritage and Cultural Centre (formerly the Museum). This pact was designed to explore the viability of a partnership between the two.

After three years, the two decided to establish a formal agreement for the delivery of arts and culture special events, programs and services within the township.

As it stands, the new agreement proposes a one-year term as a trial, where ASK will provide a minimum of six special events, and Parks, Recreation & Culture provides arts programming. Both parties will share the net profits.

Staff note this partnership will help achieve goals and objectives and help foster even better relationships with local arts and culture organizations. It allows each partner to continue doing what they do best.

The staff report said this agreement could provide the Township with a framework or template to use with other community groups, all moving the Township forward in the right direction.

"It serves as a further example of the great things that can be accomplished through a municipal community partnership – a model that will become vitally important as the municipality continues to grow and the needs of the community expand and change," the report stated.

The agreement will set out clear roles and responsibilities; revenue sharing criteria; in-kind support for ASK and financial support and provision of materials.

This collaboration between ASK and Parks, Recreation & Culture "is another step towards moving to a true cultural hub within the Township.

"It also enhances the capabilities of both groups through sharing resources and offers opportunities for new revenue, while exploring the alternative ways to offer services through creative partnerships.

"This partnership is a tremendous opportunity worth at the very least exploring on a short-term basis."

traffic in problem areas and the effects road went down 6.6%, from 51 km-h to 47.6 km-h.

> The signs were installed on Kingscross Drive, where the limit was also 40 km-h. With an average daily volume of 364 cars per day, 85% were going 53 km-h or more.

> Staff looked at various measures, and thought speed humps or "choke points" would have a negatvie impact on emergency response vehicles. Two radar signs were put up.

> After one year, results showed the speeds were still up.

> Staff noted speed boards are more effective when supplemented with police enforcement. The boards are also subject to vandalism. The original boards on Kingscross were solar powered and within two weeks, the panels were stolen.

> They were then hardwired and remain untouched. The data is inconclusive to determine if the speed boards are effective in this area.



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#### For longer absences

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### **St. Patrick's Day** Celebration

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

"Public opinion shapes our destinies and guides the progress of human affairs"

~ Frank B. Kellogg

# Simple mathematics paints a real picture

I'm often asked by my children about the importance of mathematics.

I tell them that everyone needs simple math to figure out your bills, taxes and the like. Math also helps your brain ignite those neurons responsible for higher order and problem solving.

I'm not sure if there is a real-life need for knowing how long it takes a train, travelling at 60 mph to get half-way to its destination. But, simple math holds the answers to almost everything in society today. In other words, you don't have to be a math whiz to understand supply side economics, credit card bills, interest rates or bank profits.

Some figures released last week really brought this message home, to me at least.

Canadian grocery and pharmacy retailer Loblaw reported a 57 per cent rise in quarterly profit. The giant, also thermometers of economic activwhich sells everything from groceries ity. to wireless mobile products, enjoyed a 2.4 per cent revenue increase to \$11.13 first quarter of 2017. The bank reportbillion in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Sales in the retail business, the company's biggest, rose 2.3 per cent to \$10.8 billion.

So, using simple math we can conclude that if their profits rose by 57% consumer spending rose by a substantial amount, too. If my grocery cart costs me more each week, my disposable income drops and I have less discretionary cash in my pocket.

We all gotta eat.

In our family of five we notice even the smallest increase in fruits, veggies and meat. Over the past couple of years, our grocery bill has grown by at least 15%. My pay cheque did not increase by 15%. In fact, income tax driven by the bottom line. changes this year saw my take-home pay drop.



### **Mark Pavilons**

Our venerable Canadian banks are

The CIBC announced a very strong ed net income was \$1.4 billion. compared with \$982 million for the first for the prior quarter.

Royal Bank of Canada reported a a lack of funds to invest. net income of \$3 billion for the first quarter, up \$580 million or 24% from reigns supreme. I have 4 eggs, but my she is dry. a year ago.

For most us, simply sitting down at our dinner table and counting to one billion would take way too much of our time (an estimated 37 years). For a company to make \$100 million more in profit in one quarter is simply unimaginable. And the kicker is, they're plaving around with our money!

If only our governments were so

For someone like me, using simple math, this means that banks are lend-

Letter to the Editor

# Laskay Hall should remain

ing out more money than ever before, through loans, mortgages, lines of credit, and likely have record credit are investing less - we don't have any card use by customers, which trans- money to invest and we need the cash lates to interest income.

Without the use of a calculator, I can figure out that this means we are lower contributions in 2017. cash-strapped - asset-rich perhaps but financially gagged and bound. We knowledge, I do know that equations are forever handcuffed to our finan- are always balanced out. If one side of cial institutions.

It's no secret that household debt has a reciprocal drop. in Canada is at its highest in history. With more of our after-tax income ly challenged, here goes: if retailers, er in my wallet is shrinking fast.

I'm sure there are more people than ever before who've surpassed the threshold where food, clothing and shelter surpass the recommended higher-than-expected profits comes a upper levels in relation to income. In kick in the guts to average working simpler words, if meeting our obliga- stiffs. Every time my bank's CEO gets tions consumes more than 60% of our another bonus, my knees quiver and earned income, we're in proverbial shake. Every time the price at the doo-doo.

dians contributed less to their tax free transportation costs of food products savings accounts in 2016. Eighty-five comes a sacrifice of ground beef for per cent of TFSA holders contributed sirloin. Heck, even our dogs eat well! quarter a year ago, and \$931 million an average of about \$1,000 less than Price-matching is the new normal. last year – with top cited reason being

family eats 5 eggs. How much does one.

So simple.

It's no surprise why Canadians flow for other expenses.

Further, the study anticipates even

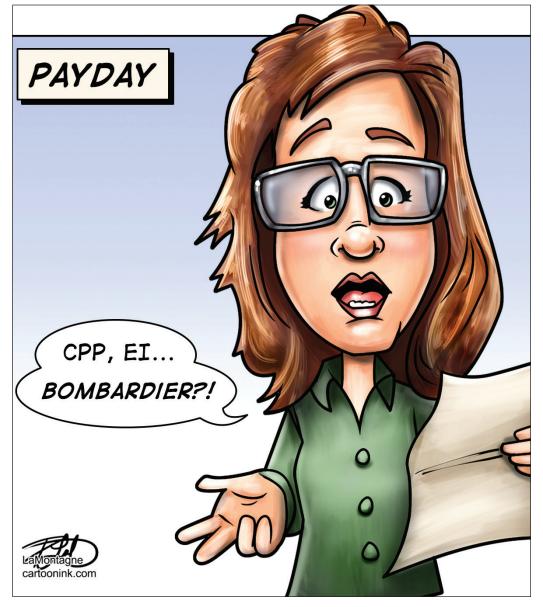
Referring to my high school math the balance sheet soars, the other side

So, for those who are mathematicaldedicated to paying our debts, that fiv- banks, oil companies and the like see increased sales and profits, there has to be an offsetting increase in spending by consumers (that's us).

With every quarterly report of pump rises, I think twice about taking According to a study by BMO, Cana- that long drive. With every increase in

With income tax filing on the horizon, I cry inwardly. No money for Again, this is where simple math TFSA; no money for RRSPs. The well,

Maybe my simple math is off. I still that leave in my "nest egg?" Negative buy lottery tickets, which, I'm told, is a tax on those who can't do math!



I understand that the King Township budget includes provision to move the Laskay Hall out of Laskay. I'm not happy and will be voting against the administration that does it. I understand the Laskay Hall committee was presented with several unpalatable options, and they tried to pick the least bad. I sympathize.

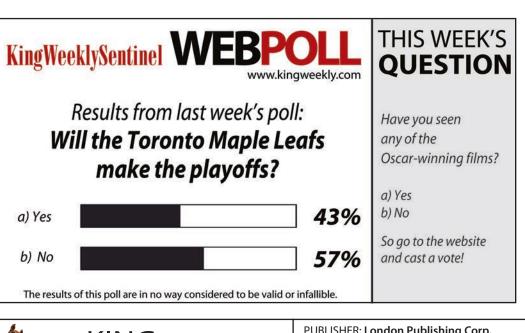
We moved to Laskay in late 1984 and did the best we could to preserve the small house (built in 1844) we bought. We did it by sort of wrapping a more convenient house around the out-of-sight part of it.

I care about heritage. But I also care about community. And having the Laskay Hall yanked out of Laskay has upset me. I was on the Hall committee during the renovation (1990). It was a big deal.

I understand the Hall is said to being relocated for economic reasons. I don't believe it. I believe it is being relocated to focus heritage buildings at just one developer-convenient location. It reduces impediments to future redevelopment.

I'm not against all redevelopment, but I am against vanking the Hall out of Laskay. Of course I'm not too pleased about the proposed Highway 413 dead-ending here either.

The Hall is our sense of community. Weston Road is so busy that none of us can manage to get together, except at our Hall-centered activities. There are no walkways for us to safely travel along and visit with our neighbours. Though the traffic speed is 50 km/hr, it is well understood that no one obeys that rule.





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### Brainteaser

"How much is this bag of potatoes?" asked the man. 32lb. divided by half its own weight, said the green grocer. How much do they weigh?

Last week's answer: Noise is something a carriage comes with.

# King Township Trivia

On July 12, 1972 the Snowball Country Market opened its doors in the old Snowball Public School.

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# The gray jay (whisky jack) as our national bird

#### **By Stuart Sutton**

Recently, the gray jay was named Canada's national bird. The gray jay will always be known by me as a whisky jack. Growing up in northern Ontario my brother, father and myself spent a lot of time in the bush hunting and fishing. Whether we were ice fishing or perched in a tree stand, the whisky jack always seemed to find us. We never had to find them.

We learned that the whisky jack has a primal urge to eat that seems to overcome any other urge, including the urge to flee danger. Other forest creatures would hide from us or flee when we came near, whereas the whisky jack was much bolder.

While tending watch in a tree stand in the fall, waiting for the elusive moose, the whisky jack would appear and flutter around waiting to be fed. Humans were not a common site deep in the woods, but the bird seemed to understand that if they "performed" and acted curious, we would part with some of our lunch. I always welcomed their visits as a break to the monotony of standing watch.

When hunting, we always carried a sandwich, some cheese and crackers

and perhaps some fruit to snack on during the long boring hours of sitting on watch. At first, the whisky jack would land within a few feet of us and cock its head side-to-side as if to say "what's for lunch today?" Then it would hop around nearby, each time edging closer, just in case there was a tiny morsel to snatch.

I would take some cheese or crackers and break it into small pieces and place them on my sleeve in a line all the way up to my shoulder. The bird would quickly, and fearlessly, start collecting the loot. If the piece was small enough, it would eat it immediately. If it was too big to eat, it would be carried to a nearby tall tree. Their tree of choice was the birch tree because they could stash food behind some loose birch bark, above the forest floor where the mice and fox roamed, yet hidden from the keen eyes of any crows and ravens flying overhead. Later they would return to their hiding places to break it into smaller pieces to eat. Over the course of 20 minutes I have seen it transport an entire cheese sandwich, piece by piece, from my sleeve to their secreted stores.

Sometimes, I would hold a piece of food in my teeth and eventually it would get bold enough to snatch that.

Accolades for former Markham mayor Don Cousens who passed away Feb. 23

York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson joined members of York Regional Council to offer condolences to the family and friends of Don Cousens, former mayor of Markham and member of York Regional council.

Cousens passed away on Feb. 23.

"Don will be remembered for his commitment to public service and genuine ability to lead change," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "As one of the founding members of the Character Community Foundation, his dedication and belief that good character makes a positive difference in building strong communities will live on."

Cousens represented the City of Markham on York Regional council for 12 consecutive years from 1994 to 2006. During his tenure, he participated in many committees, including chairing the Finance Committee and the Legislation and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee. He also served as vice chair of the Water Long Term Supply Committee and was a member of the Official Plan Steering Committee, the Yonge Subway Task Force, the Rapid Transit Corporation Board of Directors and the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO).

York Region's flags were lowered to half-mast in honour of Cousens. Funeral arrangements are not yet available.

The urge for food exceeded the urge to possible task, especially with the coatavoid the danger of my teeth. If I put a piece of food out that was too big to carry (like an apple), it would almost scold me and wait for me to use my hunting knife to cut it into transportable pieces. Peanut butter was challenging for them. It stuck to their beaks like it does to the roof of our mouth and it was comical to watch them eat it.

Perhaps the most telling incident about their urge to eat happened one cold winter day while ice fishing in my dad's fish hut. It was insulated with a small, but efficient, home-made wood stove. That day, it was 30 below outside, but 30 above inside. The warmth made the fishing bearable for us humans that one day of the cold winter. How the whisky jack could survive those harsh, cold temperatures all winter amazes me.

My mother would give us small meat pies for lunch and we would warm them on the shack stove. This particular day, a whisky jack was trying to steal a minnow from our minnow jug we kept just outside the shack door. An almost im-

ing of ice that would form at the top of the jug. We were so hot in the shack wearing our winter clothes, we propped open the door for just a moment. Then it happened. The whiskey jack spied the pie warming on the stove and flew into the shack intent on getting a tasty morsel. It lit on the stove beside the meat pie and the dance started.

We could only imagine the signals that were going to its brain. It circled the meat pie trying to find both a piece of pie crust and a cooler perch, quickly raising one foot after the other like someone running through a bed of hot coals. After about 20 quick steps, it snatched a crumb from the pie as the messages from the feet prevailed. It took flight and darted through the open door landing in the nearby snow. You could almost see the relieved look on its face saying "ahhhhhh" as it cooled its scorched feet.

I applaud the gray jay as our national bird. Like Canadians, it endures our harsh and diverse climate, has keen survival skills, and is fearless!



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Sarri Kibsey "No."



Monique Da Silva "Hard to tell."



Mitchell Slipenjyk "Definitely not."



# Students to perform theatrical experience inspired by Gord Downie and The Tragically Hip

Scott Garbe was in the midst of making final plans with his colleagues for this year's theatrical season last spring when news of Gord Downie's diagnosis broke. "Like millions of Canadians, we were heart-broken," the longtime Head of Drama and Theatre Arts at The Country Day School (CDS) recalls.

What to do? As we all know, Gord and his fellow band members responded by making music. Garbe and his colleagues instantly felt compelled to create theatre.

The result is an original production they are creating with CDS senior drama students called "Ahead by a Century – a theatrical experience inspired by the words and music of Gord Downie and The Tragically Hip."

As summer turned to fall, Garbe learned about Gord's work on Secret Path and how he was putting his heart and soul into telling Chanie Wenjack's story in order to bring a heightened awareness to our nation and local communities about First Nations' issues as well, and Garbe and his students are

working to weave elements of Chanie's experience into their production.

The cast members and directors of Ahead by a Century have created something truly unique. Inspired by the iconic words, poetry and music of The Tragically Hip and Gord's courageous fight, and varied in emotional tone and presentation style, the performance also delicately addresses the issue of cancer diagnosis and treatment that our neighbours, family and friends may be experiencing. It also draws attention to Chanie Wenjack's tragic story and Canada's attempt to bring healing to its painful past.

CDS has pledged to donate all money raised through ticket sales to the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund and to the Gord Downie Fund for Brain Cancer Research – Sunnybrook Foundation.

Ahead by a Century will be held in CDS's Performing Arts Centre March 3 at 7 p.m. and March 4 at 1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased at www.cds.on.ca/tickets.

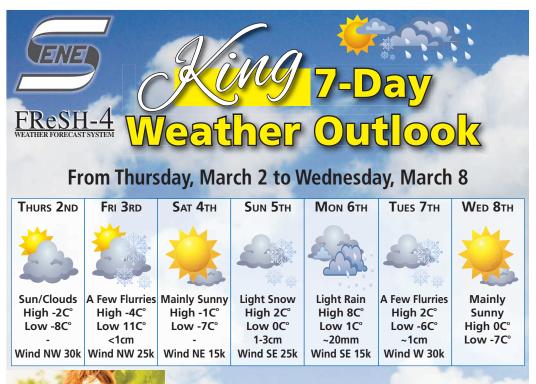
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The event will be held Saturday March 4, from 2-4 p.m. at the home of Luciano Tauro and Michele Mele.

Tickets are \$30 and available online at http://www.brownpapertickets. com/event/2862040 or \$35 at door. Tickets include beverage and intermission snack.



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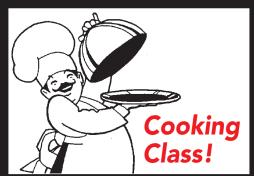
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# Job Growth in York outpaces national, provincial averages

York Region continues to be a destination of choice for business decision-makers. Between mid-year 2015 and mid-year 2016, job growth in York Region surpassed both the national and provincial averages.

"York Region is focused on creating an environment that attracts, grows and maintains businesses," said York Region chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "We are investing millions of dollars to build modern transit, maintain our roads and provide high quality services like water and wastewater management. These improvements are contributing to York Region's excellent quality of life and are helping to drive our success."

According to the 2016 York Region Employment and Industry Report, the Region's employment growth rate was 3.1 per cent, compared to 0.4 per cent for Canada and 0.5 per cent for Ontario during the same period. The report also provides an economic overview of the Region's businesses, noting York Region remains one of the largest and fastest growing business hubs in the GTA and Ontario. Additional highlights in the Employment and Industry Report include:

• 71% of York Region's surveyed employment is full-time.

• 77% of surveyed employment in York Region is in the service-producing sectors – such as professional, scientific and technical services, finance and insurance, health care and social services.

These clusters of industry sectors encourage networking, innovation, investment attraction, as well as the incubation of new businesses.

• 84% of surveyed businesses in the Region employ less than 20 employees.

• More than 460 foreign companies have local operations.

Manufacturing, retail trade and professional, scientific and technical services sectors held the largest shares of surveyed employment in 2016.

"York Region's economy is comprised of a highly diverse mix of industry sectors," said City of Vaughan Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase, chair of the Region's Planning and Economic Development. "This is critically important because it means businesses

# Township dedicates funds for long-term maintenance

### **By Mark Pavilons**

King Township will be shoring up its decorative, gateway features, thanks to a dedicated reserve fund.

Councillors approved staff recommendations recently that call for this discretionary reserve to support future costs for long-term maintenance of decorate landscaping and structural elements.

The aim is to ensure that such gateway features are maintained to ensure that local aesthetic standards at met.

Consultants RJ Burnside circulated correspondence to existing developers in King, explaining the issue surrounding long-term maintenance of their features. They were informed of King's Long Term Maintenance Policy and they were asked for feedback. A discussion on financial contributions to the plan was also initiated. Unfortunately, King staff have not received any positive response.

"Staff shall continue to invite each respective developer to discuss financial contribution and access easements for long-term future maintenance as they ap-

can access a large pool of highly skilled talent right here in York Region."

Working in partnership with local municipalities, The Regional Municipality of York plays a key role in attracting businesses and jobs to York Region. The Region has developed an Economic Development Action Plan and recently launched York Link, a marketing campaign designed to create awareness about the benefits of York Region and attract quality office employers and knowledge-based jobs to the Region.

The 2016 Employment and Industry Report draws on a number of data ness directories.

sources including the findings of York Region's annual employment survey. Through this survey, the location, type and characteristics of businesses across York Region are compiled and analyzed.

The report findings are an important tool for planners, economic development officers and personnel in both private and public sectors. This data helps inform infrastructure requirements, monitor targets in the Region's Official Plan, identify economic trends and maintain Regional and local business directories.

### Board reduces use of disposable bottles

All schools in York Region District School Board now have water bottle filling stations to help reduce the use of disposable plastic bottles.

The filling stations make it easier to fill reusable water bottles and let staff members and students know how many disposable bottles have been saved.

"Our students and staff members continue to show commitment to taking an active role to support the environment. These filling stations support that commitment and let students see the difference they are making in reducing waste," said Director of Education J. Philip Parappally.

"Modeling continuous environmental sustainability is one of the goals outlined in our multi-year plan," said board chair Anna DeBartolo. "This is one more measure that is helping us to achieve that goal, and enables students to take actions that will make a difference."

This is just one of the measures the Board is taking to support environmental awareness and sustainability. In addition:

• The Board has 113 certified EcoSchools and Outdoor Education Centres, and four administrative centres with Eco Workplace certification.

• Schools can audit their energy use and waste production through the Board's EcoWatch program.

• For the second year in a row, the York Region District School Board was named as one of Ontario's top five energy efficient school boards by the Sustainable Schools Initiative.

• Last year, total electricity consumption in the Board was reduced.



proach assumption for each of their developments.

"Based on the approved Long Term Maintenance Policy for Landscape Features and Structural Elements, all new subdivision agreements have conditions and requirements to provide for long-term future maintenance financial contribution and access easements. Since the adoption of this policy, \$210,000 has been collected for future long-term maintenance from new developments."

Staff noted creating this policy has been challenging, since maintenance of such features spans many departments and jurisdictions.



### No Frills boosts Food Bank

John Ciarallo, is shown presenting Carol Ann Trabert of King Township Food Bank with a cheque for \$624. This is the proceeds from last summer's campaign called "Give a little, help a little," which was held for a two-week period at John's No Frills in Nobleton.



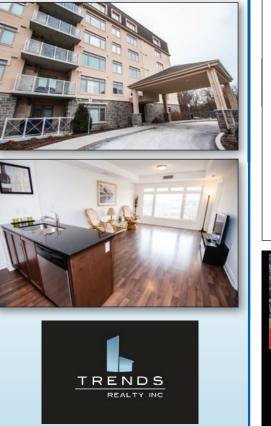
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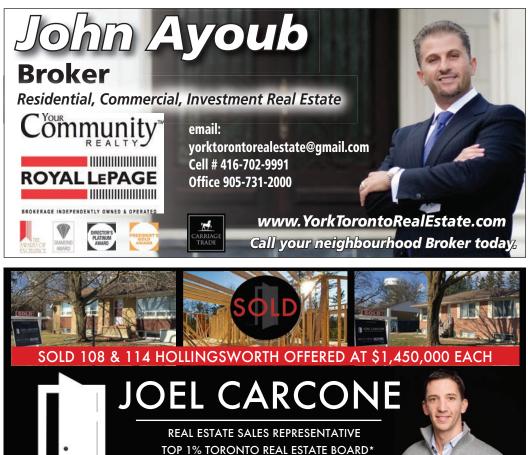
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# York Pines United introduces 'Curiosity Cafe'

# Schomberg Should Know

**By Wendy-Sue Bishop** 

### **Schomberg Skating Club**

Saturday, March 11 from 9:05 to 9:50 a.m. is the Annual Spring Friends and Family Skate at the Trisan. Everyone is welcome and this is a free event!

The Schomberg Skating Club is your local skating club affiliated with Skate Canada. It has been in operation for many decades and is run entirely by parent volunteers. They employ professional Skate Canada certified coaches and offer CanSkate and StarSkate programmes that develop skills for hockey players, recreational skaters and figure skaters alike.

### **Running/Walking groups**

Dr Carla Day a free Running Clinic and Walking Group. The "Learn To Run" clinic is specifically designed for beginner lever runners who would like to improve their overall health. So, if you are out of breath just thinking about running for one minute, this clinic is designed for you.

We start out easy with a program of mostly walking and gradually work our way up to mostly running over a 9-week period.

This happens from April 4 to May 30 for a 9 week duration. Please contact Dr Carla Day at 905-959-7569 or info@ schombergchiropractic.ca

Please join Dr Carla Day for a complimentary presentation "Is Your Posture Affecting Your Health?" at the Trisan Centre on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m.

She will discuss what is good posture and why is it important; how to improve your posture; computer station set up; lifting techniques; and simple home exercises.

Please register at The Trisan Centre at 905-939-1216 or Schomberg Chiropractic Wellness Centre at 905-939-7569.

### St. Mary Magdalene's

St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church, at 116 Church St., Schomberg is hosting World Day of Prayer at 2 p.m., Friday, March 3. The women of the Philippines have written the service this year and it tells a story of their past, life as it is now and their hope and dreams for the future.

> **Anglican Parish By John Arnott**

try meeting after the 9:30 a.m. church service and light lunch, this past Sunday, Feb. 26 in the church hall while St. Mary Magdalene's Schomberg will hold its vestry following the 11:15 a.m. Holy Communion service and light lunch this Sunday, March 5 in the church's lower level.

This past Sunday (Transfiguration) at St. Mary Magdalene's our treasured organist wove a wealth of Welsh music, including Calon Lan (Pure Heart), Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah, Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau (Land of My Fathers) and Men of Harlech, through the service of morning prayer as we marked the Sunday nearest to St. David's Dav March 1.

Keep in mind the next Souper Thursday at St. Mary Magdalene's is 5 to 7 p.m. March 23.

### **York Pines United Church**

Book club meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 22 to discuss Half Blood Blues by Esi Edugyan. Blues music meets Nazi ideals in 1939 Berlin.

Interested in joining a choir? The York Pines United Church choir gets together at the church on Thursdays at 7 p.m. for practice.

Every Wednesday during Lent, beginning at 6 p.m. a quiet, contemplative service will be held at the church, in the Fellowship room, to prepare our Body, Mind, and Soul for Holv Week. These Wednesday services will wind up on April 12 with a chance to walk a labyrinth. All are welcome.

Beginning March 5 and then every Sunday, for 12 weeks (except April 16) something new is happening at York

Pines United Church: Curiosity Café is a safe, friendly gathering place for good coffee, stories and songs; it is a place of radical hospitality and spiritual nurture. Come and join musical host Paul Rumbolt and the people of York Pines United Church for a coffee house style experience of connecting and sharing.

From time to time we will welcome guest speakers, musicians, writers and artists.

On March 19, we welcome our first guest speaker. Linda Hemerez, from Syria, who will share a "Newcomer's Story." On April 9, our guest speaker will be Mandy McNeil, to speak about "Being an LGBTQ Family."

Each week's theme will deal with relevant issues that touch and impact our lives.



Vestis is Latin for garment and the cupboard/closet where the vestes (garments/clothes) were kept was called the vestiarium. From this we get vestry, the room in a church were the vestments or robes worn by clergy and choir were kept and put on. In small churches this room also served as an office.

It was the custom for clergy and lay officials to hold a parish meeting early in the new year to give reports on things like church finances, supplies, needed repairs, future plans and charity work. Years ago when cathedrals and large churches were unheated the meeting would be held in the vestry which could be made more comfortable by bringing in braziers to give needed warmth. As the meeting would last several hours food was often provided.

Eventually in the Anglican Church this annual parish meeting took on the name of the room where it was held and then the officials holding the meeting became known as "the vestry."

Thus decisions made are said to have been made by vestry. Today in the Anglican Church vestry or parish council meetings are seldom held in the vestry because space not heat is a problem as they are open to all who have been members of the parish for at least a year. And all who 16 years or older can bring up issues and vote. Vestry meetings are usually held on a Sunday following the service but some churches hold them on a weekday evening.

In the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown Christ Church, Kettleby held its ves-

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# Former Peel chair Kolb suggests looking to Vaughan for expansion

### By Bill Rea

He might be retired, but former Peel Regional Chair Emil Kolb is keeping an eye on things.

He's also come up with a possible vision for dealing with the Bolton residential expansion.

It involves annexing land from the City of Vaughan.

The Bolton Residential Expansion Study (BRES) produced six options for where residential growth could go in Bolton, along with threes rounding out areas. Town councillors, Regional staff and Regional councillors have been at odds over the most preferred site.

Kolb, thinking "outside the box" of a way to make Bolton a compete community, is looking beyond the borders of Caledon.

The lands Kolb is thinking of lie on the east side of Albion Vaughan Road. It consists of about 153 hectares (378 acres), bordered by Cold Creek Road, Albion Vaughan Road and Kirby Road. It's mainly being put to agricultural or rural uses at this time.

There are a number of benefits that Kolb can think of to using these lands, including the fact a rail line traverses the site, and he thinks an ideal location for a GO train station is nearby.

He also said these lands are close to the Bolton commercial area, as well as to other residential neighbourhoods, meaning there are already existing schools, as well as other community amenities. And there are employment opportunities near the lands.

"To me, all of this makes a little more sense," he said.

As well, Kolb pointed out the lands are isolated, surrounded by the Greenbelt, open space lands operated by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and a hydro corridor.

The lands are outside the GTA West Corridor, and adjacent to the area that's subject to Peel's joint study with GO. It's also bounded by an arterial road system with good access to a major transportation network. As well, there is frontage on Albion Vaughan Road, which is an improved arterial road. He also pointed out there are two existing watermains on Mayfield Road which services Bolton, and a third one is planned. There is also a sanitary sewers on Albion Vaughan Road.

The Town had previously chosen Option 3, also known as the Go Station Focus option, which involves lands on Humber Station Road, between the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks and The Gore Road, north of King Street. Regional staff in June had recommended a hybrid of Options 4 and 5, an "L" shaped parcel of land that straddles Humber Station and runs west to The Gore Road, south of King. But Regional councillors overruled their advice and opted for Option 6. Option 6 involves lands that run along the east side of Humber Station between Healey and Mayfield Roads, as well as a small triangular pice of land at the southeast corner of the site. The justification was it was cheaper and made better use of infrastructure already in place. Taking over these lands from Vaughan would require annexation, but Kolb said that's not unprecedented. He pointed to a recent case in which Mississauga took over lands from Halton Region. As well, Dufferin County

annexed lands from Peel, that resulted in the building of County Road 109.

"In my life as a politician, I've been through several annexations that have always worked out for the better," he observed.

Kolb said using these lands for development would allow the Town and Region time to do more and proper planning of their whitebelt lands, and would be a natural extension of the community. And since the lands are isolated, he argued it would not have a detrimental impact on York Region.

Town councillors weren't enthused with the suggestion.

General Manager of Community Services Peggy Tollett told Councillor Barb Shaughnessy these lands were never identified as a BRES option, adding this was the first time Town staff had seen the proposal.

Shaughnessy was concerned that Kolb thought his option was better than the others. "I'm confused by this," she said.

Councillor Jennifer Innis said this proposal can't be considered because it was not part of a municipal comprehensive review.

Mayor Allan Thompson was not keen on annexation.

"When you start to annex land from another municipality, you've got to have a really good case," he commented.

# Life sentence for accused in 2014 death of Nobleton man

A 27-year-old man from Toronto has been sentenced after being found guilty of second degree murder and aggravated assault in connection with a 2014 shooting in the City of Vaughan that claimed the life of a Nobleton man.

On Thursday, Feb. 23, 2017, the Honourable Justice Bird sentenced David Odesho to life imprisonment for Second Degree Murder and eight years imprisonment for aggravated assault, after he was found guilty by a jury on Feb. 15.

On Friday, June 6, 2014, at 6:43 p.m., York Regional Police responded to a 9-1-1 call regarding shots fired at a café on Woodstream Boulevard in the area of Highway 7 and Martin Grove Road. Attending officers found two adult men suffering from gunshot wounds. One man died at the scene and the other was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

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The deceased was Sarhad Sadiq, 36, of Nobleton. The identity of the surviving victim is not being released.

On Sunday, June 8, 2014, Odesho attended the #4 District station and turned himself in to members of the York Regional Police Homicide Unit. He was arrested and was originally charged with First Degree Murder and Attempted Murder.

# YRP warns of unpredictable ice

York Regional Police would like to remind residents of the unpredictable ice conditions that can occur on our lakes and rivers as a result of the warmer-than-usual weather.

The recent changes in weather have altered the conditions of the ice, making its stability unpredictable and inconsistent. While some sections of ice may appear to be stable, we would like to remind all citizens that ice conditions can vary drastically even in areas of close proximity and may pose significant risk.

York Regional Police would like to remind citizens of the following tips to ensure everyone's safety while enjoying outdoor activities near bodies of water:

• Ensure you are wearing the proper clothing and an approved personal flotation device.

• Parents are reminded to ensure their children's safety by keeping them away from fast-flowing rivers and streams.

• During outdoor activities, ensure you tell someone where you will be, where you parked your vehicle and what time you are expected back.

• Carry a cell phone with a fully-charged battery in the event of an emergency.

• Be cautious of your footing around banks of rivers and streams.

Remember no ice is ever completely safe. It is crucial that citizens take individual responsibility in evaluating the quality of ice.

### Thursday, March 2, 2017 - THE WEEKLY SENTINEL - 11 New club caters to those 40-plus, launches in King City

York Region has its own unique Music & Dance Club catering to the ever growing segment of today's population, the 40+ generation.

Diana Finch, founder of the club and long term resident of York Region, found a void in venues offering music and dancing catering to the 40+ segment of the population. In looking for a night out, she and her friends had to head to Toronto, which is expensive, time consuming and parking is always a problem she noted.

Finch created the 40+ Club to be a more upscale, local, friendly and community based, all intended to make meeting people easy and safe. And, she's making local food banks an intricate part of their evenings, by raising funds by various methods during the evening.

"Everyone feels good about helping and we're in a position together to make a difference," said Finch.

Music is the underpinning of the evenings' events, where she often uses the leading band "PLANB LIVE©" with their Old School Played Cool slogan, which says it all. "They deliver pure entertainment for our generation – R&R, Rockabilly, Country – as was enjoyed

York Region has its own unique Muc & Dance Club catering to the ever in King City.

> "Our plans are big; we're just getting this new club off the ground and learning as we go. We intend to make it everything the folks of York want. Our key mantra is fun, safe, convenient, affordable and memorable and we will deliver! We're working with various venues that meet the criteria we're promising so as the weeks go forward, more events and fun twists will be announced."

> The first event was held at Hogan's "Hunt Pub" in King City. It was a great evening for all 70 people who turned out to groove to the music, dance and eat.

> "By the end of the evening, people who came in alone, where changing tables, socializing, dancing, etc. That was exactly what we were nurturing and hoping would happen," said Finch.

> "The evening was a tremendous success, met every expectation we had and more. We were repeatedly told, finally a place to go in the north part of the city with the music and dancing we like. We know the concept is exactly what York Region wants."

> You can join the 40+ Music & Dance Club through Facebook at: Facebook. com/40plusMusicDanceClub

# Dufferin Marsh a microcosmic gem

### By Angela Rose

We all know and appreciate how special and unique the Village of Schomberg is. There are many elements that helped to create this almost-magical community and one of them is the Dufferin Marsh .

Easily accessible to all, the Dufferin Marsh, located on either side of Doctor Kay Drive and west of Cooper Drive, is a microcosmic gem that serves to remind us about the importance and fragility of our relationship to nature. With its frogs and birds and flora, a walk on the trails in the Marsh reveals the most extraordinary things that are bigger, much smaller and more wonderous than ourselves – and you don't even have to look hard to see them.

Equally extraordinary is the fact that the Dufferin Marsh, with its abundant wildlife, continues to exist at all. Despite the development in and around the Village, the dedicated efforts of a small group of like-minded people who are passionate about nature have, for over twenty-five years, fought to preserve and protect this area as habitats for wildlife and for the rest of us to enjoy.

Not only have the members of the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection (DMNC) been successful in keeping the Marsh available to all, they offer many opportunities throughout the year to come and learn and enjoy the Marsh. Just check out some of the activities: the annual Schomberg Community Skate (this year's was a perfect day to enjoy the one-foot thick ice), Earth Hour Bonfire in March, Clean-up Day in April, Frog Night Out, etc. All this and more in our own backyard!

The DMNC has a wonderful website www.dufferinmarsh.ca which includes links to all kinds of great information – you can even listen to the sounds that various frogs make to help you identify them. If you are interested in being a "Friend of the Marsh" and/or making a donation, visit www.dufferinmarsh.ca.









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# Beck wins OCAA provincial curling championship

### **By Shellee Morning**

Last week we reported that our very own Heidi Beck of the King Curling Club qualified for the Age Class Long Track Canadian Speed skating Championships (Edmonton) where she placed very respectable in her first ever appearance at the highly ranked event.

This week we are extremely proud to report that Heidi and her college curling team, The Humber Hawks, have been crowned Ontario OCAA Provincial Champions. Beck plays 2nd position for the Humber Hawks women's team capturing the title at Community First Curling Centre in Sault Ste. Marie last weekend. Twelve teams in each discipline of the men's, women's and mixed divisions started the event, all vying for top spot where the winners would then move onto the national championships.

The ladies final game was against strong contenders Niagara Knights who held the same 5-2 record heading into the gold medal game. The match went back and forth with both teams trading rocks in the first few ends. Humber collected a deuce in the 4th for the lead, and held Niagara to a single in the 5th. After multiple great shots the Hawks added 2 more for a huge 2-point lead in the 6th making it 5-3. The deuces in the 4th & 6th ends evidently made the difference as the Hawks contained the Knights to only a single point in the 7th as they headed home with hammer in the 8th.

Humber Skip Cassandra Paccanaro faced 3 Niagara stones on her last rock but was left an open draw for the chance to win. Vice Quinn Walsh called the line while Heidi and fellow sweeper Kacie Ransom brushed the rock around a couple of guards that allowed the stone to cruise towards the button and push the Knights' rock back enough for the 6-4 victory winning the women's title for the first time in Humber history. Heidi's outstanding tournament performance also earned her the OCAA All-Star First Team award for Second Position.

The Humber Hawks Collegiate made curling history by not only securing the

women's title, but the college also captured both the Men's and Mixed division championship titles and became the first school to ever win the triple gold crown sweeping all 3 disciplines! Heidi and her team will now move onto the national championships next month in Camrose, Alberta.

All of the King Curling Club's board of directors, convenors and members congratulate Heidi on this amazing accomplishment and wish her the best of luck at nationals!





### By Jake Courtepatte

It's just another day at the office for the Juvenile Schomberg Red Wings. In what has become a yearly tradition, the Juvy Wings have once again reached the OMHA finals, this time after sweeping through the Seaforth Stars in the provincial semis.

After a three-game sweep of the Norwood Hornets in the OMHA quarters, the Wings outscored the Seaforth Stars 18-4 over three games to easily book their ticket to the big dance.

They ride a nine-game winning streak heading into the final, dating back to the first game of the postseason in late January.

The finals will see the Wings meet the Port Dover Pirates, a team they know all too well that played in back-to-back CC finals in 2014-15.

Schomberg topped Port Dover 5-1 in the international Silver Stick tournament



Heidi Beck of the King Curling Club pictured (centre) with her Humber Hawks Collegiate team mates won the Women's OCAA Ontario Provincial Curling Championships last weekend in Saulte St. Marie. Beck was also named First Team All-Star for Second Position.



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final earlier this season.

The series is set to kick off later this week.

One of two Schomberg teams remaining in OMHA contention, the Minor Midget Wings have also been putting in work this off-season and are on their way to the BB finals against Pelham. They took five games to surpass the Mooretown Jr. Flags in the semis, and have totaled seven wins and three ties in the postseason.

The Novice, Peewee, and Bantam Red Wings are all battling in the York-Simcoe Hockey League playoffs.

For schedules, visit www.schombergminorhockey.com.

### Schomberg and NobleKing complete King hockey partnership process

### **By Jake Courtepatte**

It's official – King Township Minor Hockey is coming next season. A special members meeting between both the Schomberg Minor Hockey Association and NobleKing Minor Hockey Association last Monday resulted in an 82 per cent approval for the two organizations to join in a partnership, creating the King hockey program.

Kelly Harbridge, president of the SMHA, said the move is more of a partnership than a merger, as both the local programs and hometown hockey programs will remain untouched, and unique to each organization.

The new rep program, informally named King Township Minor Hockey, is now looking for the public's assistance in finding a name, logo, and team colours.

A website has already been created, and will be updated over the next few months. Players, parents, coaches and fans can visit www.kingminorhockey.com to enter the contest to help name the association, as well as decide the team colours.

The submission deadline is March 13.

Prospective coaches can also visit the website to submit their applications for the 2017-18 season, which are being accepted until March 19.

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# Tyke Knights bring home championship hardware

This weekend the NobleKing Tyke 4 team travelled to Thornbury for the 2017 Georgian Shores Tyke festival. With the 2017 season winding down, the Knights were hungry for a 1st place finish.

With an 8 a.m. start time against a sluggish Oro team, the Knights came out of the gates hot. With defenceman, Noah Feo, leading the charge with a 4-goal MVP performance and his lightening fast partner, Nikki "Crazy Legs" Serna, holding the back end, Oro didn't have a response. Not to be outdone by Matteo Rojas, Joey Carcone & Daniel Ruggieri combining for 7 assists' for a 9-3 win.

Game 2 was an arduous task, with Claire Ampleford proving, to a tenacious Barrie team, that this wasn't going to be "a walk in the park" win. NobleKing was down 1-0 for the majority of the game until MVP Teo Contardi put the team on his back and potted 3 goals in the 3rd period with the help of Lucas Maggisano's assist, for the game winner. The Nobleking Knights were just one win away from their first championship win.

In game 3, victory was the only thing this team had on its mind since their hard-fought 2nd place finish in the Innisfil tournament weeks prior.

"Dirty areas, that's where we will be scoring from," said offensive coach, Joel Corcone, who affirmed the top line of Emilia DeMelis and Bianca Di time defence partners Sebastian Iaco-



The NobleKing Tykes, through talent and determination, plowed through the competition at the Georgian Shores Tyke tournament, to bring home the championship hardware.

Submitted Photo

Giovanni. Combined, the "ponytailed power forwards" were in on 5 out of the 6 goals scored. The combination of long

### King skaters qualify for championships

The King City Skating Club are proud of our home club skaters. There placement at the 2017 Skate Canada – Central Ontario STARSkate Championships has qualified them for the 2017 Skate Ontario Championships.

The Championships are being held the weekend of March 17-19, at the Vale Centre, 550 Elizabeth St., Port Colborne.

The following King City Skaters qualified to attend the 2017 Skate Canada -Skate Ontario Championships.

Julia Ferreira, Gold Triathlon, 3rd.

Cristina Lyons, Silver Triathlon, 2nd.

Priyanka Sharma, STAR 7 Women, 1st.

Jacob Yang, Pre-Juvenile Men (U11) and STAR, 5th; 7 Men, 1st.



Shaan Tahir, STAR 6 Men, 1st. Julia Ferreira &

Shaan Tahir, Diamond Dance, 1st.

Nina Xuan & Jacob Yang, STAR 4-5 Dance, 1st.

Abigail Zaslavsky & Nolan Gulbinas, STAR 4-5 Dance, 3rd.

The following skaters also skated at the Skate Canada Central Ontario belli and Milena Tomada seemed to be id Nobleking defence, MVP Luca too taxing for a very strong Brock team.

Defensive coach. Rene Rojas reiterated: "Their keen sense of knowing can't be taught."

That being said, when a persistent Brock team penetrated the rock sol-

### A 'Sweet' Start to March Break at the Tiffin Centre

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The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority's "March Break Monday" runs March 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tour Tiffin's maple sugar bush and visit the Sugar Shack to see how maple syrup is made. Then try snowshoes and kicksleds, make a craft, see how far you can throw a snow snake, and explore the Tiffin forest with a scavenger hunt. If the warm weather continues, we'll trade the snowshoes and kick-sleds for birding, GPS and orienteering programs!

March Break Monday is an all-ages program for the whole family. Admission is \$7.50 per person in advance or \$10 at the door. Children three and under attend free of charge. To register in advance, visit www.nvca.on.ca or call 705-424-1479 by March 10. The Tiffin Centre is located at 8195 8th Line (Essa), just 10 minutes west of Barrie. It is a four-season recreation destination with more than 300 acres of forest, meadow and wetlands.



Marchese had to be called upon late to seal the 6-1 victory and championship.

The NobleKing Knights would like where each other are is something that to thank the Georgian Shores tournament director and staff for their endless efforts for organizing a great tournament.

STARSkate Championships. They did not qualify, but competed and made the club, parents and coaches proud.

Lexie McRae & Ethan Luk, STAR 2-3 Dance; Darcy Carlisle & Matteo Stellino, STAR 2-3 Dance: Elisha Suebin Ryu, Bronze Triathlon; Sofia Sciabbarasi, STAR 4 (U13) Group 5; Cayla Greco, STAR 4 (U13) Group 6 (Placed 3rd); Elika Vahidi, STAR 4 (U13) Group 6; Jordyn Venere, STAR 5 (U13); Kristen Chak, Juvenile Women (U12); Sarah Bi, STAR 6 Women; Juliana Schiavone, STAR 8 Women.

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### By Angie Maccarone 416-917-0406

### St. Paul's Church

The Youth Group takes place every Wednesday night at the church from 7-9 p.m. (unless there is a special activity planned). Come join in the fun. Check here for details, or contact our Youth Leader Taylor Scott at scottie\_tay@yahoo.ca or 289-338-2539.

Join us Sunday, March 5 at 10 a.m. As we welcome Stacey Campbell to the pulpit. Her message – "A Love That Never Fails."

A2J is a program for kids in Grades 3 to 6. It's an evening of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, self-confidence building and lots of fun. A2J meets the 2nd and 4th Friday evening of each month, through May. It's not too late to join. Contact the church office at 905-859-0843 for more information.

Child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering. Our KidzKonnectiion and NextStep programs (for children ages 4 to 11) take place at the same time. Phone the church (905-859-3976) to let

Jeff has a blog and he records his weekly messages there after worship each Sunday. Anyone interested in listening to his messages can go to www. passionatelyhis.com to hear them.

For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at www.stpaulsnobleton.ca.

### St. Mary's Chuch

Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord will be held March 25. All parishioners and families are invited to join us for a day of prayer in thanksgiving to Our Blessed Mother's Fiat, at SM Church. The Feast of the Annunciation celebrates both Our Lady's humility and her faith in God's will. Please join us for any amount of time you can spare. For more information, please contact Deacon Don or Debra, 905-235-2335.

### **Nobleton United Church** By Nancy Hopkinson

Our new minister Carol-Ann Chapman plans to be in the Nobleton church on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

Carol-Ann know that you would like to visit or that you would like to have her arrange a time to visit you.

The World Day of Prayer is tomorrow, Friday, March 3. There is a service at St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church at 2 p.m. The address is 116 Church St., in Schomberg. The local churches (Presbyterian, United, Anglican and Roman Catholic) will all be participating. The country focused on this year is the Philippines. I would encourage you to attend, as the World Day of Prayer service is always very inspiring and educational.

If you like to sing, you are invited to join our choir. Our first practice, in preparation for Easter, is on Wednesday, March 8 from 8-9 p.m. at Nobleton United. We are a joint choir with Schomberg United. If you are interested, please contact Dennis Kowal at dennis5k@hotmail.com.

Our new Youth Music program is for children 10 to 16 years old, who are interested in learning guitar or improving on his/her skills. If your child does not have a guitar, we now have a number of guitars, so everyone can have the opportunity to learn and practice on a guitar. If interested, please contact Barry Simpson at simpsonitservices@

gmail.com or phone me, Nancy, at 905-859-0761 for more info. There will be an opportunity for the students to perform at a community function after about 6 weeks of practice. Dennis Kowal, our pianist, and Barry Simpson, our Facebook creator, are offering this program.

We are having our famous Pasta Dinner with meatballs (Gino DiFebo's heritage Italian recipe) on Friday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. The meal includes salad, buns and dessert (canned fruit, ice cream and a special crispy Italian wafer cookie called pizzella). Tickets are \$20 per adult, and \$45 for a family (12 and under). For tickets call Linda Olsen at 905-859-0442. The meal is organized by Gino & Sue DiFebo and Val Ball. There is only one sitting, so call ASAP to reserve your seats. There is time to talk to your neighbours. There is also the fun of door prizes.

For more info, visit nobletonunitedchurch.com, our Facebook page, or call 905-859-3976. The Nobleton United Church office is normally open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

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#### **Nobleton Lions**

The Nobleton Lions have a very busy spring planned.

The Lions Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides is planned for Sunday, May 28. This walk helps provide funding for six different specialty streams including Canine Vision Dogs, Hearing Ear Dogs, and Service Dogs to help challenged Canadians overcome a variety of impairments. Check out www.purinawalkfordogguides.com for much more information.

After that comes the Nobleton Lions Annual Fund Raiser on June 4. This year the event is a Charity Golf Tournament to be held close to home at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course. This is the major fundraiser for the Lions Club, with proceeds planned to go to numerous organizations in and around town. Golfers and hole sponsors are invited to call Jim Kassam at KARS on King Rd. west of Hwy. 27 at 859-5277.

Watch this space for further details as the events get closer, and why not check out our website at www.nobletonlions.com

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Your support is greatly appreciated by the Lions and those who we support, in keeping with our motto, "We Serve."

The Lions Club is seeking new members at this time. If you are interested in helping your community become a better place to live while having lots of fun, call Bob Phillips at 416-522-9675.

### St. Alban's Anglican Parish By John Arnott

In the summer of 1673 at the place called Cataraqui where Lake Ontario meets the St. Lawrence River, Louis de Buade, Count Frontenac, the most famous governor of New France (Queit was bec) met with the Iroquois or Haudenosaunee (People of the Longhouse) as they called themselves to discuss peace and trade. Shortly afterwards he ordered a stone fort be built on the site to replace wooden complex erected for the historic meeting. Robert de La Salle, the future explorer of the Mississippi region, was given charge of its construction. The fort was built of local limestone, and originally called Fort Cataraqui but renamed by La Salle to honour Frontenac.

A 17th century report documenting the fort's progress tells that it contained a chapel for the use of soldiers and builders. This same document tells that La Salle had land outside the fort cleared for farming and a settlement which included a small church built for the Recollet priest who ministered to the settlers' religious needs.

A few years later because of the very cruel treatment of a number of friendly Haudenosaunee, including women and children ordered by a new arrogant and treacherous governor, these First Nations people lay siege to the fort and settlement In 1688 the Cataraqui settlement was completely destroyed with no trace remaining. Although the fort held it was demolished and abandoned by the French a year later. But reclaimed and rebuilt in 1695 only to fall to the British in 1758. Now very little of it remains and today the historic city of Kingston stands close to the site.

What then is the oldest surviving church in Ontario? Ironically, notes the St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton, it is the Haudenosaunee, Chapel of the Mohawks built in Brantford in 1785

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For further details, please contact the Paskke String Quartet directly at paskke.stringquartet@gmail.com or visit http://www.paskke.com/index.html



# King's Corners

### **King City United By Earle Laycock**

Thanks to Rick McKinley for leading us in worship Sunday as Rev. Evelyn McLachlan was away on study leave.

The main scripture was Matthew 17:1-9 where Jesus goes up on a mountain to pray with three of his disciples: Peter, James and John and to experience a dramatic life experience. Have you had a mountaintop experience moment in your faith, when everything seems crystal clear? What has that meant to you?

Do you enjoy good food and some light entertainment? Join us for a delicious St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Friday, March 17 at 6 p.m. Tickets are only \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. The dinner consists of Irish Stew, soda breads and dessert. Music is provided by the Old Tyme Connection. Call the church office at 905-833-5181 for more information and to reserve your tickets. Some tickets will be available at the door.

An Ash Wednesday worship was shared with All Saints Anglican Church March 1 at All Saints. This was a powerful way to begin the season of Lent as we take time to mark and remind ourselves who we are and whose we are.

This year King City United is hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 3 at 1:30 p.m. The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement started by women in 1887 as a way of focusing prayer for missions. This year's focus country is the Philippines. The free will offering goes to the Fellowship of the Least Coin which is a pretty amazing movement. This worship is NOT

only for women but for everyone and all are welcome.

During the season of Lent, King City United will be holding a supper and discussion about two movies. The first movie is going to be at the theatres beginning March 3 and is titled "The Shack." The book is by William P. Young and was out in 2007. It caused quite a stir. The basic premise is a man named Mack is dealing with the death of his young daughter. In his grief he meets God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit who help him through his grief and he is able to find life again. You are invited to go to the cinema on your own and watch the movie and then on Tuesday, March 21 meet at the church at 6 p.m. for a pot luck supper and to discuss the movie.

Then on Tuesday, April 11 come to the church at 6 p.m. for supper (provided for you) and watch the movie "Chocolat" which was in movie theatres in 2000 and has been on TV. It's about 2 hours long.

Tea & Talk continues every Friday morning at 10 a.m. at Sunset Grill in King City. There's always lots to talk about! Join us for some discussion and delicious breakfast.

King City United is located at 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City. Join us for worship every Sunday at 10 a.m. There is Sunday school for the young folks. For more information, call our office administrator Kristen at 905-833-5181 or visit our website at www.kcuc.ca

### **Historical Society's AGM**

Sunday, March 5, from noon to 4 p.m. is the 2017 AGM for the King Township Historical Society. It will be held at 30 Fisher St., King City and includes a potluck lunch, AGM and guest speaker Mi-

chael Redhill, author of Consolation, a novel that features historic and present day Toronto and its architecture.

### **King Bible Church**

We welcome you to join us for Worship Service on March 5! We are excited to have our own Nick Man be the special speaker for the morning. We will also be celebrating Communion.

Please take advantage of our excellent children's ministry. Our Sunday morning "Celebration Zone" provides age-appropriate programs for children aged 4 to Grade 8. Our children's program is staffed by screened volunteers who care about your kids! The children in Grades 1-8 will join their parents for the beginning of the service until they are invited to go downstairs. The children in kindergarten can go directly to their class at the start of the service.

If you have children aged 0-3 then we invite you to bring them to our beautiful and safe nursery facilities which are located on the lower level.

We are excited to start our new year of Seniors Ministry with a very special musical presentation on Tuesday, March 14 at 1 p.m. We will begin with a social time and refreshments then move into the sanctuary for a special musical presentation by the Graham Sisters. As teenagers the Graham Sisters started performing together in local churches and then throughout southern Ontario. In the 1980s, they sang at church services, conferences and banquets. They were part of the Canadian Gospel Music Association.

### St. Andrew's **By Kathy Patterson**

St. Andrew's invites you to worship

with us during Lent.

Communion will be celebrated this Sunday, March 5 with the Rev. Dr. John Vissers presiding and leading us in worship. Pastor John Mills will be with us the following Sundays leading up to Easter.

Last Sunday the sermon was "Don't be a Faith Flexitarian!"

He explained that it's "something like a vegetarian eating meat when it suits the person." Ezra, the priest had to tell the Israelites that they were allowing their faith to become watered down to whatever suited them, instead of truly following God and honouring Him. God disciplines those He loves like a father, wanting the best for His children. Our we paying attention?

Our Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school running concurrently. Join us afterwards for coffee and a chance to chat and meet new friends.

The Ladies' Tuesday morning Prayer Time continues at 9 a.m. for an hour. All are welcome to pray, give thanks, or just listen and be still before the Lord. God is with us as He promised, hearing and answering our prayers, offering comfort, hope, and direction. Do you have prayer requests or thanksgivings you would like to share? Let us know.

Coffee and Conversation resumes this Thursday with Lynn Vissers in the office at 10 a.m. and Soup and Conversation in the evening at 6 p.m.

The World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 3 and will be hosted by the King City United Church this Year. at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Youth Group meets the first and third Fridays of the month at 7 p.m. Contact Lynn Vissers for further information.

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# **Dryer Vent Wizard awards grants to King Fire**

For the third consecutive year, Dryer Vent Wizard (DVW) has awarded grants to fire prevention programs throughout North America. King Fire and Emergency Services will receive a grant this year.

The program initiated in 2014 helps to raise public awareness about prevention of dryer fires, estimated to be more than 15,500 each year in the U.S. alone.

Dryer Vent Wizard specializes in dryer vent repair, replacement, cleaning and maintenance of dryers for residential and commercial use. DVW franchisees were invited to nominate fire departments that conduct outstanding fire prevention education programs in their communities.

"We are proud to support local fire departments and districts that do such an outstanding job of educating the public about fire safety," said Terry Reuer, CEO of Dryer Vent Wizard. "Many have limited resources, and these grants help fund a variety of much needed programs and services in their

communities.

In Canada, grants were awarded to the Qualicum Beach Fire Department in Qualicum Beach, B.C.; King Fire and Emergency Services in King City, and Kitchener Fire Department in Kitchener, Ontario.

The King Fire Department shared that the funds will help purchase a 9-1-1 simulator for use at their annual Junior Firefighter camp and when working with seniors, assisted living residences and others with special needs.

Founded in 2004 and headquartered in Farmington Hills, Mich., Dryer Vent Wizard is a member of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). DVW franchisees service more than 9,000 communities of all sizes throughout the U.S. and Canada and helps raise public awareness about the importance of dryer vent cleaning to prevent dryer fires and save energy. For more information or to schedule an appointment, visit www.DryerVentWizard.com or call 866-395-SAFE (7233) in Canada.



Fire Chief James Wall of King Fire and Emergency Services, accepts the DVW grant from franchisee Tyler Johnson (center) and DVW technician Leighton Johnson of Dryer Vent Wizard of York.

# King's Corners

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The Annual Congregational Meeting is Monday, March 6 at 7:30 p.m. Should you have pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers, Director of Congregational Ministries. Our church office number is 905-833-2325, located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. There is a ramp available for accessibility. www.standrews-kingcity.ca

### **All Saints Anglican Church** By Diana Armitage

Potluck and Holy Land Pilgrimage Presentation, this Sunday, March 5, following the 10:30 a.m. service.

Elizabeth will offer an informal presentation about her pilgrimage and Journey of Justice in Israel and Palestine. She will show some of her best photographs, speak about her experiences and share in an open discussion afterwards. There will be a potluck lunch so if it is possible please bring some food to share. All are welcome!

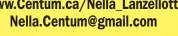
2017 marks the 160th anniversary for All Saints Church in King City. Throughout the year there will be special services and events.

Please note: Archbishop Colin Johnson will be joining us on Sunday, March 26 at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Thank you to everyone who attended or helped cook at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner this week! Vivian Ashwanden did an outstanding job of organizing the dinner.



















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