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### **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

### **COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Monday, November 2 6:00 pm – Special Council Public Planning Meeting Virtual meeting – see complete notices below.

Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments Location: 204 Dew Street, King City, ON Owner: Yellow Horizon Homes Ltd. Agent: Weston Consulting File Numbers: OP-2018-02 and Z-2018-06

Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment Location: 13724 Highway 27, Nobleton, ON Owner: Nobleton York Holdings Inc. File Numbers: 19T-19K04 and Z-2019-11

**General Zoning By-law Amendment** Cannabis Production Facilities Location: All lands within the Township of King Applicant: Township Initiated File Number: Z-2020-07

Monday, November 16 6:00 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole Virtual meeting

Virtual meetings live streamed at <u>http://meeting.king.ca</u>

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents

### **BID NOTICES**

For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King's website <u>www.king.ca</u>, click Popular Topics and click BID OPPORTUNITIES. Or visit on the following link <u>https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en</u>

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

• By-law Enforcement Officer, Level 1 – closes Nov. 13 at 4:30 pm • IT Business Systems Analyst – closes Nov. 13 at 4:30 pm

Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

### **PUBLIC NOTICES**



Due to the constantly changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects, this information may not be current. Please visit covid19.king.ca for the most up-to-date information.

With guidance from York Region Public Health and in an abundance of caution for both residents and staff around the COVID-19 pandemic, King Township is responding with the following changes in operations:

• King Township Public Library remains closed but is offering curbside pickup service. Visit\_ www.kinglibrary.ca for more information.

The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. is closed to the public until the end of 2020.
All essential services will continue, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection and roads and sidewalk maintenance.

• Some non-essential services may be impacted. For a list of all services please visit <u>www.king.ca</u>.

Citizens can still do business with King on our website at <u>www.king.ca</u>, by phone at 905-833-5321 or by email at <u>serviceking@king.ca</u>.

### New curbside pickup locations available for tag and bin orders at all King Township Public Library branches!\*

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- (i.e. couch)

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### REMINDERS

### **Nobleton sewer works**



King Township is about to start the third contract of the second phase of providing infrastructure for residents to connect to the municipal sewer system in Nobleton.

Phase 2, Contract 3 sanitary sewer and concurrent works in Nobleton will take place in and around the following roadways: Sheardown Drive, Dobson Court, Cain Court, Hazel-

bury Drive, Chamberlain Court, Russell Snider Drive, Witherspoon Way, Mactaggart Drive, Holden Drive, Robb Drive and McCutcheon Avenue affecting approximately 200 homes.

Weather permitting, work is scheduled to start later this month and is expected to take about 27 months to complete.

King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini said the project is another example of King's commitment to not only maintaining but improving its municipal infrastructure system.

Residents who have any questions about the project can visit <u>http://majorprojects.king.ca/</u> or contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or <u>serviceking@king.ca</u>.

### **Municipal water flushing**

#### Ansnorveldt, King City, Schomberg and Nobleton

In the spring and fall the Public Works Department flushes all water mains and hydrants. As a result, residents over the course of the next few weeks may experience low pressure and/or discoloration. This process contributes to the safe, effective delivery of municipal water and <u>does not</u> affect the quality of your water in any way. Should you require further information please contact Public Works Department at 905-833-5321.

### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

### NOTICE

### VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS 2020 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Community Grants Program (previously advertised in the spring) was postponed in recognition that most not-for-profit organizations were pre-occupied with reacting/responding to the challenges that all were facing during this difficult time.

The Township of King, in an effort to award much needed community grant assistance in 2020, is now re-advertising for the 2020 Community Grants Program. This program is available to not-for-profit community organizations, which provide or develop recreational, cultural or social opportunities within the Township of King. Applications will be received until **Friday, November 20, 2020**.

Please NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Province's gathering restrictions, grant applications will not be considered for funding any 2020 events such as fairs, fireworks displays, parades, etc.

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township website at <u>https://bit.ly/kinggrants</u>, or please <u>contact clerks@king.ca</u>.

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

### LATEST UPDATES

#### King now offering limited in-person services

King Township has re-opened some facilities and is now offering in-person services, subject to demand and in conjunction with current public health protocols.

Each Wednesday, limited in-person services are available by appointment only at the King Township Heritage and Cultural Centre at 2920 King Road, King City. Only commissioning services (i.e. foreign pension forms, statutory declarations, affidavits) and the issuance of marriage licenses are available. Enhanced curbside pickup of Garbage Bag Tags and Blue/Green Bins is offered at King Township Public Library branches through its curbside pickup program. Please see the notice above.

The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. will remain closed for the remainder of the year.

#### **COVID-19** information

The risk to York Region residents of acquiring the virus in the community remains low.

Visit <u>york.ca/covid19</u> for more information or call Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653. You may also contact Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 for medical advice. Telehealth Ontario is a free confidential service you can call to receive health advice or information. A registered nurse will take your call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



### **Lest We Forget**

Remembrance Day Services in King & Surrounding Areas

#### Kettleby Service

### Sunday, November 8th, 2020

Kettleby Cenotaph Located in the Cemetery

Observation of the day at 11:00 am

(no formal ceremony)

You may pay your respects by driving or walking by at some point in the day!

Schomberg Service

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 Trisan Centre 10:40 am to 11:15 am

(by invitation only)

The Township of King will be live streaming the event and posting on www.king.ca

For further information contact Schomberg Lions Club schomberglions@gmail.com

#### Aurora Service

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 Aurora Cenotaph

> 10:45 am (by invitation only)

Service will be live streamed on the Town of Aurora's Facebook page and YouTube channel as well as the Aurora Legion Facebook page

All Canadians should proudly pause on Remembrance Day to express a heartfelt thanks to the veterans of our land who sacrificed their lives.

Mayor & Council of the Township of King



### MPP Lecce announces new school in Vaughan

The Ontario government is investing \$550 million in accelerated funding to build 20 new schools and make upgrades to 8 existing facilities.

As part of its plan for a safe return to school, the Ontario government is supporting the Capital Priority request from the York Region District School Board with approval for a new Kleinburg Nashville Elementary School.

For families in Vaughan, this investment will mean an improved, quality learning environment and new child care rooms. This new school is part of the province's 2020-2021 Capital Priorities Program to support students with better and more modern learning spaces.

"I want to thank the parents within our community for their advocacy and partnership," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan and Minister of Education. "It is clear that with increasing population growth and students having to bus great lengths each day, this community deserves its own dedicated modern school."

It is critical that Ontario continues to invest in safe and modern schools that meet the needs of students, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ontario government is also generating nearly 900 new licensed child care spaces across the province.

"Our government firmly believes that your children deserve to learn in state of the art, modern, technologically connected and accessible schools," said Minister Lecce. "By investing in the new Kleinburg Nashville Elementary School with over 600 student spaces and childcare, we are ensuring that children can access quality education in a state-of-the-art learning facility right in the heart of our growing community."

Highlights of the new school include:

• 638 new elementary student spaces.

• 39 new licensed child care spaces.

• 2 child care rooms

The new Kleinburg Nashville Elementary School will be located will be located at the intersection of Baron St. and Algoma Dr., Vaughan.



The Ontario Government is working with school board partners to invest in capital projects that advance safe and accessible learning opportunities for students.

The Ontario Government announced in Budget 2019 that over the next ten years, Ontario is investing over \$12 billion in capital grants, including allocating \$550M in 2020-2021 this year alone for new schools, additions and major renovations.

This massive investment will build new schools and help existing schools after a decade of closures and maintenance backlog.

Ontario is also providing school boards with a historic \$1.4 billion in funding to renew and maintain existing schools.

This funding could be used to replace aging heating or air conditioning systems, repair roofs and windows, and install important accessibility features like elevators and ramps.



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### The Holiday Feast: A History of **Special Foods** with Lianne Harris WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 | 2:30 PM

Join Lianne Harris as she looks at the symbolic foods around the holiday times: Passover, Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We ask: what are these holidays, why do we eat certain foods, and why is it special that we are to celebrate them? Make your favourite holiday drink and put on your fanciest holiday outfit while we go through each holiday in depth! Call to RSVP.



### **Holiday Wreath-Making Event** WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 | 2:30 PM

There is always something about the scent of cinnamon and fresh pine that makes everyone feel so cozy during the holiday season. It's the most wonderful time of the year! Traditions are what make this season so special, as are the memories we make. Please join Disiree and Brooke online for this fun holiday event. We will provide the supplies as we make our own holiday wreath. Call 905-770-4704 to RSVP.

# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

"A newspaper is the center of a community, it's one of the tent poles of the community, and that's not going to be replaced by websites and blogs."

### ~ Michael Connelly

### Majority worry that our lives have changed forever

I've been told to lighten up recently, after a couple of rather gloomy columns, exploring some dark subjects.

Hey folks, I'd love to, if only the world allowed it.

And yet, my fellow human rowers, on this massive slave galley ship, we're still working up a sweat.

Recent reports indicate that fear, dread and worry are among the top emotions and concerns in seven out of 10 Canadians! That's 70 per cent, folks. Many are also suffering from "pandemic fatigue."

Fear of the unknown, health challenges, and the idea that things have changed forever, weigh heavily on our minds.

The "Money, Fear and Stigma" poll by Licenced Insolvency Trustees, Bromwich+Smith, uncovered what consumers dread as it pertains to the pandemic. It asked people to apply a lens of what they "have learned in the past six months and the uncertainty moving for- around uncertain health and economic ward" to address a number of possibilities.

Seven-in-10 Canadians fear "the notion that things have changed forever," a number that is much higher for women (76%) than men (63%). In fact, overall women were much less optimistic than night and it's hard to find a solution to men in the poll. Meanwhile younger Canadians (18-34) were more likely to have dread on a number of issues, topping lockdown has lessened stigma around this question among all age categories money and mental health, the poll at 76 per cent.

area that caused nearly two-thirds of respondents to worry as Canada enters much more likely to feel this state of fear than men (54%). Younger Canadians (74%) were again more likely to be 55+ (56%). Rounding out the list of fears notation. Here were the findings. was loss of my job (30%) and collapse of my small business (17%).



### **Mark Pavilons**

prospects, is a major cause of stress and anxiety," said Shawn Stack, vice-president of Insolvency Practice, Bromwich+Smith. "We are living in unprecedented times. The trepidation people ease the thoughts."

Looking into whether the pandemic asked if people have become more Fear of the unknown was next, an open-minded on a number of items, especially based on their own struggles. Three out of four Canadians (75%) are this next chapter. Women (72%) were feeling less judgmental about those who struggle with money, debt or insolvency.

Finally, the poll doubled down on stigfearful about the looming uncertainty ma, asking which things people felt carthan those aged 35-54 (62%) and aged ried the largest stigma or negative con-

Mental illness led the way as 74 per cent of respondents felt it still carried "Fear and ambiguity, especially the largest stigma. This was followed

vency at 66 per cent, unemployment at ing health and safety protocols; low en-62 per cent, business failure (46%) and gagement and productivity; irritability, finally divorce (40%).

"This survey is designed to create a concentrating on work. benchmark of attitudes around stigways known - debt carries a very large tions. stigma with Canadians, something we de-stigmatization and openness over the reason to remain on guard. decades. Debt needs to follow a similar path."

advisory team at Peninsula Canada, occurs when people get tired of adhering to pandemic restrictions and are desensitized to new public health guidelines and messaging. In the workplace, this house, but I've been getting more forgetmight mean that employees are less ful lately, too. careful about distancing, wearing personal protective equipment and keeping fortunes. I stumbled cutting the grass up with hygiene and sanitizing procedures.

their personal lives.

We've seen the rallies, both here and our heads in disbelief, saying these people are irresponsible and their actions clouds? will make others sick.

Pandemic fatigue manifests itself pose we will see.

by poverty at 68 per cent, debt or insol- through decreased diligence in followlow morale and anxiety and difficulty

I'm sure many of us have one or more ma, money, fear and debt," said Stack. of these symptoms. I'm still diligent "These numbers show what we've al- when it comes to taking health precau-

Recently, I heard that a virus like see often with our clients. Mental health COVID-19 can live on surfaces longer has gone through a gradual process of than previously believed. All the more

I'd like to add "down in the dumps" to the list of pandemic-related symptoms. Pandemic fatigue, according to the Maybe it's the weather, too, but I've been a bit gloomy lately and lack that typical "umph." There are days I simply don't want to get out of bed.

Maybe it's the air circulating in our

I've also had a couple of painful misabout a month ago, twisting my ankle. It's still not 100%. I have trigger finger Some people grow more relaxed with in my left pinky, and it locks tight on a following health and safety rules in regular basis. I developed a tooth ache, the first in years.

I need out. I need an escape. Can are feeling is real. It keeps them up at abroad, from anti-mask types. We shake someone please give me a jagged little pill, or something to clear the storm

Have things changed forever? I sup-



Editorial National lottery may help pay the bills

We are all keenly aware that all levels of government have spent hundreds of millions of dollars on COVID-19 relief measures.

From local councils to the PMO, printing presses have been working overtime, spitting out a multitude of cheques.

There's no question that our national debt will hit an all-time high, with provincial and even municipal coffers similarly impacted.

It may take years to pay off this debt.

And there are very few sources from which to draw the needed cash. The well is dry.

However, there may be some ingenious new ways of raising cash.

How about a national/provincial lottery, similar to those supporting hospitals? Residents can willingly purchase tickets for \$100, with a chance of winning some amazing prizes.

Just think, if 5 million people buy \$100 tickets, that's \$500 million to put back into government vaults. That's a heck of a contribution. It's voluntary, and only those who can afford it would pitch in.

We are living in unusual and unprecedented times.

Results from last week's poll:

Do you see things getting worse

before they get better?

That may very well call for unusual and unprecedented ways of raising money.

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Something to think about.

a) Yes

b) No

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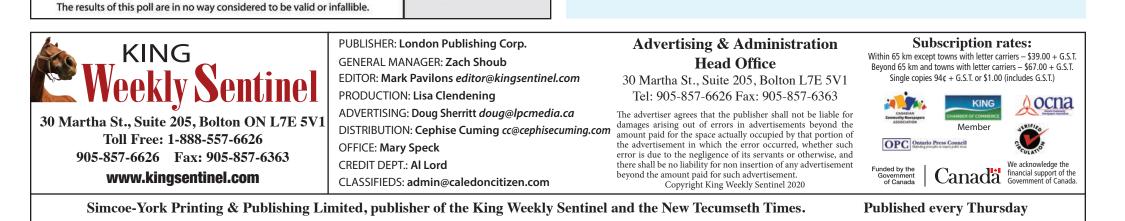
### Quote of the Week

"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world."

— John Muir

### **Trivia** Tidbits

The first vending machines dispended holy water in 100 AD. By the 1880s, they dispensed postcards.



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### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

### NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING **SECTION 51(37) OF THE PLANNING ACT**

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On the 21st day of September, 2020 the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King approved an application for Phase 2 of a Draft Plan of Subdivision under Section 51 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, the following application:

The Draft Plan of Subdivision application under File No. 19T-12K01 concerns lands legally described as Part of Lot 6, Concession 9, Village of Nobleton, Township of King, as shown on the attached map. The overall area which the subject application consists of is north of King Road and west of Highway 27. The applicant for the subject lands is Fandor Homes. The subject lands are subject to site-specific Zoning By-laws 2017-08 and 2017-09 (File No. Z-2012-01).

#### Brief Explanation of Effect, if any, of Written and Oral Submissions on the Decision

All submissions were considered as part of the decision making process. Public, Staff and Agency submissions were considered and where applicable, are reflected in the Conditions of Approval and/or draft plans and Zoning By-law. Public consultation on the Draft Plan of Subdivision took place in the form of a public open house on June 14, 2012 and a formal statutory Public Meeting under the Planning Act on November 12, 20212. All comments received were considered in Municipal Planning staff reports and were made available to the public. Prior to the 2nd Phase of the Draft Plan of Subdivision being recommended for Draft Plan Approval on September 21, 2020 notice was also provided to all interested parties. The comments were identified, discussed, and where appropriate, addressed in the conditions of draft plan of approval and draft plans, which were presented at Council on September 21st, 2020.

#### When and How to File an Appeal

Any appeal of the decision of Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal is made by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King, no later than 20 days from the date of this notice, a notice of appeal including the reasons for the appeal, together with separate cheques in the amount of \$1,100.00 per appeal (certified cheque or money order only), payable to the Minister of Finance to cover the prescribed Local Planning Appeal Tribunal fee, and a cheque for \$225.50 representing the Clerks Division administrative processing fee, payable to the Township of King. The last day for filing an appeal is November 12th, 2020. Should this date fall on a holiday or weekend, you will have until 4:30 p.m. of the next business day to file your appeal. If you wish to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, a copy of the appeal form is available from the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal website at www.olt.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/ forms or from the Clerk of the Township of King, by emailing clerks@king.ca. Please note the Tribunal will only accept filing fee payments by certified cheque or money order.

#### Who Can File an Appeal

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of King with respect of the proposed Plans of Subdivision, to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal of the decision of the Council of the Township of King, including the lapsing provisions or the conditions, unless the person or public body, before the decision of the Council of the Township of King, made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King, or made a written request to be notified of changes to the conditions or, in the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to add the corporation or public body as a party.

#### Right of Applicant or Public Body to Appeal Conditions of Draft Plan of Subdivision

The applicant, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, or any public body that has made oral submissions at the public meeting or made written submissions to the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King before the proposed Draft Plans of Subdivisions were approved may, at any time before the approval of the Final Plan of Subdivision, appeal any of the conditions imposed by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal by filing a notice of appeal with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Kina.

#### How to Receive Notice of Changed Conditions

The conditions of an approval of Draft Plans of Subdivision may be changed at any time before the final approval is given. You are entitled to receive notice of any changes to the conditions of approval of the proposed Draft Plans of Subdivision if you have made a written request to be notified of changes to the conditions of approval of the Proposed Plans of Subdivision.

#### Notice Requirements For Landlords & Condominium Corporations

In accordance with Ontario Regulation 197/96 if you own a building that contains more than 7 (seven) residential units, you must post this public notice in a location that is visible to all residents within your building. In accordance with the Condominium Act, a corporation that is served with a notice under the Planning Act shall notify all persons whose names are in the record of the corporation maintained under subsection 47 (2) and shall make a copy of the notice available for examination.

A copy of the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King and the conditions of approval

of the Draft Plan of Subdivision are available by contacting the Planning Division at 905-833-5321

### **NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

2021 MISCELLANEOUS FEES & CHARGES and BY-LAW, 2021 WATER & WASTEWATER RATES and BY-LAW, DRAFT 2021-2022 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN

As the Municipal Centre is now closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these will be electronic meetings held remotely and live streamed via http://meeting.king.ca

RE: Presentation of 2021 Miscellaneous Fees & Charges: Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, January 11, 2021)

The Township of King 2021 Miscellaneous Fees & Charges will be presented at the December 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the January 11, 2021 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment.

#### RE: Council Working Session: Monday, January 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Presentation of 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King's preliminary assumptions, feedback received to date, context and strategic directions relating to the Draft 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plans will be discussed at a Working Session on Monday, January 25, 2021. Interested parties are invited to attend to listen in on discussions relating to the DRAFT 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plans.

#### RE: Presentation of 2021 Water & Wastewater Rates: Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. (Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, February 22, 2021)

The Township of King 2021 Water and Wastewater Rates Report will be presented at the February 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the Monday, February 22, 2021 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment.

#### Council Meeting: Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. RE:

Draft - 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan (Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, February 22, 2021) The Township of King's Draft 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the February 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road, King City or on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, February 4, 2021.

#### RE: Council Meeting: Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Consideration of By-law for Adoption: 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King adoption of the 2021 Operating Budget & Business Plan and 2021-2022 Amended Capital Budgets, will be tabled at the February 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road, King City or on the Township website at <u>www.king.ca</u> as of Thursday, February 18, 2021.

For further information regarding the 2021-2022 Budget & Business Plan, please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance and Treasurer, ptollett@king.ca Telephone: 905-833-5321 Fax: 905-833-2300

Kathryn Moyle

Director of Corporate Services Township Clerk

### **NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

DRAFT 2020 DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BACKGROUND STUDY AND DRAFT BY-LAW (Electronic Meeting pursuant to section 238 (3.1) (3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

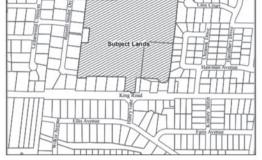
As the Municipal Centre is now ctlosed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these will be electronic meetings held remotely and live streamed via http://meeting.king.ca

In accordance with the Development Charges Act, 1997, Council of the Township of King is holding the following meetings:

RE: Council/Committee of the Whole Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Receive Draft 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law

The Township of King Council/Committee of the Whole will receive the Draft 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law, at the November 16, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The received Draft 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law will immediately be referred to the November 30th meeting of Council/Committee of Whole for formal presentation. Information will be available for review on the Township website at <u>www.king.ca</u> as of Thursday, November 12, 2020.

RE: Council/Committee of the Whole Meeting: Monday, November 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Presentation of Draft 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law



ext. 1004 DATED at the Township of King this 23rd day of October, 2020.

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Deadline: November 20, 2020 1630 hrs

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The Township of King Council/Committee of the Whole Meeting will be held on November 30, 2020 where a presentation will be provided to inform Council and the public on the Draft 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law. This presentation will be provided by the Township's consultant, Gary Scandlan, Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. Interested parties are invited to attend (virtually) to ask questions and/or submit comment. Information (Draft Study/By-law and staff reports) will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, November 12th as well as November 26th, 2020.

RE: Council/Committee of the Whole Meeting: Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Final 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law presented for Adoption

The Township of King Council/Committee of the Whole will consider the Final 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law, at the January 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Council will consider adoption of the By-law at this meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend (virtually) to ask questions and/ or submit comment. Information will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 7th, 2021.

#### **Public Comment**

To comment in writing, please send written comments to the Clerk's Office at clerks@king.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Written comments will be circulated to Members of Council prior to the start of the Meeting and will become part of the formal record of the meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak to Council virtually (Audio-telephone in) must register by contacting the Clerks Department at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. When your registration is received, a confirmation message and instructions for participating in the virtual meeting will be provided.

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For further information regarding the Draft 2020 Development Charges update process, please visit the Township of King website at: www.king.ca or contact: Dan Elliott, Interim Manager of Revenue, delliott@king.ca or by telephone at 905-833-4571.

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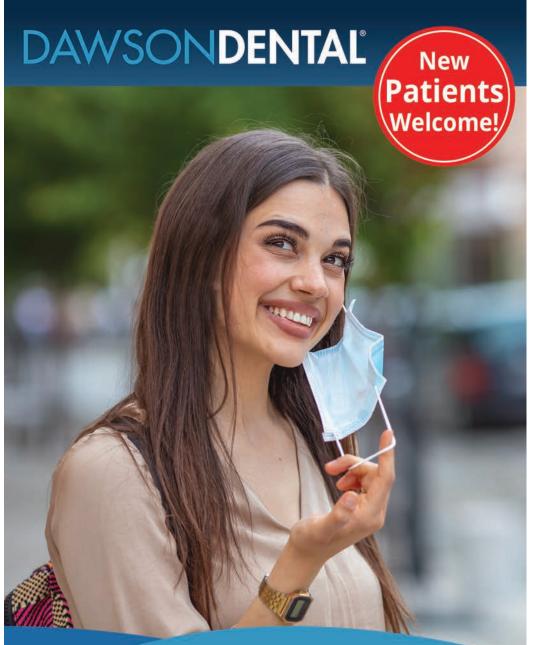
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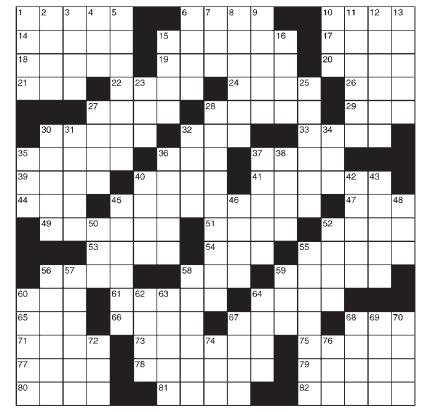




### Support for annual walk for dog guides

Again this year the Nobleton Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides was a financial success with \$6,685 raised to fund the training of Dog Guides by the Lions

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### Budget priorities are health, economy

The Ontario government will release its 2020 Budget on Thursday, Nov. 5. It will focus on protecting the health and safety of the people during the COVID-19 pandemic, providing much-needed supports to families, workers, and employers, and laying the foundation for future growth, renewal and economic recovery.

Details were provided today by Premier Doug Ford, Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, and Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Monday afternoon.

"To start us down the road to recovery, we need a healthy workforce. That's why we have put the health and safety of every Ontarian first during this pandemic," said Premier Ford. "Getting people back to work, creating more jobs and attracting investment are also important priorities for our government. The upcoming Budget will strike a balance that will focus on continuing to protect everyone's health and safety, while creating the right conditions for our economic recovery."

The Budget will build on Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19, which was updated this summer to make available a projected \$30 billion in response to the global pandemic.

"The next phase of Ontario's Action Plan will make available every necessary resource to continue to protect people's health during the second wave of COVID-19 and beyond," said Minister Phillips. "It will also expand the support our government has provided to those still facing financial hardship due to the pandemic, including families, workers, vulnerable people, seniors and employers."

Since releasing Ontario's Action Plan in March, Ontario businesses, families, and workers have benefited from initiatives put forward by the government:

• Providing relief to over 63,000 small business tenants through the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program (CECRA).

• More than 19,000 emergency supplies leads have been converted into more than \$880 million in purchases of critical supplies and equipment to support staff on the front lines, including 148 million masks, 439 million gloves, and 29 million gowns through the Ontario Together portal.

• Providing \$75 million for 194,000 seniors by doubling the Guaranteed Annual Income System (GAINS) payment from April to September 2020.

• Building domestic capacity to manufacture 10,000 ventilators through an innovative partnership between O-Two Medical Technologies and Linamar and producing 50 million N95 masks annually beginning in early 2021 through a joint federal-provincial investment in a new 3M facility in

# Local business to benefit from new federal COVID support

By Deb Schulte MP for King-Vaughan Canada's Minister of Seniors

The federal government will soon be introducing legislation to launch new supports for businesses and organizations that have been hard-hit by the pandemic. The supports will help these pillars of our community survive through the second wave so they can continue to provide the jobs and services that make our region so dynamic.

The proposed Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy will cover 65% of the cost of qualifying businesses and charities' rent or mortgage interest. It responds to feedback I received from Vaughan and King business owners about our former rent assistance program by allowing tenants to directly access the program without landlord involvement. The new rent assistance will be available until June 2021.

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"The Budget I will be introducing on Thursday, Nov. 5 will provide a three-year outlook that will build on our government's \$30 billion response to COVID-19," added Minister Phillips. "We will get back on the traditional budget calendar with another multi-year update by the end of March 2021 that will outline a plan to return Ontario to a fiscally sustainable path."

Throughout 2020, the Ministry of Finance has heard from over 8,000 individuals, organizations and businesses as part of numerous consultations, including the Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee's consultations and the 2020 Budget consultations.

To increase transparency given the ongoing uncertainty in the global economy, the government's Budget will include multiple economic scenarios for Ontario's economy and finances.

On Oct. 13, the government released Ontario's Second Quarter Economic Accounts, a report that details the province's economic performance from April to June 2020.

The 2020-21 First Quarter Finances report released in August provided information about Ontario's 2020-21 fiscal and economic outlook as of June 30, 2020.



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temporarily due to mandatory public health rules, the subsidy will cover up to 90% of those costs.

The legislation will extend the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy until next June to help keep employees on the payroll. And it will freeze the current subsidy rate of 65% of eligible wages until Dec. 19.

Finally, our legislation will expand the Canada Emergency Business Account, which will enable businesses who have already qualified for a loan to access an additional \$20,000 loan. Of this additional financing, up to half would be forgivable if repaid by Dec. 31.

These benefits will fill gaps in the system and provide Canadians and businesses with the support they need when they need it most.

This is not only the smart thing to do economically, it is the right thing to do.

There are signs that our government's support has already helped steer the economy in the right direction. The unemployment rate continues to fall and last month, 378,000 jobs were created, meaning over 2.2 million Canadians have retuned to work since the pandemic began.

Our government will continue to be there for Canadians in King-Vaughan and across the country as we weather the challenges of the pandemic.

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### Cousin's Market holds a grand official opening

By Robert Belardi

It took a while for the grand opening to come into fruition. But it wouldn't be a grand opening without Tony Monaco from Z103.5, MPP Stephen Lecce, King Township's Mayor Steve Pellegrini - and a massive cake from Sweet Boutique – to officially introduce Cousin's Market into Nobleton this past weekend

Begun in 1978 by Pasquale Battaglia and his cousins in Port Credit, Mississauga, Battaglia built a reputation of a market that supports local through and through.

Now, the business has been left to his three sons Anthony, Mark and Agostino. Pasquale passed down his legacy to his three boys who simply have nothing less than a passion for servicing the community.

"We're extremely pleased. The Nobleton community has accepted us with open arms. We're here for them. We had a vision to come out this way and the plans we placed have come into fruition now. We're very content on how the store came out and the offerings we have for the community," Anthony said.

"This has been a passion for us. We grew up in the business and loved it from day one. Giving our customers good quality food is very important to us. Sourcing local and the fresh products is very important. We find in other grocery stores you see pre-packaged goods. We just want to make things simple and get back to what real food is all about," Agostino professed.

The market is all about sourcing local products. It's what they have instilled into the community of Port Credit and that's exactly what they will instill into

the community of Nobleton.

"I'll give you an example our meat program, we source our meats locally they are hormone and antibiotic free. It's sustainable even our seafood program. That stuff you're not going to find in the big box stores. We try to support local, they've been amazing is Breda Farms. We've supported them for 15 years," Mark explained.

Agostino heads to the food terminal every morning to pick fresh products and Anthony manages the 14,000-square-foot warehouse in Mississauga.

Mark is responsible for sourcing unique products into the warehouse and he also responsible for speaking with the customers.

He's interested in learning more about people's interest in the town and developing relationships.

"At the end of the day, it all boils down to relationships," Agostino mentioned.

As of now, Anthony says the catering program is limited due to COVID. From a few hard months during the pandemic, facing shipping difficulties and orders coming from Italy, all three brothers are proud to represent their family and Nobleton.

"We take the values that we learned from young boys, is take care of the community and take care of your customer. Make sure they're content with what you're doing and give them the best," Anthony said.

"We're blessed to of had a great father with great teachings."

They're here for the long haul. Not the short term.

Cousin's Market is located at 13305 Highway 27.



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King Township mayor Steve Pelligrini prepares to cut the ribbon as MPP Stephen Lecce and the Battaglia family prepare for the official unveiling of the market to Nobleton.



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### Former ASK Students Grateful for the Online High School Experience

Currently at University of Toronto, studying Political Science, Annie Yang is grateful for the online experience she had before attending post-secondary. "I chose to study high school online courses so I could accelerate my courses and ASK supported my goals." She further suggests that studying online courses helped to promote the skills she needs to be successful in university studies. "In university, we have to organize our time and complete assignments independently and that's what I did when I studied online high school. I feel more prepared and I feel like I am more on top of my studies compared to my classmates."

Raymond Tse is studying Busines at University of Western Ontario. He says that the close connections he built with his ASK Online teachers gave him the confidence he needed to stand out in his

university classes. "My English online teacher was so patient and spent so much time answering all my questions. She encouraged me to think beyond the stories and make connections to my life and our society." He further indicates that his online experience *helped prepare* him for the online studies he is currently doing in university.

Michaela Clarke, now at McMaster in Sciences, says that her writing skills significantly improved by taking as ASK Online high school courses. "By studying online high school, I had to focus more on my written communication skills and that helped me be better prepared for university studies where most of the communication is in written format."

For more information and to register go to www.askonlinecanada.ca

### McDonald's boosts We Care

People's Department Manager Davin Pole (far left), Ryan Noble on his last day (left-middle), Guest Experience Leader Jean Kerr (middle), Owner Rory MacKinnon (right-middle) and Breakfast Coordinator Wendy Smith (far right) celebrate their cookie drive to support children with disabilities. Proceeds will help those at Friends of We Care and families through Ronald McDonald house.

The event raised \$1,000 locally.

"We Care is very grateful to Rory and the entire Schomberg McDonald's team for helping raise money for kids with disabilities during such a difficult year. We're also grateful for community leaders like Brent Morning, who do what they can to think outside the box to sup--port charitable causes," said Tiana Rodrigue, executive director of We Care.

"2020 has been a very difficult year for charities as a whole. For We Care, a charity supported by the food service and hospitality industry, it's been even more challenging. This industry is struggling to stay afloat amidst everything COVID-19 has brought forth. With the majority of our events and fundraising having to be cancelled this year, we have depended more than ever on third party fundraising initiatives like these to continue to make a positive impact for kids with disabilities."



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### Lieschen Beretta the star of A&W's new beef ads

### By Julia Galt

Frequent visitors to Beretta Farms may see a familiar face pop up in A&W's newest advertisements.

The star of the burger chain's new grass-fed beef campaign is Lieschen Beretta, ranch manager of the King City farm and daughter of Beretta Farms founders Mike and Cynthia Beretta. Working with A&W to promote their commitment towards using 100% grass-fed beef was a natural step for Lieschen and the Beretta brand, which has raised organic, grass-fed, and antibiotic and hormone-free meat since conception.

"The crew spent the whole day on the ranch with me. I showed them all around, from the cattle to the grasslands and everything in between," said Lieschen. "It was a full day's work."

The ads, which were filmed in August, feature Beretta on the rolling hills of the family farm, espousing the benefits of grass-fed beef. In both commercials, she talks about the co-dependent relationship between cattle and their grazing lands, saying they need each other to thrive. Ross Macdonald, a Beretta Farms rancher from Lake Alma,

Saskatchewan, features in the spot alongside her.

Beretta's two appearances in A&W's grass-fed beef advertisements are not the first time she's worked with the brand in a media-facing role. Previously, both she and Mike were featured in Grass Farmers, an internal A&W documentary that examines the benefits of regenerative agriculture and low-impact ranching. Those particularly sharp-eyed may also have spotted Cynthia and Lieschen's split-second cameo in the "Dancing for Change" brand campaign, celebrating the ethical changes A&W has made to their business over the past several years.

Media appearances aside, the working relationship with A&W stretches back further still, with Beretta Farms supplying grass-fed, antibiotic and hormone-free beef to the chain for the past eight years.

Between their work with A&W and their own success with the Beretta Farms' social pages, it's safe to say the Beretta family is more than media-savvy. On Lieschen's part, a camera-facing role is something she's open to exploring more in the future.

"I do hear I have a nice smile for it,

### YRP take nine speeding vehicles off the road

York Regional Police laid nine stunt charges in another busy weekend on York Region roads.

On Friday, Oct. 23, a driver had his licence suspended and his vehicle impounded for seven days after driving 106 kilometres per hour over the posted speed limit. It happened around 10:30 a.m. in the area of Highway 27 and Major Mackenzie Drive in the City of Vaughan.

Also in Vaughan, on Saturday afternoon, a driver was charged for travelling 124 kilometres in a 60 kilometre per hour zone. When officers approached the vehicle, they noticed a three-month-old baby was a passenger in the car.

In other weekend occurrences, officers charged drivers with excessive speeding and stunt driving, which included one driver performing a donut and fishtailing at Eagle Street and Upper Canada Road in the Town of Newmarket. The driver was also charged with Impaired Operation.

Road safety, speeding and aggressive driving will always be a high priority of York Regional Police. Anyone caught driving more than 50 kilometres per hour over the posted speed limit can expect to be charged, have their vehicle towed and their licence suspended.

Citizens are encouraged to report unsafe driving, either by calling 9-1-1 if the incident appears to be a potential life-threatening emergency, calling the non-emergency line for vehicle gatherings that appear to be preparing to race, or by reporting the incident through our Road Watch program at https://onlinereporting.yrp.ca/RoadWatch.html.





and good energy," said Beretta. "I am a for the cattle, pigs, and chickens in her bit camera shy, so I'm doing my best to adapt. But I do have great role models in my mom and my dad, who are both very good at it."

Currently, Beretta is taking time to enjoy the success of her A&W campaign. She's glad that the commercials gave her an opportunity to promote generational farming and regenerative agriculture, two causes close to her heart, as well as helping to raise brand awareness of Beretta Farms. On a dayto-day basis, she's continuing to manage daily operations at the farm, caring

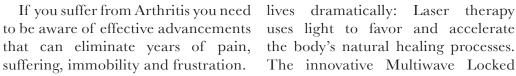
role as ranch manager.

Despite COVID-19 complications, she's happy to report that the brand's online e-commerce is growing quickly, with their bi-weekly farm gate markets every other Saturday still as popular as ever.

"We've had to make some guidelines and restrictions for the market, but it's still a great success," said Beretta. "People get that local feel, and get to be outside and enjoy the farm in a safe way."

For more information, visit https:// berettafarms.com/.

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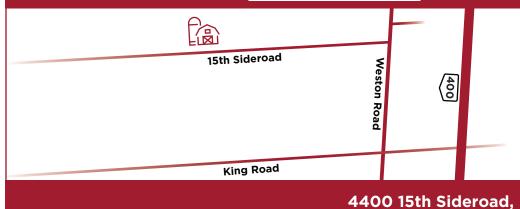
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### Tonkiel and Becker exhibition 'flight2' opens in Aurora

Pablo Picasso said "the purpose of art is to wash the dust of daily life off our souls."

More than ever, due to the challenging times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, we need the benefits of art to elevate our daily lives.

A new art show organized by Aurora Cultural Center (ACC), in collaboration with Aurora municipal office, accomplishes exactly this.

The exceptional exhibition of two iconic artists - Grazyna Tonkiel and Gordon Becker - titled "flight2," opened Oct. 17 at the Aurora Town Hall. It has been organized by the wellknown and long-time ACC curator, Clair Bolton, as the grand opening of the newly renovated gallery space.

Tonkiel is exhibiting 24 butterfly portraits. Each portrait is an art pencil drawing masterpiece encapsulated in the lush texture of a gold leaf background, reminiscent of old master's techniques. Becker exhibits five breathtaking sculptures of dancers, fully engaged in their performance, and with striving for what seems impossible," raw emotions, and awareness of the moment, captured on their faces.

Although each artist is unique, they also have a lot in common. Both artists are virtuosi in their respective techniques. It is highlighted in the perfection of details; hands and faces of Becker's dancers, and Tonkiel's butterfly wings whose shading and luminosity are achieved through approximately 13 layers of precise art pencil stokes.

Both manage to capture the transient but majestic moments of extreme fragility conquering obstacles to persist in a flash of beauty. Butterflies are delicate, but strong enough to fly 500 metres high. Dancers look delicate, graceful and elegant, but have the strength to conquer pain of extreme positions, as well as the exhaustion of training and performance.

"The exquisite artwork in flight<sup>2</sup> is the perfect example of artists testing their own limits of expression and



Bolton said.

For the time being, and due to COVID-19, the Exhibit can be viewed as a virtual tour on the ACC website: https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/ event/flight2/ and in the Aurora Town Hall, once it opens for public viewing, as currently planned, in January, 2021. Don't miss it!



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### **Origins of Halloween**

It's very likely that Halloween celebrations are going to look a little different this year, but the origins of the holiday remain the same.

Halloween is believed to have originated from a Celtic festival called Samhain, which celebrated summer's end. During Samhain, and the change of seasons from fall to winter, the Celtics believed that the veil between the worlds of the living and the dead was at its most transparent.

Eventually, the traditions of Samhain evolved into All Hallows' Day or Allhallowmas, with "hallow" meaning "to sanctify." This was celebrated on November 1, with October 31 being known as All Hallows' Eve, which was soon shortened to Hallowe'en.

Its popularity and hype is the highest in North American, and trick-ortreating became popular in Canada and the U.S. in the 1920s and 1930s.



# ASK holds its virual 15th annual AGM Nov. 4

#### By Sue Iaboni

Want to get more out of life In King Township? Just ASK!

Way back in 2005 a group of like-minded people met to talk around the dining room table of Schomberg residents Judy and Gordon Craig. That discussion resulted in an arts group that has been supporting artists, bringing community groups together, encouraging volunteerism, providing high-quality arts events, and making life better for King residents – for 15 years!

Few residents can say that they have browsed at an art show, or read a story in MOSAiC magazine, or tapped their toes to the beat of a rock concert, or watched their kids paint a picture, or learned a new skill at a workshop, that did not somehow involve Arts Society King (ASK). We are everywhere!

Artists of all genres are welcome to join the ASK fold. Photographers, clay sculptors, landscape painters, dancers, guitarists, pianists, culinary artists, scotch sommeliers, poets, biographers, journalists, weavers, and many more – all are supported and promoted through ASK. Annual events like the Studio Tour in April and the Schomberg Street Gallery in September, interspersed with concerts, speakers, dinners, workshop presenters; all provide opportunities for artists to showcase their talents.

ASK has reached out to partner with other community groups, too. The annual Community Groups Meeting, usually held in January, provides an opportunity for groups to share their event plans and find ways to work together.

ASK has partnered with horticultural societies to make their garden tours just a little bit more interesting by having paintings on display.

ASK has worked with the Heritage and Cultural Centre to present events, and to help host the Trees Of Giving in December, an event which generates money for local charities. ASK partnered with King Township on the opening of Nobleton's Tasca Park in 2016, where neighbours and friends took part in a plein air painting event and watched a Humber River Shakespeare presentation of A Midsummer Night's Dream.

ASK has also paired up with other groups to host township-wide events with an educational focus. In 2016 an evening of film and guest speakers was presented in partnership with the King Heritage Committee so that residents could learn more about our important art installation by world-famous sculptor Richard Serra; the installation which sits in a farmer's field right in the middle of King City. ASK showed another film in 2017, Before the Flood, in partnership with the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust and Country Day School. This film dealt with climate change, and featured Environment Minister Chris Ballard and students from the school on the panel.

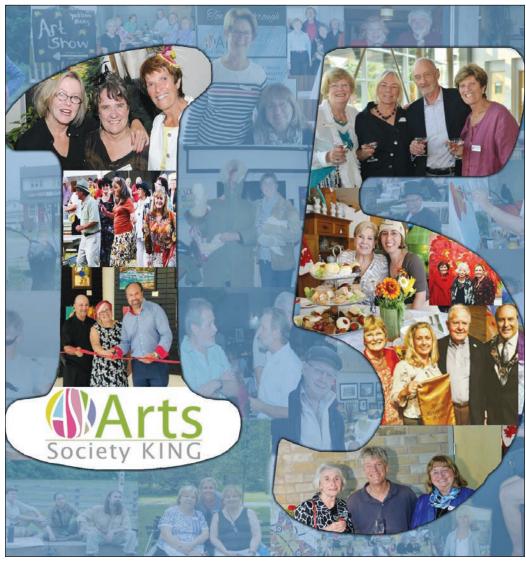
ASK has also hosted two car rally fundraiser events which supported local businesses. In 2014 and again in 2017 participants piled into their classic car, their family van, or their sports car and drove along King's picturesque winding country roads and through our quaint villages. They searched for stops such as a yoga studio, a honey store, a fire hall, a cheese factory, a veterinary class, a harness shop, and of course artists' studios. They met many of King's characters and folk heroes along the way. At the end of the rally they gathered for dinner and prizes at a private estate.

All of this, and more, has been recorded in our quarterly magazine, King MOSAiC. Here locals can read about what's going on in our township. Readers can try a new recipe which uses locally grown ingredients, or find out about popular hiking trails and cycling routes, or read a poem by a local writer, or study one of King's heritage buildings, or learn tricks for painting snow in different light. Then when they are finished reading, they can leave their copy of MOSAiC on a coffee table where the stunning cover becomes part of the décor.

Over the years, ASK has made changes that reflect the needs of the community. Lately our focus has been on providing more opportunities for children and teens to showcase their work through our annual 3-school art show in the spring, the Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts. ASK also partnered with the Historical Society and the KHCC to host the first Mayor's Cultural Gala last February. It was a cold icy night, but residents felt the need to escape, and the room was packed. And this fall, during the pandemic, what better event to offer residents than painting en plein air?

If you would like to know more about ASK, join us at our 15th AGM, this year held virtually, on Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. One of the highlights will be a





slide show reviewing the past 15 years. You may see yourself in some of these pictures!

For more information, send an email to: info@artssocietyking.ca or visit our website at www.artssocietyking.ca

Sue Iaboni was an active member

of Arts Society King from 2007 to 2018. She held various roles including secretary, MOSAiC editor, and president. She thinks back on her life in King with fondness, largely due to all the friends she made, and the fun she had, while working with ASK.



### **Firefighters spread awareness**

Members of King Township Fire and Emergency Services welcomed the public at Rona in Schomberg recently. These men and women proudly protect all of us by putting their lives on the line each and every day. The public received free advice from our professionals on fire and life safety. The event was held in partnership with KFES, Rona, and the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs. The event provided an opportunity for the community to learn about the importance of practicing fire preventing and fire safety.



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### Different Halloween this year

### By Kinjal Dagli Shah

As the pandemic continues to affect major celebrations and festivities, communities are getting creative to ensure all is not lost. With Halloween around the corner, parents are trying hard to make things fun for children while keeping them, and others, safe.

The local community in King, too, has put on its thinking cap. Lisa C., a mother of two boys, has decided to keep her young boys home for Halloween night.

"I'm fine with Halloween being different this year. My kids are 3 and 6 years old so they're still young. If it'll help curb the growing rate of infections, I'm all for it," said Lisa, who has been living in King for nine years.

But that doesn't mean her family won't be having fun. "We're doing a scavenger hunt and then a movie night in our garage. My garage is fully completed, with flooring, walls, and cabinetry. We have a TV and it is also heated. I'll decorate the inside of it with Halloween theme decorations. So once they find all the hidden candy, we'll set up chairs and watch a movie."

Some, like Tammy Jones Estabrooks, plan to decorate outside their house as usual.

"However, we will place treat bags throughout our Halloween display with the hopes that little goblins will respectfully use the honour system. Although we won't be opening our doors, we have always encouraged families to take group pictures and will set up various 'vignettes' or fun displays and scenes," said the King resident.

For Charlene Hobbs, Halloween has been a time to rethink and rejig the celebrations.

"Just like Christmas is more than opening presents, Halloween is much more than trick or treating. This year needs to be adjusted but there's a lot of fun things people can do in their bubbles," said Hobbs, whose children are now 13 and 15 years old. "Our kids are transitioning from being too old to go trick or treating to doing other fun things to build up the excitement," she said.

In fact, the family has been going all out in their meal preparation, making Halloween-themed items like ratloaf, Jack Tourtière, and skullzones (like calzones, only scarier).

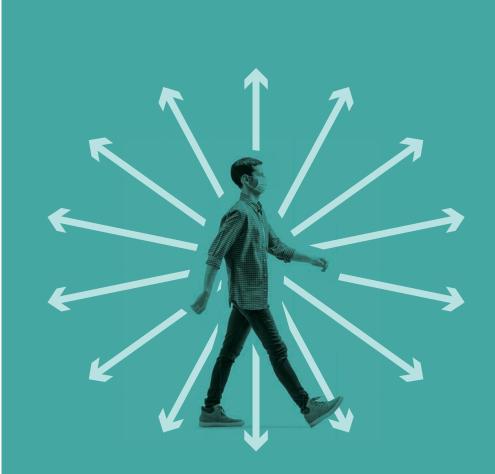
"The creativity and fun of the night Halloween offers is extended by doing things over a longer period of time. My kids actually aren't feeling too disappointed this year and planning Halloween weekend meals already. They like using medicine syringes to add grenadine to soda water, with beakers and such to drink from, or making Zombie cookies out of gingerbread men while playing Monster Mash music," explained Hobbs.

With new creativity unleashed into homes throughout the town, the spirit of Halloween is bound to stay alive, even amid a pandemic.



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### King Township ice clubs are facing major hurdle

By Robert Belardi

Everything seemed swell for skating clubs and hockey in King Township two weeks ago.

However, a sudden turn of events has altered the clubs' previous plans. A King City Skating Club spokesperson says prices have had to be raised substantially.

"We have to charge the parents double what we were charging. We're only doing registration until December. Usually it lasts until March. We don't know if they want to continue to pay these prices."

KCSC, Nobleton and Schomberg Skating Clubs have worked with King Township to reduce ice time costs in half for the next three weeks as further restrictions have put a stranglehold on the program.

Programs have been limited to 10 skaters on the ice at a time (including coaches) and with ice costs a potential detriment to the club's funds, this Winter will be difficult to cope as long as York Region remains in stage two.

"Now going back to stage two, there's no way we can run a Learn To Skate. There's no way you can run a program with 10 skaters on the ice, it's just not feasible."

Ice costs will average around \$30 per person or more, an hour. For three weeks Ferreira will pay \$140/hr and once the three-week threshold expires, costs rise back up again to \$204/hr.

The spokesperson foresees families opting out of this program for this year. The club has already lost loyal clients to the program due to the circumstances and scheduling between Nobleton Arena and Trisan Centre.

Limitations to numbers may also mean skaters will not be receiving adequate teachings for their benefit.

For all three skating clubs in King, including Nobleton and Schomberg Skating Club's finances will be running thin. With many businesses in a surefire panic mode; having been shut down multiple times this year, the initial jacket and water bottle sales planned will simply not be enough to keep the business level.

"We're hoping everybody goes for this registration and we have enough skaters to cover our ice costs. We don't only have to cover our ice cost we also have to cover our expenses for the year."

Expenses will run to about \$6,000 a year. From now until Christmas she expects to spend an estimated \$17,000 for ice time.

As for King Minor hockey's side of things, the entire program halted play last week.

The organization released a survey last week to parents, asking whether or not parents would like to keep their children on the ice during stage two or suspend the program until further notice.

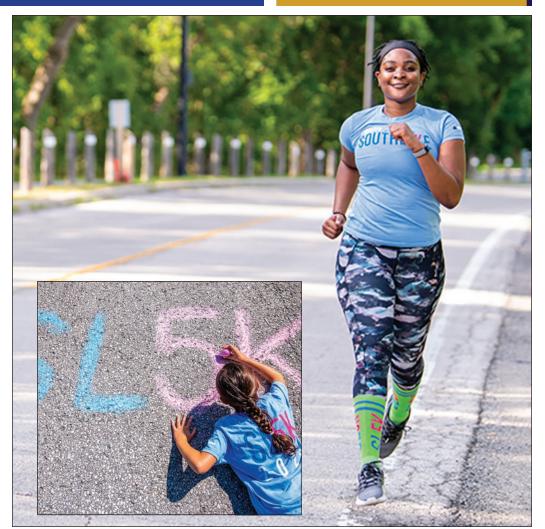
It is unclear what the result of this survey was.

Speculating further, this season for on-ice clubs became a whole-lot more difficult in retrospect from their contingency plans prior to entering stage two.

KCSC will move forward with skating until Christmas break with another registration in December. Nobleton Skating Club have moved to a monthto-month basis depending on the demands from user groups.

### Eric Lamaze secures Casino Calvin

Casino Calvin has joined Eric Lamaze's Torrey Pines Stable as the 2008 Olympic champion continues to build an impressive string of international show jumping horses. Casino Calvin is Lamaze's latest acquisition, purchased in partnership with owners Mark Rein and Tara Dow-Rein. The seven-year-old grey Oldenburg gelding (Casino Berlin OLD x Calvin) was bought from Stephan Conter and his Stephex Stables. Lamaze has purchased numerous horses from Conter over the years including Hickstead, the remarkable Dutch Warmblood gelding that carried him to the Olympic championship title as well as a team silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.



### 2020 SL5K Virtual Challenge raises \$316,890 for Southlake Regional Health Centre

Almost everything was different about this year's Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake, having shifted from an in-person race to a virtual event in response to the COVID-19 pandemic – except in one very important way: communities rallied. Together, fundraising participants and sponsors helped raise \$316,890!

As the largest annual fundraiser in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre, this event raises vital funds for urgently-needed new and replacement tools, equipment and technology. In the midst of COVID-19, these needs have continued.

"This needed to be an entirely different event from what our communities' are used to, which everyone understood. The funds raised this year are more important than ever before," said Sheila Tilotta, interim president and CEO at Southlake Foundation. "It's truly inspiring and heartwarming to see that our supporters and community partners were eager to stick by our side, embracing this change and rallying to support our hospital."

Some 850 registered participants joined Southlake Foundation for the 5-day Virtual Challenge, many pleased with the added flexibility it offered to set customized distance goals and get creative with choosing their preferred distance-based activities. Participants walked, ran, cycled, swam, and more. 180 Southlake staff members actively participated and fundraised alongside our communities, make ing up 23 hospital department teams. "At Nature's Emporium, we are all about promoting the key ingredients for living well and community is one them," said Joe D'Addario, president and co-founder, Nature's Emporium. "Nature's Emporium has been the proud Title Sponsor of the Run for Southlake since 2014 and though this year's event called on us to participate in a very different way than years past, the attitude that our community showed up with to the virtual start line did not – supportive, caring, generous. On behalf of the Nature's Emporium family, I would like to thank you all for joining us for this year's reimagined event and for showing your support. This was truly an example of the power of coming together, apart." Sponsors of the 2020 event included Nature's Emporium (Title Sponsor), Magna International (T-Shirt Sponsor), Pfaff Automotive Partners (Route Sponsor), Sports Medicine Centre of Excellence (Warm-up Sponsor) and F45 Training Newmarket. Plans for the 2021 event are under way, with details to be determined based on ensuring the safety of our participants and communities. Watch for updates at www.runforsouthlake.ca.

Given their long history, Lamaze trusted Conter's judgement enough to purchase the horse solely based on video footage.

"I watched the video and absolutely fell in love with the horse," said Lamaze. "It's very rare that I get excited over a video of a horse, but I saw it jump many rounds with two different riders and it simply jumped amazing every time."

For more information on Lamaze and his international training and horse sales business, visit www.ericlamaze.com and www.torreypinesstables.com.

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Partners with KTFB provide a Merry Christmas to any resident of King, including Food Bank families, as requested. CiK has a team of 15 volunteers who perform all the tasks to deliver a Merry Christmas to those in King in December.

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### Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop 905-590-0054 wsue52@hotmail.com

#### Main Street Christmas cancelled

We are sorry to announce that the Schomberg Village Association won't be able to present our traditional A Main Street Christmas celebration this year. Due to restrictions on public gathering due to COVID-19, it's simply not responsible to invite 5,000 people to town for the day.

We're working with our partners to bring some Christmas cheer, decoration and light to Schomberg so please follow us on Facebook or visit our website (Schomberg.ca) for more details in the coming weeks.

### Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

With an increase in COVID-19 cases, it was decided that it would be safer to

continue online worship for the time being. We will continue to have recorded on-line worship each Sunday that can be received by e-mail, viewed on the Nobleton Facebook page, or via the Nobleton YouTube channel.

If you add your name to our e-mail list, you will also receive our Newsletters and links to some music selections. If you would like a text copy of the service, please contact Carol-Ann so she can drop one off for you.

You can contact Carol-Ann at ministernobletonschomberg@gmail.com or leave a message at (picked up weekly) at 905-859-3976.

### **York Pines United**

York Pines United Church continues to worship with King City and New Hope United Churches. We gathered together Oct. 25 at New Hope. The inchurch worship services will continue this way unless there is a change in regulations due to COVID 19. All safety precautions are in place: masks covering the nose and mouth must be worn throughout the service, contact information is collected and all are seated six feet apart. A maximum of 50 worshippers are allowed.

#### **Schomberg Scarecrows**

The Scarecrow winners are:

Funny - The Pasqualino Family, "Leaning Tower of Pizza" Creative -The Grealish Family, "Attack of the Kakamora;" Technical - The Wray Family, "Dobby is Free;" Scary - The Clarke Family, "Creep Vid 19."

People's Choice was a tie between The Racco Family "2019 Champs" and The Schomberg Horticulture Society "Moira Rose."



Remembrance Day Observation, Kettleby Cenotaph, Sunday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m.

There has been a Remembrance Week ceremony held at the Kettleby Cenotaph, located in the Kettleby Cemetery, on the Sunday before Remembrance Day for many years.

This year the Cemetery Board has come to the reluctant conclusion that a formal ceremony should not be held. However, there will still be an observation of the day on Sunday, Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Cenotaph. The flag and wreaths will be in place, a lone bugler will play The Last Post, followed by two minutes of silence and then Reveille.

While it is not what we are all accustomed to, these are unusual times and the safety of presenters and guests is our primary concern.

In order to avoid a crowd at 11, all are encouraged to pay their respects to those that gave their lives in order for us to live in freedom by driving or walking by at some point in the day. Should you choose to attend at 11, a mask covering your nose and mouth is required and social distancing measures as mandated by York Region Public Health must be maintained.

#### **Children's Coat Drive**

The coat/boot drive is once again happening to benefit "Coats For Kids." This organization distributes kids' coats, boots, snowsuits, hats, mittens and scarves to individuals in need in York Region.

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Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, is preaching through the book of Romans. This week's message, entitled "Getting Israel to Believe", is based on Romans 11.25-36. Our live broadcasts are now available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca live each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand anytime. You can watch previous services or messages at youtube.com/c/ stpaulschurchnobleton.

LifeConnect Groups have started up again online. These are safe groups where we can just dig a little deeper into the Word, as well as encourage each other. If you would be interested in joining, please just email the church at secretary@stpaulsnobleton.ca.

Our Alpha programs have begun as well, one for adults and one for youth. If you were not able to make it for the fall session, please watch for further information on future opportunities to join Alpha. This Christian-based program is specifically designed to provide a safe place for all people to learn and explore, ask questions, discuss, share opinions, make friends and have fun. If you'd like to find more information on this, check out the link https://alphacanada.org/ en.

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parish volunteers for their hard work and dedication in continuing to share their God given gifts and talents with our parish community. We need more support/volunteers at the 5 p.m. Holy Mass as lectors and COVID volunteers. Please help us to continue to serve our parish community by calling the parish office to offer your time before and after the Holy Mass. We cannot do it without you.

If there is anything we can do to support you in these uncertain times, please call the parish office on 905-859-5522 or email us at stp\_stm\_church@ hotmail.com.

#### **Nobleton Lions Club**

Your Nobleton Lions Club is alive and well and practicing physical distancing, as mandated by health authorities, conducting meetings via Zoom. Updates on club activities are shown on the club's website at https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/nobleton/

The Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides, a national fundraising walk held annually in approximately 300 communities across Canada, was a success. This year, the local walk, organized by the Nobleton Lions Club and Friends of Lions Foundation of Canada, was held on a cold and rainy Oct. 4, starting at the Nobleton Library Gazebo. Four teams of participants raised some \$6,500, with 100% of those funds going to help train the 6 streams of Dog Guide for challenged Canadians. Well done all!. To protect everyone's health, COVID-19 protocols were in place. If you still wish to contribute, it's not too late, just go to: https://www.walkfordogguides.com/ locations/walk.cfm?ID=2377. A link is provided on the Club's website as above.

Also of note is an ongoing service that the Club is offering to people in self-isolation and others unable to leave their homes. The Lions are providing a free delivery service for Pharmasave prescriptions. Just call Club president Rick Evans at 1-905-806-9988, and we will drop packages outside your door.

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest via Zoom at an upcoming meeting by contacting our Club president. From all of us to all of you, please respect the guidelines from our health authorities, and Stay Safe! We're in this together!

#### **Nobleton Tennis Club**

Nobleton Tennis Club Annual General meeting is to be held Thursday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. Location TBD (likely a zoom meeting). We would invite all members to attend and we appreciate your involvement. Thank you so much for your continued support!



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### **King City United** By Sheryl Sinka

Sunday morning worship continues to rotate amongst several of our affiliated churches and on Sunday, Nov. 1, worship will be held at King City United Church at 10 a.m. with Rev Bruce Roffey presiding. We ask that those who are planning on attending, to RSVP to the office at kcuc@bellnet.ca or call Sheryl Sinka 416-450-0140. The worship is also available online on our website at kcuc.net for those who are continuing to isolate at home.

If you have any questions you may contact the King City office for more information at 905-833-5181. We are grateful for your cooperation in following our safety protocols when entering our buildings and providing your RSVP as we are limited in the numbers we are able to host in the buildings. Our churches have opened adhering to the guidelines of the Province of Ontario, York Region and Shining Waters Region (United Church of Canada).

Precautions continue to include: masks are required indoors and throughout the service. You may only sit with those from your household even if you carpooled together. You must read the screening questions and sanitize your hands prior to entering the building and you must provide your name and a contact number.

Full PDF of the Precautions and Procedures are on our website and if you would like a copy sent to you please contact our office at 905-833-5181.

The Women's Prayer Circle is still "open for business," and we can still pray together, even if not in person.

Although our weekly Tuesday morning meetings at the condo building on Burns Blvd. are still suspended, they will resume as soon as the government rules are relaxed.

Meanwhile, if you need prayer, for yourself or a loved one, please call Deana at 905-833-5375 and your request will be shared by phone with other prayer sisters. Surely we all agree that prayer is needed now, more than ever. Be still and be well.

If you are in need of assistance please contact the office at 905-833-5181 and leave a message. Website: kcuc.net

### **King Bible Church**

When we are not worshipping in person we are worshipping online! Join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The details are below!

We have ensured that we can provide a safe place for you and your family to worship. Like the world around us, things are going to look different. You can read about the specifics in our Re-Opening Plan which you will on our website (www.kingbiblechurch.com).

If you are not yet ready to return to in-person gatherings, the service in its entirety will be recorded and posted on our Facebook page later Sunday afternoon for you to enjoy. As well, during the weeks we are not gathering in person, we will continue to meet online Sundays at 10:30 a.m. available through our Facebook page.

Finally, in order to open safely we need your help.

We need you to please be gracious and commit to following the various guidelines that we have had to put in place to ensure everyone's health and safety.

We need you to sign-up each week

that you plan to attend our in-person Fenty visited last Sunday and opened services. A link is available on our website for you to reserve seats for you and your family.

Thank-you and we look forward to seeing everyone soon! Please visit our website for further information! www. kingbiblechurch.com

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

The Session of St. Andrew's is concerned with the rising numbers of COVID-19 positive cases in York Region and King Township and has decided with regret to discontinue our in-person worship services until further notice. We wish to provide a safe and comfortable worship experience for all.

Please go to our website: standrews-kingcity.ca where you will find links to our Sunday morning service at 10:15 a.m.

Note that the King Township Food Bank is continuing with its safe monthly food distribution.

Lynn Vissers will be on study leave for a week. For pastoral care, call Kathy Patterson at 905-833-039 or the Rev. Paul Johnston, our Interim Moderator at 705-341-7738.

To contact Pastor Niyazi and Irada **Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship** call 416-878-8499 regarding their meetings at 5 p.m. in the lounge on Sundays.

May you know God's presence daily. bringing peace and joy as we give our burdens to the Lord, for He cares for us. Philippians 4:6&7.

#### **All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage**

A special visit and a strong message - Our York Simcoe area Bishop Peter

his sermon with a heartfelt appreciation of our parish, its priest, wardens and active parishioners who offered such a "strong witness" in the community. He then spoke on Christ's greatest commandment in Matthew 22: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "love your neighbor as yourself." He asked us to consider what the purpose of our lives was. His forceful conclusion was simply to obey this commandment particularly as it applies to showing our love to all, whoever they are, especially if they "look different than we do."

He said that wearing a mask was a sign of this love, since it was not to protect ourselves but others. It was a moving sermon and marked his last visit to our church since he is retiring at the end of November. We will all remember Bishop Peter with much affection for his friendship and inspiring sermons.

Words to live by - Fr Michael gave the sermon at the 8 a.m. service:

"The Lord said to Moses, 'This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, 'I will give it to your descendants'; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there." (Deut 34.4)

"There are countless such stories of isolation, disappointed, and unfinished stories in these days of pandemic. Many of us feel caught up in a long journey where we are aren't sure where we're going, when we'll get there, if we'll get there, and who will cross the finish line with us.

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### Ontario developing stronger, more effective blue box program

**By Mark Pavilons Editor** Local Journalism Initiative

Residents will soon enjoy some improvements to the province's blue box



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The story of Moses and his end, denied the reward of the promised land, seems especially apt for today. Moses is told by God that he won't share in the reward of this long march out of Egypt. His grave in the wilderness is forgotten and unknown.

The incompleteness of Moses's story may remind us of the ones we are cut off from, of the ones who died and who will die without friends and family. Yet, God is faithful. It is called the Promised Land for a reason.

Dr. Martin Luther King knew that when he drew on the story of Moses for his I Have A Dream speech. Just days before his murder, King seemed to sense that he wouldn't finish the civil rights journey with his people, but he had faith that God would not abandon his people.

After Moses, God sent prophets and a Messiah. God's people were never abandoned. We have no guarantees of when this time will end, and when we can see loved ones, when we can visit graves that we never had the chance to mourn at. But we have faith that those days will come because the Lord is with us. The Promised Land is out there. God will bring us to it.'

program.

Queen's Park kicked off Waste Reduction Week by unveiling regulations to improve the blue box program. The enhancements include expanding the items that can be recycled and making producers of products and packaging fully responsible for the waste they create.

"We're creating a stronger and more effective Blue Box program that actually works," said Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Jeff Yurek. "By harnessing the innovation and ingenuity of industry and expanding recycling opportunities for people and businesses across the province, we can divert more waste away from landfills by finding new purposes for products and reinserting them back into the economy."

The proposed new Blue Box regulation will:

 Standardize and increase the list of materials accepted in the blue box including paper and plastic cups, wraps, foils, trays, and bags and other single use items such as stir sticks, straws, cutlery and plates.

 Transition the costs of the program away from municipal taxpayers by making the producers of products and packaging fully responsible for costs, resulting in an estimated savings of \$135 million annually for municipalities.

• Expand blue box services to more communities, such as smaller, rural and remote communities, including those under 5,000 people.

• Set the highest diversion targets in North America for the various categories of waste producers are expected

to recycle such as paper, glass, bever- preserving the incredible natural beauage containers and rigid and flexible plastic, encouraging innovation such as better product design and the use of new technologies for better environmental outcomes.

The province will also expand blue box services to facilities such as apartment buildings, long-term care homes, schools and municipal parks in 2026 to provide the people of Ontario with more opportunities to recycle and keep their communities clean.

The draft Blue Box regulation will be posted for 45 days for public feedback, ending Dec. 2.

"I am reminded of how fortunate we are to call King Township home. King is one of the most beautiful communities to be found anywhere in Canada, and I am committed to keep it clean and pristine so that we can continue to enjoy it," said King-Vaughan MPP and Education Minister Stephen Lecce. "We are expanding Blue Box services to more communities - including smaller, rural, and remote municipalities. In addition, we are standardizing and increasing the list of materials accepted into the Blue Box, such as paper and plastic cups, wraps, foils, trays and bags, as well as single-use items including stir sticks, straws, cutlery and plates.

"Ontario is tackling the serious problem of plastic pollution by creating a more consistent and reliable Blue Box collection service with the highest diversion rate targets in North America. We're also giving municipalities - and taxpayers – a break by making the producers of products and packaging fully responsible for the waste they create.

"The Blue Box program is critical for

ty of communities like King. Our government's actions will help ensure the Blue Box program is convenient for the public, affordable for producers, and right for municipalities."

Reducing plastic waste and litter and making producers responsible for managing the full life-cycle of their products is a key part of the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan commitment to balance a healthy economy, a healthy environment and keep Ontario clean and beautiful.

The proposed framework ensures that programs already having a positive impact on the environment, like the Beer Store's deposit return program, can continue under the new producer responsibility model.

The Ontario Waste Management Association supports the Ontario government's commitment to strengthen the Blue Box recycling program and set some of the highest waste diversion targets in North America.





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