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Christa Wrycraft was the first person to receive the COVID-19 vaccine at the Trisan Centre Tuesday morning

KING TOWNSHIP

Trisan opens for COVID-19 vaccinations

By Mark Pavilons Editor

EditorLocal Journalism Initiative

The Trisan Centre in Schomberg has begun vaccinating residents.

York Region Health confirmed that a limited number of appointments were made available Tuesday through Thursday

It's a made-in-King solution and is totally driven by councillors, staff and volunteers. The volume and number of appointments depends on supply.

The goal is the vaccine in as many arms as possible, and Mayor Steve Pellegrini encourages everyone to get vaccinated.

"All we're looking for is vaccines," Pellegrini said. The hope is to get the centre up and running this week.

"I'm proud of how this community has come together," he said. The mayor lauded the efforts of Fire Chief Jim Wall and Schomberg Sheet Metal for donating the freezers.

Hopes are that every King resident will be vaccinated by the end of June

The project is being administered by Joseph Gergis Medicine Professional Corporation and the agreement includes

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both King and York Region.

King staff noted York Public Health is establishing several vaccination clinics throughout the region, and King has been approved as a local, physician-led site. The Trisan Centre is the best place.

"Holding the clinic in King Township would increase accessibility to the vaccines for our residents and nearby communities. The benefits of vaccination and the knowledge of the accessibility of the vaccine are immeasurable as the pandemic must be brought to heel so that life and the economy can resume."

Staff pointed out there's a commitment to hold the clinic for three months, with the possibility of extending it into the

Staff said the clinic would need roughly 24 non-medical staff (and volunteers) on a daily basis. The Township will handle staffing, with both volunteers and re-assigned employees

"The COVID-19 vaccination clinics, in partnership with York Region, allows us to mitigate the risk of spreading the virus by allowing citizens to access a location within the township, by appointment, where they can receive their first immunization shot," staff reported.



Volunteers clean up local park and trails.

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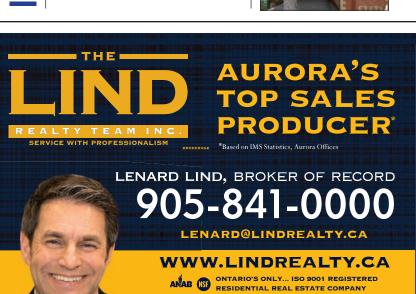
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, April 26

6:00 pm - Council and Committee of the Whole Virtual meeting live streamed at http://king.ca/meetings

Monday, May 3

6:00 pm - Council Public Planning Meeting Virtual meeting live streamed at http://king.ca/meetings

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, April 8

3:00 pm - Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board (electronic meeting)

Tuesday, April 20

6:00 pm – King Township Public Library Board (virtual meeting)

Wednesday, April 21

6:00 pm - Committee of Adjustment

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

Wednesday, April 28

6:00 pm - Sustainability Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting - Not Live-Streamed) If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing jwelch@king.ca by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King's website www.king.ca, click Popular Topics and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES.**

Or visit on the following link https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Cold Creek Maintenance Facilitator (PT seasonal, weekends) - closes April 9
- BLEO Level 1 closes April 9
- King Township Public Library CEO / Chief Librarian closes April 12 at 5 pm
- Water/Wastewater Operator I closes April 16
- Arena/Facility Operator I closes April 16

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Pet Licences

A friendly reminder to get your 2021 pet licence(s) before April 15th. Get your licence(s) early to save the late fee of \$5. Have questions?

Email clerks@king.ca



Gypsy moths

Gypsy moths are destructive pests. They get their name from their ability to travel by attaching to various objects. They appear in late July or August.

Gypsy moths are a concern because the larvae feed voraciously, mostly on the leaves of deciduous (leafy) trees, but also on some conifers (evergreens). During the larval stage, a single gypsy moth caterpillar can eat an average of one square metre of leaves.

To learn more about these destructive pests, including how to eliminate them, please visit

https://www.king.ca/gypsymoths.

Nobleton sewer works



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, Hazelbury 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 take about 27 months to complete.

LATEST UPDATES

- Sanitary installation continues on Holden Drive north of Sheardown. • Sanitary installation continues on MacTaggart working westerly towards Sheardown.
- · Road crews continue to place temporary asphalt on Robb Drive, McCutcheon will follow and general clean-up is occurring
- Testing for the sewer installation has begun within Contract area Residents who have any questions about the project can visit http:// majorprojects.king.ca/ or contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or serviceking@king.ca.

Half-load Restrictions

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights per axle starts on designated Township roads effective March 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021 per our By-law 2010-141. For further information, call 905-833-5321.

Please see more King Township notices on page 3 & 5

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 further notice.
- 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 www.king.ca

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

LATEST UPDATES

York Region and King Township are currently in the Grey -- Lockdown level.

All essential services have continued, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection, by-law enforcement and roads. Services continue at the Library including: Curbside Service at all branch locations, printing and faxing services and COVID – 19 vaccination booking help. Visit kinglibrary.ca for more information on how we continue to serve the community.

King is encouraging residents to support local businesses during the lockdown as much as possible.

You can visit our website at www.king.ca, call us at 905-833-5321 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.) or email us at serviceking@king.ca.

For the latest King Township COVID-19 related information, please visit www.covid19.king.ca or http://bit.ly/yorkregioncovid19.

COVID-19 information

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

Visit vork.ca/covid19 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.

COVID-19 Vaccinations Clinics

York Region, in partnership with local hospitals, continues to follow the Province's three-phased Vaccine Distribution Plan. For eligibility requirements and more information please visit york.ca/COVID19Vaccine

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING **Community Improvement Plan**

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King passed By-law 2021-033 being a by-law to designate a Community Improvement Project Area and By-law 2021-034 being a by-law to adopt a Community Improvement Plan ("CIP") on March 29, 2021 under Section 28 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended.

TAKE NOTICE that all oral and written submissions have been taken into consideration as part of the process for drafting of the adopted Community Improvement Plan. Public and agency submissions were considered and where applicable, are reflected in the adopted CIP. Public consultation on the Community Improvement Plan took place in the form of a public open house held on January 27, 2021. A statutory public meeting under the Planning Act was held on March 1, 2021. All written comments received are included in comment and response matrix, which are available to the public online at: https://speaking.king.ca/community-improvement-plan

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for the Township of King is to encourage and facilitate the improvement of private lands and buildings to promote revitalization, increase economic resilience, and support local food access throughout the Township. The Community Improvement Plan may provide eliqible properties with financial incentives to improve their lands and buildings in accordance with the criteria and guidelines outlined in the Community Improvement Plan as adopted by Council.

The Community Improvement Plan applies to lands designated in the Community Improvement Plan Area through By-law #2021-033. The entire Township is identified as a Community Improvement Project Area; however only certain incentives will be available within the following five "Precincts":

- Village Core Precinct
- Village Core Periphery Precinct
- Hamlet Commercial and Community Use Precinct
- Highway 11 Corridor Precinct
- Agricultural Resilience and Innovation Precinct

The Community Improvement Project Area and Precincts are illustrated on the Key Map attached to By-law #2021-033. The By-law, the Community Improvement Plan and the Community Improvement Project Area are available online: https://speaking.king.ca/community-improvement-plan or upon request from the Township Clerk, whom may be contacted at the information noted below.

The adopted Community Improvement Plan dated March 2021 replaces the 2014 Community Improvement Plan.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person, corporation, public body or agency may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") in respect of the Community Improvement Plan by filing with the Clerk of The Corporation of the Township of King a Notice of Appeal, no later than the 28th day of April, 2021, setting out the reason for the appeal and identifying any specific part or parts of the Community Improvement Plan to which the appeal applies, together with the filing fee required by LPAT per appeal, in the amount as specified on the LPAT website (https://olt.gov.on.ca), along with a cheque for \$231.00 per appeal, payable to the Township of King representing the Clerk's Department 2021 Administrative processing fee. 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 LPAT, a copy of an appeal form is available from the LPAT website at https://olt.gov.on.ca. Please note the Tribunal will only accept filing fee payments by certified

The Community Improvement Plan is exempt from approval by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The decision of Council is final if a notice of appeal is not received on or before the last day for filing a notice of appeal.

Only individuals, corporations or public bodies may appeal a decision of Council of the Corporation of the Township of King 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 unless, before the Community Improvement Plan was adopted, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party. For further information about the Community Improvement Plan, please contact Kristen Harrison, Policy Planner, at (905) 833-5321 or kharrison@

Copies of the Community Improvement Plan are available for inspection online at https://speaking.king.ca/community-improvement-plan. A copy of the adoption by-laws may be viewed on-line at www.king.ca, or upon request from the Township Clerk, who may be contacted by emailing clerks@king.ca.

DATED at the Township of King this 8th day of April, 2021.

Kathryn Movle **Director of Corporate Services** Township Clerk 2585 King Road King City, ON L7B 1A1

King launches feature-packed recycling app

King Township has partnered with Recycle Coach to launch a mobile app to help residents become expert recyclers and reduce the amount of waste going to landfills.

Citizens are encouraged to visit http://www.king.ca/waste to learn more.



More COVID-19 restrictions in place for King, entire province

there are new measures in place for King Township.

The Province of Ontario entered the month-long lockdown April 3.

As part of the Keeping Ontario Safe and Open plan, Lockdown implements widespread measures and restrictions, including closures, to halt or interrupt transmission of the COVID-19 virus. All sport and recreational fitness facilities will be closed, including the Trisan Fitness Centre. The Province has advised that the Lockdown phase will last for a minimum of 28 days.

The Township has, since the onset port local businesses during the lock-

With the province now in lockdown, of the COVID-19 pandemic in March of 2020, been offering all administrative services to our businesses and residents virtually. King Township remains open for business. Many services - including things like building permits, planning applications, garbage bag tags and the payment of water bills - can all be accessed online.

All essential services have continued, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection, by-law enforcement and

King is encouraging residents to sup-

down as much as possible.

You can visit www.king.ca, call 905-833-5321 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) or email serviceking@king.

For the latest King Township COVID-19 related information, please visit www.king.ca/covid19 or http:// bit.ly/yorkregioncovid19.

Other restrictions currently in force include:

· Prohibiting indoor organized public events and social gatherings and limiting the capacity for outdoor organized public events or social gatherings to a 5-person maximum, except for gatherings with members of the same household (the people you live with) or gatherings of members of one household and one other person from another household who lives alone.

 Restricting in-person shopping in all retail settings, including a 50 per cent capacity limit for supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, indoor farmers' markets, other stores

that primarily sell food and pharmacies, and 25 per cent for all other retail including big box stores, along with other public health and workplace safety measures.

 Prohibiting personal care services. Prohibiting indoor and outdoor dining. Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments will be permitted to operate by take-out, drive-through, and delivery only.

 Prohibiting the use of facilities for indoor or outdoor sports and recreational fitness (e.g., gyms) with very limited exceptions.

· Limiting capacity at weddings, funerals, and religious services, rites or ceremonies to 15 per cent occupancy per room indoors, and to the number of individuals that can maintain two metres of physical distance outdoors.

For a complete list of all Grey-LOCK-DOWN level restrictions visit https:// www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontariosafe-and-open#lockdown.

York's 'aggressive' vaccination strategy continues

York Region continues to move forward with our aggressive vaccination strat-

As of April 4, 193,353 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered to York Region residents; this includes:

- 40,403 doses to people age 80+, representing 82.5% of residents in this age
- 25,777 doses to people age 75-79, representing 75.8% of residents in this age bracket.
- 32,405 doses to people age 70-74, representing 61.1% of residents in this age
- bracket. • 12,379 doses to people age 65-69, representing 19.3% of residents in this age

bracket. The Trisan Centre in Schomberg is now open, with a limited number of appointments to York Region residents.

The Trisan Centre clinic, located at 25 Dillane Drive in Schomberg and operated by King Fire and Emergency Services, will offer a limited number of ap-

You can book an appointment for your COVID-19 vaccination at york.ca/ covid19vaccine

York Region residents age 60+ (born 1961 and earlier) can now begin booking appointments at the Cornell Community Centre clinic in the City of Markham, operated by Eastern York Region North Durham (EYRND) Ontario Health Team (OHT); this partner-led clinic operates on the provincial COvax system and has moved to vaccinating age 60+ in line with the City of Toronto and Peel Region.

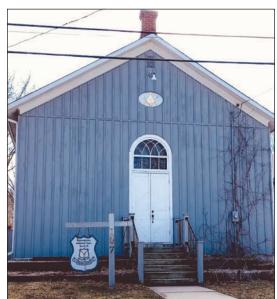
As vaccine supplies increase, York Region will open additional vaccination appointments and expand eligible priority groups.

York.ca/covid19vaccine is the trusted source of vaccination information in York Region.

Burt speaks at Historical Society

Please join the next King Township Historical Society (KTHS) for their Speaker Series on Sunday, April 18 from 1-2 p.m. Schomberg resident George Burt will be discussing the history of the Masonic Hall on Main Street, and 'show us around" through pictures and video. Those interested in attending this free event, please email kinghistoricalsociety@gmail.com for the Zoom link by April 16. We will start at 1 p.m. sharp.

Interested in becoming a member of KTHS? Learn more at www. kingtownshiphistoricalsociety. com





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PUBLIC NOTICES

Spring Street Sweeping

King has tentatively scheduled street sweeping for an April 19 start (weather depending). Three sweepers will be utilized at the same time in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg before moving out to other areas of the Township. The intent is to be completed by the long weekend in May.

Municipal water flushing

In the spring and fall the Public Works Department flushes all water mains and hydrants in King City, Nobleton, Schomberg and Ansnorveldt. 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 does not affect the quality of your water in any way. Should you require further information please contact the Engineering and Public Works Department at 905-833-5321.

Yard Waste Pickup

Yard waste collection starts the week of March 29th, 2021 and will be picked up bi-weekly through to the end of November. There is no limit on the number of containers that can be put out. Residents are able to use rigid open-top containers (i.e. blue boxes) to help alleviate the need for trips to the store for yard waste collection bags. Please have yard waste out to the curb by 7:00 AM on your regularly scheduled collection day.

If you require additional information or have questions, please contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or email serviceking@king.ca.

Cleaning out your clutter

We know that a lot of people who are off work or working from home may be looking to de-clutter their homes during the pandemic. We'd like to remind you of a few things:

King has increased the number of garbage containers you can put out to the curb from two (2) to three (3) until further notice. Extra bag tags can be purchased at www.king.ca.

Please do not dump garbage of any kind in any park or municipal receptacle. Household garbage and medical waste dumped in municipal receptacles may put our staff and others in danger, attract animals and create an unsightly mess. Please do your part to dispose of all waste responsibly through curbside collection or at a public waste depot. For information on York Region waste depots, visit www.york.ca.



Please see more King Township notices on page 5

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Friendly reminder to be a responsible pet owner! Keep pets on-leash and pick up after them by bringing waste bags with you and discarding them in Township bins or at home. Pet waste (and kitty litter) can be disposed of in compostable bags in your green bin. http://king.ca/pets



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Reminder to keep dogs on-leash and pick up after your pets.



Did You Know? Pet waste can be disposed of in compostable bags in the green bin!

Q king.ca/pets



Do you need help to book your COVID-19 vaccine?

905-833-5101

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We can help!







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

Smiles and chuckles are amazing gifts to share

Congratulations if you're reading this! It means you're alive and if that's not reason enough to smile, I don't know what is!

I'm smiling as I write this.

As stressful as the world is at times, I make it a point to laugh several times

It's a known fact that daily bouts of laughter decrease stress hormones and increase immune cells and infection-fighting antibodies. The bottom line is you feel good when you laugh and your body thanks you!

This is part of my physical fitness regime! I find it much more pleasing than doing situps or jumping jacks. Give me a huge dose of daily laughter anytime.

Lately, given the circumstances, we've been given only two options in our daily living – to laugh or to cry. I choose chuckles.

Even Shakespeare believed the wrinkles (laugh lines) were well worth it.

It's a weapon in our arsenal to com- mouth. Well worn, indeed. bat everything from fear, anxiety, deunique to our species. While some anihave a sneaking suspicion that dolphins I am. Well, almost always refrains. have a sense of humour.

about it. In all of creation and the mas- caused pressure in my corked bottle and sive design of all things in the universe, it's time to burst. we were given the ability to smile and of the fittest.

But laugh I will, all the way to my final resting spot.

At times, I think laugher is the only my tank. I'd like to think my weird faces. sense of humour and constant laughcontagious.

And yes, I have some rather well exercised lines around the edges of my this evolution. Newborns are helpless.



Mark Pavilons

pression, frustration and anger. It's also keep it going for several seconds, to the point of watery eyes. My better half mals have been known to crack a smile, looks at me with eyebrows raised, but it's not proven that they laugh. But I refrains from pointing out how weird

I am just letting go, letting loose and That's really interesting if you think opening up. Maybe the past year has

laugh. There's no real practical use for coaster – the faster it goes and rolls, and it, and it does little in terms of survival more enjoyable it is. If we could only bottle the stuff!

As soon as the vision of newborns improves, around 6-8 weeks, smiles develop. It's a response to seeing mom and thing that keeps me going. It's fuel for dad making those goofy, but reassuring

Most babies will start laughing ter is a bit of a bright light for others around three or four months. They rearound me. We all know laughter can be spond to touches, funny noises and

It's so weird when you think about

They can't survive on their own. Their that laughter is a constant in our unilives consist of eating and pooping.

they have the inherent ability to smile mour are innate, deep-rooted and even and laugh. Some researchers believe genetic? Then deep space, and our felit's inherent and not learned behaviour. low creatures in the universe are laugh-

I don't always understand cat videos laughing all day long.

Smiles and laughter do seem to be dead give-aways for human emotions. -(likely due to carbon dioxide emissions), laughter and slapstick? so imagine what laughter does.

see me smiling. They will begin to wag and often get up and approach me, with- cipher weird cosmic forces. We create out a single word being spoken. They over-the-top mathematical formulas also "huff" when playing or having a and space-time theories. good time. I find that strange, yet comforting. Maybe they do, too.

Lately, I've burst out laughing and the internet, that some animals display on creating laughter, and sending these a sense of humour. I've seen an elephant sound waves out into space? purposely take and hide a woman's hat. A dog and turtle were actually playing sense of humour is one of his most prewith a ball in someone's back yard. Scicious gifts. Mother Teresa said peace beentists have measured laughter in rats, gins with a smile. especially when tickled. Chimps and bonobos, our closest relatives, boast the you a world of good! most laughter-like kind of panting.

verse! Yes, I know that's quite a revela-And yet, for some mysterious reason, tion. What if laughter and a sense of huing at us right now!

OMG, can you imagine an alien veron the internet, but I can watch babies sion of The Three Stooges? I'm smiling just thinking about it.

Maybe it's a yin and yang kinda thing opposing and complementary cos-They're signals, not just between fellow mic energy. It's all about balance. If we humans, but to the whole planet. They have pain, suffering and dread, why not say talking to plants helps them grow balance it all out with joy, happiness,

Many of us human specimens look My dogs always respond when they for the deeper meanings in all things. We unravel the complex, trying to de-

What if it all comes down to that proverbial "kick me" sign on the back? I recently discovered, via videos on What if our entire reality is contingent

God gave us many things and our

Use it daily, and use it often. It will do

And take some of Roy T. Bennett's ad-So my fellow human beings on planet vice: "Spend your life with people who I find laughter to be a bit of a roller earth, one could extrapolate from this make you smile, laugh, and feel loved."



Letter to the Editor

Column on wages one-sided

I read your article on the "sunshine" list of salaries. It is true that approximately 85% of expenditures in government programs are taken up by employee salaries and benefit programs. BUT before the onslaught of this dreaded and horrific onslaught of COVID19, Ontario enjoyed the lowest per capita spending of any province in Canada. Rather than making a comparison to American salaries or programs which are mainly private and extremely costly to the individual, we should compare our spending with other provinces within Canada.

I also feel that you are looking only at one side of the coin - the public sector. Many tax dollars also go to private sector ventures. And so often where do those government dollars eventually wind up going? Into the pockets of already very wealthy executive officers who earn, not just several hundreds of thousands of dollars in wages and benefits but rather multi-million and even billion-dollar wage packages. Aren't these the same executive officers who make decisions to slash programs for which they received the tax/subsidy benefits in the first place and then lay off employees many who struggle to maintain a living at salaries just above minimum wage?

Yes! Let's have an open and multi-sided conversation on taxes. Who gets the benefits? Why do they get them? How are they used? A one-sided critique of the salaries of only one aspect of society is not realistic and totally unfair. You say that to do the same background investigation into federal issuing of tax dollars is too complicated to pursue.

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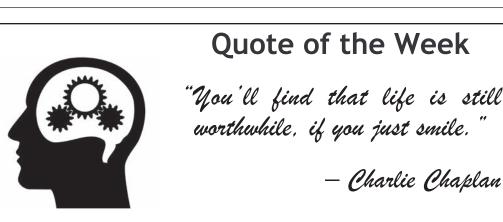
THIS WEEK'S KingWeeklySentinel WEBP **QUESTION** Results from last week's poll: Are you pleased to see more vaccine Are you concerned about a centres open, such steady supply of the as the one at Trisan Centre? **COVID-19 vaccines?**

a) Yes b) No

50%

50%

Go to our website and cast a vote!



Trivia Tidbits

The metallic device used to measure your feet at the shoe store is called the Bannock device.



The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

a) Yes

b) No

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King passed By-law Number 2021-032 on the 29th day of March, 2021 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King not later than the 19th day of April, 2021 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, together with a filing fee per application being appealed, in the amount as specified on the LPAT website (www.olt.gov.on.ca), along with a cheque for \$231.00 per application being appealed, payable to the Township of King representing the Clerk's Department 2021 Administrative processing fee. 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 LPAT, a copy of an appeal form is available from the LPAT website at <a href="https://eleason.org/eleas

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"). 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 unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to Council or, in the opinion of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party

The subject lands are subject to an application under the Planning Act for a Consent application. The file number for the related Consent application is 09-B-19.

Comments received and considered in the preparation of the By-law 2021-032 from the public were summarized and included in the Growth Management Services, Planning Division Recommendation Report (GMS-PL-2021-11). The report is available on the Township's website www.king.ca. Comments received were in relation to the continuance of the agricultural use, and expressed support for the consolidation of agricultural lands into one parcel.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law and a key map showing the location of the lands affected by the By-law are available on our website (www.king.ca).

DATED at the Township of King this 8th day of April, 2021.

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services
Township Clerk
2585 King Road
KING CITY, ON L7B 1A1
Telephone: (905) 833-5321
Email: kmoyle@king.ca

Comments and personal information are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter c.P. 13 as amended, and will become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form. Personal information will be protected in accordance with Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), all information received other than personal information may be included in the documentation which will become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information, please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AND DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION

Monday, May 3rd, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

(Electronic Meeting pursuant to section 238 (3.1) (3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

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

The public are invited to remotely attend the Virtual Public Planning Meeting to receive information and provide comments on a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Application and Draft Plan of Subdivision Application to facilitate the development on the property located at 2720 King Road, King City, ON, submitted to the Township of King in accordance with Sections 34, and 51 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13*, as amended.

Subject Property

Location: 2720 King Road, King City, ON Part w half Lot 6, Pt. Lot 7, Concession 4

Owner: Rimrock Estates Inc.
Applicant & Agent: RD LandPlan Consultants

Staff Report: The staff report will be available at www.king.ca on the Thursday prior to the meeting date.

The Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision applications submitted by RD LandPlan Consultants Inc. on behalf of the owner, Rimrock Estates Inc., under Planning Files Z-2021-04 and 19T-21K01 concern a vacant site located on the north side of King Road, approximately 640 metres east of Jane Street in the Village of King City. The subject property measures 4.2 hectares (10.3 acres) with approximately 52.45 metres of frontage on King Road and 18.5 metres of frontage on James Stokes Court but restricted by a 0.30 metre reserve. The retained lands measure 0.50 hectares.

What Are The Proposed Changes

The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to facilitate a Draft Plan of Subdivision consisting of 5 residential lots for single detached dwellings which includes the extension of James Stokes Court, terminating in a cul-de-sac while one lot is proposed to obtain frontage from King Road. The proposal also seeks to place environmentally sensitive lands and buffer blocks in an Environmental Protection (EP) zone. Additional blocks of land have also been identified for a road widening and for the retained lands owned by the applicant.

Any person may attend the virtual public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment. **Written comments will become part of the public record.**

Lead Planner

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision, including supporting information, are available by contacting Paul Kulyk, Lead Planner, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with reference to the address or file numbers for more information. Written comments in advance of the staff report being published may be sent to:

Paul Kulyk, Planner II Email: <u>pkulyk@king.ca</u>, Telephone: 905-833-4063

How to Participate in the Public Meeting

- 1) VIEW THE MEETING live virtually at https://www.king.ca/meetings. No pre-registration is required.
- 2) SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS to the Township Clerk at clerks@king.ca by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Comments will form part of the public record and will be circulated to Council and the Planning Division.
- 3) SPEAK TO COUNCIL remotely (by audio-telephone) by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, May 3rd, 2021. Provide your full name, address, telephone number and the item you wish to speak to. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for participating by telephone. All comments addressed to Council will form part of the public record.

How To Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at clerks@king.ca.

Appeal Procedure

If a person or public body that would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"), does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, or before the Township of King gives or refuses to give approval to the Draft Plan of Subdivision, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of King to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of King before the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, before the Township of King



gives or refuses to give approval to the Draft Plan of Subdivision, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Dated at the Township of King this 8th day of April, 2021.

Kathryn Moyle
Director, Corporate Services
Township Clerk
Township of King

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Monday, May 3rd, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

(Electronic Meeting pursuant to section 238 (3.1) (3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

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

The public are invited to remotely attend the Virtual Public Planning Meeting to receive information and provide comments on the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications to facilitate the development on the property located at 52 James Stokes Court, submitted to the Township of King in accordance with Sections 17, and 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13*, as amended.

Subject Property

Location: 52 James Stokes Court, King City PLAN 65M4456 BLK 66
Owner: Domenic Baldesarra
Agent: Evans Planning Inc.

File Numbers: OP-2021-01 & Z-2021-01
Staff Report: The staff report will be available at www.king.ca on the Thursday prior to the meeting date.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications were submitted by Evans Planning Inc., on behalf of the owner. The applications concern a property located on the north side of James Stokes Court in the village of King City. The subject property measures approximately 7.22 acres and has 78.56 metres of frontage along James Stokes Court. The property supports two single-detached dwellings. The proposal is to permit the redevelopment of the property to contemplate a future severance application. The future severance application is to establish four separate residential lots, each to contain a single-detached dwelling with access from James Stokes Court.

What Are The Proposed Changes

The subject property is designated 'Low Density Residential 1 Area' and 'Environmental Protection Area' by the King City Community Plan (OPA 540). The Township's New Official Plan, Our King, designates the property as 'Neighbourhood' and 'Village Natural Heritage System'. The subject property is zoned Future Use (F-1) by Zoning By-law 2017-66, as amended. The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment application is to provide an amendment to the King City Community Plan to reduce the 30.0 metre buffer distance required to a 6.0 metre buffer distance from the natural features on the subject property. The Official Plan Amendment is to also provide an amendment to the density policies to permit an increase in the permitted density up to 6.28 units per hectare. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to rezone the property to a Residential Single Detached zone and an Environmental Protection zone.

Any person may attend the virtual public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment. **Written comments will become part of the public record.**

Lead Planner

The proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment, including supporting information, are available by contacting Giuliano La Moglie, Lead Planner, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with reference to the address or file numbers for more information. Written comments in advance of the staff report being published may be sent to:

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is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Dated at the Township of King this 8th day of April, 2021.

Kathryn Moyle Director, Corporate Services Township Clerk Township of King 2585 King Road King City, ON L7B 1A1 (905) 833-5321

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

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TOWNSHIP OF KING TO CONSIDER "SITE ALTERATION & MOVEMENT OF FILL BY-LAW AND RELATED AMENDING BY-LAWS (HEIGHT & DESCRIPTION OF LAWFUL FENCES (#2012-132, as amended) AND 2021 FEES & CHARGES (#2021-001))"

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will consider a staff report and Site Alteration & Movement of Fill By-law and related Amending By-laws: Height & Description of Lawful Fences (swimming pool enclosures) and 2021 Fees & Charges, by the Growth Management Services Department – By-law Enforcement Division and Public Works Department – Development Division at its Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings on:

Monday, April 26, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

The Township of King is updating its By-laws to incorporate recent regulatory changes as outlined in Ontario Regulation 406/19.

Information and copies of the staff report will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, April 22, 2021.

For further information regarding the Site Alteration & Movement of Fill By-law and related Amending By-laws for Height & Description of Lawful Fencing and the 2021 Fees & Charges, visit our website at: https://speaking.king.ca/site-alteration-by-law-review or contact: Nancy Cronsberry, Manager of By-law Enforcement, By-law Enforcement Division, ncronsberry@king.ca

Telephone: 905-833-4001 Fax: 905-833-2300

Kathryn Moyle Director of Corporate Services Township Clerk



King Township withdraws support for GTA corridor

By Mark Pavilons **Editor**

Local Journalism Initiative

King Township councillors unanimously withdrew their previous support for the provincial GTA West Cor-

In a lengthy motion passed at the last

virtual council meeting, Councillor tremely important and we need to pro-Debbie Schaefer highlighted some of the main concerns with the proposed Highway 413.

She pointed out this planned transportation route would "raze" roughly 800 hectares of valuable farmland, taking them out of production. Schaefer pointed out the value of local food is ex-

The planned infrastructure would negatively impact key natural heritage features, key hydrological features and areas. The onus, according to the motion, should be on the Province to prove that there is "no reasonable alternative," and this has not been done. The corridor would also bring in-

Ontario's rich Greenbelt, which re-

cently got a boost from the Province,

would be impacted by this highway.

tect our agriculture.

creased traffic through the region. The motion notes this highway will increase traffic in King, largely due to the interchanges at Highway 27 and Weston, as well as those near Nobleton and Laskay.

King has consistently expressed concern over the impact of this highway on its communities. In August 2015, King said the route should take a southerly swing, to minimize the impacts on Nobleton.

Schaefer said King also supports a GTA West highway.

move by Environmental Defence calling on the federal government to conduct a full Environmental Assessment on the route. The motion notes the EA undertaking by the previous government was shelved because of strong objections from experts in rural development, agriculture and environmentalists. They contend this will cause irreversible ecological harm caused by the uncontrolled urban sprawl enabled by the corridor.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini noted the Township received an abundance of correspondence on this issue, even some from local elementary school students.

Councillor David Boyd noted the impact of the corridor would be "too great" on villages like Nobleton and Laskay.

The resolution will be sent to the premier, local MPPs, TRCA and other regional municipalities impacted by the

AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccines available to residents age 55+ at select pharmacies

AstraZeneca vaccination appointments are now available in select York Region pharmacies for residents 55 years of age and older (born in 1966 or earlier).

York Region will receive approximately 58,000 vaccines from the province, allocated to 37 pharmacies in York Region. A list of participating pharmacies and appointment booking information is available at ontario.ca/pharmacycovidvaccine

Eligible York Region residents can book an appointment for their COVID-19 vaccination by visiting the select pharmacy website or calling the pharmacies The expansion of the vaccination program into pharmacies will expedite vac-

cine availability and bring vaccine protection to more residents. With increased transmission of variants of concern in communities, all residents 55 years of age and older are encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible. The BEST vaccine is the FIRST one offered to you. Everyone is encouraged to

take whichever vaccine is available to them as soon as possible. The AstraZeneca vaccine provides substantial and sustained protection from the serious consequences of COVID-19, approximately 14 days after the first dose. AstraZeneca has been approved by Health Canada and is recommended for res-

idents 55 years of age and older by the National Advisory Committee on Immunizations (NACI). All approved vaccines in Canada are effective at preventing severe disease, hospitalization and death from COVID-19. Appointments are required. Walk-in appointments are not available. Please do

not visit a pharmacy for a vaccine without an appointment – you will be turned

As vaccine supply increases, York Region will offer additional appointments to eligible priority groups. York Region will publicly communicate new online booking opportunities through multiple communication channels, including york.ca, social media and our media and community partners.

To ensure all appointments are available to those who are eligible, we encourage residents to book only one appointment per person and cancel any appointments they do not intend to use.

Conversation needed from both sides

From Page 4

You don't even mention research of government tax dole-outs to private businesses who too often seem to build their own personal FORTUNES on the basis of those tax/benefit dollars.

It is interesting to note that Doug Ford's Conservative government made cuts to tax dollar wage spending with respect to government-sponsored salary programs when he cut the new minimum wage standard, reneged on his promise not to cancel the pilot program on guaranteed annual incomes and refused to bring a sick leave program for Ontario's marginalized workers in the worst pandemic in over one hundred years. Attacking the wrong end of the stick, I say.

\$100,000 to \$300,000 salaries are indeed expensive and generous. But still, at the end of the day and in this day and age of rising costs these salaries are within solid middle-class income ranges – not absurdly wealthy and disproportionate salaries that we see in the big business circles.

So yes, let's have that conversation on taxes looking at BOTH SIDES OF THE COIN and not just criticizing one economic level of a wage earner in just one segment of society. Open and fair. Let's have it!

And just remember the very lucrative and encompassing programs that we enjoy in Ontario do not come on the cheap and are very expensive. So how do you want to pay for these? Out of your own personal after-tax pocket like in the USA where health and education costs are prohibitively expensive for an average earner? Or out of your tax dollars? In the end, we all pay.

There is no free lunch here, Mark, but hopefully a nutritious lunch for the benefit of all.

David McRae



Spring is here at last!



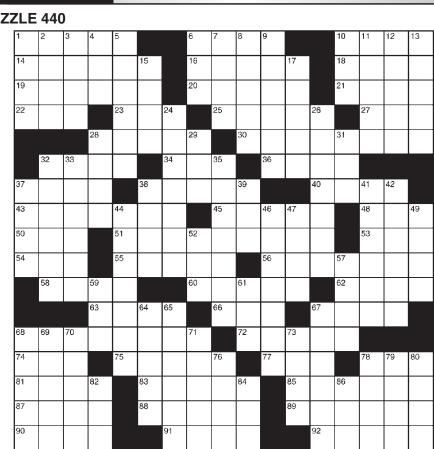
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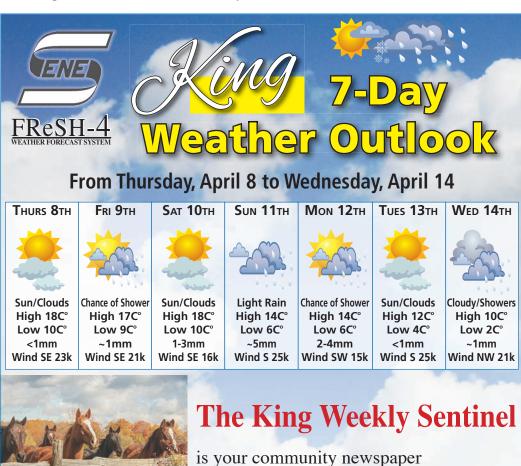
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Work begins on broadband

Close to 500 homes in Pottageville, Nobleton and Lloydtown will soon get access to highspeed internet, thanks to new federal funding. Through the Rapid Response Stream of the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF), the Government of Canada is taking immediate action to connect residents to high-speed internet. On hand for the ground-breaking were Mayor Steve Pellegrini, King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte, Minister of Seniors, Brian McCullagh, director of business development for Vianet and Councillor Avia Eek.



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The trend is to 'electrify everything' in the home

By Keith Beckley

For those who are interested in the technologies coming to our homes, one cannot help but notice the huge amount of activity and new ideas concerning how we use energy in our homes.

These ideas have coalesced into a theme: "electrify everything." The idea behind electrify everything' is to swap any energy use we currently have in our lives that does not use electricity over to electricity.

Why electrify everything? It turns out that if we all electrified all our direct energy consumption then we would have a much more comfortable home, be saving money and eliminating our direct green house gas emissions. This is especially true in places like Ontario whose energy supply is already 95% carbon free.

However, this also holds true for places that still have a relatively dirty grid since using dirty electrical grid power is always cleaner than directly burning fuels in your home or automobiles.

For most households the following list are the main sources of energy consumption (in order of most energy used to least):

Heating and cooling; Transportation; Water Heating; Cooking and refrigeration; Washing and Drying, and small appliances and tools.

This article will cover heating and cooling. A future article will cover electric vehicles and a final article will cover the remaining areas including cooking, hot water and small appliances.

Heating for us in northern climates has recently been a choice between electric baseboard, natural gas or propane with some homes supplementing with a wood stove. Oil is now rare for home heating.

Direct electric heating is more expensive than natural gas so natural gas is now very common in Ontario in built-up areas. There is now a new home heating option in Ontario and it makes the most sense of all

Air source heat pumps are now the best choice because they are the cheapest to operate, provide the best comfort, and they provide heat in the winter and air conditioning in the summer. In the winter they work by removing heat from the outside air and pumping that heat into your home. That sounds counterintuitive, but think of it this way: start with air that is -10C, remove some of the heat and make it -13C. While we do not feel it is "warm" there is still significant energy in -10C air and we can use some of that heat for our home. This is what an air conditioner does in reverse.

An air conditioner takes warm air in our home and removes some heat and ejects that heat outdoors. The key idea is in the summer an air conditioner makes the outside hotter and in the winter a heat pump makes the outside colder.

For years air source heat pumps have not been efficient enough for our climate. But that has changed. In 2019 in our home, we swapped our old gas furnace for a new air source heat pump.

The unit went into exactly in the same spot and tied into the same ducting as the furnace. We are currently finishing our second winter and without a doubt we have maintained a warm cozy home with better heat. Instead of cycling on and off like gas furnaces do, heat pumps

units run at a lower rate more often so they are quieter and keep the heat more even. Unsure if the unit could handle the very coldest days, I purchased an auxiliary resistive heater for the unit but I do not think it has ever come on in 2 years.

Heat pumps begin to lose their efficiency when it gets really cold outside but our unit has kept our house beautifully warm for two winter now with a number of -20C days (wind chill does not affect heat pumps).

Again, heat pumps are cheap to operate because the electricity they use is only to compress the coolant and move the air through the ducts. All the heat itself comes for free from the outside air. It is not magic, just thermodynamics. Heat pumps typically give you a 3-5x energy pay back. Said another way, you get 3-5 units of heat energy for every unit of

electric energy used. Electric radiators are 1 to 1 for comparison.

Heat pumps are now excellent for our climate (not true a few years ago) and not another house should be built in King without an air source heat pump. Building new homes with natural gas simply dooms the homeowner to gas bills for at least the life of the furnace (~20 years).

For new homes there is also a significant cost in building out the gas supply that is no longer needed. The only down side to air source heat pumps is that the units are still more expensive than a comparable gas furnace however since the air source heat pump is also your air conditioner the costs are more comparable. Reduced monthly energy bills, however, is not the main reason to get an air source heat pump – the better comfort in your home is simply fantastic.





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- 3. Investing over \$121M to support accelerated training of almost 9,000 personal support workers (PSWs).
- 4. Enhancements for the Childcare
 Access and Relief from Expenses
 tax credit (CARE).
- **5. Connecting homes, businesses and schools to broadband**. The government is providing **\$2.8M** in funding to expand broadband across the province.
- 6. Providing relief for parents through the Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit.

 Through the Support for Learners parent will receive \$400 for each child aged 0 to grade 12, and \$500 for children and youth 21 years old or younger with special needs.



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Your Voice for Business in King



Forest School allows children to enjoy nature

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

With the warm weather approaching, the Hidden Forest Studio brought back its Forest School, which offers children and youth a chance to get away from screens and immerse themselves in nature.

"The theme of the first course is maple syrup, where kids learn how maple syrup is made, right from identifying sugar maples and learning how to check sugar percentages in the sap to exploring how the natives did it and how it is done now. They will also learn to tap trees, the evaporation process, some parts of making fire and gathering proper sticks, and everybody's

favourite part, making maple candy," said Jane Kabarguina, who started the Hidden Forest Studio in 2014, when she moved to King City.

Kabarguina wanted to raise her daughters in a peaceful atmosphere, surrounded by nature and trees, and to wake up to birds singing outside. Her studio was born out of a similar idea.

"As a yoga instructor and Thai Massage Therapist, I had taught in many studios but it was always with four walls around you - it felt very constricting. I wanted to create a welcoming and inviting studio that was completely different, so that you'd come here and feel like it's your second home," she said, adding that her vision was to make the



space more than just a regular Yoga

"It had to become an Educational Centre with great minds coming here to give lectures and wonderful musicians playing live. In keeping with that goal, we invite different specialists to give seminars and lectures on wellness topics like breathing, juicing, sprouting, water cleaning, and more. I want people to heal their bodies and work on their minds, all while looking at the forest," she pointed out.

Like all small businesses, Kabarguina has had to pivot during the pandemic. The forest courses come as, quite literally, a breath of fresh air for young minds.

"Last year, we offered the Forest foreststudio.com or call 416-277-5432.

Course for Kids right before the pandemic started. Kids spent the majority of their time outside, learning math, science, and literacy in unique ways that kept their bodies moving. Besides learning how to make maple syrup, they came up with their own physical activity games like obstacle courses with materials from the forest and on the property, scavenger hunts, and more," she explained. "This year, the Forest Course is similar but we're adding wilderness survival techniques, physical education, and nature games. We believe that play and fun will help kids absorb knowledge a lot better than rigid reading from a textbook."

For more details, visit www.hidden-



NOTICE OF VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE APRIL 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm

Please be advised that a virtual Open House, hosted by the Applicant, Rimrock Estates Inc., has been arranged to discuss a proposal pertaining to the applications for a Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. Z-2021-04) and Draft Plan of Subdivision Application (File No. 19T-21K01) to facilitate the development of the 4.2 hectares (10.3 Acres) site for 5 single detached lots located at 2720 King Road. Refer to location map below.

The Open House will be held on April 22, 2021 at 6:00pm to inform the community of the proposal. In support of the efforts of York Region Public Health and the Province of Ontario to stop the spread of COVID-19, the meeting will be held using electronic video conference **technology.** Following a presentation of the proposal by the project consultants, there will be a question and answer session.

In order to attend the virtual meeting, please RSVP via email or phone to rdlandplan@gmail.com or (416) 968-3511 ext. 166. Upon RSVP you will be provided meeting access details through email invite with a meeting link or a call-in number. Note that you can join the virtual Open House via a web browser, or through regular phone dial-in. Each option will be available in the meeting invite you will receive.

Please be advised that this Open House is an informal community meeting. The statutory public meeting required under the Planning Act will be held at a later time and notice will be provided by the Township of King.

If you do not have internet access or would like to make alternative arrangements to view the presentation materials, please contact:

RDLandPlan Consultants Inc. rdlandplan@gmail.com



King reiterates stance on MZOs

By Mark Pavilons **Editor**

Local Journalism Initiative

King council has reiterated its opposition to the widespread use of Minister Zoning Orders (MZOs).

Councillors made the move as a result of changes contained in Bill 257, the Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021. The act, passed March 4, expands the Minister's power to use MZOs that are "not consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS)."

Environmental groups raised the alarm bells when this change was made in Bill 257, the bulk of which addresses paving the way for broadband throughout Ontario.

The PPS, King staff noted, provides policy direction on matters of provincial interest related to land use planning and development. The PPS sets out regulations and its policies protect public health, safety, natural heritage and agricultural, among others.

The provincial Planning Act requires that all planning decisions "shall be consistent" with the PPS. The PPS clearly states: "Comments, submissions or advice that affect a planning matter that are provided by the council of a municipality, a local board, a planning board, a minister of ministry, board, commission or agency of the government 'shall be consistent with' this Provincial Policy Statement."

These are minimum standards, aimed at supporting efficient development that optimizes the use of land. It also promotes strong, livable and healthy communities. And, it protects natural heritage features, natural resources and even archaeological resources.

The main argument is that the clause in Bill 257 is at odds with the PPS. King, along with other municipalities, don't support the amendment, and are letting the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing know about their concerns.



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Studio Tour King 2021 goes virtual this coming April 12

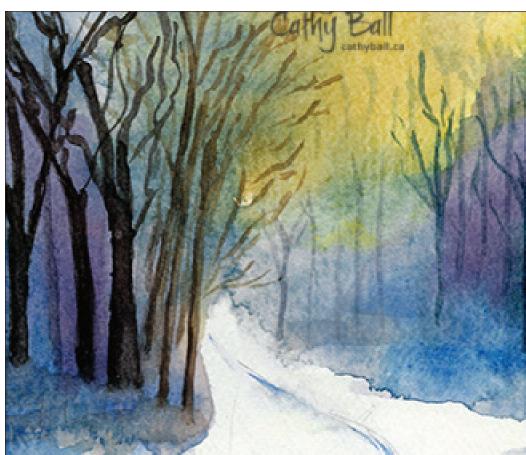
By Kathleen Rodgers

The 16th Studio Tour King has been extended and will take place from April 12 to 25 with the preview through April 11. The studio tour may include fine paintings (in acrylic, oil, and watercolour), wood working, photography, fibre arts, metal works, mixed media, etc.

Studio Tour King will feature many artists and artisans in studios around King Township including King City. Nobleton and Schomberg. Their information can be found on the Arts Soci-

ety King (ASK) website at www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca as of April 5th. Go to the ASK website, click on EVENTS then VIRTUAL STUDIO TOUR 2021 to see the participating artists, their biographies and up to twelve photos of their artwork for sale. There will be a link to his/her website and social media accounts for additional artwork available. If you are interested in purchasing any item, please contact the artist directly for their payment options and to arrange for delivery of the item.

Here is the last group of artists who





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will be participating this year:

Orillia and was drawn to art from a young age. Her mother enrolled her in adult painting class at the age of 10 and her passion for creativity in the arts blossomed from there.

Her work reflects the inspiration she finds in the beauty of nature. Forest groves, waterfalls, fall colours, lake shores, barns, woodland trails, sunsets and sunrises, Northern Lights and many other natural landscape themes dominate her work.

Working primarily in watercolour often with a variety of supportive media, Cathy channels the splendour of the natural world through her brush. ter art instructor for both acrylics and Cathy paints at every opportunity her watercolours. Her stunning paintings schedule allows and strives to refine of flowers, landscapes and abstracts her creative expression with every have been exhibited in many juried exstroke of the brush. Her website is hibitions in which she has received nu www.cathyball.com. (Twitter and Ins- merous awards, including several "Best tagram) @artbycathyball https://www. in Show." Her work has been commisfacebook.com/artbycathyball;

Marianne Broome is an award winning artist who works in acrylics and watercolours, inspired by nature.

"For me painting is a celebration of the endless beauty to be found in the natural world and an expression of my

concern for its preservation. My hope Cathy Ball was born and raised in is that my work will inspire in the viewer an appreciation of nature's gifts and contribute to a greater collective environmental consciousness so that we may tread lightly on this earth of ours."

> Broome was born in England but spent much of her childhood in Malaysia. The stunning scenery and abundance of exotic animals and plants heightened her love of nature and keen interest in drawing and painting. Marianne settled in Canada in 1980 and lives in Schomberg.

> Marianne's art education in England was furthered by courses in Canada. She is a full time artist and a sought afsioned for publishing and used for tapestry designs, greeting cards and fine www.naturesedgestudio. porcelain. ca or http://www.mariannebroome. com

> > See 'Explore' on Page 11

Olde Mill Gallery closes for April

Moving forward, due to the province-wide shutdown, the Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe artists have decided to close the Gallery for the month of April.

Artists look forward to celebrating the reopening of the Gallery of the current lockdown and will be "Glad to be Back" in May.

However during the lockdown, they will be open by appointment only any day of the week! Please call 647-523-3275 if you would like to shop at the gallery and/ or would like to meet one of the artists. They will arrange a convenient time for both you and the artist to meet at the Gallery. They can also arrange a curb-side pickup.

The popular Gallery Gift basket will be drawn on June 20, celebrating both Mother's and Father's Day.

Please continue to watch them on Facebook @oldemillartgalleryandshoppe

KRA's 2nd art and 'good things' auction 2021 now online

Kingscross Ratepayers Association (KRA) is currently holding its second 'Art and Good things" Auction. This year the auction has gone on-line. It started on Monday 5th April and ends with a live online auction on Sunday, April 11. For more info, visit www.KRAauction.ca

Please join in by visiting, registering to bid and bidding on the beautiful pieces of art from collections around Kingscross, antique furniture, carefully crafted pottery & woodwork, sporting memorabilia and accent pieces for your home. Such items are but just a few of those up for grabs in the on-line auction.

Paintings, prints, a wine fridge, a pair of Queen Anne dining chairs, a golf bag & separately, a threesome golf game (accompanied by a member) kindly donated by the Summit Golf Club worth over \$750, long Ash wood planks which would make some fine furniture are all available.

A painting by Gershon Iskowitz and a print by Helen Lucas can be bid upon. Gershon and Helen are acclaimed artists. A painting from Helen was the star of KRA's first annual art auction, "Art and Good things," held at Pine Farms in pre-COVID 2020.

Gershon Iskowitz was forced to live in the Kielce Ghetto during the Nazi persecution of the Jewish community in Poland. Gershon was sent to Auchwitz where he painted or drew at night to forget the hunger, to survive. Gershon was among the survivors of the holocaust liberated from Buchenwald in 1944. He emigrated to Canada in 1949. His art is displayed widely in galleries across Canada including the National Art Gallery in Ottawa. A very generous donation of one of his pieces is included in the auction.

The funds raised will help to pay for the experts who worked on behalf of the neighbourhood in the planning appeal hearings concerning Mansions of King & Bushland Heights and to build KRA's financial strength for the future.

Please bid at www.KRAauction.ca

Explore artists' offerings online during Studio Tour

From Page 10

Wendy CHO is an oil pastel illustrator. She studied at OCAD in design and is a member of the artists' network, Arts Society King, Richmond Hill Group of Artist as well as the York Regional Arts Council.

"In a far far land of CHO, there lived an illustrator who drew cats and dogs and frogs and more there were dark skies filled with the sun and stars and moon. every day told a story of good and bad. stories of memories had."

Her artwork is regarded as clever, whimsical and storybook like. Wendy's artwork brings joy and smiles to everyone! Website: www.onceuponadesign. ca; Instagram.com/onceuponadesign. ca

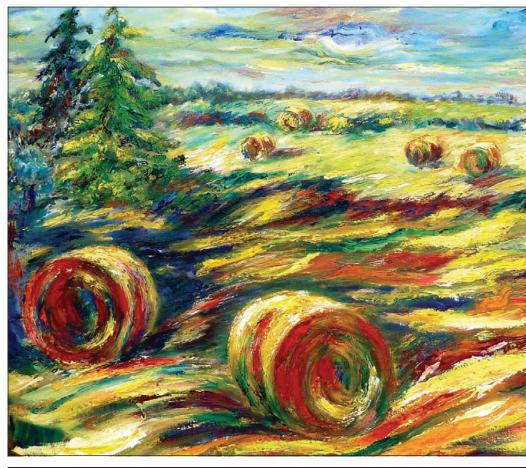
Alexandra K. Conrad is a professional fine art artist with over three decades of art creation experience; graduate

with honours from Ontario College of Art and Design. Alexandra paints various subjects: portraits, landscapes, cityscapes, nature and abstracts.

Her media are mainly oil and acrylic in vibrant colours and thick paint applied with brush or palette knife. She enjoys other media as well. Limited Editions Fine Art Reproductions of some of Alexandra's paintings are available. Website: www.akconradart.

If you are looking for something to do in April after a long cold winter, visit some art studios virtually to support the local artists and artisans. Some artists offer classes so it may be an opportunity to try something new! Who knows maybe one day you will be participating in a studio tour!

The artists look forward to "seeing" you and sharing their work with you on this year's Studio Tour King 2021.





Pottageville Mosquito Control Program

NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE

Between **April 10** and **May 15, 2021**, G.D.G. Canada Inc and G.D.G. Aviation will be applying a biological larvicide by air and ground to stagnant water to control larval mosquitoes that impact on the residents of Pottageville. The applications are weather dependent and are likely to occur close to **April 15**.

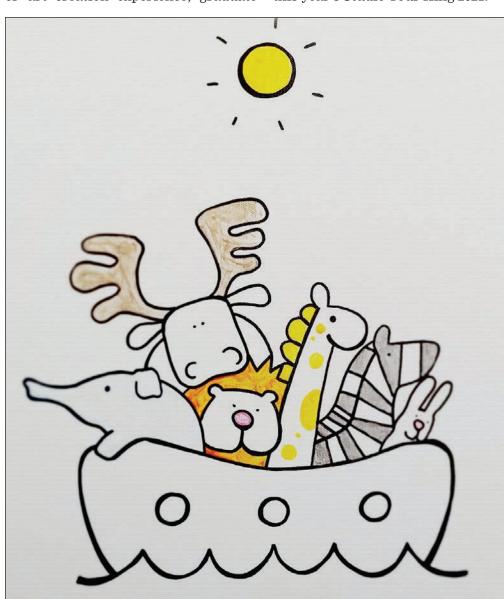
Specifically, the sites to be treated lie within the area bounded to the *North* by Highway 9, to the *East* by Highway 400, to the *South* by 18th Sideroad, and to the *West* by 8th Concession Road.

The program will use multiple applications of the biological larvicides **VectoBac 200G** (PCP #18158, granular) and **VectoBac 1200L** (PCP #21062, liquid). The granular will be applied by helicopter and the liquid by truck mounted and backpack sprayers.

The treatment area map and details of the program may be accessed on the Township of King's website at https://www.king.ca/mosquito. Although many Township facilities remain closed to the public due to COVID-19, including the King Township Municipal Centre (2585 King Road), you can still access services virtually via our website at www.king.ca, by phone through ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or by emailing ServiceKing@king.ca.

For further information regarding the larvicide application, contact GDG:

info@gdg.ca or toll free at 1-877-227-0552 Pottageville Mosquito Control Program





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One amazing fundraiser, managed by Wayne and Elva, has been achieved through the recycling of wine bottles and box bladders, beer cans and bottles, liquor and specialty drink containers, etc.

This project has grown from a small village effort in the

or a small community, summer, to a year-round project we have a number of that includes the participation with heart and I am sure wonderful residents who of local restaurants, friends this will become an annual have committed to raising funds and family members who now to support Margaret Bahen the Margaret Bahen Hospice recycle project.

> Since its inception two years ago, under the leadership of Elva and Wayne, \$5,000 has been raised to date and new milestones are being achieved monthly.

In addition to our recycling project, the village discovered a new level of generosity through a garage sale that surprised all of us. One of our residents held the garage sale featuring items from her own home and those from within the community, all to raise funds for Margaret Bahen Hospice. As a "pay what you can" event, a total of \$1,000 cash was raised at this sale, with many neighbours and friends making straight donations into the jar.

Now that is a community event in the memory of who experienced the care and attention at Margaret Bahen Hospice.

And it's not all about raising money. One of the traditions at Margaret Bahen Hospice is to give each resident a hand knitted heart to hold in comfort knowing that they are not alone and that others are with them in thoughts and best wishes. These hearts have helped the healing of loved ones and family members when a hospice resident has passed.



The SBTL Community learned that there was a shortage of these amazing hearts and the "Ladies-Who-Knit" went to work immediately to knit up hearts for healing. Those who couldn't knit, donated wool and trimmings.

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King Township refreshes its CIP to foster prosperity

By Mark Pavilons Editor Local Journalism Initiative

King's Community Improvement Plan (CIP) will continue to advance the municipality's economic prosperity.

The CIP, first enacted in 2014, aimed to provide incentives to businesses in the commercial zones of the three main villages. It provided grants, loans and fee relief to help stimulate private sector investment.

The Our King Official Plan, approved last fall, includes policies that allow the Township to designate CIP areas anywhere in King, to help enhance the mixed use rules in village cores. It also calls for promoting on-farm diversified uses, while continuing to foster economic growth.

Staff created a new financial incentive grant program earlier this year, to include in the revamped CIP.

This "refreshed" CIP is now intended to:

- · Reflect current policy and regulatory initiatives with various government legislation.
- · Address emerging issues and trends in local economic develop-
- Recognize the character of countryside, hamlet and village areas.
- · Broaden geographic areas of the CIP eligibility for financial incentives.
- · Diversify the types of improvement projects.

The new and improved CIP has benefited from "an engaged community," staff said. This included visits to the web pages and online surveys.

The majority of the public supports expanding the CIP and some pointed to including things like a "concierge" type service to help applicants through the process.

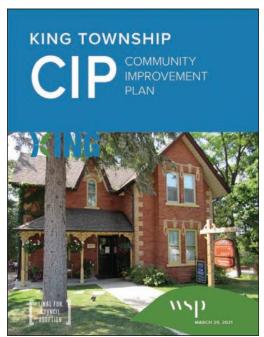
The refresh has updated policies that have changed between 2014 and 2021 and some eligible costs have been expanded, particularly in the agricultural area.

Staff noted funding to support the CIP has been built into the annual operating budget. Further resources will be directed into subsequent budgets and work plans as the CIP rolls along.

The annual operating budget for the CIP currently stands at \$66,250; quite an increase of its initial \$30,000 in 2015. Any unused CIP grants are transferred into a CIP reserve at the end of each year. The current balance of the CIP reserve is \$55,634.65 as of Dec. 31, 2020. This means there is plenty of money available to local businesses.

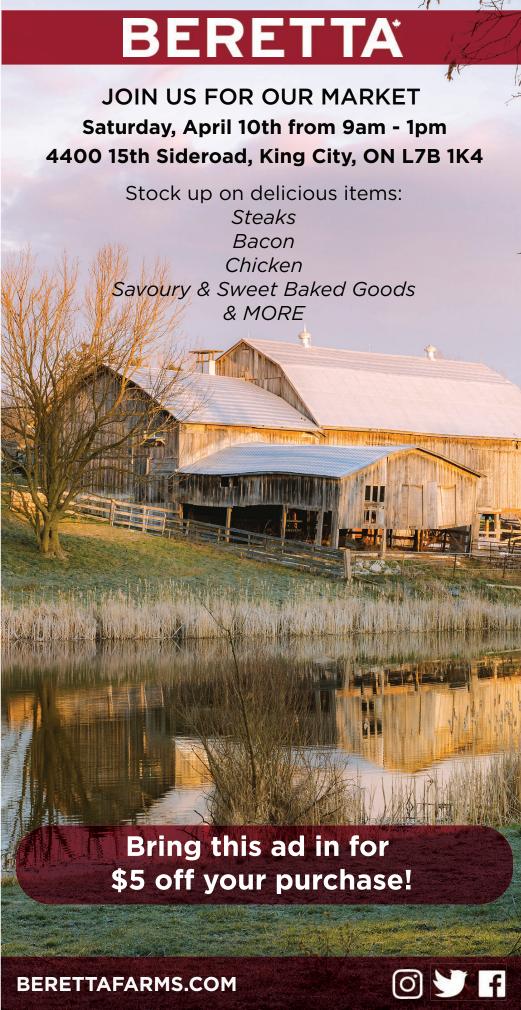
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PS752 Investigator seeks war crimes prosecution against Iran

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism Initiative

As experts from around the world pore through Iran's final report on the downing of Ukrainian Flight 752, evidence is mounting about the fatal errors and omissions made in this criminal act.

Canadian officials and victims' family members are casting doubt on Iran's investigation into the destruction of Ukrainian Airlines Flight PS752 after it concluded the aircraft was shot down due to human error.

Safety investigators from Iran's civil aviation authority concluded the Boeing 737-800 passenger plane was shot down accidentally in January 2020 after being "misidentified" by an air defence unit as a "hostile target."

All 176 passengers and crew members – including 138 people with ties to Canada – died in the crash.

Schomberg's Andre Milne, of Unicorn Aerospace, has been investigating the crash since day one, with the blessing of the Ukrainian government.

Milne calls it a "premeditated" SAM attack on civilian Flight PS752 after takeoff outside Tehran. The reason? To subvert an inevitable U.S. military counter strike against Iran by the creation of a spontaneous "human shield" made up of dozens of foreign government officials who all started flying into Iran 5 hours after the initial IRGC

SRBM attack on U.S. and Canadian forces in Iraq.

The government of Iran, he argues, has subsequently attempted to cover up this "premeditated mass murder by concealing and or destroying evidence," while attempting to blame the crash as a result of an engine fire, until the United States Space Force released satellite intelligence of an IRGC missile strike against PS752, leading Iran to fabricate a second and now a third set of entirely separate explanatory claims in regard to this incident.

After reading through the final report from the Aircraft Accident Investigation Board of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Milne found many inconsistencies. He said four separate flights departing the same airport entered into the 25-kilometre radar detection perimeter of the missile battery. All civilian airliners transmit transponder signals to identify themselves and Milne noted no fewer than 168 signals were transmitted, detected and identified during this time.

Flight PS752 entered this same perimeter and broadcasted at least 18 signals, and "all would have been detected and identified as all having originated from a civilian airliner" by the Iranian TOR M1 ADU

Further, he said the Iranians noted that a "ghost detection radar signal" was identified as heading from the south west towards the IRGC TOR M1 ADU that was deemed as a threat.



Simultaneously, the IRGC claimed the actual PS752 that Milne identifies as ghost 2 was not detected and or tracked as approaching the TOR M1 ADU and yet the real flight was still targeted and struck with two missiles, all while the same TOR M1 ADU was allegedly trying to track and target the first ghost threat 23 kilometres away in an entirely different direction.

In his findings, Milne pointed out the TOR M1 missile system has two separate radar systems, one for detection and one for targeting.

The Iranians claim the system was "misaligned" but Milne notes the radar detection system is equipped with an ICAO standard IFF antennae that automatically receives any and or all civilian aircraft transponder broadcast signals. The TOR M1 system, he said, can't be "misaligned" as it is a highly mobile vehicle that detects targets from a continually rotating antenna that is installed on top of a directionally controlled launch tracking radar.

Milne has provided graphic, satellite images with projected paths, locations and timelines that all back up his claims. Milne says: "It was after locating ground zero from where the TOR M1 was positioned to attack PS752 and confirming that a Turkish airliner passed directly overhead this exact TOR M1 ADU and was 'not' fired upon sealed it for me that this was a premeditated mass murder of innocent civilians by the IRGC."

Milne said the head Ukrainian prosecutor has welcomed his input and find-

ings. Milne is adamant the evidence alone as to what Iran did at the PS752 crash site crime scene would have Iran convicted for crimes against humanity at the international criminal court.

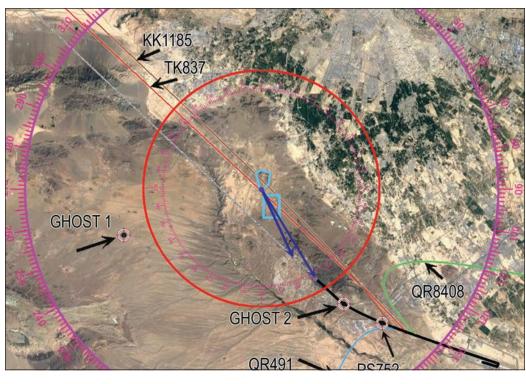
Milne argues "the Rome Statutes Article, 8 War Crimes Sections, make it crystal clear that Iran's attacking PS752 and then bulldozing away all the evidence with next to no human remains being accounted for, legally constitutes as pillaging the area that was attacked."

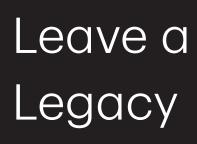
The Association of Families of Flight PS752 Victims strongly rejects the submissions of Iran in its final technical report on the downing of Flight PS752, "which appear to be mere fabrications and a continuation of a lie. The contents published in this report, as with their previous reports, contain countless inconsistencies and are grossly inadequate to justify Iran's claims about the causes of the downing.

"Given all available information, the families of victims cannot accept Iran's claims that Flight PS752 was shot down due to a human error or that it was mistaken for a cruise missile. The available evidence, as well as inconsistencies in Iran's claims, point to the opposite direction: that Flight PS752 was shot down intentionally."

Nobleton's Shahin Moghaddam helped start the association, after he lost his wife and son in the tragedy.

Just this week, Iran media reported the government has indicted 10 people in connection with the crash, but failed to provide names or details.







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Province recognizes Food Bank, Hope House and youth

The Ontario government recognized the outstanding contributions of 6,658 volunteers from across the province.

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, attended a virtual ceremony on March 10 to celebrate the outstanding contributions of 28 volunteers from King-Vaughan. Recipients were from organizations such as:

King Township Food Bank, Hope House Community Hospice in King City and Hospice Vaughan in Vaughan.

There were also 6 youth recipients

from King-Vaughan. King recipients included Jalen Gu,

youth; Carolynn Schiller, 5-year award, and Joanne Smith, 30-year award.

"Volunteers are a vital part of com-



The Ontario Volunteer Service Awards recognizes individuals for continuous years of volunteer service at a single organization such as hospitals, seniors centres and community associations. Virtual ceremonies will be held in the coming months where our volunteers will receive their awards.

Volunteers contribute to a wide range of services in Ontario, including supporting seniors and adults through Meals on Wheels, building up communities through local Lions Clubs, and much more.

"Volunteers are a vital part of our community. By selflessly helping others, volunteers across King-Vaughan have stepped up in incredible ways to support the most vulnerable, local seniors, small businesses and families in need", said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "I am proud to recognize their commitment, spirit of generosity, and record of service in the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards."

Ontario also thanks the volunteers who tirelessly and selflessly risked, and continue to risk, their lives to support their communities during the COVID-19 outbreak. The province of Ontario encourages everyone to recognize an exceptional volunteer for their efforts by nominating them for a Volunteer Service Award or the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism. Visit Ontario's website for more information or to nominate an exceptional volunteer or volunteer organization.

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Volunteers tidy up Nobleton parks, trails

Councillor David Boyd and a group of enthusiastic volunteers with representatives from Nobleton Lions Club and area high school students met at Tasca Park for a spring tidy up.

The group of 22 volunteers worked hard cleaning up Tasca Park, Hill Farm Meadow and along Parkheights Trail. Councillor Boyd reported it was a great to see such community involvement, thanking the Lions and noting how wonderful it was to have youth participation -- it was a true community effort.

More "spring cleaning" opportunities are coming up as part of the King Loves Spring initiatives, anyone looking to log some community volunteer hours is welcome, as well.

The main King Community Clean Up is slated for Saturday, April 24. Get outside and celebrate Earth Week! Take part in the King Community Clean Up. Do your part and help clean up parks, streets, ditches and neighbourhoods. Register your clean up location today and pick up your clean up supplies at the following locations during Earth Week.

It's open to all ages and it's free.

Pickup locations will include the Municipal Office Centre Friday, April 23 from 9 to 10 a.m.

Trisan Centre, Friday, April 23 from noon to 1 p.m. Nobleton Arena, Friday, April 23, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Cold Creek Conservation Area Visitors Centre, April 23 and 24 from 9 to 11 a.m. both days.

To register a clean-up location and arrange a clean-up supply pick up date or for more information contact environmentalstewardship@king.ca or call 905-833-6555.





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Impact of native moths on the the connected food web

By Vicki Hotte

I'd like to expand on the matter of native species of moths and butterflies who have specific survival needs within Ontario's forests. Too often, they have been overlooked in the effort to reduce gypsy moth numbers.

While some native moths and butterflies may survive on the nectar and leaves of certain wild flowers, the existence of others relies completely on the availability of a narrow range of tree species within specific forest habitats in this province.

Gypsy moths were introduced into Medford, Massachusetts in 1869 by Étienne Léopold Trouvelot, in his quest to cross-breed them with North American silkworms. The French entrepreneur and naturalist wanted to develop a silk industry. Instead, the inadvertent release of some of his live specimens resulted in a problem which persists in North American forests to this day; yet, forests are not just about commercial timber or human recreation.

Much like the human who introduced them to this continent, gypsy moths were an invasive (exotic) species who quickly adapted to their new environment, creating intense pressure on native populations as the 'new-comers' faced few natural predators initially. They multiplied rapidly to become a dominant presence on a cyclical basis. Now, gypsy moth 'outbreaks' tend to occur every 7 to 10 years, though they retain a low annual population between these cycles.

Gypsy moths are members of the Insect Order: Lepidoptera, which includes all moths and butterflies.

As opportunistic feeders, gypsy moth caterpillars will consume the leaves of over 300 species of trees and shrubs, allowing them to reproduce prolifically during cyclical "outbreaks," when they may "out-compete" native moths and butterflies who evolved to become specialized consumers of leaves of oak, elm, ash, maple, willow, birch and black cherry trees. These trees can withstand a certain amount of defoliation to feed these native lepidoptera, since they evolved together.

These are also primary native tree species in King Township and southern Ontario forests. Such native trees are the only preferred food source for some spectacular native sphinx moths, which tend to come out at night, including Great Luna, Cecropia and Polyphemus moths. Caterpillars of native Eastern Tiger Swallowtail butterflies also depend upon the leaves of black cherry and native tulip trees for their survival.

Most people may never see night-flying Great Luna, Cecropia or Polyphemus moths.

They are members of the giant silk-moth family (Family: Saturniidae, Subfamily: Saturniinae, comprising ten species in Canada and the USA). The female moth must lay her eggs on one of the few correct native tree species, or her caterpillars will not survive. These native moths lay one egg at a time. They produce far fewer eggs than gypsy moths, which lay hundreds of eggs at a time.

You can see the "eyes" for which this particular moth (accompanying photo) was named Polyphemus, after the giant cyclops from Greek mythology whose central forehead had a single large round eye. The large eye spots are obvious on the Polyphemus moth, but the Great Luna and Cecropia moths also have eye-like spots on their wings.

Saturniidae are included in the category of "macrolepidoptera" where the adults and caterpillars are very large compared to other lepidopterans. These native silk moth caterpillars are exposed to insecticidal treatments for gypsy moth caterpillars since they feed



during the same time period ... and timing is everything when it comes to the seasonal reproduction and survival of native species.

As a result, insecticidal control of gypsy moths can have dire consequences for native Silk Moth species, whose populations tend to remain low in proportion to the availability of food within a narrow set of "host" native tree species.

Giant silk moths (Saturniidae), as members of the macrolepidopteran families, have been studied in northeastern American forests for their reaction to aerial insecticidal treatments with Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki products, and Gypchek, a commercial variety of nuclear polyhedrosis virus – NPV (more on that later).

A long-term study by West Virginia University's Division of Plant and Soil Sciences, of these two popular biological insecticidal applications used to control gypsy moth populations, showed, "If all macrolepidopteran caterpillars sampled from foliage are included in an analysis, it appears that there is support for Btk having a negative impact during the second treatment year and again in the third post-treatment year." (page 41, Long Term Evaluation of the Effects of Bacillus thuringiensis kurstaki, Gypsy Moth Nucleopolyhedrosis Virus Product Gypchek®, and Entomophaga maimaiga on Nontarget Organisms).

This study also noted (page 33): "Equally important was determining the secondary or indirect impact of the reduction of macrolepidoptera in the food web. Lepidoptera as adults and caterpillars are an important link in food chains in forest ecosystems, serving as hosts or prey for many forest arthropods, songbirds and other vertebrates. The reduction in their populations may cause some type of adjustment in their parasitoid and predator complexes."

There's that food web thing again. This might be similar to asking, "What would happen to the human population if we cut off their food supplies completely for one season in one geographical area?" What if the same thing was done more than one year in a row? Or repeatedly? That's how some humans tend to use insecticides, so what are the impacts on the natural world?

A very recently published 2021 study by the British Ecological Society of gypsy moth control measures used in European and North American forests stated:

"Both defoliation and control measures with synthetic and biological insecticides have adverse effects on forest ecosystems":

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Moth eggs provide food for other creatures

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https://besjournals.onlinelibrary. wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1002/2688-8319.12045 (page 2 of 16). This is an on-going study, which serves as another reminder of the inter-related complexities of the natural food web.

The Toronto Zoo and the Nature Conservancy of Canada have a partnership to assess the numbers and general health of various bat species in certain Areas of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) within King Township, and these areas include forests and Provincially Significant Wetlands. After zoo biologists set up mist nets to catch bats, Silk Moths will fly into the gossamer nets occasionally, requiring their careful extrication by biologists.

When I donned a headlamp to accompany these biologists on a few of their expeditions in 2018 and 2019, I was

enchanted to see some of these moths for the first time in my life. There is so much more going on in native forests than we realize. Particularly, at night.

Since the initial accidental release of gypsy moths in North America around 1869, some native species of birds, mammals and insects have adapted to feeding on gypsy moth caterpillars.

Small birds, like chickadees and nuthatches, cannot handle the hairy gypsy moth caterpillars, but they will peck into the buff-coloured egg masses. More yellow-billed cuckoos and black-billed cuckoos were calling in the Happy Valley Forest in mid-2020, and they do eat gypsy moth caterpillars, as do shrews, mice, chipmunks, voles, skunks, raccoons, and squirrels. On page 6 of its Gypsy Moth Handbook (No.534), the U.S. Department of Agriculture noted:

"... vertebrates are essential in maintaining low populations. The research-

ers estimated that vertebrates killed 70% of the pupae in a series of sparse, stable populations and that white-footed mice (Peromyscus) accounted for 40% of those removed. They also showed that when birds and small mammals were removed, the insect populations could increase tenfold in one year."

And who eats those small mammals? Foxes, owls, and hawks for starters. Blue Jays, grackles, and Downy woodpeckers also consume gypsy moth caternillars

Beetles, spiders and other insects feed on the egg masses, to which I can attest after using the point of a hiking pole to scrape hundreds of egg masses off trees in the Nature Conservancy of Canada's Nature Preserves within the Happy Valley Forest last year. When doing this, it's a good idea to wear a dust mask because the shredded egg mass fibres can irritate respiratory pathways if inhaled

Since the egg masses do attract insects who must climb up the tree to reach those masses, I would recommend against using double-sided sticky traps to catch ascending caterpillars because those sticky traps will also spell doom for a host of beneficial native insects. They can also present a hazard to mice, salamanders, birds, insects or other creatures who may come into contact with the sticky tape. The natural food web always seems more complex than the human mind can grasp. For those species who must forage for food in nature, the task is never so simple.

Here's another form of natural control: as populations of gypsy moth caterpillars increase, they create the right conditions for an 'epidemic' which overtakes and controls their populations by causing population collapse.

Their high numbers and close proximity allow for rapid transmission of disease within the population. Certain baculoviruses, such as nuclear polyhedrosis virus (NPV), cause caterpillars to hang "dead," while their bodies blacken and almost "liquify," shedding virus on to leaves and nearby caterpillars, before their bodies will fall into the leaf litter to decompose. They carry the "seeds of their own destruction."



Residents remove moth eggs

A group of citizens got together April 3 to remove as many Gypsy Moth egg masses that could be safely reached from the trees found in St. Andrew's Park (Keele and Norman Streets) in King City. Masks were worn and social distancing was followed. The volunteers were led by Bill Patterson who had published a detailed and helpful article in the KWS regarding the Gypsy Moth infestation. The moths prefer oak trees, but will attach many other species. The public is encouraged to examine their properties and look for the egg masses before they hatch. They need to be removed carefully and disposed of correctly. Shown (I to r) are Cathy Wellesley, Bruce Craig, Susan Beharriell, Ann Raney and Bill Patterson.

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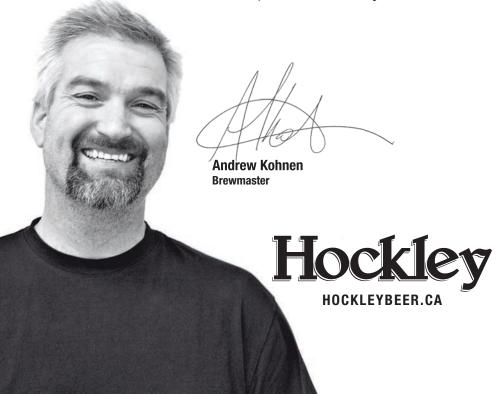


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King City native becomes independent physiotherapist

By Robert Belardi

Township and his life was pretty much like most others.

He went to King City Public School, he played NobleKing hockey, he played soccer with King United and then, went to King City Secondary School as well. Sports has always been a part of his life. The coach of the year award in King United is named after his late father Wayne.

He knew he always had an interest in working with athletes one way or the other. He sustained many injuries playing sports growing up and he found it fascinating on how to treat them.

But what truly solidified his interest in working in the medical field was when his step-father almost lost his leg. Through physiotherapy, he was able to avoid amputation.

"Definitely solidified it that's for sure. It solidified the drive, passion and goal to go into health care," Lankester said.

He attended the University of Guelph and graduated with a degree in Kinesiology. Then, he attended the University of Toronto for physiothera-

worlds.'

He always knew in the back of his mind he never wanted a desk job. He wanted to be active and speaking to people on a daily basis.

Now, just six months after graduation he has finally had the ability to do so. Lankester is contracted with Align one. Everyone sitting in the chair, they

Health Centre in Newmarket.

"I rent my own space out there and Ryan Lankester grew up in King have my office out there. I've only been practicing now for six months. I'm taking every day in stride," Lankester

> The soon-to-be, 26-year-old is working with a lot of postural dysfunctions that he says is huge with everyone working from home. He says, people are suffering from neck and back inju-

> He hopes to eventually work with golfers down the road.

> "I'm a retired hockey and soccer player. I pretty much spend my summers on the golf course whenever I can. There are so many golfers out there. They're not necessarily high-performance golfers they're casual weekend players. Let's say they have a tennis elbow or a golfer's elbow and they want to add an extra 10 yards to their drive," Lankester said.

> "It's something I would like to specialize in moving forward."

This covers everyone of all ages. He would like to target anyone that plays the game.

One thing, Lankester suggested that golfers can do to prevent lower back pains that come with swinging the "I figured this was the best of both club, is to strengthen the deep core. Things like sit ups will not help this.

> "We have tiny little spinal stability muscles that nobody really trains with a lot of core exercises with typically given with personal trainers and stuff like that," he said.

"And stretching. Hips are a huge

get chronically shortened hip flexors. assist posture. Planks are an option as IT bands. Glutes. Keep things loose well.

Exercises that can be done to strengthen the deep core of the body for lower back pain are Bird Dog Exercises and Dead Bug Exercises that will

You can access a free, over-thephone consultation through Align Health Centre online. For any further inquiries, you may contact Lankester at Ryan.Lankester@gmail.com.

Western University top choice for Aurora native

By Robert Belardi

commits to Western University's basketball program for next year.

The 6-foot-5 guard dreamed of attending an Ivy league school south of the border on a Div. 1 scholarship, however, with COVID seemingly getting in the way, he wasn't able to get a look from scouts.

Instead, he supplemented that opportunity by entering the Ivy School of Business and the Engineering program at Western. He wants to complete a dual-degree and is excited to be attending Western next year.

"When they told me, they wanted me and offered me a spot I was really happy," Avgousti said.

"Even in Grade 9, coach Joel Delcarmen wanted me to come if I was to stay in Canada. Definitely a great school."

In Avgousti's basketball journey for the procurement of an excellent educational opportunity as well, he aspires to play professionally out in Europe. As a dual Greek-Canadian citizen he says the opportunity is there and when he finishes his education he will seek out options then.

Even as a young boy when he first grabbed a hold of that leather ball he wanted to follow in the footsteps of his father. Andrew Avgousti played as a guard at W.F. Herman Academy in Windsor. Not only did he have the pleasure of sharing his passion with his son, he was also his boy's first coach.

At the age of four, Avgousti joined IEM locally in Aurora and in a fouryear period he joined the club's rep program playing forward. He would travel to other cities in the province for tournaments.

As a die-hard Raptors fan he watched Andrea Bargnani and Chris Bosh rule the roost. He also watched LeBron James and Kevin Durant emerge into the league.

But it wasn't until Grade 7 when he truly knew he could do something in this game.

"Canada basketball, their youth development program. It's called Canada Basketball Junior Academy," Avgousti said.

"It's only for Grade 7 and 8. The purpose of it is to teach kids at a young age

to get started and develop those kids to play for the youth national teams and Aurora native Johnathan Avgousti senior national team. It's a feeder. I got selected for it. I took it more seriously and knew I had potential."

> This experience broadened his horizon. He learned from coaches involved in Canada Basketball and saw what opportunity was in front of him.

> Without it, if I didn't make it. I probably wouldn't be where I am today."

In the summer of Grade 8, just as Avgousti was offered a scholarship to attend Crescent School, he was also offered a chance to play in the national tournament for Team Ontario as an alternate.

That's when Delcarmen scouted Avgousti. The Western assistant coach has always had his eye on him.

Much younger than the other players he made a substantial impact in his two seasons with the U-15 squad. And just as he was taking on senior competition at the high school level, he also won a gold medal with Team Ontario in grade 10 and an MVP trophy to show

He played at Crescent for two seasons and transferred to Ridley College in St. Catherines for his final two years of high school.

In his first season many senior players filled the starting roster. Avgousti became the so-called sixth man of the team. But due to an injury he sustained, he was sidelined for most of the

Heading into his second season at the school, Avgousti was adamant on improving. Even if that meant training three times a day.

He took the Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association by storm at Ridley. In the 2019-2020 season, Avgousti led his team in points (283) on the year averaging 15.7 a game.

"It paid off for me for senior year. The results showed," he said.

"People know me as a shooter. Three-point shooter especially. I'm an all-round guy. Pretty good passer. My IQ is high and my leadership. Every coach I've played for commented on my leadership."

Leading by example and through his work ethic, Avgousti is excited to make an impact in the Western University roster for next season.





Nobleton Notes

St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

Under current government regulations, we are permitted 15% of our capacity for in-person worship, so if you would like to join us, you are welcome, but it is recommended that you reserve a place each week. Get to our online connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/ connect to reserve your seat for Sunday. We will be glad to see you.

You are welcome to join us in person for worship. As we are now under a "shutdown" we need to adhere to the numbers allowed, but we encourage you to come out and join us.

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach will has begun a new series, "Epidemic in the Church: Spiritual Infancy." The second message in this series is entitled, "Let's Get Intimate" based on John 17.20-26. Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages anytime, also on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

A Bible Study for Youth continues via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Our current Bible study is aimed toward teen girls. If you are interested in joining, or know of someone that might be, please contact Jenna at jkddvm@gmail.com for more informa-

Our women's Life Connect Group meets every Tuesday morning on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. Please contact the church using the connection card found on St. Paul's web page or contact Kim Newediuk at knewediuk@gmail.com.

On Thursday at noon the Women's Good News Fellowship meet every week also via zoom. Please contact the church using the connection card found on St Paul's web page or give Marti Cross a call at 416-399-4536 for the Zoom link. These are safe groups where we can just dig a little deeper into the Word, as well as encourage each other.

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Holy Rosary Group: Don't forget to join us every Monday at 7 p.m. to pray the Holy Rosary on Zoom.

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We will be checking emails and phone messages periodically.

For those who are preparing for the Sacraments in 2021, we will continue to keep you updated by email.

Check out our Facebook page for parish updates, prayers and Saturday Vigil or Sunday Holy Mass livestream. Kindly see the parish bulletin Mass schedule for private and Livestream Masses. You may continue to request Mass Intentions for the private Masses as well as the offering and intention for the weekly Sanctuary Light. Please contact the parish office with your request.

Thank you for your continued sup-

port of our parish family during these uncertain times.

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Nobleton Tennis club will be opening registration April 15. Registration must be made on line at Nobletontennisclub. com. The sport of tennis has been categorized as a lower risk activity with regards to covid and the pandemic. Activities and programming that we run will be dependant upon the provincial colour coded designation for our region.

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Schomberg fair board, traditionally operating as the first chronological fair, has called it a day for the year 2021.

Out of respect for their own volunteers and their patrons, the fair board has wisely opted for the safety and health of all.

So, the SAS will be holding a "COVID Car Rally" on Saturday, May 29 and Sunday, May 30. This Rally hopes to raise spirits and crush the COVID blues, all to support the SAS and the future if our beloved Schomberg Agricultural Fair!

The start, on the fair grounds, will be at 9 a.m. sharp with staggered starts throughout the day to avoid congestion. The cost is \$50 per vehicle with a limit of 1 entry per vehicle per day. The grand prize will be \$1,000 cash plus many amazing prizes will pop up along the way!

The SAS is looking for families or groups that want to have fun driving through the beautiful roads King Township as you participate in this first ever COVID Car Rally in the safety of your own vehicle, the driver holding a valid driver's license, insurance with a co-pilot to navigate. There can be up to 6 passengers in a car (seat-belted). There are extra points for the best-decorated car!

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Schomberg Horticultural Society

The Schomberg Horticultural So-

ciety is welcoming new members. A yearly membership (\$5 pp) will support local initiatives, like the seasonal displays at the Centennial Garden at "The Gates to Schomberg," the library gardens and other public gardens around town. Members will also be invited to attend monthly educational, gardening related, zoom meetings and enjoy camaraderie among like minded people.

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Also, the Schomberg Horticultural Society is confident that it will be able to hold their much anticipated annual Garden Tour this year on Sept. 12. This

is a self-guided driving tour of some of the most beautiful, unique, diverse and awe-inspiring properties in and around Schomberg in the picturesque Township of King.

This event is in collaboration with King Township, Arts Society King (ASK) and generously sponsored by Natureshade Tree Care. On the tour you will find unique properties, artists and pop up shops.

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Cober: Kenneth Allen "Ike"

Newmarket, on Monday, March 29th, 2021. Ike Cober, in his 87th year, beloved husband for 64 years of Ruth (Kitchen). Loving father of Dave (Stacy), Ken (Dan) and Bill (Julie). Sadly missed by his grandchildren Taylor, Kennedy, Brittany and Brandon, Dear brother of Tom (Muriel), Don, Marion (Grant) Lloyd, and the late Jack (Pauline). Fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Ike took great Donations in Mary's memory to the Canapride in his position as manager of the lumber yard in Schomberg over the decades. Ike enjoyed his daily interactions with community members and always being caught up in the news of the day. When he wasn't working he enjoyed helping people wherever and whenever he could, no matter how great the task. Family was very important to Ike; he took pleasure and pride in building things for and with family and friends. The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Thursday, April 8th, 2021 for 4-7 pm. A family funeral service will be held in the chapel on Friday, April 9th, 2021. For those who wish, donations in Ike's memory to the Southlake Regional Health Care Centre Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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Flood: Mary

At Southlake Regional Health Care Centre, Peacefully at Simcoe Manor, Beeton, on Sunday, March 28th, 2021. Mary Flood, in her 80th year, beloved wife of the late Ron Land. Loving mother of Maronny Flood-Land and Rodney Flood-Land. Dear sister of Jane Tucker and sister-in-law of Terry Flood and Marlene Scully. Respecting Mary's wishes cremation has taken place and a celebration of her life will be held at a later date. dian Cancer Society https://support.cancer. ca/site/SPageServer?pagename=DJ_NW_ donation_type_selector&s_locale=en_ CA®ion=on&s srx=cancer.ca-navbar-en or the Alzheimer's Society https://alzheimer. ca/en/take-action/donate would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. 905-936-3477.

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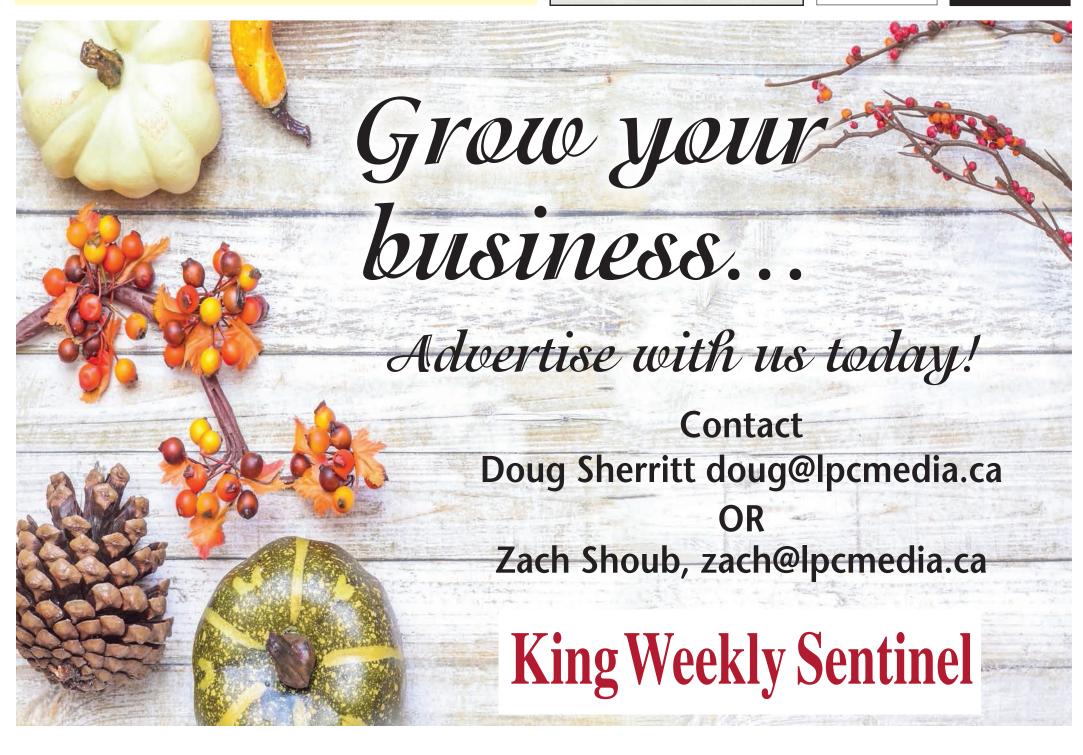


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King City United By Sheryl Sinka

He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed! Hal-

We hope everyone a wonderful Easter weekend. If you didn't get a chance to view the Easter worship you can still access those and many others from our YouTube Channel at YorkUnitedMinistries or off our website at kcuc.net

This week we welcome back guest minister Rev. Dr. Bill Fritz on Sunday,

We are continuing to worship online for the time being as we assess what the third wave of this pandemic might look like in York Region, however, we remain optimistic that with our region beginning to receive vaccinations in those 65 and older, and with our province adhering to the guidelines we will be closer to beginning to worship in person.

We have begun a series that addresses questions posed by the youth and young adults to Rev Andrew. This Q-Box series also airs on Thursday evenings and can be found on the YouTube Channel.

If you would like emails with the link to the worship please contact the church at kcuc@bellnet.ca to be put on the list for the Sunday morning worship link.

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 or have any question please contact the King City office at 905-833-5181.

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 and You Tube channel 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 am either on Facebook for our "Sunday Conversations" or a pre-recorded message available through our Facebook page or our You Tube channel. Details will be on our website.

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

1) 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.

2) We need you to sign-up each week that you plan to attend our in-person 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

"Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!" We were very blessed to enjoy the Holy Week and Easter Sunday services online. Thank you to all who participated by recording separately. A special thanks goes to Dirk deRoos for his technical abilities to put our services online, so that all could remain safe as we worshipped together. We hope you were able to join us and were blessed, too!

Join us this Sunday for our online worship service at 10:15 a.m. Our website is standrews-kingcity.ca.

"Coffee Fellowship" is held after Sunday morning worship. Get in touch with Lynn or Kathy at 905-833-0391 if you need the link or have any questions.

Virtual Bible Study on the book of James is held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Interested in a Bible Study? Let us know. We are using rightnowmedia.org to which St. Andrew's has subscribed. Interested in a Bible Study? Let us know. We are using rightnowmedia.org to which St. Andrew's has subscribed.

Virtual Art for the Soul is on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Contact Lynn for the Zoom link.

The King Township Food Bank continues with its safe food distribution each month. Need more information? ktfb.ca

The Greater Grace Fellowship has been able to resume their Bible Study now on Sundays at 5 p.m. in the Lounge, keeping to the Public Health measures.

Should you need to contact Pastor Niyazi or Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship, call 416-878-8499.

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May God's presence of hope, peace, joy and love be experienced daily. God

is with us! Do keep in touch and we hope to see you soon.

Garden Club

The Nobleton & King City Garden Club (NKCGC) held their AGM recently. Membership fees were discussed and

it was determined that a fee of \$5 for 2021 will be levied for current members and any interested parties that would like to attend any of our monthly Zoom meetings.

The first meeting will be Monday, April 26 with Heinke Thiessen. If interested in attending please contact us at our email address below (all are welcome). Email nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Pope Francis Easter message -"Amid the many hardships we are enduring, let us never forget that we have been healed by the wounds of Christ. In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was death, now there is life."

Words to live by - On Easter Sunday Fr. Peterson spoke on a text from John 20 in his sermon: "Jesus said to (Mary), 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father."

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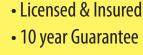
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The stage is set for the 2021 Nature's endurance, and distance – to help par-Emporium Run for Southlake with an overall goal of \$280,000, which includes a community fundraising goal of \$175,000 in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre. This four-week virtual challenge runs from April 12 through May 9, giving participants all the flexibility they need to maximize fun and customize personal health and wellness goals.

Organizers have gone back to the spring event our communities are used to. Building on the success of last year's event, each week of the challenge will focus on a different aspect of overall health – nutrition, consistency,

ticipants work towards completing a customized distance goal during the final week. The activity and the distance goal is entirely up to each individual. Participants can join by doing any kind of physical activity - running, walking, biking, rowing, somersaulting do it your way! People can support the event from the comfort of their living room, home gym, makeshift yoga studio, backyard, or hiking trail. Everyone who joins this year's event will also receive badges for each goal completed along the way that can be used to share progress with family and friends and help keep them motivated.

hint as much as Jesus mysteriously comes and goes, passing through locked

And yet Jesus is not a ghost. He eats breakfast with his friends, and allows Thomas to touch his wounds. The resurrected Jesus is still embodied, as he has been since the beginning, when as St. John tells us, 'the Word took flesh and dwelled among us.'

"Like Mary, we crave reassurance. We can't hold one another yet, and we can't hold onto Jesus. Easter comes as it always does and reminds us of God's commitment to us. Our God, our Father, who raised Jesus from the dead, will raise us from pandemic and lockdown. Our God will raise us from our sins and from the pasts that may haunt us. Our God will reunite us with those we love and long to hold. Nothing - not plague, not fear, not death - can keep us from this God who is life and love."

To register now or learn more about the event, visit www.runforsouthlake.ca.

Registration is \$50 for all ages and includes the usual goodies - a race t-shirt, participant medal, and goodybag - PLUS new this year, access to exclusive bonus content like never before! Participants will have access to a full month of exciting on-demand virtual content including fitness classes, cooking classes, mindfulness sessions, and exclusive play lists created by Cale Granton, official DJ of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Participants who raise \$100 or more will have access to additional bonus content, including a wider variety of on-demand classes and sessions. A complete calendar of events is available online at www.runforsouthlake.ca.

"As we cross the threshold of a year of dealing with COVID-19, support from our communities is more important than ever before," said Jennifer Klotz-Ritter, President and CEO of Southlake Foundation. "This event is a great opportunity for people to share a common goal and structure around activities with family and friends near and far, and generate a sense of connection while we continue to do what we must to keep our communities and our frontline workers safe. We've got fantastic participation among the councillors of our local municipalities, and I'm looking forward to participating myself, as the captain of the Fundraising Furies team, alongside staff, board members, and anyone who would like to join us. This event bolsters our individual and collective health and wellness, while we raise critical funds to support the leading edge care Southlake provides every

"We were absolutely thrilled to see the community rally last year to help us reach our fundraising goal," said Joe D'Addario, president and co-founder of Nature's Emporium. "This year's fourweek event encourages us to take a holistic approach to health and wellness, something Nature's Emporium aims to inspire every day through our products, services, programs, and partnerships. Our team of health and wellness experts have pulled together exclusive recipes, nutrition tips, training advice, and more for this year's event to help create an elevated experience. We think Participants are going to be surprised at what's in store for them and we're excited to kick things off."

Additional sponsors include returning Magna International and Pfaff Automotive Partners, and new this year NewmarketToday.ca as media sponsor. Sponsors play an important role in helping our participants have the best possible experience and ensure the success of this event in bringing much-needed support to our hospital.

As the largest annual fundraiser in support of Southlake, the Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake plays a vital role every year in funding the most urgent priorities at the hospital. Through fundraising, participants can have an immediate impact by putting tools and equipment in the hands of our healthcare heroes at Southlake. Together, we can ensure everyone in our communities can continue to depend on Southlake for leading edge care right here, close to home.

To register now or learn more about the event, visit www.runforsouthlake.

King's Corners

From Page 22

But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."

"There's something poignant about Mary's desire to reach out to Jesus and to be comforted by him, to hold him, to hug him, and then to be rebuffed.

Haven't we all felt that thwarted longing in this last, long year of pandemic? How many grandparents have longed to hold grandchildren? How many friends have not been able to hug one another? All of us, in this year of isolation, have known something of Mary's longing.

I can't explain why Jesus refuses to let her hold him. He has previously allowed his body to be touched many times. Perhaps something has changed in his resurrected form - the gospels





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By Julien Laurion The Big Tuna of Real Estate

HEY CARLOVER, good question! First of all, a home inspection is not necessary but it is always a good idea. For most, buying a home is the largest investment of their lives, so why not double check that the home is as good as you think it is. A good and qualified home inspector can spot potentially costly repairs that you as the new homeowner may have to undertake. If something major breaks right after the move in date or is in need of replacing, this could really put a lot of financial strain on the home owner.

A couple of years ago during the first 'housing boom' here in Aurora, the majority of accepted offers were firm. Meaning no conditions, then the market cooled and corrected itself, sellers were more willing to accepting conditional offers on home inspection and financing. Typically, if the offer is conditional on home inspection, you have five business days to get the home inspected. Now we are right back into another boom and the majority of deals are getting completed have no conditions.

Dear Julien, I hope you can settle a debate for me, a friend of mine just purchased a home and did not include a home inspection clause because they were in a bidding war; my wife and I think this is potentially foolish and could be costly for them. Would you recommend a home inspection even if you are in a bidding war? **Sincerely CarLover**

If you are including a home inspection clause the wording you choose is paramount. A good home inspection clause will include something to the effect of "this offer is conditional upon the inspection of the subject property by a registered home inspector at the buyer's own expense, and the obtaining of report satisfactory to the buyer and the buyer's sole and absolute discretion." Therefore, this wording protects you should something come that is of concern and not of satisfaction to you.

As a result, this would allow you as the buyer a couple options should something of concern come up. For example, walking away from the purchase entirely, allowing the seller to fix the identified issues prior to the completion date or reducing the purchase price reflecting the repairs needed. It is important to note that in this example, other than walking away, the seller would have to agree to fixing the problem or reducing the price or any other options.

CarLover, all conditions in the agreement to purchase a home are to protect you as the buyer from potential headaches. When buying an item as costly as a home, should you choose not to include conditions, the potential negative outcomes should be considered quite seriously if you do not plan on including them when purchasing a home. I hope this settles the debate!

Julien Laurion AKA Big Tuna is a local Real Estate Sale Representative with Royal LePage Your Community Realty in Aurora. I am a real estate agent who has expertise in both Real Estate and Renovations and has been involved in this community for over 20 years. If you have a question for my monthly article or if you are considering buying, selling or leasing a home please feel free to call or email me directly at (416) 402-5530 or julien@bigtuna.ca or by alternatively visiting my website www.bigtuna.ca or Facebook page @bigtunarealty

SPRING HOME maintenance checklist

(NC) Winter is tough on our homes; the consistent below-freezing temperatures, freezing rain and snowstorms can take their toll. While the beginning of spring is welcomed with a sigh of relief, it signals that homeowners need to get to work on seasonal maintenance tasks to repair any casualties of the cold and prep for the summer ahead. Here, direct insurance provider Onlia shares a springtime maintenance checklist to make sure you have your bases covered:

CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS

Gutters and downspouts can get clogged by debris — and clogged gutters can cause water damage. Clear your gutters of anything that's built up over the winter and patch any holes with exterior caulking to make sure they effectively direct all water away from your home.

LOOK OUT FOR PESTS AND CRITTERS

Spring is when the pests and critters come out and can sometimes cause trouble for homeowners. Most notable among them are the termites that tend to swarm in the spring. Experts recommend keeping an eye out for winged insects in and around woodwork. If you find them, they're likely termites, and you should call pest control right away if you notice signs like discoloured or drooping drywall or peeling paint that indicates water damage.

CHECK OUT YOUR ROOF

You don't need a ladder for this one. Go outside and look at your roof; do a simple visual inspection for loose or missing shingles and call a professional if a repair is in order.

INSPECT YOUR DRIVEWAY AND PATHWAY

The constant cycle of freezing and thawing in the winter is tough on concrete and asphalt. Examine your driveways and walkways and take note of damage like cracks and uneven surfaces. They could post a safety hazard to those on your property, so it's best to get them checked out as soon as possible.

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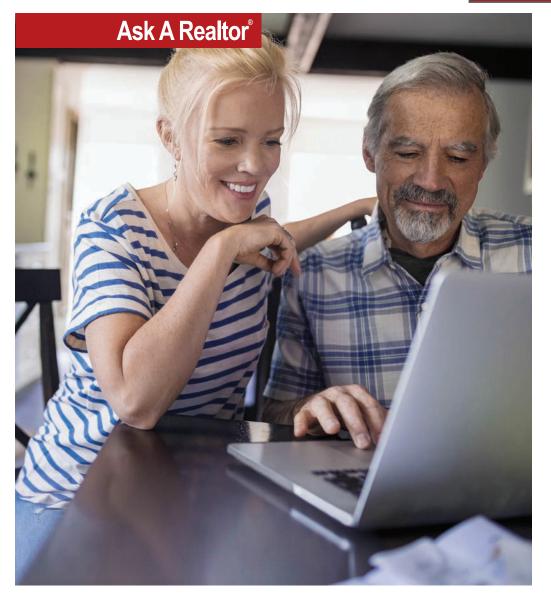
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With Open Houses conducted in-person being banned across Ontario, more are sharing the home via live virtual Open Houses, video showings, detailed virtual tours and floor plans so that Buyers can narrow their search before booking an appointment in person. REALTORS® are no longer permitted to canvass or door-knock neighbourhoods for business.

If seeing the home for sale in person, the number of Buyers allowed in the home for a booked appointment has been limited, and Personal Protective Equipment is mandatory. Each party for a showing should be masked at all times, wear gloves and use hand sanitizer on the way in and out of the homes for sale.

Many brokerages require COVID-19 safety questionnaires to be completed in advance of showings to further understand that the visiting parties are not at risk of experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. Sellers should also divulge to their selling REALTOR® if they are self-isolating, or confirmed to be COVID-19 positive. If this is the case, all appointments will be cancelled. Following public health measures is crucial for all parties.

The market remains strong, competitive and the inventory of homes to choose from typically increases in the spring housing market. Contact a REALTOR® today to develop a safe action plan towards purchasing

- Written by Connie Power

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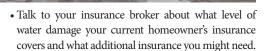
how to avoid this spring thaw

(NC) Even though many parts of Canada had a relatively warm winter, the annual spring thaw always poses a risk for basement flooding and home water damage. Preventing it is your best bet, as the average cost of a basement flood is over \$40,000.

More than the expense, water damage can ruin your belongings, create a mess, require you to file an insurance claim and take a long time to clean up. Depending on where you live, your home may be more prone to flooding.

Understanding the signs and being proactive about taking care of your home can help you reduce the risk. Aviva Canada, one of Canada's largest insurance providers, offers some tips you can take to protect your basement against flooding:

- Get a plumber to inspect your home for potential issues that could lead to flooding — such as poor drainage, overflowing eavestroughs and cracks in the foundation.
- · Clean your eavestroughs on a regular basis to avoid clogging and overflow.
- Refrain from pouring oils and fats that can block drains.
- Keep storm-sewer drains clear of debris.
- If you have a sump pump, consider having it equipped with a battery backup in case of power outages, and make sure to inspect it regularly to ensure it's working correctly.
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Your ultimate spring-cleaning checklist

(NC) With more of us working from home, our places probably need a good spring cleaning more than ever. But between juggling our jobs, the kids and everyday chores, we need simple, manageable tasks to tackle. Here are some easy things you can do:

INSPECT THE EXTERIOR

Thanks to wind, hail and snow, the outside of your house takes a beating over the winter. Take a close look at the roof to look for loose or missing shingles and walk around the perimeter to check for hairline cracks in the foundation, peeling paint or holes where critters can get inside.

DECLUTTER CLOSETS

Space is at a premium in most homes, so take the time to sort through old clothing, toys and other items collecting in your closet and basement. With the pandemic, many are in need. Check with community organizations accepting donations. Most have cleaning protocols in place to keep recipients safe.

REVIEW YOUR INSURANCE

As you're going through your home and belongings, take the time to review your policy to make sure you're covered for all incidents you need. You can also take pictures of your space and more expensive items, so you have a record in case you need to make a claim. Talk to your insurance broker about what your current homeowner's policy covers and what additional coverage you might need.

REPLACE AIR FILTERS

After a long season of heat pumping through your HVAC system, it's important to change out dirty air filters. This will help you breathe cleaner indoor air and prep your system for distributing fresh, cool air in the summer.

CHECK THE CAULKING

Caulking in your kitchen and bathroom helps prevent leaks and water damage to your home which can cause your insurance claim costs to skyrocket. Stay on top of it by regularly caulking all the tubs, showers and sinks in your house.

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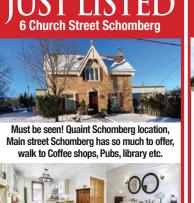
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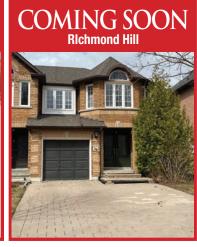






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(NC) Our homes have become our havens during the pandemic, whether we're homebodies or not.

While we're staring at old linoleum flooring, wrestling with stuffed closets and dreaming of installing a backyard hot tub, being at home has many of us pining for upgrades to our space.

Now with the weather warming up, lots of people have big plans for renovations, from backyard enhancements to indoor upgrades. Before you get started on your makeover, consider the following three types of renovations and how they can impact your home's resale value and your insurance:

- lifestyle renovations to help meet your family's changing needs (like adding new bedrooms);
- retrofit projects to update core components of the home (such as mechanical updates or exterior upgrades); and
- maintenance upgrades required to repair or improve your home.

Typically, retrofits and maintenance projects will preserve or add value to your home, while the impact of lifestyle improvements may vary. Extensive kitchen and bathroom renovations may increase your home's value, while smaller improvements like painting a bedroom may not.

Renovations may also require permit approvals, depending on the size and scope of the project.

...Renovations may have a lasting impact on the value of your home...

Permits are typically required if you are:

- adding a new structure to the land (including seasonal buildings),
- · doing renovations or repairs to your existing building,
- updating the use of the building (like changing from commercial to residential usage),
- changing the foundation, or
- making changes to an on-site sewage system.

If you're not clear whether your project requires a permit, check with your municipality.

Renovations may have a lasting impact on the value of your home. Long after the dust has settled updates may affect your monthly insurance premiums. For example, certain additions like a pool or home office may result in an increase.

In contrast, renovations that improve your home's safety like a new roof or a home security system may reduce your rate. Let your insurance provider know about any changes you've made to keep your policy up to date.

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(NC) Did you know the bathroom is the most renovated space in the home? Use these quick tips to create a relaxing retreat from everyday life:

CONSIDER OPEN SHELVES

Create the illusion of more space and add room to store and organize your items with open shelving. Floating and standing shelves are inexpensive but can be cutely decorated with baskets, plants and candles.

CHOOSE DURABLE MATERIALS

Whether you're changing the paint, tile or flooring, remember that all surfaces in a bathroom are exposed to more water and moisture than other areas of the home. So, invest in high-quality materials such as porcelain or cast iron that will look fantastic and stand the test of time.

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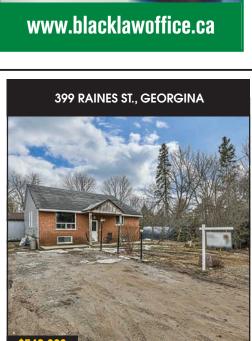
While tempting to relocate the tub or sink, moving plumbing fixtures is a major and expensive undertaking. For a fresh and affordable change, swamp out the hardware for trendy matte black or bronze.

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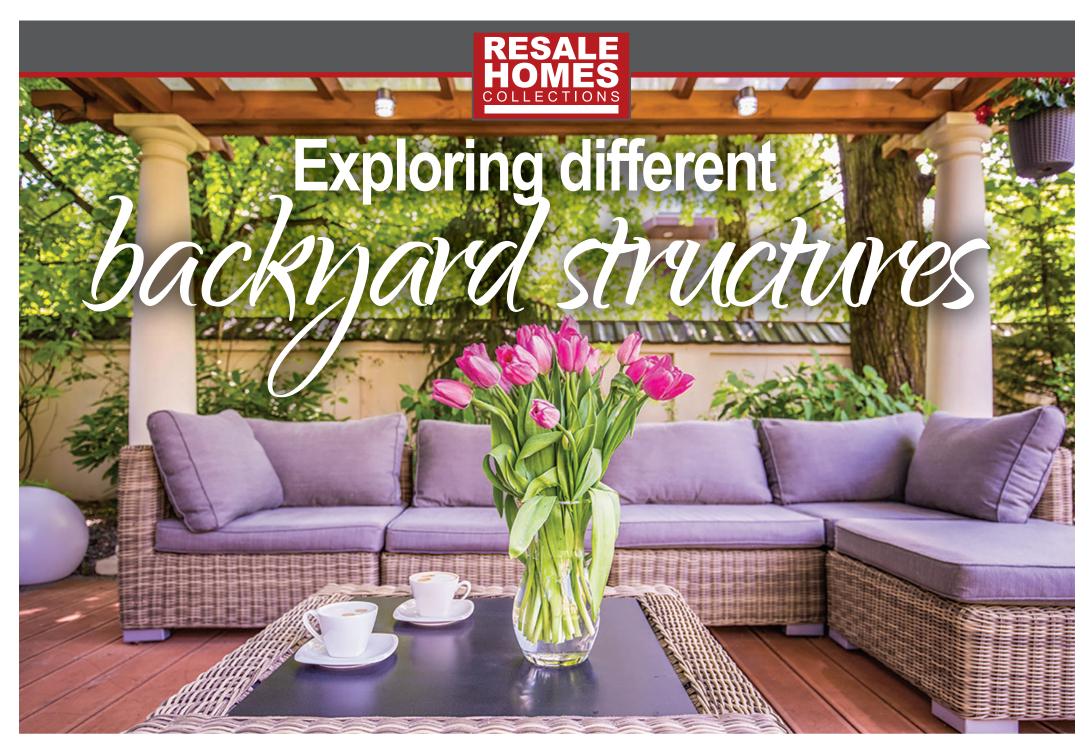




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Designing an ideal backyard space requires forethought and an eye for style. Knowing which features to include in a yard often boils down to what homeowners want to achieve in the space. Will it be a relaxing oasis or a central entertaining focal point?

People often look to various structures to add height and visual interest to outdoor spaces. Homeowners will likely come across structures like arbours, gazebos, pergolas, and even trellises as they wade through the variety of features they can incorporate into backyard plans. Each of these structures can add appeal, but they also can offer shelter from the sun and privacy when enjoying the yard. There are significant differences between each structure, so here's an in-depth look at what sets them apart.

ARBOR

An arbour is one of the more simple garden structures. It is usually a frame that is arched or square-cornered. Most homeowners use it as an entryway to a garden or even the front of the home. Those with green thumbs may cover the arbour with climbing and trailing plants. The Spruce says arbours date back to early Egyptian and Roman gardens and were used throughout Europe by the late 16th century.

PERGOLA

The words arbour and pergola are often used interchangeably, but to suggest the two structures are the same would not be accurate. Pergola comes from the Italian word pergola, which means projection. Pergolas were once projected from exterior walls and supported on one side by pillars or columns. Today, arbours are usually freestanding units with two or four posts. Pergolas may be connected on one side to a home or another structure. Some are freestanding units supported by four posts. Pergolas tend to be larger and offer more privacy and shade than arbours

GAZEBO

Gazebos are more defined garden buildings, states the contractor referral site Network. Gazebos are

freestanding units that can be built in various shapes. Some are octagonal, and others are square. Like a pergola, a gazebo is supported by columns and may have low railings or built-in benches. Gazebos also may have a more solid roof than arbours or pergolas, providing sun and other weather protection. The roof may have added architectural appeal, like a cupola.

TRELLIS

A trellis is a simple, geometrically-shaped structure that provides a surface for climbing plants. A trellis also may support fruit-bearing trees. Trellis work may be used in conjunction with an arbour or pergola or be installed on fencing.

Incorporating structures into backyard designs can provide functionality and appeal.



Learn the right ways to clean lawn and patio furniture

Once the days begin to grow a little bit longer and the numbers on the thermometer creep a tad higher, the outdoor entertaining season is right around the corner. Homeowners may be anxious to once again return to the comforts of their backyards. However, their patio furniture may not be ready for lounging just yet.

Some simple cleaning strategies make it easy to brighten outdoor furniture made of metal, glass, wood, and plastic. Before homeowners know it, their backyards will be ready for outdoor entertaining season.

PROPER STORAGE

Storing outdoor furniture during the colder months of the year is a great way to protect items from the elements. This may involve careful shrink-wrapping and keeping items outdoors, or by moving furniture indoors to a shed or garage. Cleaning the furniture one last time before storing it also can be handy.

REMOVE STUCK-ON DEBRIS

Inspect furniture and be prepared to remove any stuckon debris, such as bird droppings, sticky food residue or even cobwebs and insect nests. Be sure to use a cleaning tool that is safe for the material you are cleaning. Test an inconspicuous area of the furniture first to ensure your tools don't damage the furniture. For example, many scrub brushes can scratch glass or aluminum.

MAKE A THOROUGH CLEANSER

Clean stains off of furniture with a versatile cleanser. A mild cleanser can be made by mixing 1/2 cups of baking soda with 1 gallon of warm water, according to the experts at Better Homes & Gardens. Regular dishwashing detergent also can be mixed with water, as it has a mild bleaching agent. This cleanser can be used on plastic resin furniture or metal furniture, which are popular patio furniture materials.

PATIO FABRICS

Check the cleaning instructions of outdoor fabrics, as there might be specific instructions on the tags. In some cases, the fabric may be removed and washed in a washing machine in a gentle setting. A solution of dish soap and warm water also is a gentle way to clean outdoor fabrics. Once items are clean, HGTV advises applying a water-repellent fabric protector to minimize staining and maintenance.

STRIP OR SAND

Wood furniture may need specialized care. If stains cannot be removed with a mild cleanser, then hardwoods like teak can be surface-sanded to restore the item's original look.

Pressure washers can often do more harm than good to patio furniture, so it's best to look for an alternative way to clean them. Usually, a bit of elbow grease and a cleanser is all that's needed. Give the cleaning product time to work. Wipe down and dry the furniture thoroughly to prevent the growth of mildew.

Real Estate Market Update – Aurora



Buyer Demand Continues to Spring Forward

Ith Spring in our midst, yet the caution for safety first to curb the spread of COVID-19, the housing market in March remained strong across Aurora. There were 165 freehold homes that sold at an average price of \$1,292,795 on average within 9 days on the market for about 109 percent of the asking price. The average price for the 31 condominium sales was \$748,562, selling on average within 12 days on the market, yielding sellers on average 103 percent of the asking price.

Last March there were 111 percent fewer homes sold, and TRREB Toronto Regional Real estate Board classified the commencement of the COVID-19 Pandemic on March 15th, 2020. Consumer confidence and the need to buy and sell real estate have not disappeared one year later. Safety remains a crucial main focus for all needing to Buy or Sell real estate. Open houses in person remain prohibited, along with door-knocking and canvassing neighbourhoods, which

should also not be happening.

Home pricing remains strong, and with more receiving

vaccines, consumer confidence in selling may provide balance to this strong Seller's market as more inventory comes to market. Before selling, interview a REALTOR® on the best practices to ensure safety is top of mind in these COVID times. The province of Ontario is currently in grey classification shut down and its crucial for much of the real estate marketing for a home to be done as virtually as possible for the safety of both homeowners and buyers wanting to make their next move.

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ALFRESCO DINING is popular in spring and summer, and that popularity reached new heights in the summer of 2020. With much of the world still grappling with the outbreak of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 and government officials fearing rising case numbers if indoor gatherings are allowed, many restaurants are limited to offering only outdoor dining to patrons. Such restrictions reintroduced many people to the pleasure of outdoor dining.

Outdoor dining may be synonymous with summer, but there's no reason why good meals can't be enjoyed outside year-round. That's especially true when homeowners take stock of certain factors when planning outdoor dining spaces they intend to use all year long.

LIGHTING

If you plan to keep outdoor dining going after summer, then some extra lighting may be necessary.

The sun sets in the late afternoon/early evening in fall and winter, so you won't be able to rely on natural light to keep the dinner table aglow. Lighting also can make outdoor dining in summer more enjoyable. Outdoor string lights can add a relaxing vibe to a deck or patio. If you intend to string the lights up year-round, make sure poles are sturdy enough to withstand winter winds.

WEATHER

Table cloths can add a touch of class to outdoor dining tables. But those table cloths are only effective if they remain on the table. Summer breezes might not prove too great a challenge in that regard, but fall, winter and spring weather might make it hard to keep table cloths on the table where they belong. A simple set of table cloth clips can ensure the wind doesn't blow table cloths around while people are eating or completely off the table when everyone is inside. Hurricane candle

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holders also can make it easy to maintain the ambiance candles provide without having to worry about the wind extinguishing the candles in one strong gust.

SEATING

You might have no problem dining on traditional summer barbecue fares like burgers and hot dogs while sitting in camping chairs. But people who want to serve meals that require the use of a knife and fork will need to make sure all guests have a seat at the table. A foldable picnic-style table that can be easily stored in a garage or shed can do the trick. In addition, some deck and

patio tables are expandable, making them ideal options for people who may want to work around social distancing guidelines and serve holiday meals outside this year.

GRILL

Charcoal grill devotees may find it frustrating to keep coals lit long enough to get hot so they can keep enjoying grilled meals after summer and throughout fall, winter and spring. A hybrid charcoal/grill smoker that does not expose the fire to the elements as much as a traditional charcoal grill can do the trick, and such a grill also gives cooks the chance to slow cook and smoke foods all year long. For those with no special devotion to charcoal grills, a propane grill can light up in a matter of seconds regardless of the weather.

Outdoor dining can be enjoyed for several months of the year, especially when you take steps to prepare their outdoor spaces for four seasons worth of gatherings.



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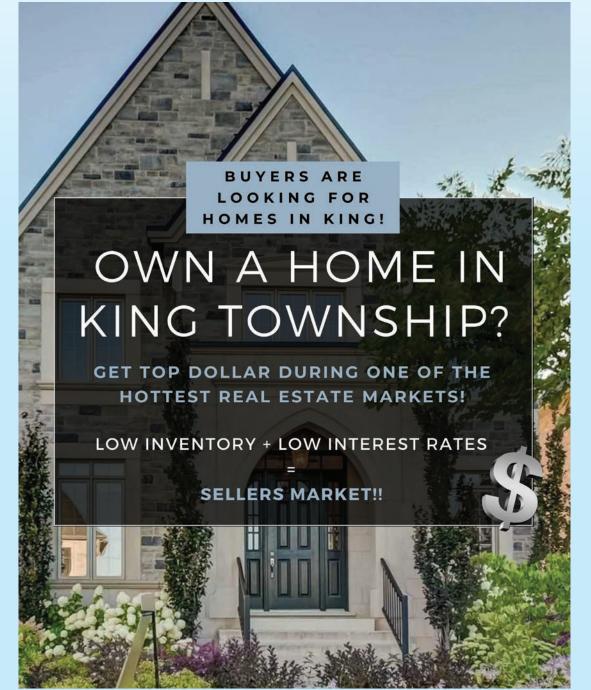
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(NC) Building a home theatre is the ultimate home renovation project. With all of the new video and audio technology options available, it's no surprise that more and more people are investing in creating the perfect space for enjoying family movie nights.

A BASEMENT HOME THEATRE is also a great place for the kids to entertain while the grownups enjoy hosting upstairs. That is, of course, as long as the sound effects from the newest action flick don't drown out dinner conversation

Whether you're turning your basement into a home theatre or your garage into a music studio, you need to think about how the project will affect your entire home and the people in it. The right soundproofing solution is especially important for a home theatre or music studio, since it needs to serve two purposes: giving you the best possible audio quality inside the room while limiting noise transfer to the people outside.

Kate Campbell, celebrity contractor, has created her own home theatre and has some tips for those planning a dedicated entertainment space. Since a standard home theatre creates 75 to 80 decibels of sound, she says the most important aspect of a home theatre is soundproofing.

Start by replacing hollow-core doors with solid doors and cover any windows with heavy curtains to block light and absorb sound. For walls and ceilings, she recommends Canadian-made Sonopan with Noise Stop Technology for home theatre and basement renovations.

"The product absorbs a wide range of frequencies and significantly reduces the transmission of sound and vibrations from basement home theatres. The standard 4-by-8-foot panels feature cavities of varying dimen-

sions and depths on each side. They are lightweight, simple to install behind drywall and environmentally friendly because they're made from 100 per cent recycled wood and are totally recyclable."

Campbell says that sound transfer to rooms above or adjacent to a home theatre can leak through electrical outlets, light fixtures and other openings that aren't properly sealed. That's why it's important to use acoustical caulking to seal any gaps where walls, ceilings and floors meet, including those around the edges of electrical outlets where drywall meets the outlet box. Sound can travel from these areas to all parts of your home.

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Variables to consider when choosing a media room

The term home theatre once made homeowners who love movies and sports dream of the day when they could dedicate a large area in their home to watching the big game or their favourite films. Such rooms are now widely referred to as media rooms. Though the terminology may have changed, media rooms are not all that different from home theatres.

Before choosing an area of their home as their designated media room, homeowners must consider a host of variables to ensure they get as much out of the room as possible.

LOCATION AND SHAPE: Of course the location of the room is of the utmost importance. Media rooms tend to be more social settings than traditional home theatres, which were often designed to be isolated from the rest of

the home so noise and natural light did not adversely affect the film-watching experience. Homeowners may not want their media rooms to be in high traffic areas of their homes, but they needn't be completely secluded, either. The renovation experts at the DIY Network note that the shape of a room should be considered before designating it as the media room. In general, square rooms are not ideal, as such rooms can produce harmonic distortions. A rectangular room likely won't produce such distortions, especially when homeowners place their screens and primary speakers on short walls. It's important that homeowners do not downplay the importance of sound, as media rooms, unlike traditional home theatres, may be used for listening to music just as much as they are for watching films or sports. Viewers may not recognize distortions when watching something, but homeowners may notice these abnormalities when listening to music.

WINDOWS: Media rooms are multi-purpose rooms, so homeowners don't need to remove rooms with windows from consideration. But the experts at the DIY Network note that windows are hard surfaces that can reflect sound and distort the audio, and the light that gets in through windows can produce reflections on the viewing surface. Each of those factors can adversely affect your listening and viewing experience. A room with windows can still make for a good media room, but you may want to invest in some blackout curtains to mitigate some of the disadvantages of having windows in the room.

WALL COLOURS: The colours of the walls in the room is another variable a homeowner will have to consider. Homeowners won't want to host guests for the big game in rooms with darkened walls, as that can create a dreary atmosphere and potentially make people tired. But especially bright colours will reflect light and adversely affect the viewing experience. Neutral colours should not affect the colours on the screen, making them the ideal colour choice for media room walls.

Media rooms are high on many homeowner's renovation lists. Considering a host of variables prior to designating an area for a media room can ensure the finished product is as enjoyable as possible.



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A basement renovation is one of the most popular home renovations. It not only provides more usable living space but also greatly increases home value.

Whether the plan is to use the space as a family recreation room, media room, or home office, sound-proofing should be a key component of the reno. Soundproofing is often overlooked because unlike flooring or choice of paint colour, it's not visible once the construction is complete.

Soundproofing is an effective and cost-efficient way to ensure the peace and comfort of family members upstairs and downstairs. The cost of soundproofing for the average basement costs less than \$1000 but it makes a huge difference in the enjoyment of your home.

Bryan Baeumler, HGTV host and professional contractor, knows all about basement renovations and

believes soundproofing should be part of every project.

"The right soundproofing solution is especially important for basement renos since it needs to serve two purposes: providing the best possible sound

quality inside the room and limiting noise transfer to

and from the rest of the house."

Baeumler suggests using Sonopan with NoiseStop Technology. The panels are lightweight, simple to install behind drywall and environmentally friendly because they're made from 100 per cent recycled wood and are

100 per cent recyclable.

"It's the best possible, most cost-effective soundproofing option," says Baeumler. "It absorbs a wide range of frequencies and significantly reduces the transmission of sound and vibrations. The panels are lightweight, simple to install behind drywall, and can be installed by a contractor or you can do it yourself. Because they

contain no added formaldehydes or VOCs (volatile organic compounds), there isn't a negative impact on in-home air quality."

He says when installing a drop ceiling in a basement, install soundproofing first. It's important to create a solid barrier to stop sound. Although certain tiles can do a decent job absorbing sound, much of the noise still travels through the cracks. Seal any gaps with acoustical caulking and adding insulation batts can be used to increase soundproofing value.

While soundproofing is most easily addressed in new construction, when applying over an existing wall, follow the normal installation procedure. Make sure screws are long enough to secure panels into framework and then add drywall as usual.

Soundproofing can help ensure that you're making the best use of your available space and protects the investment in your home.

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Find more information at sonopan.com.

Where to find the best home décor updates

(NC) Canadians are spending more time than ever before at home. Dining room tables have transformed into workspace and living space is now the classroom and a meeting room.

As the season changes, now is the time to think about cleaning or sprucing up our living spaces. With many local retailers opening online storefronts, selling or buying items might be easier, closer and more cost-effective than you think.

Going local can have some great benefits to you and your community:

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A space that seamlessly encompasses all of these elements would no doubt be a hot commodity for those looking to make the move. After visiting Sorrento Retirement Residence in Bolton, we can confidently say that we've found such a place, and it's located right in our backyard.

From its conceptualization, Sorrento Retirement Residence has been a space uniquely designed to secure the comfortable, independent lifestyle of its residents. Sorrento's design is heavily influenced by the project's lead interior designer's incredible eye for composition and background in psychology, along with the builder's meticulous attention to detail. Everything from room layouts to colour combinations has been carefully chosen to promote comfort, social structure and engagement.

Once you enter its front doors, you step into a warm, welcoming atmosphere, met with luxurious design elements combining classic and modern European styles.

Situated at 10 Station Road, Sorrento residents have access to the best that Bolton has to offer. Parks and beautiful trails alongside the Humber River are just minutes away, along with shops and other activities.

Of course, making the move to a retirement space is a big decision. Seniors and their families often express concern that their lives will completely change after they move.



Shiran Refai, Sorrento's executive director says, "the only thing that changes when moving to Sorrento is your address. We provide many luxuries and amenities that allow you to continue pursuing your hobbies and maintain your independence."

Residents have access to a fitness center, pool, pet spa, rooftop garden, potting room, gourmet restaurant and so much more. Not only can they continue pursuing their hobbies after moving in, they'll have even more activities to explore.

Safety is a top priority at Sorrento, especially amidst current pandemic concerns. The isolation and separation that many elderly ones have faced over this past year have no doubt has been extremely difficult.

Moving into a retirement living space like Sorrento allows residents to safely regain their sense of community. Social protocol measures are in place throughout the building so as to promote uplifting interaction in a safe way. If any residents don't feel comfortable leaving the premises to do their shopping, this service can be provided to them by the Sorrento staff.

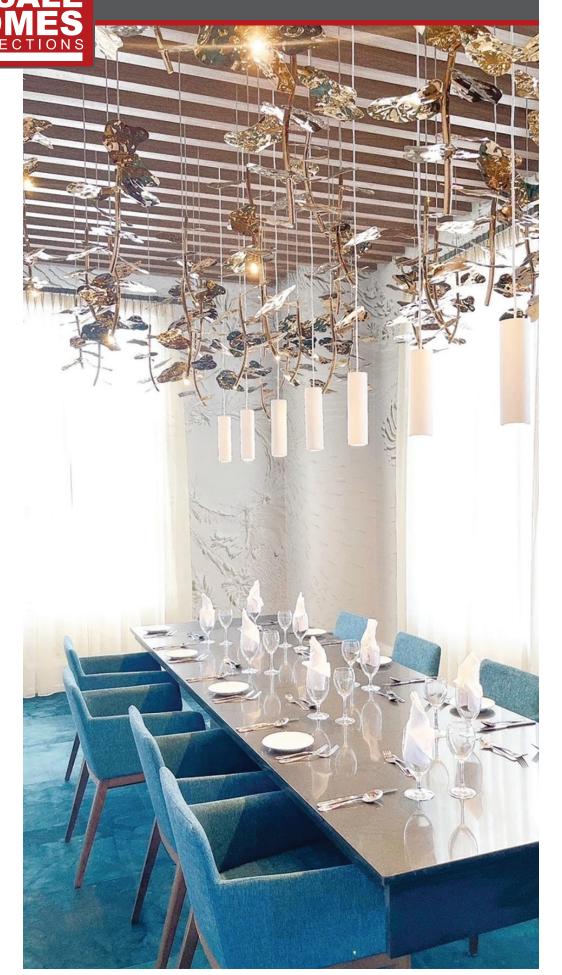
There are also unique safety features built into the building to keep residents as safe and healthy as possible, namely, its ERV system. This system allows each individual suite to filter in the air from outside while pushing out stagnant air. Air is not circulated from room to room, but each suite has an independent air exchange system. If any resident should become ill and need to stay in their room, the air in that room will be independently exchanged with air from the exterior of the building. This impressive feature single-handedly raises the bar when it comes to safety standards in retirement residences whether Independent or assisted living centres.

Resident health and safety are taken one step further at the Sorrento Wellness Center, where doctors are on call at all times along with in-house nurses and personal support workers who are available around the clock.

The consideration that has been given to each aspect of living at Sorrento sets this retirement residence high above the rest. Its charming staff goes above and beyond to accommodate every resident, ensuring that their days are enjoyable and their needs are met, making for a truly elevated living experience.

Sorrento suites are now available to lease. For more information, visit sorrentoretirement.com or call 647-317-7242. You can also stay up to date on its current events through its Instagram and Facebook pages at @sorrentoretirementbolton.

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