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'Dynamic Duo' at Township breakfast

The annual King Township pancake breakfast drew many visitors and special guests Saturday at King City arena. Here, the Boy Wonder Cristian (Robin) and Caped Crusader Julian (Batman) enjoyed their breakfast. Turn to Page 9 for more photos of the event.

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Pellegrini launches re-election campaign

By Mark Pavilons

Mayor Steve Pellegrini has some unfinished business. And he wants another term to further enhance the measures he's helped put in place.

Pellegrini was the first to declare his candidacy for mayor in this fall's municipal election.

He's proud of his accomplishments over the last three years – "getting the house in order" – and now it's time to steer the course that's been charted.

"Things are coming together, but there's more to finish," he said.

During the past two years in particular, King has created and implemented a ton of new strategic plans to act as road maps to King's future.

The Integrated Sustainability Plan, a first for any Ontario municipality, helped kick-start King's direction, and a combined team effort over the past year has resulted in some huge gains.

The mayor has fulfilled many of his goals – immediate priorities he laid out when he first took office in 2010.

"These four priorities have provided the focus for the past three years and, with my strong leadership, we have been able to accomplish even more than I could have hoped. We are listening to our residents and stakeholders while setting the benchmark for great governance. Never before have we had long-term strategic plans to address all essential aspects of our municipality and that are based on resident and stakeholder input, best practices in municipal governance and financial responsibility."

A strong proponent of leveraging partnerships, Pellegrini led the charge to boost King's economic development. The sustainability plan is now King's primary reference point for council decisions and set the stage for more to come.

Just recently, King completed its first-ever Economic Development Strategy. This was preceded by the inaugural Business Retention and Expansion Program; an update of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan; a Museum Strategic Business Plan; a King Township Public Library Strategic Plan; a Green Sustainability Checklist and community and street beautification efforts.

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Mayor has helped boost King's financial sustainability

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There are also many initiatives currently under way that include a Transportation Master Plan Study; a Development Charges Background Study; a Housing and Residential Intensification Study and the ongoing Official Plan Review.



We are steadily paying down debt and are in a much more secure financial position due to the fiscally responsible manner in which the Township staff and council operates."

And, for the past two years, King has earned the national awarded of Excellence for Government Budgeting Process.

King has also developed a reserve strategy, and formed partnerships with the "Northern 6" (Aurora, Newmarket, Stouffville, Georgina, East Gwillimbury and King), which has resulted in substantial cost savings "because we can achieve economies of scale when we procure such

things as garbage collection, insurance, audit services and the like. And, with cost containment measures in the Township we had a surplus of approximately \$500,000 (2011) and \$1.6 million for (2012)."

Connecting with residents was another of Pellegrini's priorities. To that end, King created what he believes is one of the best municipal websites around (www.king.ca). This site will only get better, he said, with new apps such as a waste collection app.

He also continues to take the lead in "meet the mayor" nights throughout the Township, as an informal way to connect and gather community input.

Every home and business has received the King Business Directory, collaborative initiative between the Chamber and the Township to provide pertinent information regarding businesses and services.

When he originally took office, he felt there was a need to rebuild trust with businesses, residents and all of King's partners.

"In the past three years we have had the opportunity to recruit and/or promote many experienced and top quality senior staff members as a result of retirements and attrition. We have a new CAO, a new Township clerk, a new fire chief, a new chief librarian and a new director of parks, recreation and culture. Each of these individuals brings knowledge, passion and a true sense of public responsibility to their position. I am very proud of our entire Township team."

Another key objective was developing strong relationships with the other levels of government and accessing the various funding options.

In 2013, King received \$3,517,625 in grants ranging from bridge replacement at \$1,849,631 to a Museum grant of \$13,500. Since 2010, King has received just over \$27 million in grants.

"I am proud to say that our council is the envy of York Region (and perhaps the GTA) because of the professional way in which it conducts itself. Council members and Township staff address all issues in a thoughtful, respectful manner and bring

their wealth of knowledge and experience to every decision that is made. For this, I thank all council members and the Township staff!"

Pellegrini is "excited" to continue to work on implementing all of those measures put in place to further raise the bar for King.

"I would be honoured and privileged to remain at the helm for another term as mayor," he said.

Pellegrini was first elected as Ward 1 councillor in 2000 and re-elected in 2003. He made an unsuccessful bid for mayor in 2006 and then became mayor in 2010.

Cost of running municipal election in King King over 100K

By Mark Pavilons

The coming municipal election in 2014 will dent the Township coffers by roughly \$120,000.

Township CAO Susan Plamondon said the Township is responsible for the cost of running the election. They put away roughly \$30,000 each budget year during a term, to "smooth the cost out."

Clerk Kathryn Smyth is in charge of the election machinery in King, as per the Municipal Act.

Smyth said she's going to make her budget work and use internal staff, and ask clerk department staffers to take on extra roles. They will likely have to hire some outside poll clerks and DROs to man the advanced polls.

King plans to promote advanced polls, many of which take place on weekends prior to the Oct. 27, 2014 vote.

In King, they will once again use the tried and tested vote tabulators. Some municipalities are even offering online voting.

For the most part, they try to use Township buildings, arenas and some school sites. They will use key locations, such as Schomberg's Trisan Centre, she said.

Not only does the clerk oversee the voting process, but also assists candidates, prepares candidate sessions and receives all documents related to the campaigns.

The process, and workload is similar, whether you're talking about a municipality with 5,000 people or one with 500,000, Smyth observed.

"It's going to be a busy year," she said.

In the 2010 election, King boasted a 45% voter turnout.

The nomination period has begun and ends Sept. 12. Contact the clerk's department for more details. Information will also posted and updated at www.kingvotes.ca.

King residents generous, World Vision survey shows

By Mark Pavilons

It seems King residents have a giving nature.

Last year, 46 King residents ordered charitable gifts from the World Vision Gift catalogue.

They purchased a total of \$14,940 worth of essential items, ranging from clean water and medical supplies to livestock, for people in developing nations.

Leading the way were the eight generous donors from Nobleton, who purchased a total of \$6,755 worth of items. Next were the 24 King City residents who pitched in \$5,565. A total of 14 Schomberg residents purchased \$2,620 worth of items.

Every gift from the catalogue will change a life, so you can choose the present that's most meaningful for you to give knowing it will meet a critical need in places where World Vision works.

The survey revealed that 66% are more likely to give a charitable gift versus 58% of Canadians overall.

The Holiday giving survey was conducted by World Vision in October. The survey investigated Canadian attitudes towards charitable and gift giving.

Crews working to remove tree debris from recent storm

By Mark Pavilons

It may be spring before the remnants of the recent ice storm that hit King Township are completely cleaned up.

And the tab may hit upwards of \$200,000.

King Township's work crews are doing double time clearing sidewalks, streets and roads of tree debris. According to Mayor Steve Pellegrini, they're concentrating on removing broken limbs to ensure public safety. Both Township crews and an outside contractor are removing limbs and chipping the debris. Eventually they will address the downed trees on residents' properties.

The mayor predicted it will take six to 10 weeks before majority of the debris is dealt with. But, given the current weather conditions, many of the large limbs simply cannot be removed until the spring thaw.

"We're working as fast as we can," Pellegrini said. "We will get around to it all."

The words he offered up for residents – "patience please."

The mayor noted his property is also littered with tree limbs and he will simply have to wait until spring to deal with it.

At this point, he's not sure how the Township will address the matter. They can offer increased yard waste collections, but the pieces have to be cut small for collection. This may not be possible in all cases, so the chippers may have to make a return appearance in the coming months.

York residents can get food cards

Eligible York Region residents may receive help to replace food spoiled during the recent ice storm through a provincial program offering a limited number of grocery cards.

To determine eligibility, York Region residents should call the Access York Contact Centre at 1-888-256-1112. Residents must have been without power for more than 48 hours and face financial difficulty in replacing spoiled food. A very limited number of grocery cards are available and will be distributed by mail only. Grocery cards will not be available in person.

The program will not provide grocery cards to all households that lost power and is intended to aid only those most in need. Eligible families can receive one \$100 grocery card per household or eligible individuals can receive one \$50 grocery card per person.

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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

~ Frank B. Kellogg

Hypocrisy plagues arm's-length agencies

Human beings have the uncanny knack of gaining wisdom, the longer they walk the world.

But wonders never cease. And today's society continues to cause near epidemic levels of head-shaking and eyebrow-raising. I've strained many muscles over the past year in response to unbelievable occurrences in our world.

I have stopped saying "I've seen it all" for good reason.

As a regular lottery player, controversy surrounding such a pastime continues to surprise me.

It's a tax for people who can't do math! And as such, it's voluntary. Consider it on par with other "sin" taxes like those imposed on alcohol and cigarettes.

With all due respect to every religion, it's like putting money into the collection plate, in hopes of being blessed.

Lotteries date back literally thousands of years. I remember my parents telling me of the famous "Irish Sweepstakes." We followed the evolution and demise of Wintario, and witnessed the arrival of Lotto 6/49 and the current variety of games of chance.

The governing body, the Ontario Lottery Corporation, earns billions and does contribute a ton of cash to charitable organizations each year. Since 1975, OLG has provided nearly \$38 billion to the province and the people of Ontario.

OLG's annual payments to the province have helped support health care; education, research, prevention and treatment of problem gambling; amateur sport, etc.

Just recently, the OLG created and released its first "corporate social responsibility report."



Mark Pavilons

The document will serve as a baseline measure of OLG's efforts in a number of areas of social responsibility, including responsible gambling and ways to address problem gambling; earning and keeping customers' trust; strengthening community involvement and reducing OLG's impact on the environment.

"Ultimately, our goal is to be a global leader when it comes to social responsibility and how we report on our CSR efforts," according to an OLG spokesperson.

I have no problem with enshrined methods of keeping an eye on pseudo-government agencies. I also have a vested interest in where our tax dollars go.

But here's the catch. This corporation provides an entertainment service that has inherent problems, and then wants to mother our citizens and lecture them about the evils of gambling.

If our governments felt so strongly about the ill effects associated with gambling, why are they in the business? From race tracks to lotteries and casinos, our governments are knee-deep in what was once an outlawed activity.

They spend millions on advertising, to the point where most people have the slogans, "just imagine, live your dreams to the max" and doing the "happy dance" embedded in their brains.

And it's generating a lot of money. On the flip side, it's also feathering a lot of nests.

A former head of the OLG was paid very handsomely, and given a massive departure package.

There have been scandals, mistakes and fights over winning tickets. There have been scams, thefts and debates.

The bottom line is it's a bureaucracy, and as such, it's inherently inefficient, wasteful and excessive.

It's a licence to print money.

But don't blame them. Its mandate and guidelines come from the leaders at Queen's Park.

Maybe our MPPs should demand that more money be spent on covering medications through OHIP, and not letting people suffer or go into financial ruin over a few pills.

Let's pump a few more million into education, roads, the environment and debt-reduction.

The recent auditor general's report on the excessive perks at Ontario Power

Generation was an unwelcome yuletide gift to taxpayers.

When executives of a government agency earn six-figure incomes, and enjoy pensions ranging from \$180,000 to \$700,000, something is wrong. Not only are the lunatics running the asylum, they're padding their expense accounts and retiring in style. It's almost criminal.

The government can't be all things – and I don't expect them to be guidance counsellors or spiritual leaders. Take care of the nuts and bolts of running the province.

Ensure people are healthy and have jobs. Make it a priority to protect our economy and natural resources.

Shrink the civil service trough. Cap salaries. Limit tax increases. Do more with less.

Each time the auditor general investigates and releases a report, the picture gets bleaker.

Billions have literally been flushed down the drain. Our eHealth has impacted our real health.

Our movers and shakers at all levels have to come to the realization the gluttony must end. They are not entitled to feast on hard-earned tax dollars. They do not deserve to retire in luxury, on the backs of their fellow citizens.

And what are we to do about it?

Force the hand. Call their bluff. Go "all in."

Our complacency must come to an end. Apathy is not an option.

Our future belongs as much to us as it does the throngs of government middle management at all levels.

End the hypocrisy!

Letter to the Editor

Township lauded for cleanup

The freezing rain started with a vengeance late Saturday before Christmas and I had been keeping an eye on a favoured Locust tree across our little dirt road. It had been leaning precariously for years and I knew it would be an ice storm that would bring it down. Sadly, I heard it fall with that eerie clinking of ice, like glass smashing, and that slow fall that would, for the next few days, characterize the devastating sound all around us as the freezing rain did its dirty deed.

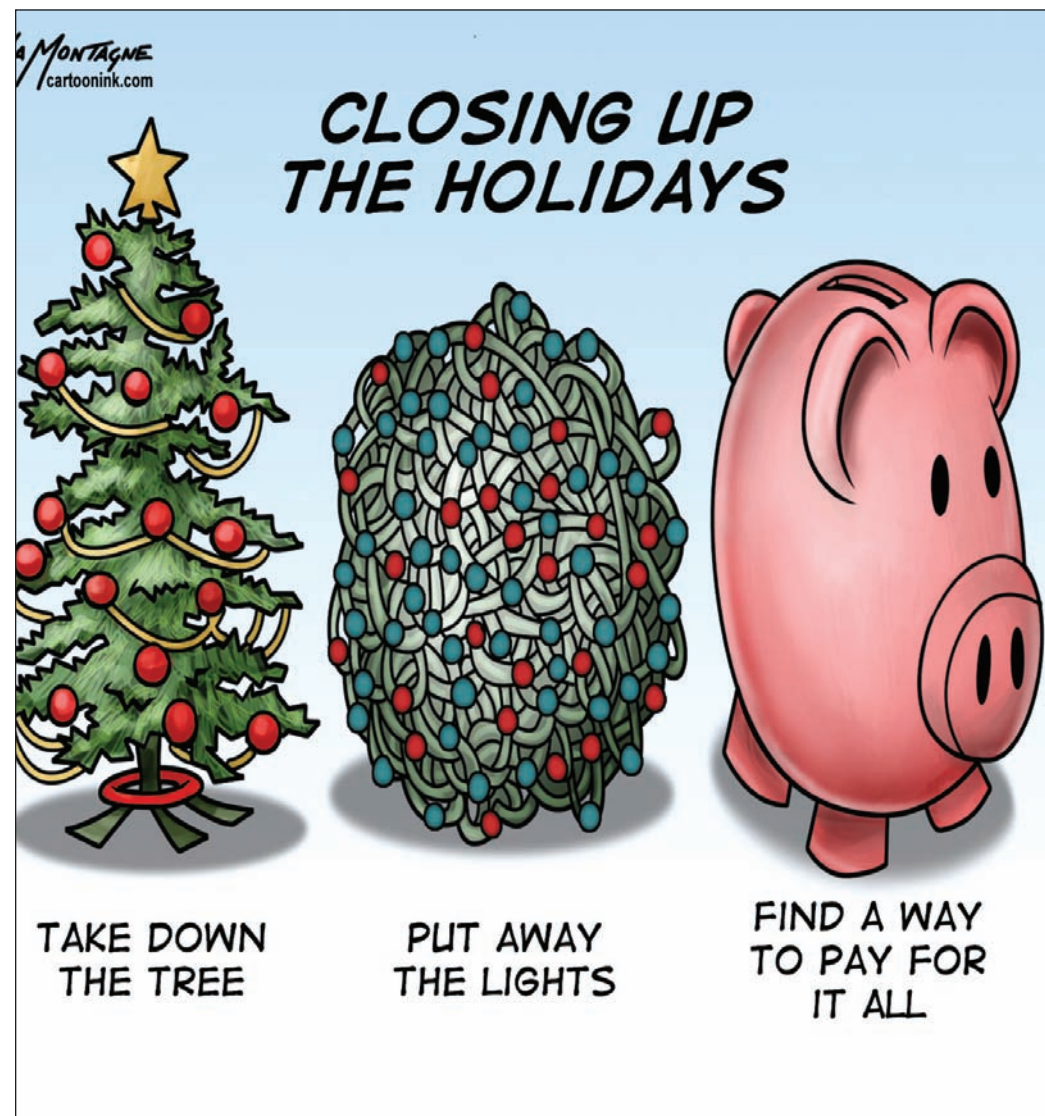
It was 3:30 early Sunday morning and as the big Locust fell right across our Mill Road making the road impassible. I thought I'd join the cue of messages awaiting the Township roads work crew for Monday and called our municipality. Much to my surprise, a "real" person answered the phone and took down the location and details. And much to my amazement, around 4 a.m., a lone fellow with a chain saw arrived to do the job of getting the tree off the road. As I went out in the dead of night to thank him, a huge branch came thundering down to the right of my path then another to the left. It was dangerous out there!

I realized what risks this solitary man was taking being out there in the uncertain world of night and trees being strained beyond their limits. I want to thank this fellow again, whose name I do not know, all the others who helped free passage and get the power back on, and the Township for being on the other end of the phone line after midnight in the crisis.

A postscript: What I have realized over the last couple of weeks is that not all the broken branches have fallen to the ground and we must be wary of those "widow makers" falling unpredictably with a trajectory that could be right onto our heads! With the weight of the new extra snow, these limbs could be making their way groundward anytime soon.

Does anyone know how animals are surviving this long time with so little access to ground food when everything is sealed up like a drum and inches of ice cover everything?

Mary Bromley
Mill Road



Brainteaser



A taxi driver runs through four red lights, two stop signs and goes through a house. A police officer witnesses this but doesn't do anything. Why not?

Last week's answer: The word "short" gets even "shorter" with two extra letters!

King Township Trivia

The hamlet of Ansnorveldt was named after one of the early settler John Snor's wife Ann Snor and "veldt" meaning field.

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Do you think there will be a Provincial Election this spring?

a) Yes 50%

b) No 50%

Results from last week's poll:

Do you think you personally were adequately prepared for last week's storm?

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Councillors reflect, look ahead

King really starting to 'hum,' Schaefer notes

By Mark Pavilons

There are challenges, but King Township is really starting to "hum," according to Ward 5 Councillor Debbie Schaefer.

Growth is an issue in her ward. Last year there were applications for two residential subdivisions (Mary Lake Estates and Signature Development at McClure) and for the prestige employment lands (King City Corporate Centre (KCCC). In other wards, there was the application for a wedding venue/banquet hall on the Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM) and finally, the initiative to re-purpose the site of the old Schomberg Community & Agricultural Arena.

"For all these issues there were many concerned and engaged citizens who brought different perspectives to the table; in some cases citizens paid for consultants to support and argue their position. As a councillor I could not ask for better civic engagement, but inevitably my decisions as to what is best for the Township in the long-term have not been congruent with the viewpoint of all constituents all the time."

The evolution and ultimate council approval of the residential applications in King City demonstrated the value of very early engagement of citizens and early direct discussions between citizens and proponents, she stressed.

The wedding venue application, which recently went to the OMB, has caused Schaefer to "really think hard about what it means to preserve, protect and enhance the ORM while still encouraging economic development in King."

She's very proud of the strategy to determine what should be happening at the site of the old arena. The Township is not taking the conventional route by selling the land and then changing the buyer's development plans. Although we are far from the final decision on this, she's optimistic about a solution delivering very good value for the long term.

Council recently mediated an agreement with regards to the KCCC application, but it wasn't easy.

"For me, this was extremely difficult," she said. The mediation process itself troubled me as it was done under the protocols of the OMB requiring confidentiality, isolated from citizen input. The OPA enables developments which were not envisioned in the King City Community Plan. I assessed that there were benefits in



the negotiated OPA which were of value in themselves and furthermore that valuable conditions were being introduced which would serve to protect these employment lands for the long-term until they are fully developed."

Without question the magnitude of change occurring in King is huge, she observed. Much of the change occurring today or being debated today is a direct outcome of decisions made more than 10 years ago about municipal services.

She's looking forward to seeing the proposed subdivisions coming to full closure in the coming year.

"I am very excited that we are looking beyond initiatives driven by the decisions 10 years ago. The review of our Official Plans is long overdue."

This year is the second year for the Sustainability Committee and as a member of that committee, Schaefer has seen the "team" of citizens, staff and councillors come together in the last few months to identify how it can contribute to realizing our sustainability visions by engaging community members and groups.

"Our municipality is really starting to hum. Because of the underpinnings of

numerous policy and/or strategies, the humming will become louder!"

Every year of this term council has contributed to infrastructure reserves and they have increased the amount of tax based funds in its capital spending plans.

Strategies have been approved for the Museum, Parks Recreation & Culture, and Economic Development. The Integrated Community Sustainability Plan guides and directs how King makes decisions. The municipality, she said, is starting to address the long list of bylaws which need to be updated to meet contemporary realities in our changing but still rural municipality.

"There is much more which needs to be done; but as the cliché says Rome was not built in a day. As 2014 is an election year, I anticipate hearing new voices with ideas how to realize our vision of being "an idyllic countryside community of communities."

Eek anxious to work with newly minted plans

By Mark Pavilons

King Township has enjoyed many successes in 2013, and one councillor is excited about working with some new municipal documents as we move forward in 2014.

Ward 6 Councillor Avia Eek said she's eyeing the year ahead with a vision of where we want to go, how we are going to get there, and how to involve our existing community members, and newcomers alike to build our community of communities.

Issues in her northern ward haven't really changed much. Top on the minds of residents are commuters speeding through neighbourhoods at morning and evening rush hours, which continues to pose a risk to those riding bicycles, walking, or driving farm equipment. The Holland Marsh is an active farming community, she points out, and constant repairs are being made to Miller Sideroad.

Road maintenance is key, and King's roads department is diligent in this regard.

Illegal, non-conforming uses within the Specialty Crop Area continue to raise the ire of residents and farmers, she said.

"We need to, and are working toward, changing some criteria, zoning etc. when applications come through for storage barns, etc."

She looks at 2014 with anticipation. King Township has its first ever Economic Development Strategy which will guide sustainable economic development. It also recognizes the importance of agriculture, and more specifically, the value of the Holland Marsh "as a driver of our economy."

Eek is also pleased that York Region recognizes the importance of the Holland Marsh's edible horticulture to our economy.

"In fact, the York Agricultural Advisory Liaison Committee is working with stakeholders to revitalize York Region Farm



Fresh, and are putting together our 2014 work plan."

King Township has just recently held the first public meeting of many, to obtain input from the residents/farmers with respect to the Official Plan review. This document has not been revised since the 1970s, although it has had approximately 80 amendments.

"We need to align our OP with other planning policies. This will work well with our Integrated Community Sustainability Plan, and will also align with some action items identified in the Business Retention and Expansion Study the Township undertook."

Eek is thrilled by the progress and accomplishments made in 2013.

"We have a vision for King, and taking the first steps requires us to put plans in place," she said. "We have consulted our residents and farmers, and continue to ask for your input, so that these strategies/plans are able to move forward."

Some of these initiatives are led by council and staff, and many are community-led.

"Together we can accomplish our goals, vision for this great community of communities called King Township."

"I cannot say enough times how proud I am of our farmers for the food they produce for us; of our residents, who tirelessly work in a volunteer capacity to make this municipality welcoming; of our staff for the hard work, long hours, and level of professionalism they exhibit."

Enjoy Winterfest at Cold Creek Feb. 1

Join your friends and neighbours on Feb. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cold Creek Conservatrion Area for a fun and exciting Winterfest. Admission is only \$10 per car. Enjoy a delicious soup or chili with fresh bread and take part in a variety of exciting activities for all ages including horse-drawn sleigh rides, crafts, guided hikes, free cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals, pond skating, and more! Load up the whole family and fall in love with Cold Creek. Visit coldcreek.ca for more details.

Faces from King



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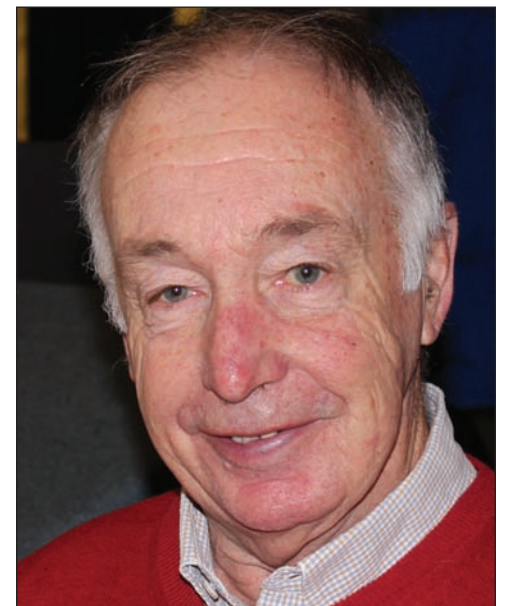
The word around King

Are you optimistic about the economy in 2014?



Andy MacPherson

"I'm not pessimistic. I'm looking forward to 2014."



Bob Teather

"I think we'll have minimal growth on the positive side. I think there's optimism."



Joan Teather

"I'm not sure. Hopefully it will be on the better side."



Anton Thomas

"I don't have much knowledge on the economy, but the Canadian economy seems to be getting better."



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers

Mon. January 13, 2014
6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

Mon. January 27, 2014
5:00pm - Working Session - Update on Facility Structural and Accessibility Audit and Energy Management Plan
6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole
Public Meeting - Proctor Industrial Park File Z-2013-13

BUDGET 2014

NOTICE - UPCOMING MEETINGS
2014 BUDGET & BUSINESS PLAN

Council Chambers @ 2075 King Road, King City

RE: **Adoption - 2014 Budget & Business Plan**
Monday, January 13th, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.

The Township of King adoption of the 2014 Budget & Business Plan will be considered at the January 13th, 2014 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 9th, 2014.

For further information regarding the Budget process please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact:

Jeff Parks, Manager of Budgets and Accounting,
jparks@king.ca

Telephone: 905-833-5321 or 1-800-688-5013, Fax: 905-833-2300

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

REMINDER!

Christmas trees will be collected on **January 13th only**. Please remove ALL decorations, nails, tree stands and plastic tree bags.

Please note that crews will not dig out a tree or climb a snow bank to retrieve one, and that trees over 6' must be cut in pieces.



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

KING IS SEEKING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS!

The Township is currently seeking interested individuals to become active Committee members on certain Committees, as recent resignations have created vacancies on the following Committees:

- * Committee of Adjustment
- * Heritage Advisory Committee
- * Accessibility Advisory Committee

Applications will be accepted at the Township offices, to the attention of Kathryn Smyth, Township Clerk, up to January 17th, 2014. Visit our website, www.king.ca, to obtain information on these Committees, and the recruitment and submission process for applications.

You can make a difference in your community!

NOTICES

PROPOSED DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS BY-LAW

Resulting from extensive review and community engagement since July of 2012, Council of the Township of King will be considering the adoption of a Discharge of Firearms by-law at the meeting of January 27th, 2014. The by-law proposes expanding the King City 'no discharge' area and implementing administrative revisions. The proposed by-law and accompanying staff report will be available for viewing on the Township's website and at the Township offices by the end of day on January 22nd, 2014. For inquiries or concerns, please contact Kathryn Smyth, Clerk, at 905-833-4018, or by e-mail at ksmyth@king.ca.

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 2013-143 on the 16th day of December, 2013 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter P.13.

The subject lands are described as part of Lots 8 and 9, Concession 8 as well as Blocks 190, 194, 205 and 207 of registered plan 65M-4169. Specifically, the lands subject to this application are five locations within draft plan approved plan of subdivision 19T-03K01, as shown on the attached key map.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King not later than the **7th day of January, 2014** a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, together with 1 cheque in the amount of \$125.00 (certified cheque or money order only) payable to the Minister of Finance to cover the Ontario Municipal Board fee, and a cheque for \$151.00 representing the Clerk's Department Administrative processing fee, payable to the Township of King. 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 Ontario Municipal Board, a copy of an appeal form is available from the Ontario Municipal Board website at www.omb.gov.on.ca or from the Clerk of the Township of King. Please note the Board will only accept filing fee payments by certified cheque or money order.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. 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 the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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 at www.king.ca.

DATED at the Township of King this 20th day of December, 2013.

Nobleton Sanitary Sewer Project Update and Safety Reminder

As sewer work continues in Nobleton, the Township asks that residents remind their children to exercise caution around the heavy construction vehicles, and especially that they do not play or climb on construction equipment.

Residents are also asked to take extra care while driving around the construction areas.

Road closures will continue while sewer construction is underway in **Contract Area 5** (Chinook, Hawman, Hazelbury, Henley, Wilson); **Contract Area 6** (Wilkie, Robinson); **Contract Area 7A** (Faris, Kinsley, Wellington, Parkview, Crestview); **Contract Area 7B** (Ellis), and **Contract Area 7C** (south of Hwy. 27 from Parkview). We apologize for any inconvenience and ask everyone to drive safely on the alternate routes.

Anyone with special transportation or medical needs, such as those receiving home-based care, should notify the Township by calling our **Project Phone Line at 905-833-4073**.

If you have questions about the Nobleton Sanitary Sewer Project, please call the Project Phone Line or email us at nobletonsewers@king.ca.

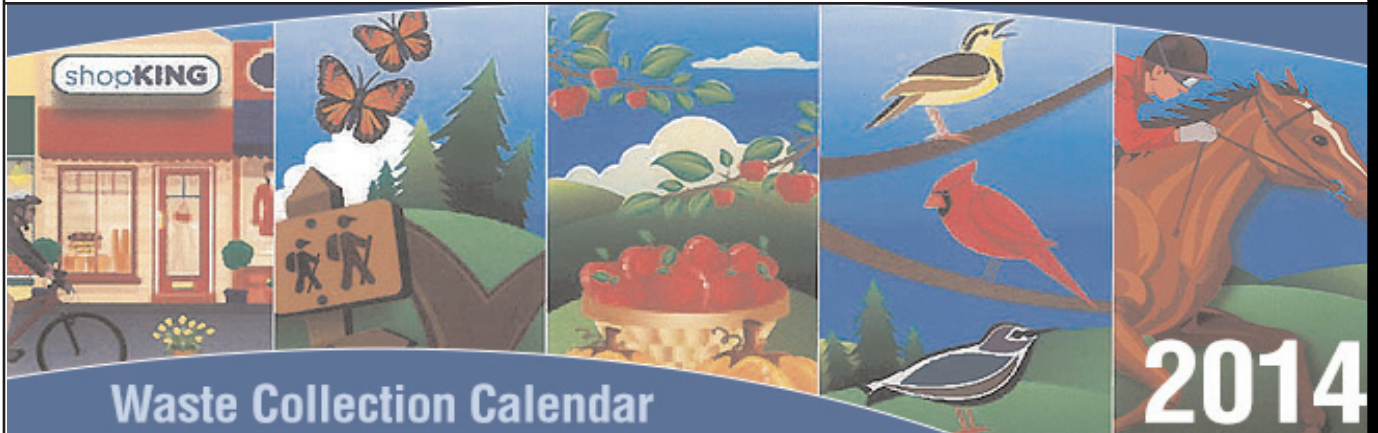


We must do our best to be as sustainable as possible while contending with the harsh winter weather. For tips on how to have a safe, healthy and sustainable winter, visit www.sustainableking.com.

Contact sustainability@king.ca for more information about King's Community Sustainability Plan.

Winter Parking Restrictions

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Waste Collection Calendar

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2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

ARE YOU CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN KING?

Anyone thinking about running as a candidate for Mayor or Ward Councillor within the Township of King can file nomination papers at the Clerks Department.



The Nomination Period begins January 2, 2014 and ends September 12, 2014.

Contact the Clerk's Department for more details. Information is also posted and updated at www.kingvotes.ca throughout the year.



ICE STORM CLEAN UP

Options regarding a formal clean up program to help deal with debris related to the ice storm are currently being considered. More information regarding timeline and process will be available shortly.

Please visit our website, www.king.ca, or check back here for more information in the coming weeks.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

KING IS HIRING!

King Township is seeking applications from qualified individuals for the position(s) of:

- * **Summer Camp Staff**
 - Travelling Camp Director
 - Inclusion Coordinator
 - Skateboard/Mountain Biking Program Coordinator
 - Museum Camp Program Coordinator
 - General Camp Program Coordinator(s)
 - Camp Counselor(s)

* **Seasonal Aquatics Staff**

- Pool Supervisor
- Aquatics Instructors
- Lifeguards

* **Parks Summer Operators** - (Students)

For a detailed description of all employment opportunities visit www.king.ca

Township of King Transportation Master Plan Study

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

The Township of King has initiated the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) Study. This study will be carried out through an open public process in accordance with the requirements of Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process (October 2000 as amended in 2007), which is an approved process under the EA Act. The TMP Study will guide the development of the Township's long-term transportation vision for the next twenty years and will be undertaken in accordance with the applicable planning policy framework at the provincial, regional, and local levels, including the Provincial Policy Statement. It reflects the Township's desire to develop a sustainable transportation system with a strong focus on efficient use of existing infrastructure, transit, active transportation and Transportation Demand Management. This notice signals the commencement of the TMP Study.

Do you have an interest in any of the following issues? We need your input:

- Rural and urban transportation issues
- New road links
- Traffic infiltration and traffic calming
- Traffic safety / operations
- Carpool lots, park-and-ride lots, carpooling
- Public transit, cycling and walking
- Truck traffic
- Population or economic growth effects on transportation

In accordance with the provincial Growth Plan (Places to Grow) and targets for growth and intensification established for King by the York Region Official Plan, the Township of King is estimated to grow by approximately 14,600 residents and 4,800 jobs by 2031. Planning for this growth is essential to ensure future residents enjoy the same excellent quality of life that is already enjoyed by so many in the Township of King. The TMP Study will establish a transportation planning framework and requirements in order to accommodate the expected population and employment growth, and will contribute to the update of transportation policies in the Township's Official Plan.

You are invited to get involved – Public Information Centres!

A key component of the study will be consultation with stakeholders, regulatory agencies and the general public. Anyone with an interest in this study has the opportunity to get involved and provide input. Two Public Information Centres (PIC) will be held during the study to present findings and receive public input.

Members of the public are invited to attend the first PIC for an introduction to the project and to provide input for consideration in the Transportation Master Plan. At the PIC the project team will present and discuss the problems and opportunities, as well as, the background and purpose of the study.

The first PIC is scheduled for:

Location 1: King City Arena
25 Doctors Lane
King City, Ontario L7B 1G2
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2014
Time: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Location 2: Nobleton Arena
15 Old King Road
Nobleton, Ontario L0G 1N0
Date: Wednesday, January 29, 2014
Time: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Location 3: Schomberg Community Hall
325 Main Street
Schomberg, Ontario L0G 1T0
Date: Thursday, January 30, 2014
Time: 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Members of the public are encouraged to comment on the project at any time during the study.

There are many ways to get involved:

- Attend and provide comments at the Public Information Centres (PICs).
- Read notices and project information on the Township's website: <http://www.king.ca>

If you require additional information or would like to be placed on the project contact list, please contact the project team:

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Councillors reflect, look ahead Growth is the top issue in Ward 1, councillor says

By Mark Pavilons

Growth remains the top issue in Ward 1.

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti, said it took more than 150 years for King City to reach a population of 5,000. Back in 2006 he predicted a doubling of population within 6-8 years.

While residents may see it as rapid growth, it has actually been slowed by a number of factors, one being the global economic down turn in 2008, and the delay of water and sewer allocation available for development.

“As a result we’re experiencing slower than anticipated growth. I know that might cause a few people to fall off the backs of their chairs but that’s the reality

that pushes growth to the top of the list in terms of issues that need to be managed.”

He estimates that King City has not yet reached the half-way mark in terms of lands available for development within the King City urban boundary that was approved in 2000. In other words, there is lots more to come.

The other issues that revolve around the growth issue are traffic management/calming in local subdivisions as well as dealing with the infrastructure deficit in King City in terms recreation facilities.

“We have made some real headway with the outdoor stuff like the skate park which has been a huge hit with the kids (young and old),” he said. “More sports fields are in the planning stages, but indoor recreation is where the real infra-



with the intersection improvements at King Road and Keele Street to support it. The tree lighting event was a lot of fun.

Mortelliti is also satisfied with King’s overall successes and progress.

“I think I tend to sometimes set a reachable bar, which inevitably sets me up for disappointment. So I always carry this feeling of angst and weight on my back which is causing my hair to turn grey and causes me to get a little grumpy at times with staff and other things that unfold on a daily basis. But I know that the day I stop caring about what goes on around here should be the day that I walk away from this job. I’m not there yet – not even close. I’m not a rookie anymore; I feel I’m just entering my prime.”

Using a sports analogy, Mortelliti said he feels like a 30-year-old first string defenceman with a “killer hip check and laser pass.”

And that bodes well for his constituents and he’s looking forward to another four years in office.

King continues to evolve, Cober says

By Mark Pavilons

King Township continues to progress and evolve.

With success comes great responsibility, something Ward 4 Councillor Bill Cober is mindful of.

Looking forward to 2014, “we as a Township must continue to focus on providing our core municipal services through affordable programs and approaches.”

Council and staff are working to complete the 2014 budget program early, which is an important step to get moving with road tenders to achieve a competitive advantage.

“With significant investments in infrastructure over the past decade we are now successfully experiencing growth with our commercial/industrial tax base. This supports our residential ratepayers and enhances our local economy as a result of these investments,” he said.

Cober pointed to some budget highlights in Ward 4. There will be significant road-work on Church Street from Main Street all the way to Lloydtown. With more than 300 kilometres of roads to maintain, the Township always needs to invest in our roads and bridges.

He looks forward to an enhancement of the Laurier subdivision park with the Township’s first splash pad. In 2013, they completed a proposal process for the old Schomberg Arena. Negotiations are ongoing this front and “we look forward to details in 2014.”

King Township is a vibrant place and volunteers provide so much to the community in Ward 4 and throughout the township, he observed.

“Supporting our volunteers and local business community, who sponsor and support so many activities, is important for all of us here in King Township,” he said. “I would like to personally like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Ward 4 for their continuous support and partnership and look forward to our work together in 2014.”



structure deficit is in King City. The King City Lions Arena was simply not built to accommodate a population of 12,000 people. It’s a beautiful old rink with the wood beams and ceiling. They don’t build them like this anymore. But it’s 41 years old and was built for a population of less than 3,000 in 1972.

“My wish is that the purchase of the Holy Name School can serve as more than just an administration building but also to serve as some form of community space. The gymnasium has potential to serve as a multi-use community space, like perhaps a performing arts centre.”

These key issues will remain through 2014, he said.

There have been many successes, too.

This coming June marks the fourth year of the King City Festival and he’s looking forward to the event growing this summer.

He’s also “extremely pleased” with the success of the King City Christmas event, which has been very well received by the community. It shows great potential for growth and expansion in the years to come along

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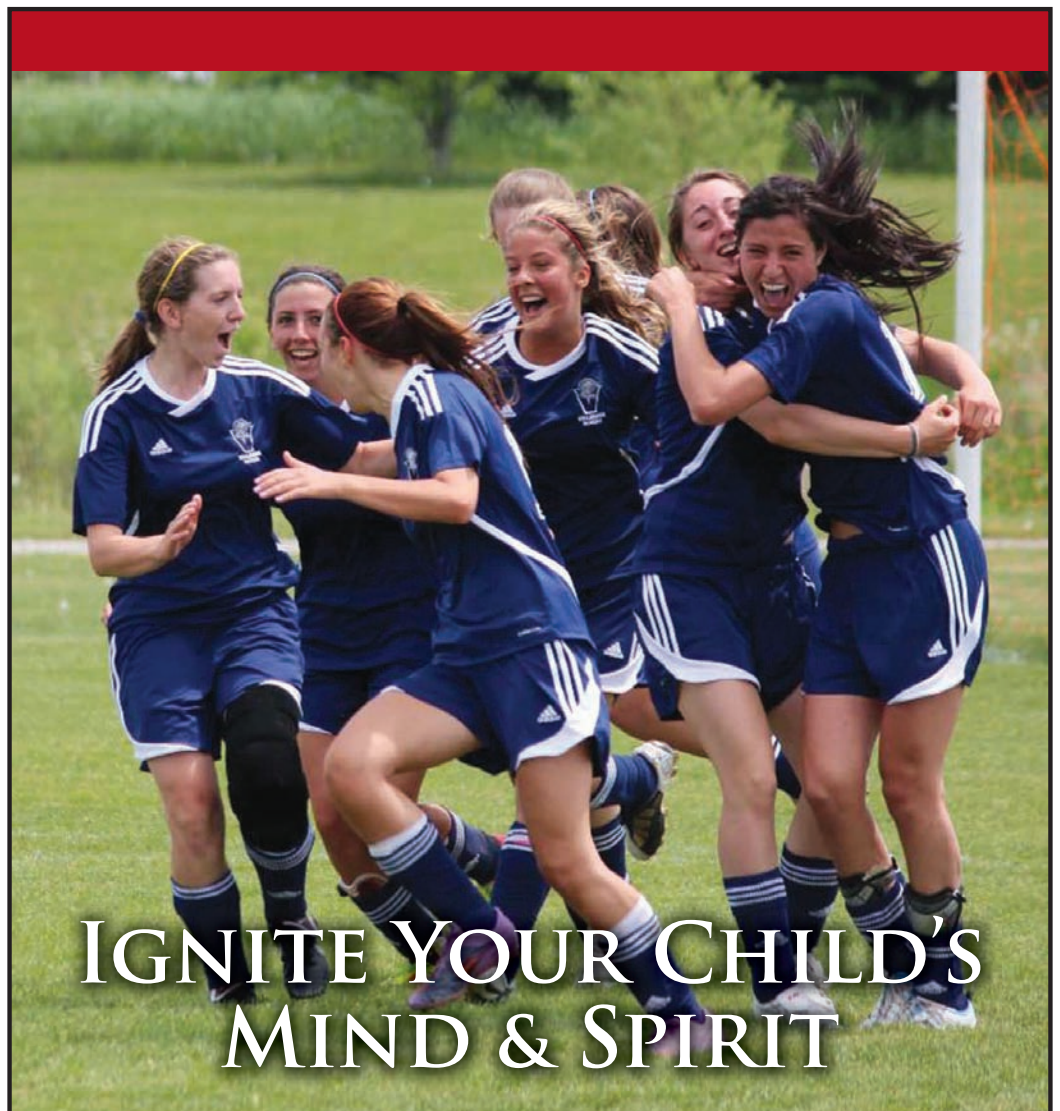
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Nobleton Lakes aims to become the go-to event centre

By Mark Pavilons

It may be freezing outside, but Nobleton Lakes Golf Club never closes.

In fact, it's open for business and hopes to become King's go-to event facility.

Focusing on the goal is Michael Yordanou, clubhouse manager, who recently joined the Nobleton Lakes "family" and brings a wealth of experience to the role.

Yordanou is spending the winter months laying out a game plan, making some physical improvements to the club and promoting the event space.

"I'm getting the word out that we're open 365 days a year," he said.

A new sign on Highway 27 has created some curb appeal for the club.

Yordanou is planning some upgrades to the pro shop and change rooms for the coming golf season.

He's also excited about major renovations planned for the event space, restaurant and bar.

The decades-old club has a lot going for it, and Yordanou is looking at playing to the facility's strengths and making it vi-

sually appealing.

There are also opportunities for the facility to offer dining options for residents. The ownership would love the club to be a favourite choice for a night out. In its heyday, Nobleton Lakes was highly regarded and its hosted events and drew golfers from far and wide.

Yordanou vows to attract weddings and special events, all in an effort to make Nobleton Lakes a great customer experience.

Some clubs are known for their culinary prowess and Nobleton Lakes is no exception, boasting a talented chef who loves his craft. Backed by passionate and committed staff and family ownership, Nobleton Lakes is definitely a player.

And Yordanou knows what he's talking about. He has many years of experience in hotel, banquet hall and casino service.

The club can accommodate events for as many as 300 people. The panoramic view of the Oak Ridges Moraine make this a scenic wonder. It's ideal for corporate functions, meetings, seminars and conferences.

Its very location makes it a popular des-



Michael Yordanou, clubhouse, food and beverage manager of Nobleton Lakes Golf Club, is anxious for the community to take advantage of their event facilities. Left is a panoramic view from one of the banquet rooms.

Photo by Mark Pavilons



Advertorial

Breakthrough Treatment Now Available in Richmond Hill

Imagine thirty to forty years ago if you were told that lasers would replace scalpels in surgery or that robotic instruments would build cars; you may not have believed it. By the same token, would you believe that chiropractic treatments could be performed using a special hand-held instrument developed by NASA scientists, all while you were sitting in an upright position without any turning or twisting movements?

Advances in computers and engineering technologies have been able to uniquely blend with chiropractic in order to both analyze and treat the human body in such a way that was never before realized.

According to Dr. Sean Eastman, "This new form of computerized treatment is so gentle and effective, that it amazes even the most skeptical patients. It's called the ProAdjuster and is the latest, state-of-the-art technology in existence today, and the only one in the north Richmond Hill area.

The ProAdjuster can safely and gently analyze and treat the spine and other joints to remove the nerve impingement that is often the cause of pains in the lower back, neck, shoulder, and elsewhere in the body. It also works on a variety of muscular conditions to loosen tight muscles with ease and comfort. Many patients say that it's like getting a mini-massage.

It can also help increase the amount of motion in almost any joint. Even patients with knee, hip, and foot problems such as plantar fasciitis are being helped. It is also covered by insurance companies since this is a chiropractic treatment and does not cost you anything additional.

Dr. Eastman says that "The secret to the Pro-Adjuster lies in its advanced piezoelectric sensor that is able to detect the slightest amount of restriction in a joint and then deliver an extremely precise adjustment." He says that "Even though traditional forms of adjusting also work, people are drawn to this new technique because of how gentle it is and does not involve any twisting, especially in the neck. Many people



Dr. Eastman uses the Proadjuster to analyze a patient's spine and pin-point areas of nerve impingement syndrome causing mal-function and pain.

love getting adjusted with traditional manual techniques, all of which are safe and effective. But there are a large number of people who never get to experience the amazing benefits of chiropractic because they are scared to have their spines adjusted in that way," says Dr. Eastman. Now, there is no longer a reason to be leary. The ProAdjuster is perfect for anyone who has been thinking about going to a chiropractor, but hasn't yet made that decision. Dr. Eastman wants everyone to be able to experience these same benefits and if you have any of the following conditions, the ProAdjuster may be the answer you've been looking for...

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- Arthritis
- Headaches
- Sports Injuries

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tinuation for golfers.

"There's no better value for golf in the area," he stressed.

Yordanou's mandate is to bring people in for golf, and show off the facility. Experienced staff already shine in that regard. Staff tend to know patrons by name, and help get their clubs out of the trunk as they pull up in front of the clubhouse.

"We believe in those personal touches," he said. "In a drive-thru society, we're here ready to serve."

The team at Nobleton Lakes understands the needs and cares about their service.

Yordanou is confident in both his staff

and ownership to "do what needs to be done."

He even wants his clients to come in for a great cup of java.

"There's no greater escape for anyone than to lose yourself in your golf game, no matter how good or bad it is," he said. "When you're done, we have great food waiting for you."

Nobleton Lakes will be hosting the King Chamber of Commerce AGM and awards dinner Jan. 17.

If you'd like more information on the facility, contact Yordanou at 905-859-4070, ext. 223 or email him at myordanou@nobletonlakesgolf.com.



Ribbon cut for Trends Realty in King City

Trends Realty Inc. team Andrew Jones, sales representatives Rosa-Lee Munger and Maria Ongaro, owner and broker of record Ana Pronio, sales representative Felicia Jones and administrator Melissa Pronio were joined by Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillors Debbie Schaefer, Peter Grandilli and Cleve Mortelliti to celebrate Trends Realty Inc. official opening on Saturday. Trends Realty Inc. is located right in King City on Keele Street. For more information, visit www.trendsrealtyinc.com.

King Chamber AGM

The King Chamber of Commerce will present its AGM Jan. 17. The meeting will cover financial statements for the fiscal year; an update from board members for 2014 and the election of a new slate of officers.

The AGM runs from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17 at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. Immediately following the AGM will be the 2013 Excellence in Business Awards Dinner. The top businesses will receive their recognition that night. For more, visit www.kingchamber.ca.

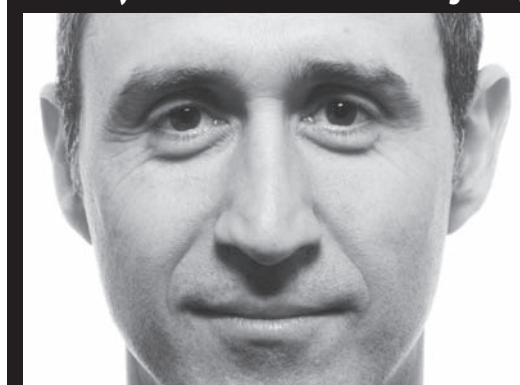
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King City seniors hold AGM and election

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Epiphany.

So many explanations. A church festival observed on Jan. 6 celebrating the visit of the Three Wise Men to the baby Jesus. A moment of a great or sudden revelation. The manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the persons of the Three Magi. I experienced an epiphany – a spiritual flash that would change the way I look at myself!

January 6 was the Day of Epiphany – the day we honour the Magi. These 3 Magi, or Wise Men, did not arrive to pay homage to Jesus the night he was born. It was after seeing the Star that they made their long trek across the desert. After seeing King Herod, they arrived at the home of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. This could have been 12 to 18 months after the birth. Yes, they did see the star, but it was after when they rode their camels and found their way.

When the Magi left, they went back a different way, so they would not run into King Herod. They left knowing that this child would change the world, would cover the world with a great love, so that no one who would meet Him would ever be the same.

Rev. Evelyn shared an old tradition with us. Our home is where the first experience of love occurs. It is here where that love is nurtured, grows to maturity. This is the ground for much of people's spiritual growth. We were encouraged to use a piece of chalk or make a sign for our front door.

"May God Bless Our Home" and may

that love and blessing remain with everyone throughout the New Year. Happy 2014.

Our weekly events continue. Wednesdays, Bible study 10 a.m. in the chapel. Thursdays, the bell choir starts at 6:30 and the vocal choir 8 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Our sympathies to the Simmonds family for Bob's recent death. To our Snowbirds – NAH. We don't envy you! We love our healthy frosty mornings of sub-zeros. Not! We remember those who cannot get out to enjoy our warm worship services through ill health, or snow, or ice, or freezing rain. King City offers everything.

We gather for a warm worship at 10 a.m. each Sunday with Sunday school. Stay warm with us for our cookies and coffee. For any information call our office 905-833-5181 kcuc@bellnet.ca. Contact our minister Reverend Evelyn McLachlan, email kcucmin@bellnet.ca. Our website to check us out www.kcuc.ca. See you next week.

Seniors AGM

The King City seniors will hold their Annual General Meeting on Friday, Jan. 10 at 2 p.m. in the Seniors' Centre, at which time the 2014 board of management will be installed. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in the proceedings.

King City Seniors' Travel Club

The KCSC Travel Club invites you to attend the Destinations party on Friday, Jan. 17 from 1:30 p.m. at the centre. The travel adventures that are planned for 2014 will be presented at this time. You will have the opportunity, throughout the afternoon, to sign up for the specific trips that interest you. This is not a lunch, but

light refreshments will be served.

York Pines Church

Those interested in expanding their culinary skills are welcome to attend a demonstration of authentic Indian cooking by an experienced "home-chef." Stretch your taste buds by sharing the prepared meal afterwards with your fellow participants. The day and time is Saturday, Jan. 25 at noon. The place is the York Pines United Church, 3150 Aurora/Lloydtown Road. The cost is \$20. Proceeds will support the church's Accessibility Fund. For more information or to register please contact Ann Blackman at 905-853-8191. Call early because spaces are limited!

The Kettleby Kool Kids will meet on Jan. 19 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Young people in Grades 5 to 8 are welcome to attend. Activities include floor hockey and prayers for refugees.

The Messy Church program is an alternate style of church that has adults and children with adults meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31. Scripture stories are told; crafts are created; sacred songs are sung, and supper is consumed. You are never too late for Messy Church.

The Bible Study program meets on Wednesday afternoon from 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Newcomers are welcome.

For more information please call 905-727-8118.

King Bible Church

Join us this Sunday, Jan. 12 as Pastor Mark continues our new series "Not A Fan" with The Open Invitation.

We have Celebration Zone available downstairs for kids aged 2.5-Grade 7. We also have nursery available downstairs for babies 0-2.5.

Men, come join us on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 8 a.m. We will enjoy a delicious breakfast followed by a devotional.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Join us at St. Andrew's for worship Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

This Sunday, Jan. 12, the Rev. Dr. John Vissers will be leading us in worship. Kids' Time with Sunday school runs concurrently and nursery care is available during the service. Join us afterwards for coffee and catch-up while the children play.

Last Sunday was Epiphany Sunday where both John and Lynn Vissers relayed to us through the sermon and the

Time For Youth, the wonderful mystery of the Gospel message. God reached out not only to the Jewish people in sending His son, Jesus as the Christ, but to all mankind. The Wise Men followed the star to Bethlehem out of curiosity, based on their knowledge of astronomy and the scriptures. They made the long journey with determination, hope and gifts, acknowledging this baby as the fulfillment of prophesy.

What are we bringing Emmanuel, "God with Us?" As we journey through 2014, our prayer is that we draw close to Him, acknowledging Him as King of Kings and Lord of Lords and offer our adoration and love.

The Ladies Prayer Time is at 9 a.m. each Tuesday, meeting in the narthex of the church. Come and join us for this special time together of quiet reflection or sharing verbally as we pray to our Heavenly Father.

Should you have any prayer requests, praise items or any questions or concerns, please contact the church office at 905-833-2325 or call Kathy Patterson, clerk of session at 905-833-0391 or our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Neal Mathers at 905-895-5512. Our church is located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. There is a ramp available for accessibility.

Provincial gas tax idea receives mixed reaction

By Mark Pavilons

The provincial plan to implement a gas tax to provide ongoing funding for GTA public transit has received reaction.

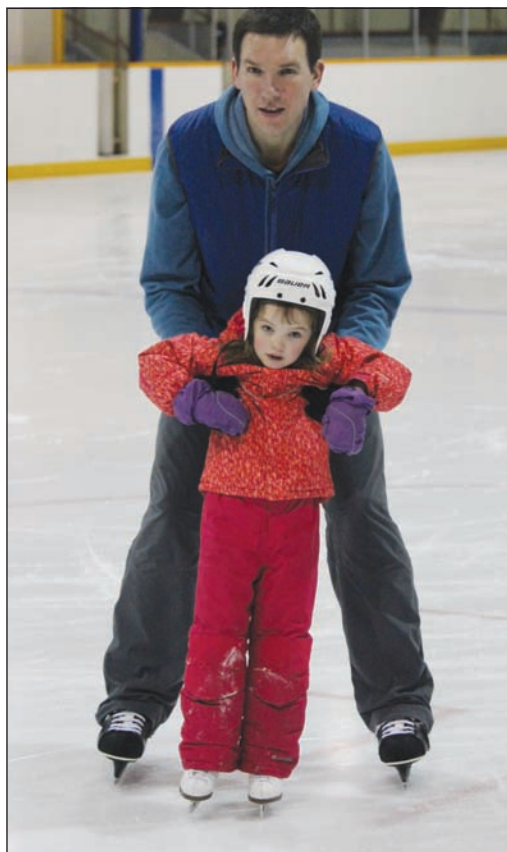
Oak Ridges-Markham MPP Dr. Helena Jaczek said it's important for the government to secure a new source of stable funding, so they can properly plan transit initiatives as they move forward.

For the current fiscal year, York Region received an estimated \$7.5 million of dedicated gas tax revenue.

The premier has insisted on a long-term transit plan for the GTA, and this gas initiative will be included in the next provincial budget. There will be ongoing consultation on the matter, she said.

Simcoe-York MPP Julia Munro believes the majority of residents see this as unfair, since the money is collected across the province, but dedicated to a certain geographic area.

Under the current gas tax revenue sharing arrangement, King received \$597,764 in fiscal 2013 and that money is directed to infrastructure, primarily road works.



Annual pancake breakfast a big hit

Members of the community turned out to enjoy the annual King pancake breakfast at King City arena Saturday. It was a total team effort between Lions Club members and Councillors Cleve Mortelliti, Debbie Schaefer, Peter Grandilli, Avia Eek, Linda Pabst, Mayor Steve Pellegri and Bill Cober.

Kyle, Rachel and Lucas enjoying their pancakes and breakfast on Saturday. Councillor Bill Cober (top left) served up some pancakes to Ryan, Paul and Jack O'Neill at pancake breakfast.

Parents and youngsters laced up to enjoy the free skate at the arena following the pancake breakfast.

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SPORTS

KING WEEKLY SENTINEL

Cougars down Stayner in shootout thriller

By JEFF DONER

The Schomberg Cougars only had one game on the docket last week, but came out with a thrilling shootout victory against the Stayner Siskins – a team they’ve had trouble with this season.

“That was huge,” said forward Mitch Safaric. “We deserved it in my opinion. We played our hearts out that game and every single player on our team worked hard.”

The first period saw little action early on, but as the clock wore down, the goals started coming for both teams.

Ryley Egerton scored the first goal of the game, netting a power play marker at

17:30, assisted by Nicholas Chaykowsky and John Gage.

Minutes later Stayner got their own chances on the power play and scored two goals in the last minute to take a 2-1 lead.

“We’ve been trying desperately to stay out of the penalty box. The coaches weren’t very happy between the first and second, but the last two periods we stayed out of the box,” Safaric said.

And the Cougars answered the bell in the second. Egerton scored his second goal of the game on the power play to tie things up. Chaykowsky and Christian Muenz earned the assists.

Schomberg and Stayner traded goals in the third (Muenz scored for the Cougars),

which tied things up for overtime and eventually the shootout.

Early on it looked like Stayner gained the upper hand in the shootout when their second shooter scored and the first two Cougars shooters missed, but Ewart stood tall and Muenz and John Gage scored to keep things going.

It took eight shooters, but Safaric eventually potted the winning goal for the Cougars.

“I was watching him (the Stayner goalie) from all the shooters before and a lot of them went backhand and I noticed his stick side was always open,” Safaric explained. “Having been a Patrick Kane fan, I always see him go in fast and then slow down, so I tried that out and faked backhand and he bit on it and I went forehand and had the whole side to put it in.”

The Cougars now find themselves tied with the Alliston Hornets in the standings with 49 points – seven points behind the first place Penetang Kings.

“That win showed that when we stay out of the box we can beat any team,” Safaric said. “We’ve had trouble with Stayner all year and we just beat them. To come together as team and beat them – now we’re seven or eight points ahead of the fourth place team, this win gives us some breathing room.”

Egerton’s two goals were critical for the Cougars and he said trying to stay out of the box in the final two periods was key for his team.

“The coach in the dressing room said we had to come out smart and don’t take any dumb penalties, and we took a couple, but we came out there hard and had to beat them,” he said. “Every time we play them



we don’t play well, so we came out tonight and got the ‘W.’”

This week the Cougars host Huntsville on Thursday night at the Trisan Centre at 8:30 p.m. and then on the road against Penetang on Friday. They will have to play a similar style to win both.

“Huntsville is down in the bottom of the standings, so we’ve got to watch what they’re going to do on you because last time we played them we almost lost,” Egerton said. “We came out with a 6-4 win, but they were coming back and we took dumb penalties, so it comes back to staying out of the box.”

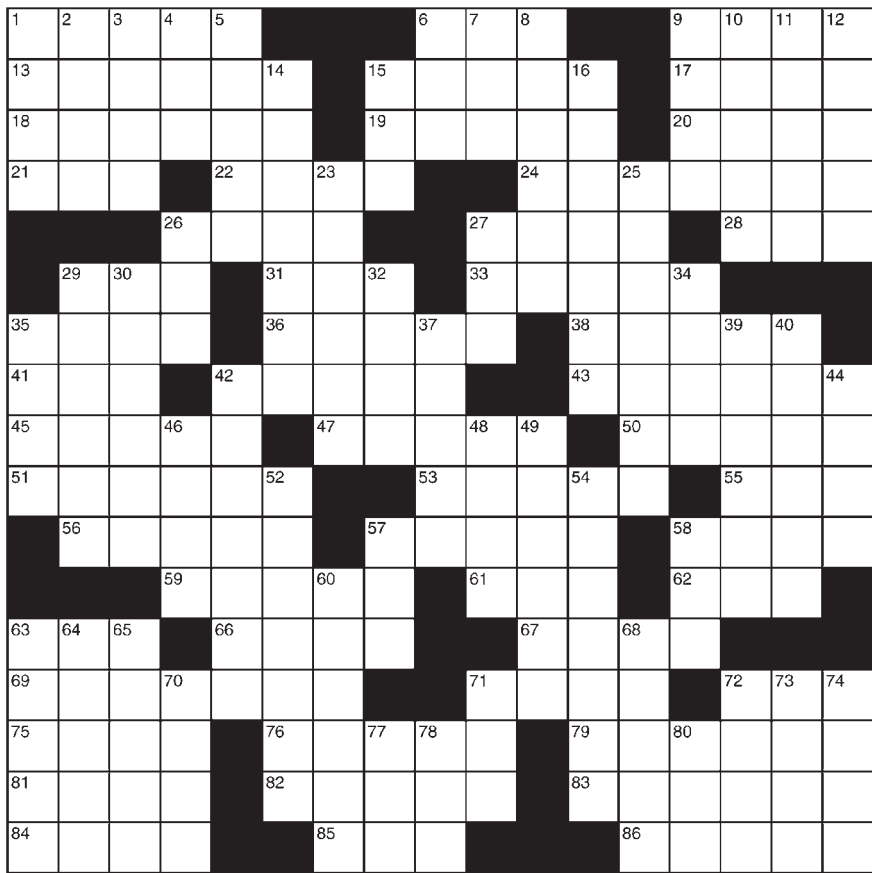
In terms of Penetang, that’s a big game for the Cougars and one they are confident they can win.

“At the beginning of the year, we thought we could have a great team and now we do have a great team and it’s all about proving it,” Egerton added. “Now we’re in second place, not right behind Penetang, but their goalie is hurt, so maybe we can catch them with maybe the last little bit we’ve got here.”



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Knights capture Silver Stick

The NobleKing minor peewee Knights entered the Silver Stick Regional Tournament held in Vaughn over the Christmas holidays and with some very energetic, and great hockey, and came away with the championship.

The team now has a chance to compete for the international title to be held in Newmarket on the weekend of Jan. 16-19.

Playing their first games in over 10 days, the team started out slowly in their first two games in defeating the Toronto Eagles and the Credit Valley Wolves by identical 4-1 scores.

The 10 teams were then seeded after the first two games and the next game for the Knights was a rematch against Credit Valley, and the players responded with a solid 3-0 win.

NobleKing met a determined Oshawa Generals team in the semis. Oshawa had scored 18 goals in their first three games. A total team effort by all stymied their offence and NobleKing won 3-1 in a fast-paced, entertaining game.

Four hours later the championship game was played against the Brampton 45s. After a fast and productive first period, NobleKing had a 4-0 lead, with all three lines contributing. NobleKing was able to add five more goals through the final two periods and won the game and championship 9-0.

Congratulations go out to goalies Matthew Brunato, and Matteo Manfrini, defenceman Zachary Cafaro, Nicholas Vitale, Matthew DeAngelis, Adam Miller, and Jack MacDonald, forwards Jack Miller, Thomas Karanicolas, Anthony Critelli, Gabriel Pecchia, Lucas Caccarelli, Anthony DiCosola, David Bazzo, Carter Diceman, and Angelo DeAngelis.

The team would like to thank their sponsors Solo Motors, Cappuccino Bakery, Doral Painting and Elite Concrete for their support in helping the team. The coaches, Tom, Paul, Dave, Fab and Frank would like to congratulate the players for such a determined effort from start to finish.

Peewee Knights battle Eagles to a draw

By JEFF DONER

The NobleKing Knights peewee A squad was back in action on Saturday afternoon and played a strong game against the East Gwillimbury Eagles at the Nobleton Arena.

The action went back and forth throughout, but the game ended up in a 1-1 deadlock after neither team could break the tie in the third period.

Carter Tahk played a great game in net for the Knights, holding his team in it with some big saves and puck control skills.

The first period was scoreless, but the Knights got on the board first to take a 1-0 lead while on a 5-on-3 advantage in the second period.

Carson Moyer was credited with the goal that came as a result of a busy scrum in front of the East Gwillimbury goalie.

Steven Dimitroff and Ethan Seymar earned the assists on the power play goal for the Knights.

With the Knights up by a goal heading into the third period, Tahk continued to be solid in net.

But the Eagles eventually bit back in the third with a goal by a streaking player who roofed the puck over Tahk's shoulder.

With the score knotted up at 1-1, both teams tried to take the lead, but the goals closed the door and the game ended in a tie.



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NobleKing Knights minor midgets earn championship

The NobleKing Knights minor midgets recently participated in the annual Schomberg Red and White Tournament. They came away as champs.

NobleKing 9, Bradford 3

In the first game of the day, the Knights were up against their rivals from Bradford. The Knights didn't take long in opening the scoring with Adam Pia taking a pass from Mathew Bush and rushing end-to-end to make a couple of nifty moves and open the scoring, less than 1:30 into the game.

Half-way into the first, Diego Lopes picked up a rebound in front of the net and tickled the twine to give the Knights a two-goal lead, assisted by Conner Roth and Eric Else. With just under a minute left in the first, Pia took another nice feed from Sean Mendes and scampered down the ice and found the back of the net to give the Knights a comfortable 3-0 lead. The second assist went to Shad Ahmad.

Bradford scored in the first minute of the second, but a minute later, Pia restored the three-goal cushion with helpers going to Ryle MacKenzie and Cameron Thompson. Bradford dented the lead again, but Mendes sniped one to restore the lead again, with assists going to Daniel Pignataro and Bush.

Else jammed a loose puck on a power play with some great passing from Roth and Pia to give the Knights a comfortable 6-2 advantage. But just before the end of the second, Roth fired a bullet from the point on a pass from Lopes and Ahmad. Harrison Mott, despite the score, made some huge saves throughout the game.

In the third, Pignataro used his long reach to squirm through the defence to score a great backhand, with helpers going to Mendes and Thompson. Bradford got one more, but Pia closed the scoring to give the Knights the 9-3 victory. Else and Bush pitched in with assists.

NobleKing 3, East Gwillimbury 0

In game two, the Knights faced East Gwillimbury #2, who split the regular season series so far.

The Knights got off to another quick start again, With less than half a minute in, Roth fired another one of his howitzers to open the scoring with Else and Lopes helping out. The play went back and forth with Mott holding down the fort time and again to keep the score 1-0.

Half-way into the second, Pignataro took a feed from Mendes and streaked down the middle to give the Knights a 2-0 lead with

the second assist going to Roth. Pia closed out the scoring before the end of the period to put the Knights up 3-0. Roth and Thompson pitched in with passes.

Moth was stellar for the Knights in goal.

NobleKing 3, Barrie 2

In the championship game, the Knights faced the Barrie Colts, who were also undefeated.

Mid-way into the first period, the Knights got the ball rolling with Thompson banging a rebound past the Colts' goalie, from Pignataro and Bush.

Less than a minute into the second, MacKenzie took a pass from the point and somehow, through a maze of bodies, found the back of the net, with Else and Nick Fortin helping out.

Barrie opened the scoring in the third to cut the lead in half, but Lopes put

the Knights up by two again with some help from Else and Pia. Barrie made it close with another goal.

Barrie pulled their goalie for the extra attacker with two minutes remaining. They pressed hard but Mott repeatedly closed the door to preserve the win and earn the championship title.

MVP for the Knights was Saad Ahmad, who played the entire tourney like he was on a mission. Congratulations go to coaches John Bush, Ray Fortin, Brad Mott and Mario Pia.



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705 ENGAGEMENTS

Engagement

'Twas the night before Christmas at the Community Centre, Not a creature was stirring, not one single renter.

Their favourite music played in the background as they skated 'round the rink, Of all things Wedding Sarah'd not even think.

But what to her wondering eyes did appear?

Brett, down on one knee with a message for only Sarah to hear.

He got straight to the point and uttered "four little words", Sarah's "Yes! Yes! Yes!" was all that he heard.

Parents of Sarah (Ralph and Mary Lynn Kettlewell, Pottageville) and Brett (Ernie and Cyndy Rowlands, Schomberg) are excited to plan for the wedding. Date to be announced in the future.

708 DEATHS

BERGIN: James "Gerard" (1937-2014). It is with sad hearts the family announces the passing of our Dad on Thursday January 2nd, 2014. Father to Lissa, Chris, Laura, and Grandpa to Josh, Emma, Madison, and Chelsea. Brother of the late Jo Anne Hutney and brother-in-law of Gerry. Uncle to Michael and Sarah. Pre-deceased by his parents Leo and Josephine Bergin. In keeping with Dad's wishes, burial will be a private immediate family service. A Memorial Mass was held in St. Mary's Church, 2458 Concession Road 4, Loretto, Achill, 10:00 am Monday January 6th, 2014 followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments at St. James Church, Colgan. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the Arthritis Society, Ontario Division, 394 University Avenue, Suite 1700, Toronto, Ontario, M5G 1E6 would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477. www.rodabramsfuneralhome.com B02

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708 DEATHS

de JONG: Johannes Marinus. Passed away peacefully, on Wednesday, January 1, 2014 surrounded by his family. Born in Alblasterdam, the Netherlands, on June 15, 1930, he was the son of the late Hendrik de Jong and Klazina Anna Zuurmond. Loving and gentle husband to Hillie de Jong (Voogd), his wife of 52 years. Devoted father to Karen de Jong-Dermann (Keith), Margaret Chapman (Robert) and Michele Kumara (Ranil). Proud Opa to Emilea Chapman. He leaves behind his four loving siblings in the Netherlands, Rochus, Heleen, Henk and Arend, and is predeceased by his sister, Siena. Brother-in-law to Jaap (deceased), Ite, Jannie, Nel, Greeth, Albert, Peter and Menno. A caring, thoughtful and loyal man, he found much strength in his faith. He was an avid reader, always up to date on political events in both Canada and the Netherlands, and loved nothing more than an intelligent debate. "Required reading" he liked to say to his girls. He gave back to his community through the Canadian Cancer Society, Canadian Blood Services and many hours volunteering at his church. John and Hillie successfully operated de Jong Heating Services together for over 50 years. The family wishes to extend thanks to his many caregivers and special thanks to Dr. John Beecroft. Visitation was held at the Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home, 30 Worsley St., Barrie on Saturday, January 4, 2014 from 2 - 4 pm. Funeral service was held at Collier St. United Church, 112 Collier St., Barrie, on Sunday, January 5, 2014 at 1 pm, followed by a reception at Steckley-Gooderham Funeral Home. Interment to follow in the spring. If desired, memorial donations may be made to Collier St. United Church or the ALS Society. Condolences can be forwarded to www.steckleygooderham.com B02

708 DEATHS

HAMILTON: Ken (Homer) long time resident of Schomberg, passed away peacefully in his 77th year at Caressant Nursing Home in Harrison on Thursday, January 2, 2014. Dear son of the late Roy Hamilton of Schomberg. Remembered by Ruth Cooper. Ken attended Rich Hill Public School prior to moving to Schomberg in 1968. Ken worked in the community and was an honorary lifetime member of the Schomberg Agricultural Society. Ken moved to Harrison in 2003. Cremation has taken place. Interment of Ken's ashes will take place in the spring at Schomberg Union Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham. B02

JUDGES: Louise. Peacefully surrounded by family at Southlake Regional Health Centre Newmarket on Friday January 3, 2014 in her 88th year. Louise Judges (nee Patrick), beloved wife of Bruce and dear mother of Robert and his wife Suzanne, Marlon and his wife Michelle, and Clare and his wife Deborah. Proud Grandma of Thomas, Scott, Katelyn, Steven, Rebecca, Colin and Jennifer. Friends were received at The Thompson Funeral Home, 530 Industrial Parkway South, Aurora, Ontario 905-727-5421 on Monday January 6, 2014 from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral service was held at Christ Church Kettleby on Tuesday at 11 a.m. followed by interment at Kettleby Cemetery. Memorial donations to Christ Church Kettleby would be appreciated. On-line condolences may be made at www.thompsonfh-aurora.com B02

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709 IN MEMORIAM

OOSTWOUD, Jerry.

January 2, 2012

Dad's Memorial

(Written by Chantelle)

My dad, Gerard (Jerry) Oostwoud has been gone for 2 years now. It's hard to believe someone as special as him could be gone. Although I did not have him for a particularly long time, I was extremely fortunate to have him in my life. As a father should he taught me many valuable lessons, and all have played large roles in my life over the time since his passing. He was a strong compassionate man who worked hard in many facets of life as a Lion, a paralegal, a police officer, a farmer, a friend, a husband and a father. He showed more love toward my mom than any actor in any cheesy romantic comedy, calling her by her name rarely and referring to her as Angel Face. He demonstrated a deep passion for anything life had to offer. I remember frequently driving on the hilly back roads and him slowing to absorb a long deep thoughtful stare over the scenery dubbing it the top of the world. He found beauty and wonder in everything, displaying a child-like sense of wonder and teaching me to never overlook or take anything for granted. Although he experienced hurdles throughout life his determination and perseverance prevailed. He was a friend to everyone and displayed humanity and enjoyed talking to everyone, but often found it difficult to stop talking. They say people often forget what you say or what you do, but will never forget how you made them feel. I'm sure he will be remembered by many people in many different ways but I will always remember my dad making everyone especially me feel valued, appreciated, unique, wanted, and loved.

You will always be with us.

Love Emmeline, Ivan, Chantelle, Michael, Jacqueline and Anita. C02

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Franjic earns Canadian super middleweight title

By JEFF DONER

Since his early teens, Steve Franjic has been honing his craft in boxing. The 26-year-old hit a career mark when he was victorious in his bid for the Canadian super middleweight championship in Edmonton in December.

"It was awesome. I've been waiting for a Canadian title fight for quite a while now," Franjic said. "There was lots of talk about it working up to it and we were just waiting for the opportunity, so when it came I was excited and then to win it the way I did was just awesome."

Franjic was awarded the championship belt by unanimous decision after a 10-round battle with Gary Kopas of Saskatoon.

"The guy came to fight, he was there to win and he really made me earn it. After a tough fight like that it was really rewarding."

Franjic is from Orangeville, but he and his family have found themselves spending a lot of time in Schomberg since opening up their restaurant just a few weeks ago.

"In This Corner Bar and Grill" is in the

Brownsville Junction Plaza on Highway 27 in Schomberg and has been keeping Franjic and his family busy.

When he's not boxing, he's there working hard alongside his brother and dad.

"My brother and I were born into it," he said of the restaurant business. "My parents owned restaurants while we were growing up - in Mississauga and then in Orangeville when we moved there, so we've always been involved with it. For a while there we got out of it, but then this opportunity came up and we took it."

The restaurant will feature all day breakfast, pub style food, friendly service, is fully licensed and is the perfect place to stop in for the game or the big fight.

"The opportunity became available and we jumped on it. We're just getting to know the community now, we didn't know much about it, but we're trying to learn and we're all excited about it."

Franjic admits they are still getting to know the community, but said everyone is already showing great support.

"We're actually really surprised so far," he said. "There's a lot of nice people coming in and checking us out and we're getting to meet them. We're really happy with how it's going."

The restaurant is no doubt keeping him busy, but Franjic knows he has his work cut out for him in defending his title as well as working hard to fight his way to the next step in his career.

"I'll be looking at defending my title within the next six months. We're looking at that and then maybe a North American title shot or a Commonwealth title shot would be the next step," he said.

"The ultimate goal would be to become a world champion, that's every boxer's dream, but right now we're just taking it one fight at a time."



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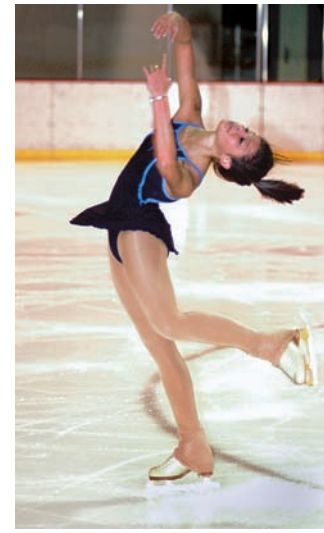
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Public provides input in King's official plan review

By Angela Gismondi

The Township of King is undergoing an official plan review.

A special council meeting was held recently at The Country Day School in King City to get input from the public and council regarding what items should be included as part of the review.

An official plan is a strategic document for guiding land use and development in the Township and contains vision, goals and objectives for land and resources and how municipality will grow over the long-term, explained Sarah Allin, policy planner with the Township of King.

Prior to revising the official plan the Planning Act requires that council holds a special meeting to hear and receive submission in regards to the proposed revisions. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a forum for the receipt of public comments in order to ensure the Township's Official Plan reflects the needs of the community. Staff was also seeking council's direction on how to proceed in the process.

The planning act requires official plans be reviewed and updated every five years to ensure the plans conform to provincial plans and are consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

King's current official plan, which was issued in 1970, is comprised of the parent plan and the secondary for five of King's hamlet areas (Ansnorveldt, Kettleby, Laskay, Pottageville, and Snowball), and the settlement areas of King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg. The proposed approach for the Official Plan Review is to develop a new comprehensive Parent Official Plan and bring King's official plan documents

into conformity with the Greenbelt Plan and the Growth Plan.

"The current relationship between the Parent Official Plan (1970) and the secondary plans is relatively weak, as the Parent Official Plan merely defers to the applicable secondary plan," said Allin. "It is envisioned that a new overarching Parent Official Plan will be developed through the initial phase of the Official Plan Review to provide unified direction through broader policies to the existing more detailed secondary plans."

The meeting focused on the Introductory Discussion Paper for the Official Plan Review. The purpose of the Introductory Discussion Paper, released on Oct. 29, is to initiate dialogue on the need for a review of the Township of King Official Plan and the revisions that may be required as part of the Official Plan Review. The Discussion Paper includes an outline of the need for an official plan review, an overview of King's existing official plan documents, description of current provincial legislation and regional policy, and an outline of additional matters that impact King's policy documents.

Some of the topics which will be considered for King's Official Plan Review include but are not limited to population and employment growth, residential intensification, cultural heritage preservation, financial security, infrastructure capabilities and needs, agricultural lands, economic development opportunities, sustainable development, efficient use of resources and natural heritage protection and enhancement.

Greg Locke, representing Concerned Citizens of King Township, thanked Township staff for initiating the review.

"We are very pleased to see our Official Plan undergo this significant review," said Locke, adding the review is long overdue and much needed in the municipality.

One of the major concerns the group has is the possibility of the rezoning of the King Road and Highway 400 lands to industrial/commercial development. Those lands are currently part of the Greenbelt and cannot be touched until after the review of the Greenbelt Plan in 2015, Locke pointed out.

"We believe strongly that bringing the 'big pipe' to the 400 would open up all the surrounding lands and Laskay," said Locke. "The King Road/400 interchange will likely become another one of the big commercial interchanges along 400 ... King Township will be well on its way to becoming an 'urbanized' municipality and the area around King City will simply become a northern extension of Vaughan."

"We believe it's premature to identify new serviced lands for growth unless and until there is a clear and identified need. We don't see this occurring within the 20-year planning horizon."

Jamie Reaume, representing farmers in the Holland Marsh, said it's time for the Township to bring the Official Plan up to date. He urged council to put together a plan that does what's best for King Township and it's farming community.

"We do want to see changes made that benefit the farming community and agriculture alongside your uniqueness and character," said Reaume. "We will be involved in this process from start to finish. It will be from the farmers' perspective, from the marsh perspective. We need to develop a plan that looks at the next 20

years and provides valuable insight for the next generation that's going to be around for it."

Susan Swail said the Official Plan review is an opportunity for King.

"King's plan can be more restrictive than provincial plans but we can also be more creative," said Swail. "Let's take this opportunity to make a more unique and sustainable community."

She also could not understand how "land so rich can be so poor in assessment. This is a discrepancy we need to address," she said.

Councillor Avia Eek agreed the agricultural land in the Township needs to be preserved and protected.

"Once that prime agricultural land is gone, it's gone and it's not coming back," said Eek.

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Councillor Debbie Schaefer said the Official Plan needs to address the increasing demand for parking at the GO train station in King City.

"That demand is only going to grow over the years," she said.

She also asked that the plan include a section on energy infrastructure in the Township.

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti said the plan should include information on trying to maintain character in the existing subdivisions in King.

Staff is expected to report back to council on the Official Plan Review within the next few months. Public input is encouraged throughout the process. For questions or comments email officialplanreview@king.ca.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's Church

The St. Paul's Community Youth Group will resume (as one group) on Friday, Jan. 10. They will meet at the church from 7 to 9 p.m. Come check us out!

Join us Sunday, Jan. 12 10 a.m. Jeff's message this week - Trust It's Enough. FirstLink child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering and our regular NextStep program (for children ages 4 to 6) and KidzKonnection program (for ages 7 to 11) take place at the same time.

For more information about any of our activities or events, please contact the church office at 905-859-0843 or visit our website at www.stpaulsnobleton.ca.

Speed Skating Winter Programs

Register now for our winter speed skating programs! Sessions are available for all ages, from children to adults.

We provide the skates, the equipment, the instruction, and the fun. You don't need to skate fast to enjoy the sport.

Come try our four-week Learn to Speed Skate program. It runs on Sundays (Jan. 12, 19, 26 and Feb. 2), 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Nobleton Arena, and Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Nobleton Arena.

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Horticulture By John Arnott

I haven't seen all that much damage done to wild or cultivated shrubs in my area by the ice that covered them during the recent storm.

Plants such as wild dogwood (red osier), honeysuckle, forsythia, spirea, viburnum, pussy willow, deutzia, weigela and service-berry have woody stems thin enough to bend ice coated almost down to the ground without breaking.

Most damage to shrubs has been caused by tree branches falling on them. Now some French lilacs especially older ones here in Tecumseth Pines where I live suffered ice damage. My neighbour's elderly beautiful white lilac has broken branches that will need to be pruned close to the ground yet my Prestonia lilac only about 20 feet (6 metres) away while heavily iced escaped almost unscathed as did my black currant bushes on the far side of the garden. The bargain basement brooms I planted last fall, collectively thumbed their noses at old man winter's icy cover and are still standing tall - 18 inches tall that is!

My common euonymus, a broad leaved evergreen, at the front of the house was caked with heavy ice but other than losing a few leaves has survived well.

I was shocked to read an online article in which Toronto arbourist Jordan Mckinnon says that as result of ice damage some Toronto neighbourhoods have lost from 50% to 80% of their tree canopies. He goes on to say that lawn trees and those

lining streets as well as rural roads tend to grow high and wide due to the open space around them which means their limbs become so long and so heavy that they are more prone to breakage under the added weight of ice. Wild trees standing closer together in the bush grow less wide and more compact and are thus more able to withstand ice storms.

Of course trees that appear healthy on the outside but have extensive rot in their heart wood fall victim to ice build-up as well as heavy wet snow and wind.

Ontario foresters-arbourists tell us that most healthy trees will survive even some that have lost up to 75% of their branches. One young ash I pass as I walk up the conservation trail at the edge of Tecumseth Pines property has lost one of its 2 main branches leaving a large gash on its trunk I estimate to be 7 inches in diameter, but I am told it should survive if its broken branch is removed and the wound about 15 inches long, which appears to be only bark deep with little splintering is trimmed back in an oval shape to where the bark still holds solidly to the trunk. Evidently

the oval shaping allows less chance of insect or disease intrusion than if the cut were rectangular.

Arbourists and foresters caution not to expect damaged trees to recover overnight as it will take them 6 to 10 years, even more, to come back. They also say that because deciduous trees - Those that loose their leaves in the fall - are dormant now that unless their damage is threatening hydro lines, buildings or roads it is better to wait until spring before cutting or pruning as by then it will be clearer what Mother Nature is able to repair naturally. Hardwood trees such as maple, oak, beech, and ash will often send up shoots if even only a stump remains.

One benefit of ice storms is that they rid unhealthy trees of dead and dying branches which harbour insects and disease giving these trees a chance for a longer life.

Again, it cannot be stressed too strongly that climbing trees of any size by any means in an attempt to cut branches on your own is extremely dangerous. Be safe and get professional help.

Update on red light camera program

York Regional council received an update on the implementation of the Red Light Camera Enforcement Program.

Highlights include:

- Installation of cameras at all 20 intersections and agreements for processing completed in September.
- Activation of a majority of the camera sites occurred Oct. 18.
- Planned monitoring and reporting on the effectiveness of the program will occur spring 2014.

Registered owners of vehicles running red light traffic signals at red light camera sites can expect to receive infraction notices under the Highway Traffic Act.

York Regional council approved the installation of red light cameras to help save lives and prevent injuries by modifying driver behaviour. Side-impact collisions are among the leading causes of motor vehicle deaths and bodily injuries.

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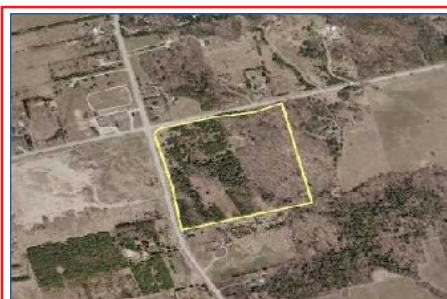
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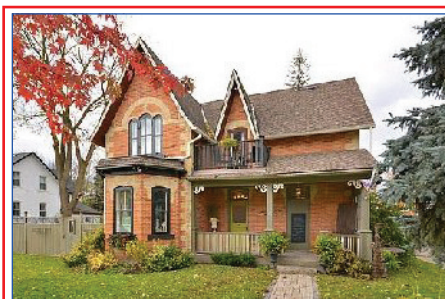
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