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## King bylaw enforcement report coming

By Mark Pavilons

Resident complaints have led one King councillor to ask staff for some ideas on tackling bylaw enforcement.

Ward 1 Councillor Cleve Mortelliti brought forward a motion at Monday night's council meeting, asking the clerk to direct staff to come up with some figures relating to the costs associated with putting extra bylaw enforcement officers on duty after hours and on weekends. Councillors okayed the request.

While it's been an ongoing issue for years, Mortelliti said his request was driven by recent complaints from his ward residents.

The Township has never had full-time after hours by-law enforcement which is typical of small rural municipalities.

"King is experiencing significant growth and we need to adapt to the times. Residents who are asking for this must understand that this represents a level of service that has never existed previously. We do focus on certain areas on a complaint basis after hours or on weekends like noise or parking issues, etc. But this in no way represents true after-hours by-law enforcement."

His request centres on asking staff to analyze the staffing level requirements and the costs associated as well as providing various options or methods of providing the service in a manner that is cost effective.

"The reality is that people who choose to live here must reconcile the fact that King will never be able to compete with the service level that high population municipalities can provide."

He's anxious to see what information staff come up with, have some public debate on the issue, and decide if this is a level of service the public wants to pay for.



## Cougars in the hunt for title

For the first time in 12 years, the Schomberg Cougars have made it to the finals of the Georgian Mid-Ontario Hockey League. Here, John Gage (#19) leads the Cougars in post-season scoring with 14 points through 10 games. Turn to Page 10 for the details.

*Photo by Jake Courtepatte*

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### COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Monday, March 9, 2015  
6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole  
- Public Meeting Re: Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendments  
File No.: Z-2014-10 & OP-2011-06  
Address: 17250 Highway 27

Monday, March 23, 2015  
6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) for employment opportunities.

- Summer Student Positions
- Recreation Coordinator - Camps and Integration
- Recreation Coordinator - Programs & Volunteer Engagement

### COMPETITIVE BIDS

Please visit the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) for competitive bid opportunities.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Non-profit community organizations which provide or develop recreation, cultural or social opportunities within the Township of King are invited to submit applications for Grants from the Township of King for 2015. Applications must be completed and submitted to the Township by **Tuesday, March 31st, 2015.**

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available at the Township municipal office, or on our website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca), under the "What's New" heading.

### REMINDERS

#### INTERIM TAX BILLS

First Installment Due Date:  
February 25th, 2015

Second Installment Due Date:  
April 27th, 2015

INTERIM TAX bills have now been mailed. Ratepayers who have not received their bills should contact the Finance Department immediately.

PAYMENTS may be made by mail, in person at the Township Offices, or at most financial institutions. When making payments electronically, your account number is your fifteen digit roll number (i.e. 000XXXXXXX0000). After hours tax payments may be left in the drop box located at the Council Chambers entrance.



### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PASS AMENDING BY-LAW TO REMOVE HOLDING (H) SYMBOL

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to consider an amending by-law under Section 36 of the Planning Act to remove the Holding (H) symbol for the lands described below. The earliest Council will consider passage of the by-law is the Council Meeting on March 9, 2015 at 6:00PM at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City.

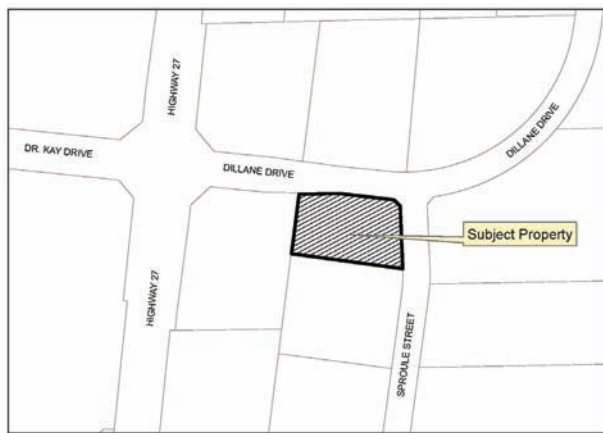
The proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law submitted by 2247877 Ontario Corporation under Planning File Z-2013-14 concerns a 0.38 hectare parcel of land located on the south west corner of Sproule Street and Dillane Drive, east of Highway 27, in the Village of Schomberg as shown on the attached map.

The subject property is currently zoned "General Industrial – Holding (M2) – Exception 17.13 on Map 5, Schedule A to the Zoning By-law. The subject request to remove the Holding (H) symbol will permit the development of an industrial building measuring 1190 square metres used to accommodate offices, mechanical shop and indoor storage. The development also includes an outdoor storage area, parking, storm water management facilities and landscaping.

**ANY PERSON** may attend the Council Meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the removal of the Holding (H) symbol. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the approval authority, the Township of King, in respect of the amending by-law, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** relating to the amending by-law is available for inspection at the Township Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department quoting File Number Z-2013-14 at (905) 833-5321 or 1-800-688-5013.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING THIS 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015



Kathryn Smyth, Clerk  
Township of King  
2075 King Road  
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### REMINDERS



Join us at the upcoming Official Plan Review

## PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

King Township has completed a Background Discussion Paper for Phase One of its Official Plan Review project.

You are invited to attend a Public Open House to learn about the key planning issues addressed in our Phase One Discussion Paper. This is an informal gathering to give members of the public an opportunity to ask questions and provide input on information we have collected with respect to options for moving forward. This is the rebooking of the previous meeting which was postponed in January, 2015.

**Date:** Tuesday March 10, 2015

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Presentation/Facilitated Discussion:

**Location:** Trisan Centre  
25 Dillane Drive  
Schomberg, Ontario

To learn more about the Official Plan Review and view copies of relevant background material, visit <http://www.king.ca/Government/Departments/Planning/OfficialPlanReviewProject/Pages/default.aspx>

Additional information and updates relating to the Official Plan Review are available by contacting the Planning Department: 905.833.5321 ext. 4066

Sign up to receive emails: [officialplanreview@king.ca](mailto:officialplanreview@king.ca)

#### Seeking Nominations for Volunteer Awards

Closing Friday, March 20th, 2015

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT  
Thursday, May 7th, 2015

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

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

Nominations for Volunteer Awards must be submitted on the nomination form obtained from the Clerks Department and will be received by the undersigned until 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 20th, 2015. The nomination form and further information regarding the criteria for each category is available at the Township office or on the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca), under the "What's New" tab.

Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on Thursday, May 7th, 2015.

Kathryn Smyth, Clerk  
E-mail: [ksmyth@king.ca](mailto:ksmyth@king.ca)



The 2015 Spring & Summer Community Guide will be available February 26th.

Look for your copy in the King Weekly Sentinel!

Additional copies will be available at all Township locations.

### VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL

The Township of King Fire & Emergency Services is currently accepting applications for the position of a recruit volunteer fire fighter.

King Fire & Emergency Services will be hosting an open house/ information session on Saturday Feb. 28th, 2015 at Station 38 in Nobleton (5926 King Rd.) at 10:00 am

For more information, or to pick up an application, please contact:  
James Arnold – Deputy Fire Chief @ 905-833-2800.

Applications are available at Station 34 in King City (2045 King Road) 8:30am – 4:30pm Monday to Friday  
Applications will be accepted in person at Station 34 in King City until Friday March 6th, 2015 until 4:30pm

We thank all applicants and advise that only those selected for an interview will be notified. Personal information is collected under authority of the Municipal Act and will be used to determine eligibility for potential volunteer employment. Personal information (PI) will be protected in accordance with Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA). Questions about the collection of personal information (PI) should be directed to Fire Chief, Township of King, 2075 King Road, L7B 1A1 or Fire Chief at (905) 833-2800.

# New subdivision slated for Northcott Way in Nobleton

By Angela Gismondi

A new subdivision on the south side of Northcott Way in Nobleton has some neighbouring homeowners concerned about the potential impact it will have on their on their property.

The applications for draft plan of subdivision and zoning bylaw amendment were submitted to the Township by Nobleton Estates in October 2014 and a public meeting was held on Feb. 9.

The applications concern 1.2 hectares (three acres) of a larger 12 hectare (30 acre) parcel which fronts onto the 8th Concession Road, explained Stephen Kitchen, director of planning for the Township of King.

The proposed development is located immediately south of the Fandor subdivision in Nobleton.

The owner is proposing to develop five residential lots each with a single detached house on the property. Access to the development would be obtained from Northcott Way via a block of land dedicated for road purposes and the lots would front onto a new cul-de-sac. About 0.32 hectares of lands at the back of the property have been identified as environmental buffer. The buffer lands are proposed be placed in an Open Space and Conservation zone.

The agent for Nobleton Estates, Roy Mason, vice-president of KLM Planning Partners, said the developer wants to mitigate the impact on the surrounding property owners.

"We tried to take into consideration the existing residents that were in the Fandor plan as well," said Mason.

In terms of servicing, Mason said the

developer would like to get early allocation, if possible, so they can complete the five lots quickly and not impose a lengthy construction period on the residents.

"We would like to avoid the inconvenience to all those residents," said Mason.

Local resident Angelo Cofini asked if the wildlife study has been completed and submitted to the Ministry of the Environment, as the property is surrounded by environmentally sensitive lands. Kitchen responded the natural heritage study, which addresses wildlife, has been submitted but the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority has not yet commented on the plan.

"We'll have better insight once they respond," he said.

Cofini also said the proposed 12-metre maximum height for the homes is a problem for the neighbouring owners.

Anthony Romano told council he wasn't aware of the proposed development when he purchased his property.

"I wasn't told there was going to be houses there," said Romano. "I saw a

laneway saying 'proposed road.' I didn't know there was going to be a proposal for five houses, I only saw a proposed road ... It's a big concern for me. I would like to see exactly what the plan is before it goes ahead."

He also said the proposed road to access the homes could affect his privacy.

"I don't want a road in our backyard," said Romano, adding he enjoys entertaining on his property. "We've got a nice view and I would hate that taken away from us."

Mason responded the developer would be happy to leave the height at 11 metres. He explained that what residents were referring to as a road is actually a driveway and offered to meet with the two residents and the local Councillor David Boyd to discuss the matter.

"We were trying to do something that we thought would be good for these neighbours," said Mason. "We want these houses to be spectacular houses."

The applications were received and referred back to staff for further recommendations.

## Township updates its memorial donation policy

By Mark Pavilons

To help keep King beautiful, and honour its former residents, the Township has updated its rules for the donation of memorial trees and benches.

King council adopted the policy, which sets out requirements, obligations and costs of such public donations.

In the report submitted by Chris Fasciano, King's director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, the Township receives numerous requests to place memorial benches and trees in parks, cemeteries and open spaces. The former policy hasn't been updated in 10 years, so a revision was deemed necessary. This allows the program to continue while reflecting current standards.

The policy allows staff to address each request based on an updated set of guidelines, listing tree species and benches available for planting and installation, planting times and standards. Staff looked at policies and programs run by other municipalities and ensure their policy is consistent with those in York Region.

Staff will purchase and install the trees and benches on behalf of the donors, in an approved location, to ensure consistency and compliance with safety and durability standards. Each applicant is required to fill out a request form.

Tree planting, Fasciano noted, will be determined by the season. Benches will be installed June through November.

"The purpose of the Memorial Bench and Tree Donation Program is ... as a facilitation tool to assist in celebrating the people, groups, events and achievements that have brought positive change and difference to our community through planting trees or dedicating park benches. These items will reside in our parks for many years, allowing King Township residents and visitors to enjoy the natural environment," the report stated.

There is no cost to the municipality for this program.

Costs range from \$339 to \$737.

**ENE King 7-Day Weather Outlook**  
**FRESH-4 WEATHER FORECAST SYSTEM**  
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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

~ Frank B. Kellogg

## Parenting just gets more complicated

Children. Seemed like such a good idea we had three of them.

What were we thinking? Don't get me wrong, parenting adds a really neat dynamic to the human journey. It just seems odd to leave the fate of humankind in the hands of, well, untrained parents.

And so, in making this leap of faith, we have now become the parents, leaders, mentors, guides and caretakers of three human beings. These human beings have yet to assert themselves on the fabric of society, but in their own worlds, they've likely made a difference, one person at a time.

My eldest, who recently turned 17, has turned into quite the solid young adult. She's athletic, assertive, strong, smart and compassionate beyond belief. She's a world traveller and embraces people of all cultures and lifestyles. At such a young age she already fully grasps the concept of the "spice of life."

She took on part-time jobs to raise the money for her excursions. With her drama class, her next stop is Los Angeles, and Hollywood. Look out!

She's a leader in her own right, but doesn't realize it. I know she touches hearts and her large group of friends are lucky to have her in their lives.

Right now I'm helping to teach her to drive. She's looking toward the future and trying to figure out what to take at university and what to do with her life.

Oh boy! Apparently guidance counsellors no longer "guide," so it's up to us to send her on her journey. It's not easy, to be sure. How many of us, at 17 or 18, knew what we wanted to do with our lives?

Even though we've had 17 years to prepare, we're no closer to paving the way for her. My wife and I have seen a ton of changes in the past 30 years and there will undoubtedly be even more in the years to come.



Mark Pavilons

My crystal ball has long since faded. My powers of prediction have waned. My ESP is not as sharp as it once was.

Just the other day, Lexie asked me an interesting question. "Dad, what's the role of a parent?"

Wow. Well, in a nutshell, parents try their best to prepare their children for the future. We give them all the tools, skills, self-confidence, support, backing and emotional strength to tackle the ups and downs they will encounter. Our love is unconditional.

While we keep one hand on the leash we've woven over the years, we know we have to allow some slack, and eventually let go completely.

Lexie has had a boyfriend for about a year now. Boys.

I was a teenage boy once. Fortunately, the good head on her shoulders comes from her mom, but I'm always ready to chime in, because chiming in is another parental responsibility.

Advice on teenage romance, though, is a touchy subject. They say girl chil-

dren try to find partners that resemble their dads, but I'm not convinced that's true. I think our young try to find partners with good qualities they admire that complement their own.

I try to remain in the loop, but her mom handles those delicate things.

But I do encourage her to chat, or ask me about anything. They're under the impression I'm an expert on every subject, mainly because that's what I've told them. But I think they know the truth. But what I can offer is an opinion, anecdotes, bits of wisdom and some pithy witticisms.

I've been chastised by my eldest on more than one occasion for being a tad immature and not rising to the challenges at hand. Even though most men retain a bit of that inner child, mine apparently surfaces too often for their liking. What can I say, I'm misunderstood! I've had my share of serious situations, life and death scenarios, so I truly believe levity is key in maintaining our sanity.

Back to my first born girl child. I know that often first loves are followed by first heartbreaks and that will require a lot of consolation.

On to the middle child, my son Liam. He will turn 15 in a couple of weeks and he shares a birthday with his mom.

His voice is changing and that caught everyone by surprise. When did this happen? When did he grow six inches? Just what the heck is going on?

Just a while ago, he was playing with toys and video games and now he's be-

coming a young man. Where's the chapter on that in the parents' handbook?

Girls. Boys and girls. Oh man.

I never asked my dad for advice on women. In all honesty, I don't know much more about them today than I did when was I was a teen myself. And now I have to pass the torch to my son. Fortunately, I'm a good storyteller and since I've convinced them I know everything, it shouldn't be too hard, right?

My wife is not anxious to have him start dating, but alas, we can't stop what's programmed in our DNA. He has a Grade 8 formal coming up later this year, and while we'll send him out in spiffy duds, the rest is up to him. Dear, old dad can arm him with plenty of one-liners and tips on swagger, he'll have to rely on his own charm.

How long does this last?

Our youngest, at 9, is already wise beyond her years. She's a smart cookie and already knows what she wants to do and the type of man she wants to marry. We've had a few general talks, but unfortunately themes in TV sitcoms and playground banter reign supreme.

Fortunately, I'm blessed with a full head of hair, so I can afford to lose many, many strands.

Serenity now!

We learn by doing. Like it or not, parenting is an ongoing process, fraught with inherent weaknesses. Setting a good example may not be easy all the time, but it's vital.

Good luck everyone!

### Letter to the Editor

## Speed humps a nuisance

I am writing, belatedly, in response to the article on Kettleby speed bumps from November 20.

Surely, there must be something that the \$500,000 could be spent on for the greater good of the 20,000 King Township residents rather than the 100 or so residents of Kettleby.

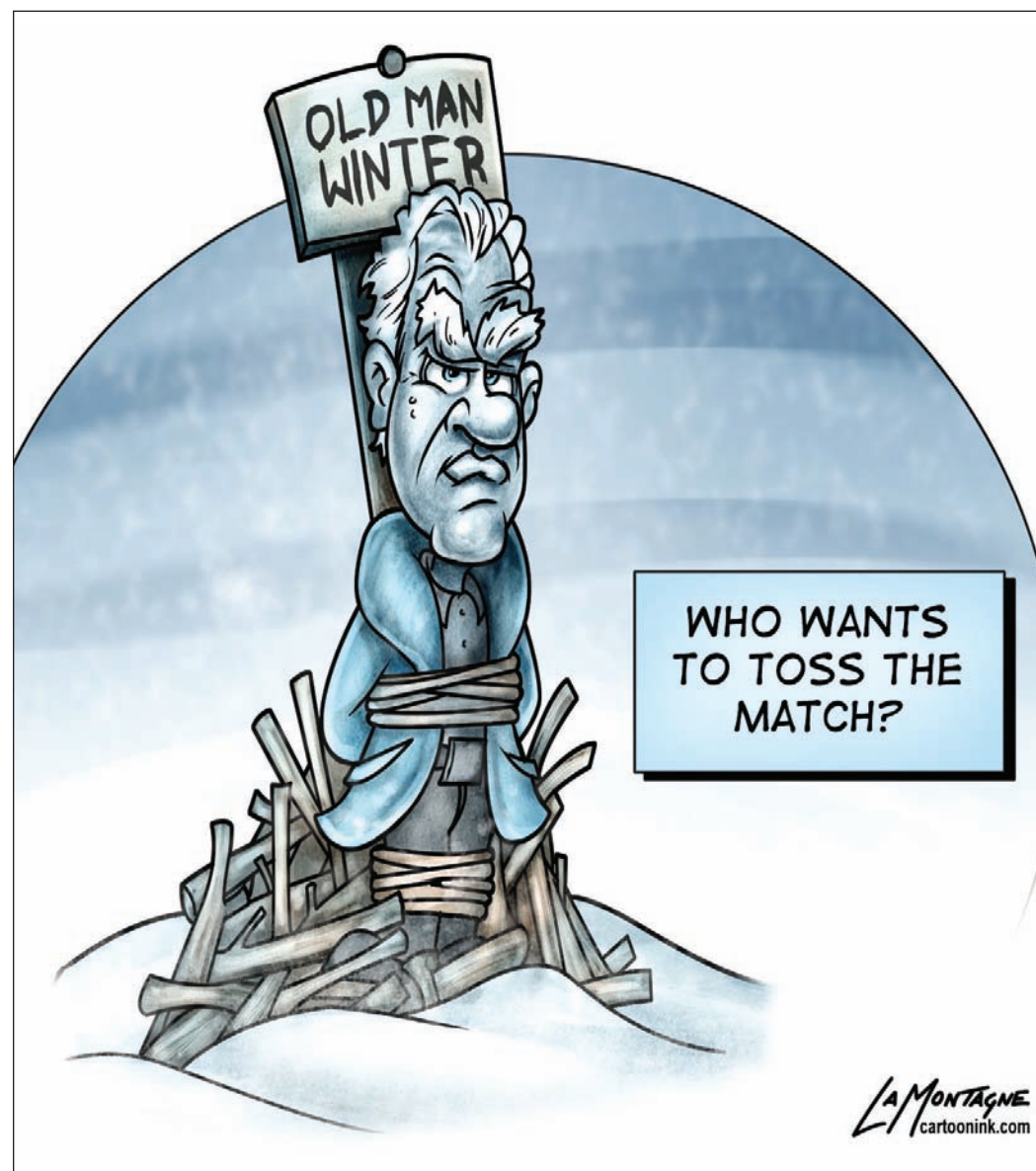
This will be a nuisance to the King Township residents like myself who have a legitimate reason to drive through Kettleby and who drive at the speed limit. We have the same problem in Pottageville, especially at the east entrance where at least two people have died in accidents, but I don't think speed bumps are the answer.

If speeding is a problem, why isn't it being enforced? It just takes a call to the York Regional Police. Also, the limit should be consistent from Jane to Keele Street rather than a mix. I would like to know though where the limits were studied. If I drove 75km/hr through Kettleby, I would end up in someone's front yard.

Commuting times are a major quality of life in the GTA. I think we spend more time in our cars than anywhere else in North America. Anything implemented by the Township should take the big picture into consideration.

Perhaps, we should be working with the region and maybe the province to determine why so much traffic is flowing through Kettleby to address it effectively.

Deb Carpenter  
Pottageville



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### Brainteaser



What turns everything around, but does not move?

Last week's answer: No other animals have kittens!

### King Township Trivia

The 1st Nobleton Hockey Team was organized in 1907. Players included Harold Pringle, Joe Boak, Milt Breedon, Walter Sloan, Billy Breedon, John Boak, Bob Boak and George Fry.

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Results from last week's poll:  
**Feb. 15 marked the 50th anniversary of the Maple Leaf becoming Canada's national flag. Should that date be a national holiday?**

a) Yes  **45%**

b) No  **55%**

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Do you think Sunday's broadcast of the Academy Awards was worth watching?

a) Yes  
b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!

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# Last year was the warmest year on record

By Skid Crease

Well, there you have it. You might not believe that the planet is continuing to warm, especially if you are living along the northeast coast of North America right now, but 2014 is absolutely the warmest year on record! How do I know this to be a fact? NASA and their Goddard Institute for Space Studies said so.

I had the privilege several years ago of connecting with NASA and the astronauts and scientists who have had the honour to view from space this miraculous blue jewel we call Earth. In 1989, I was presented with their book, *The Home Planet*, conceived and edited by Kevin W. Kelley for the Association of Space Explorers.

The inscription on the cover page took me completely by surprise: To Skid, the person who most of all will understand this book.

As an environmental educator in the late '80s, I had been going across Canada doing a series of speaking engagements on environmental issues, global climate change, and earth and space sciences. But the stories I told were their stories, and the science I relayed to my audiences was their science. I was simply their storyteller and I was truly humbled by the gift of their book.

I guess they thought I was getting it right, and so long after I stopped public speaking, I kept getting their updates.

The latest for February 2015 lists the 10 warmest years since weather records have been recorded in North America, with 2014 taking the top spot as the warmest year ever recorded. In fact, all 10 of those years have occurred since 1998, further reinforcement for the scientific consensus concerning accelerating climate change.

Now these are not granola crunching, tree hugging, peace-loving hippies. These are the scientists from NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies. Their one agenda is the collection and accurate reporting of data about the state of the Earth. They are not eco-terrorists like Exxon/Imperial Oil, Olin Chemical, Monsanto, Kinder Morgan or the Koch brothers, and so they tend not to be climate change deniers or purveyors of deliberately misleading information. So when they tell you that 2014 was the hottest year on record, believe it.

What does this all mean for us? As citizens of King, Canada, home planet

Earth, it means that we need to carefully check our sources of information. An opinion is only as good as the material that feeds it, and so the old adage of "garbage in - garbage out" holds very true about environmental issues.

We have to become media literate, read every article, watch every ad, and listen to every news sound bite with a grain of salt. Especially in an era where "Our Government" has become a cheerleader for extraction industries at the expense of valid environmental policies.

Information from the companies that profit from resource extraction, the agri-business, and pharmaceutical wonder drugs are interested primarily in making money for their shareholders and the .01% of the population that make up their top executives.

Their research is selected to support their product development and sales, and their advertisements are slick and soothing. Just like the Economic Action Plan commercials for hard-working families. Like the ads for swamp land in Florida.

For every news bite I get, I spend a great deal of time researching the source. Who paid for the ad? What are the credentials of the expert who provided the information? Am I being encouraged to buy a product, or is this a public service announcement? Are the scientists involved currently practicing in their field, recently published in their area of expertise, and peer-reviewed by their colleagues? Is this a partisan pre-election sales pitch?

We always carry our own filters on the information we read. It could be because of our religious upbringing, our political beliefs, the discussions or arguments we heard around the dinner table as kids, our life experience, so none of us are without bias. The trick with really good reporting is to find that middle ground where all the data comes together, all the stories begin to show a pattern, and you get a whole lot closer to a truth.

That is why I trust NASA. They do their homework and they cross-check and compare all of their data with colleagues around the world. Are they perfect? Yes, there are huge government and private industry contracts to be won. And yes, they opposed data about CFCs and ozone depletion so that Congress wouldn't suspend their shuttle

flights. Nobody's perfect. They were forgiven when the Montreal Protocol was signed. The monitoring of Earth systems and the pursuit of environmental literacy became as important to them as their next space flights.

Why do we continue to tilt at windmills in pursuit of the impossible dream of an environmentally literate society? Perhaps that can best be answered in the following quote. In the foreword to *The Home Planet*, Jacques Cousteau, a man who loved this water planet unconditionally, wrote this about our space

explorers:

"From their exceptional journeys they all came back with the revelation of beauty. Beauty of the black sky, beauty and variety of our planet, beauty of the Earth seen from the moon, girdled by a scintillating belt of equatorial thunderstorms. They all emphasize that our planet is one, that borderlines are artificial, that humankind is one single community on board spaceship Earth. They all insist that this fragile gem is at our mercy, and that we must all endeavor to protect it."

## Letter to the Editor

### A compelling case against rural development proposal

Development threats to rural King are everywhere but hardly more critically at the moment than in the area of the East Humber River valley lands of Mill Road and Elmpine Trail southeast of Nobleton.

It is here where developers, V. and M. Pacifico, have made an application to resuscitate and amend the defunct Official Plan Amendment 58, hoping to allow this area, along with the Humber Trails Forest & Wildlife Conservation Area, to become a hamlet so they can add their urban-density retirement community as an extension to the proposed hamlet. This area has never been a hamlet, nor has the Township any intention to ever make it one. And the residents whose properties are swept up into the net of this amendment proposal are wholeheartedly against it, as evidenced by the Township having on file a petition against this development, signed by residents from every household affected.

Provincial land use planning policies including the Places to Grow Act, and the Greenbelt Plan legislate that this land, which is designated Natural Heritage agricultural land within the Greenbelt, remain agricultural and that developments such as the Pacificos' be directed to settlement areas, in Nobleton, Schomberg or King City. Not to be deterred by the thorough rejections of this proposal by the Region of York, the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority and the Township of King, the Pacificos have appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) for approval, resulting in three OMB cases that will be considered at the upcoming OMB Pre-Hearing on March 11.

This very environmentally sensitive area, consisting of mainly hazard lands and floodplain, must be protected, and if a small cluster of homes such as this were to be declared a Hamlet by the OMB then a very dangerous precedent would be set to aggressively chip away at King's rural, natural heritage that many of us have fought long and hard to protect.

If anyone wishes to speak at the OMB hearing they must first request status as a Participant or Party at the pre-hearing on March 11 at the Township Council Chambers at 10 a.m. As a participant you will only be expected to give your name, address and email which will ensure that you will be contacted by the OMB about the details of the later hearing and when you might be expected to give your presentation. To support our opposition by attending on the 11th to just observe the proceedings would also be appreciated. For further information, contact the Township at 905-833-5321 or Mary at 905-859-4156.

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## The word around King

*Are you sick and tired of the cold winter weather?*



**Madison Geddes**

"The cold yes, but not the snow just yet."



**Drew Barbatti**

"Yeah, it's been too cold to get out a lot this year."



**Gabe Velasco**

"Not terribly. We live in Canada after all."



**Andrew Hu**

"Yes. I prefer summer."

# Students open their hearts during mission trip

By Mark Pavilons

The looks on their faces say it all. Residents of a remote area of the Dominican Republic, as well as migrant workers, praised God for the donations they received.

While God may have something to do with it, the messengers were a dedicated group of Peel high school students.

Several students from St. Michael Catholic Secondary School in Bolton participated in the annual mission trip to El Seibo, Dominican Republic. The group assisted native Dominicans as well as the Haitian community there, staying at a missionary centre run by the Daughters of Mary (les Filles de Marie). Also joining them were students and staff from Father Michael Goetz secondary school in Mississauga.

They rolled up their sleeves, filled and handed out President's Choice reusable grocery bags stuffed with donations to make the lives of others a bit easier. The bags were used to hold roughly one week's worth of food, such as rice, flour and cornmeal.

Once again this year, John's No Frills of Nobleton donated 300 bags to the cause. For John Ciarallo, all you have to do is ask.

"My donation reflects my desire to support the kids and provide them with

this life experience opportunity and a genuine wish to give back and support a good cause," said Ciarallo.

Bolton's Lexie Hesketh-Pavilons stressed the importance of those reusable grocery bags. Before No Frills came to their aid, they used plastic bags which broke easily.

"The PC bags have been a lifesaver," she said, adding the families are able to reuse them. "To them it may be a necessity or a wonderful gift of hope and help."

The mission team members collected items and filled two suitcases each with donations. All of this, including their own personal luggage, was left behind for the betterment of their hosts. Those suitcases become valuable pieces for families to use for storage, cupboards, etc.

The team's efforts were concentrated on helping the Haitian community the area near Consuelo, the majority of who are sugar cane workers living in bateys. A batey is a company town consisting of makeshift barracks, located close to cane fields so that groups of workers can live near the site of their labor. Conditions are often what we consider deplorable.

The situation on the island nation of Hispaniola is unique. It's a case of the poor (Dominicans) oppressing an even poorer neighbour (Haitians). While the Dominican Republic enjoys certain economic and tourism income, Haiti remains impoverished (rated as the poorest country in the Americas). Conditions there were exacerbated by the massive 7.0 magnitude earthquake in 2010 that left more than 300,000 dead and 1.6 million homeless. The country has yet to recover from this disaster.

Many Haitians have moved to the Dominican in search of a better life, yet it's all within a developing nation, and there are limitations on Haitian immigration.

Though long known for sugar production, the DR's economy is now dominated by services. Unemployment, government corruption, and interruptions in electricity remain major Dominican problems. The country also has noticeable income inequality. International migration affects the Dominican Republic as it receives and sends large flows of migrants. Haitian immigration and the integration of Dominicans of Haitian



"God will save me." This photo says it all about the compassion delivered to Haitian workers in the Dominican Republic, during a high school mission trip. Nobleton's No Frills made it easier with the donation of 300 reusable grocery bags.

Photos by Chris Fielder

descent are major issues.

The students visited several bateys during their week-long stay to meet the poorest of the poor.

For Hesketh-Pavilons, meeting a certain person was the highlight of her trip. In 2014, she gave an elderly Haitian man a crucifix to wear around his neck. When she returned this year, she found him, still wearing that very same pendant, albeit tarnished. He had never taken it off. "God will save me," he told her.

"All I could think of was how such a small gift became so symbolic and made a huge difference in his life," she said.

This was her third year in a row on this mission trip and each one is special in its own way.

Hesketh-Pavilons has realized she may not be able to solve world hunger or poverty, "but my efforts didn't go unnoticed or unappreciated."

She handed a young Dominican girl one of her own bracelets and the girl returned the next day, presenting Lexie with a craft she made at home.

From handing out donations to des-

perate families to making seniors laugh in a nursing home, the mission was filled with priceless moments.

It was also a journey of self-discovery for the local teenagers.

Hesketh-Pavilons will be making her fourth trip in 2016 because "nothing else brings me more peace and joy."

"I learn something new every time. All of the experiences help define me."



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



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

neck. Many people 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

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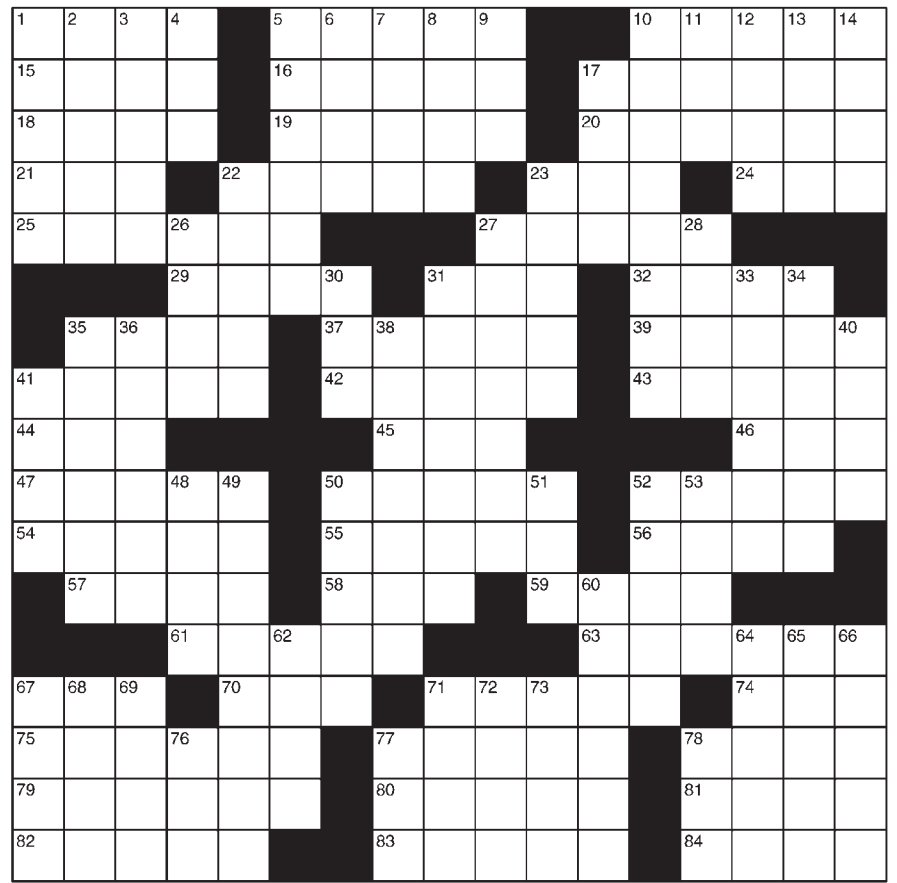
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5. Sudden flood
10. Itinerant
15. Speed competition
16. Singing voice
17. Corrupt
18. Prepare copy
19. Very very
20. Cut molars
21. Paramedic's purpose
22. Group of eight
23. Section of grass
24. Bandleader Weems
25. Inlay
27. Dress size
29. Alliance
31. Place for a workout
32. "Sidewalks of New York" start
35. Buyer's attraction
37. Moving
39. Shankar's instrument
41. Rathskeller order
42. "\_\_\_ Offerings"
43. Weighing instrument
44. Night before
45. Narrow inlet
46. Perfect gymnastic rating
47. "\_\_\_ I've Been Loving You"
50. Hit
52. Feat
54. NBC morning show
55. Supple
56. Waste allowance
57. Congestive sound
58. Put to work
59. Days gone by
61. Signal
63. Indian village
67. "\_\_\_ Daughter" (Stanwyck film)
70. Rascal
71. Attract
74. Conducted
75. Mysterious
77. Large volume
78. Affected manner
79. Ponderous
80. Accumulate
81. Glacial snow
82. Measuring device
83. Dimwitted
84. "\_\_\_ first you don't succeed . . ."

**DOWN**

1. Reverie
2. Wireless
3. Sulfuric and nitric
4. Matched
5. House covering
6. Pummel
7. Pay (up)
8. Wrongful act
9. Notable period
10. Uncalled for
11. "\_\_\_ to Billy Joe"
12. Mongrel dog
13. Hurt
14. Ownership paper
17. Greek portico
22. Tank ship
23. Learned
26. Adept
27. Popeye's greens
28. Secular
30. City vehicle
31. Furrow
33. Sculpture
34. Special ability
35. Rescuer
36. Meeting plan
38. Presume
40. Tear
41. For fear that
48. Newborn cow
49. Cosmetic item
50. Drink noisily
51. Florida island
52. Swagger
53. Oak or linden
60. Be against
62. Prayer closer
64. Quick
65. Baby insect
66. Assault
67. Soothing medicine
68. Provided at no cost
69. Scram
71. Big book
72. Zing
73. Senorita
76. Summer beverage
77. Fashion
78. Tropical cuckoo

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# Ground-breaking ESL textbooks recognized with award

By Mark Pavilons

A King native has received a prestigious honour for contributing to modern learning techniques.

The Study It English as a Second Language digital textbook series, written by Schomberg native James Rice and colleague Jamie Matechuk, won a 2015 Digital Book Award in New York. The ground-breaking digital textbook series was recognized by the publishing world as the best enhanced digital academic book.

The winners were announced at a gala dinner in New York City Jan. 15.

"We are thrilled and quite surprised," said an overjoyed Rice. "To be honoured in the company of all these large publishing houses is overwhelming."

The Digital Book Awards are the biggest digital publishing award in the world. Over 10,000 books were submitted. The keynote speaker was Walter Issacson the author of the Steve Jobs biography and the CEO of CNN.

They were nominated in the Academic category and some of the other books in other categories included Scooby Doo series, Sesame Street series, Rick Riordan.

Digital books represent over 50% of books sold in the world. This is a new frontier for publishing and we are excited to be recognized as a pioneer.

The award and nomination was a surprise to them, Rice said.

The duo operate Connect School of Languages and just wanted to make a better textbook.

"I think we won the award to show publishers that they can do better in the textbook market. Textbooks can be re-invented to provide more engaging content. That is all we were trying to do for our students," Rice said.

Since the nomination they have been featured on Canada AM; numerous teachers contacted them, a school in Ecuador run by Canadians have visited them and school boards have asked questions about creating a mobile strategy for education.

"So we have been busy," he observed.

Heralded as "the textbook for the future," these texts are digital, mobile, interactive and updatable. The Study It textbooks are a customized set of interactive English Language multi-touch books and are available for download on

iTunes. Connect has published over 50 different digital textbooks available for students and teachers. There are eight levels of grammar, eight levels of conversation, a listening series and a Business English series.

"I wish we could say we had one moment of elation but we didn't. We had dozens of moments of elation. We have been working for two years on the books. Not only creating them but testing them and piloting them in the classroom and when something we created works well in the classroom, it is an unbelievable feeling. So the challenge for us to always try to create and invent some different activity that teachers can use to make learning more engaging," Rice said.

Connect is a 1:1 iPad school so all of its students have iPads now and are using their textbooks. Currently, the texts are only available to use on the iPad, Macbook or iMac.

"What we see the students doing with the content from our books is just incredible. We give students and teachers ideas to create projects and lessons that speak to the googled learner. These projects include creating short videos with iMovie or making a Podcast with Garageband. Students are motivated to use the technology that is part of their everyday lives.

"The challenge for teachers is to throw away their past traditional ways. They need to learn with the students so instead of being a sage on the stage where they know everything to being more of a guide on the side. Someone who can help and learn alongside students," Rice noted.

The books are aimed at the high school level and above, but younger students take to it like ducks to water. Rice's own kids they completed the activities in minutes.

"What it showed me was how fast kids get it. How fast they can learn the activities and understand the activities. So we had to go back and create more activities that were more complex," he said.

For the older demographic, they find the books a challenge because they are used to paper textbooks. Rice said they are motivated to learn how to use the content and the iPad.

Rice pointed out this technology is relatively new. The iPad itself is only four years old and the software they're



Schomberg native James Rice (right) and partner Jamie Matechuk, won a prestigious award for their digital textbook series.

Submitted Photo

using is three years old.

"Interactive technology is vastly different from mobile technology. Having the ability to do projects, tests and assignments, anywhere, anytime. It is revolutionary in education. Students do not need to sit behind rows of PCs to do their work. They don't need to carry a heavy laptop around and sit behind a computer screen. We can actually remove technology such as smart boards, DVDs, CDs, projectors – all these technological impediments to the teacher and student relationship – we can remove these things from the classroom."

Rice pointed out you don't need WiFi to use their books, other than to download them.

They can also update them anytime and users received the updates free.

"Imagine how many textbooks we have used over time and thrown them away because they are simply old and out-of-date. Our books are never out-of-date.

"And finally, through our website, teachers can provide new ideas, questions and updates that we have never considered. So we can create an eco system for teachers to share their knowl-

edge and provide a better educational experience for their students.

"So I would argue that we have had a major paradigm shift in how to present content to students. Now, we need to make content for this new generation of learners."

Rice said they're looking to add their books to other platforms such as Android and Kindle.

Since starting the process two years ago, building the books has taken more of their time but "our passion is still in teaching and improving the classroom experience for students and teachers."

Rice hails from Schomberg and enjoyed minor sports in King growing up. Rice's father was a former Township employee and was a volunteer firefighter. His brother and his family also live in Schomberg.

For more information about Connect's innovative ESL textbook series or to a request a free copy please visit [www.studyitbooks.com](http://www.studyitbooks.com). For more information about Connect School of Languages and how they are using the iPad in the classroom with the Study It series visit [www.connectlanguage.com](http://www.connectlanguage.com).

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# Business, Finance & Real Estate



## Magna's Walker looks to the future as Canada's CEO of the Year

By Brock Weir

Nearly 30 years ago, Don Walker, an eight-year employee of General Motors, prepared to leave the company to strike out on his own.

He wanted to start his own company, and eventually approached Frank Stronach to see if Magna would be interested in joining in on the venture. Evidently Stronach was intrigued with Walker's meetings. The two had three subsequent meetings, the younger fellow was offered a job, and 27 years later, now serves as CEO of the Aurora-based company.

"I thought I would join Magna to try it out and to learn that side of the business, and I stayed there ever since," Walker said. "The thing that appealed to me, and what appeals to other people at Magna is Frank really was a visionary when it came to how to structure a company and how to motivate people. He has profit sharing for everybody in the company and it is a fairly entrepreneurial, autonomous company so people can get to create their own careers to a certain extent. Having the ability to work with Frank directly and see how he thought was quite a learning experience for me. Frank is probably the most entrepreneurial person I have ever met in my life."

Now leading the company in Stronach's stead, there are a number of key tenets of his philosophy that continue to inform the work of his successor, including that profit sharing and advocacy for employees.

"I think the way Frank would use his experience and his gut to tell him what was a good deal to get into, what wasn't a good deal to get into, and really thinking out of the box are some of the things I have learned from Frank and have helped me in my career," said Walker.

It has served him well. Walker, a King resident, was named Canada's Outstanding CEO of the Year last fall, and was formally bestowed with the award at a ceremony held at the Royal Ontario Museum earlier this month. The Outstanding CEO of the Year Program was developed in the early 1990s, recognizing business leaders for their corporate performance, vision, leadership, innovation and social responsibility.

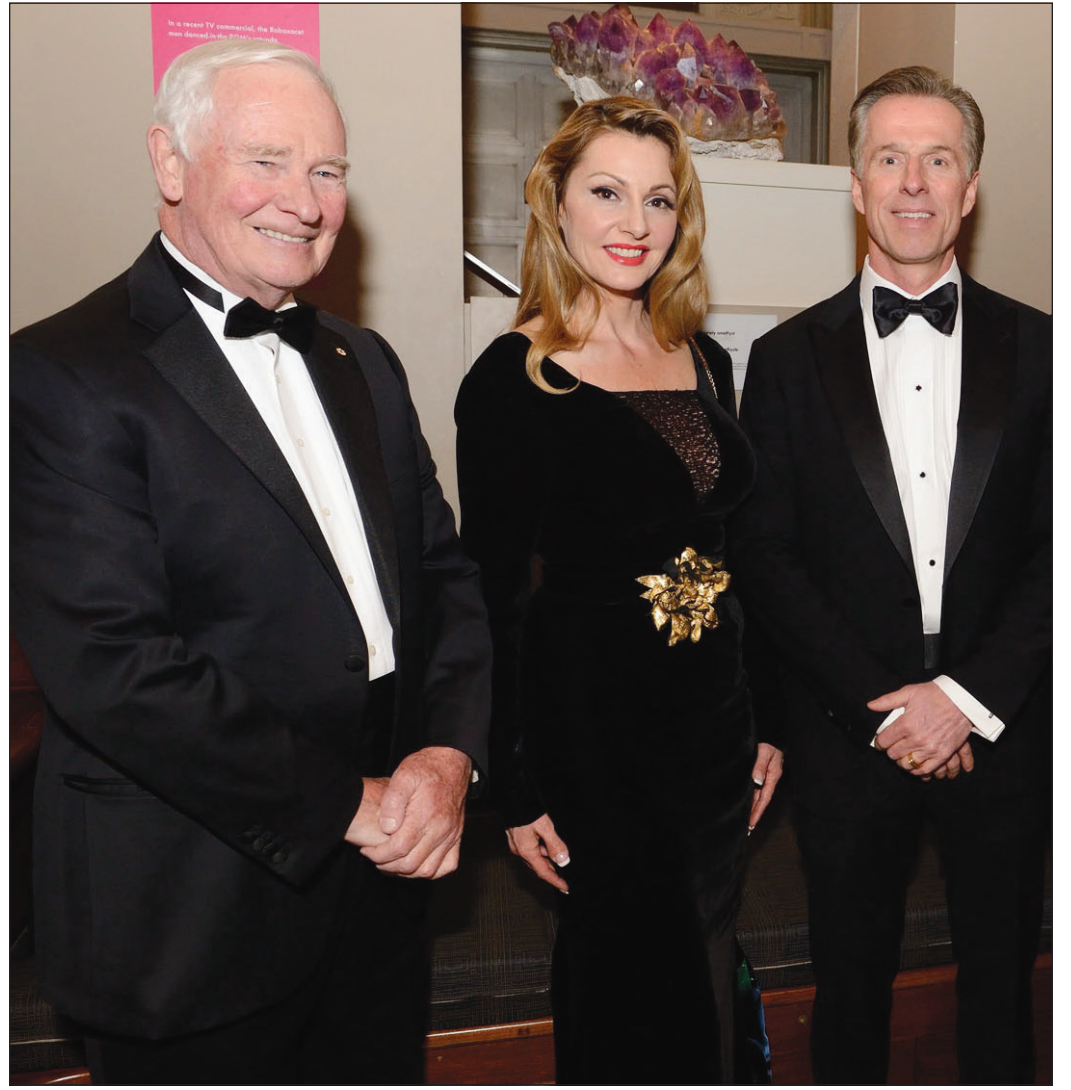
"It is certainly quite an honour to

win the award," said Walker. "Since it is in its 25th year, there are a lot of very successful, very good CEOs that have been chosen in the past."

Walker, however, is not going to rest on his laurels. He said looking to the future has been an integral component in Magna's success, and central to three priorities which have governed Magna for the better part of a decade. The first, he explains, is investing in the world of manufacturing with an eye to "world class manufacturing."

"I believe Magna can be as good – or better – than any other company in the world when it comes to manufacturing," he says. "An area we focus on a lot is innovation and we would define that as new products an end consumer would see in the car. We are really focused on research and development, working with universities, working with start-up companies on technology. The third is worldwide people development systems. We have 130,000 people and it is just a system to keep track how we can train them and retain them to stay in the company."

Finding these "good people" has been the biggest challenge facing Magna over the last several years, he notes. In a globally competitive market, there is no shortage of opportunities for talented individuals.



His Excellency took part in the 25th Anniversary of Canada's Outstanding CEO of the Year Gala at the Royal Ontario Museum. The Gala was honouring 2014 recipient Don Walker of Magna International Inc. Canada's Outstanding CEO of the Year award program was founded to identify and recognize outstanding leadership and achievement by a Canadian Chief Executive Officer. From left to right: the Governor General David Johnston, Mr. Walker's spouse Joan and Don Walker.

Photo by MCpl Vincent Carbonneau Rideau Hall

## Mayor plans to bend premier's ear

By Mark Pavilons

The premier is listening.

And as long as she does, King Mayor Steve Pellegrini plans to push the issues that are important to King and York Region.

The premier has called for a summit March 24 to discuss opportunities for improved collaboration with mayors, chairs and municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton (GTAH).

And Pellegrini will be ready. In fact, he's already taken advantage of a request from the premier's office to send a list of his top priorities.

An official with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing contacted Pellegrini, asking for his list of concerns.

They didn't have to ask twice.

The mayor observed the province's "One Call" program, where residents call to locate utility lines before digging, has placed an unexpected and very costly burden on municipalities. In King's case, it costs upwards of \$200,000, none of which is recoverable.

The mayor wants to know about the progress and timelines of the provincial review of the Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt. He wants to ensure municipalities like King will be consulted and asked for input on policy guidelines and permitted uses in these areas.

King is also interested in available infrastructure funding to help with local bridges to be replaced to support Holland Marsh drainage improvements.

The mayor also wants to know when MTO will pony up its share of the costs of the drainage project GTA West corridor and 400 series highways projects.

While King has been granted interim funding from the province from the 2013 ice storm damage, the mayor wants to know when the full amount will be coming in.

Traffic congestion and GTA-wide transportation planning are issues that impact King as well.

Clean fill regulations are of concern to many rural municipalities in the province, and King is no exception. The mayor wants assurances regulations are being enforced by MOE.

Other issues brought to the forefront by GTAH mayors and chairs include funding for public transit (King needs more parking for the King City GO station); growth; affordable housing for seniors and youth; private sector manufacturing jobs, and broadband Internet service.

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# Lloyd finds her niche as a volunteer firefighter in King

Getting to know those who serve

By Mark Pavilons

A desire and commitment to be part of a life-saving community team is what drives members of the King Fire & Emergency Services.

Take Ali Lloyd for instance. Just two years in as a local volunteer firefighter and she's found a new home team to be part of, and cheer for.

She's been a sports enthusiast for as long as she can remember and earned a degree in physical education from Brock University.

She found firefighting "intriguing" and it really clicked for her during her pre-service course at Georgian.

She's only one of six female firefighters in King, but it doesn't matter. The "family" took her in and treats her just any other trained professional.

"It's pretty awesome," she observed.

The King City resident clearly remembers her first call, one for medical assistance. EMS was first on scene and her colleagues coached her through her first response. She's been to several vehicle fires, which are more common than people may think. The car fires, usually with no occupants, are great "practice" for getting the gear on and battling a small blaze. Your skills and training all come into play, she said. So far, she hasn't seen anything too tragic.

Her ultimate goal is to be a full-time firefighter, hopefully somewhere in York Region. It's a long process, but she's putting in her time and doing the training. Since she's in close proximity

to the King City station, she's often first on the bus.

King Fire and Emergency Services is admired far and wide for their training, equipment and professional response. They're one of the best volunteer outfits around.

And that attitude permeates the fire halls.

"I'm a firefighter," Lloyd stressed. "I get all the experience and opportunities of the full-time guys," she said. "When the pager goes off, I'm out the door."

She's still trying to grasp all of the intricacies of the job, but she loves it.

The clan of firefighters are "your family" she said. Working together in the same community is "pretty awesome."

Everyone brings their own skill set to the task and Lloyd is a calm, team player and she's adept at all the complexities of the breathing apparatus.

A big part of the job is "customer service" and you definitely have to be a people person.

The volunteer work at King is a great opportunity and Lloyd spends as much time at the station as she can, paying her dues.

King Fire & Emergency Services will be hosting an open house and information session on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Nobleton station on King Road, starting at 10 a.m.

For more information, or to pick up an application, please contact James Arnold, Deputy Fire Chief, at 905-833-2800. Applications are available at the King City station, weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Applications will be accepted in person at Station 34 in King City until Friday, March 6 at 4:30 p.m.



King City's Ali Lloyd hopes to become a full-time firefighter. She's been a volunteer with King for two years.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

## Dowd seeks Liberal nomination

By Mark Pavilons



An international businessman has thrown his hat in the ring to become the Liberal Party's candidate in the new riding of King-Vaughan.

The party gave Mississauga's John Dowd the green light to get into the foray.

Dowd is the founder and managing director of private consulting firm FHL; was CEO of Mastek Ltd., an information technology firm with offices in London, New York, and Mumbai. He's also served as president of EDS Canada and general manager of EDS Greater China and Korea, and spent 22 years at Xerox in posts across North America.

In addition to his international business experience, Dowd has an extensive background in community involvement. He lived in York Region for many years, got his start in sales at Xerox Canada covering King, Vaughan and surrounding areas.

Dowd believes King-Vaughan is a "winnable" seat for the Liberals.

Dowd finds the riding to be fast growing and thriving, with a very diverse mix of residents. It's a community centred on families, with strong interests in higher education and cultural diversity. The economic foundation of King Vaughan is small and mid-size business entrepreneurship, with a growing base of national and international business enterprises within several key industry segments.

"King has a unique agricultural heritage and Vaughan has a rapidly growing urban community. What is great about King-Vaughan is the people, all who see the value of working together to build a better place, people who see that community harmony can come from shared effort on a common good."

Dowd said he's versed in the environmental issues impacting King, including expansion pressure emanating from Vaughan.

"Constituents can expect from me a bias for action, bringing a global perspective to local issues, an understanding of the complexities of global business as it relates to the riding. I will lead a collaboration between levels of government, and consider myself an activist on community services issues relating to families and the development of youth. My work in the United Ways across Canada and in the YMCA in Greater Toronto has built into me a sensitivity to social issues and I firmly believe in the potential of everyone in a community and the need for the community at large to support the disadvantaged. Importantly, I believe the role of the MP is to be of service to their constituents and to serve the country as a whole."

Dowd admits he's "brand new" to politics and while many haven't heard of him, that is set to change.

"Wherever I've worked, I've been deeply involved in the local community, in charitable and social enterprises. I'm committed to Liberal values, and I've demonstrated that commitment through my personal involvement in education, the arts, and supporting diversity throughout our country."

To learn more about him and his platform, visit [www.votejohn Dowd.ca](http://www.votejohn Dowd.ca). You can call him at 289-200-3706 or email [info@votejohn Dowd.ca](mailto:info@votejohn Dowd.ca).

## Township in line for funding

By Mark Pavilons

King Township is in line for almost \$300,000 in funding from the province. King council received a report from Finance Director Allan Evelyn and agreed to sign a contract cementing the funding contribution between the municipality and the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

The Province, through OMAFRA, announced last summer their \$130 billion investment in infrastructure over the next 10 years. The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) is a two-pronged funding strategy is based on both formulas and applications from eligible municipalities.

Ontario municipalities with populations of fewer than 100,000, as well as those northern districts that have their own water and wastewater systems, are eligible.

King has received the funding in that past and have submitted their eligibility criteria as well as reporting 2012 and 2013 FIRs.

Projects that fall under the program include capital projects and maintenance for renewal, rehabilitation and replacement of roads, bridges, sewers, etc.

King is in line for \$91,709 for each of 2015, 2016 and 2017.

The funding is considered key in King's plans to establish a comprehensive asset management plan.

"The OCIF formula-based grant will assist in supporting the need for the Township to ensure the asset management plan satisfies Ministry guidelines within the contribution agreement," Evelyn wrote in his report.

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# SPORTS

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## Cougars heading to GMOHL championship

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

The Junior C Schomberg Cougars are heading back to the Georgian Mid-Ontario Hockey League championship for the first time in 12 years.

They made quick work of the defending league champs the Penetang Kings in the semi-final best-of-seven, taking just one week to sweep the series in four games and book their ticket to the final.

With the offence clicking through much of the 2015 playoffs, the Cougars have enjoyed help from a number of newcomers including Cam Russell, acquired from the Midland Flyers late in the regular season.

He potted the first goal in Friday's third game in Penetang, adding an assist in a 5-3 win to take a stranglehold on the series. Russell has been on a point-per-game pace in the playoffs.

Up three games to none and with the opportunity to clinch the berth at home on Monday, fans filled the stands at the Trisan Centre looking for some quality hockey action.

And did they get it.

Sniper John Gage opened the scoring with his sixth goal of the 2015 campaign just over two minutes in, matched by Nate Archer of the Kings before the end of the first period.

The Cougars exploded for four goals in the second frame, as two points each from Brandon Savoy and Derek Neilly had the home team up 5-2 heading to the final 20 minutes.

With their season hanging in the balance, the Kings rallied for three straight in the third, with regular sea-

son leading scorer Craig Robinson tying the game at five with just under three minutes remaining.

Less than a minute later, Gage sent the Kings home for good with his second of the game and the series clincher.

The 4-0 series win was the first sweep in the Cougars' franchise history.

Schomberg last found themselves in this position in the 2003 post-season, winning their only league title to date by downing the Stayner Siskins in six games.

In other semi-final action, the Alliston Hornets have been beating up on the seventh-place Orillia Terriers in a 3-1 series lead.

They will be looking to put the series to bed Friday at home at the New Tecumseth Rec Centre.

This season's Cougars-Hornets match ups have not been good to the Schomberg squad, as the Hornets have taken all six games, mostly by a wide margin. Their closest meeting was a 7-4 loss in early December.

Schedules are currently being completed for the championship series, with home-ice advantage up in the air. If the Hornets take the series, they will enjoy home-ice advantage as the league regular season champions.

If Orillia completes an unlikely comeback, the Cougars finish as the top-seeded team.

The Cougars reached the semifinal round after a 4-2 series win over the Huntsville Otters.

For stats, schedules, and more information, visit [www.schombergcougars.com](http://www.schombergcougars.com).



Goaltender Taylor Ewart squares up while getting sprayed with snow against Alliston earlier this season. Ewart has collected a 2.78 goals-against-average en route to the GMOHL championship.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte



The March 1 pond hockey tourney will help provide needed funds for classic fire trucks.

## Pond hockey tourney in aid of classic fire trucks

The stage is set for the 2015 Restoration Classic Pond Hockey Tournament March 1.

This tournament is being organized and hosted by the Schomberg Firemen's club, which is a loose association of firefighters from King Fire and Emergency Services Station 36. The club owns 2 antique fire trucks – a 1929 International Lorne Fire Pump and a 1940 Ford 2 Ton Fire Truck

These trucks are owned by the club and not by the Township, which means all maintenance, licensing and insurance costs are raised strictly through various fundraising efforts.

Unfortunately this year the trucks require a substantial amount of work to keep them on the road and the monetary requirement to restore/repair these antiques is more than our club can handle at this time.

We are hosting this tournament to raise the much needed funds to keep our trucks in action. These antiques are a staple in our community attending many charitable events, members and non-members weddings, classic car shows, and even acting as Santa's Sleigh during Schomberg's Main St Christmas Parade!

The club is the original owners of the 1929 truck, which was purchased brand new that year and was in service until Hurricane Hazel in 1954 when sediment destroyed the pump. The 1940 is undefeated in Antique Fire Truck "Fast Water" pumping competitions!

All items received will be raffled at the event on March 1, and any sponsorship money collected will be used to cover overhead costs (insurance, prizing, food etc.) with any remaining funds going directly to the antique trucks.

The tournament will take place at Spray Lake near Ansnorveldt.

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# Little rocks, big hearts in curling bonspiel

By SHELEE MORNING

Three "Little Rock" teams recently participated in the Little Rock with a Heart Invitational Bonspiel at the Chinguacousy Curling Club and for some, this was a whole new experience. These future curling stars that practice/play once a week at the King Curling Club not only enjoyed their first-ever spiel debut, but more importantly received the best lessons you can get in the game of curling – real game playing.

The 1 Little Rock with a Heart Bonspiel welcomed clubs from the Brampton, Hamilton, Milton, Oakville and Unionville areas for a 6-end 2 game format.

## Jitta steals the show

Nine-year-old Skip Jody Jitta and his team of David Maan playing Vice, Adrian Spataro in 2nd, and Ethan Olivera as Lead; opened their round at the Chinguacousy Spiel with a game against Team Milton.

The more experienced Milton team won the toss for hammer in the first and proceeded to sink a sea of rocks into the rings applying pressure to the nervous King squad. Skipper Jitta, stared down the broom for his target and executed a magnificent draw behind cover to "steal" the first end.

Lightening the tension load, the King Kids tightened their grip allowing their Skip to make the perfect shot in each end afterwards and finally winning the multiple steals game.

The second game against Hamilton-Victoria was quite a bit more challenging for the 9-11 year old youngsters.

David Maan, who is now officially nicknamed "Mr. Double Take-Out," says "why take out one rock when you can take out two," did just that. Achieving double take outs on numerous occasions in the game rewards him with a personal best performance. Although they were unable to take over their opponents, the kids had a great time and eagerly announced they want to do more spiels next year.

## Last minute team change

Team 2 consisted of Jacob Switzer, Ethan Walsh, Rosie Fragomen and Noah Harbridge and was put together at the last minute due to the original team's hockey playoff schedule.

For both Rosie and Ethan, it was their very first bonspiel experience and without having any time to practice as a team the kids did very well. Learning strategy and rock weight is a big part of curling and this team even though they lost both games, executed some great guards and made a few hits that will surely build their confidence.

A tremendous amount of knowledge for understanding the game was collected by them all and the chance to meet new friends and share some laughter was all a part of the weekend event.

Traditional hand-shakes were given then it was off to the snack table for treats and sweets. These youngsters all ranging from 8-10-years-old did their coaches proud for the way they handled themselves, both on and off ice.

## Smiles win over

Team 3 was led by 12-year-old Ethan Mumford who guided his team of Eric Mumford (10), Tayah Wilkins (8), and Katerina Decoste (8) with confidence and poise. This was a first-time bonspiel for both Tayah and Katerina, and both girls didn't appear to be nervous at all. In fact, the smiles that emerged on their faces from the first rock thrown to the last won over the coaches, parents and fellow curlers.

Even though the team lost both their games, Eric Mumford called a great game with shots that came up just inches short of a victory.

Next up for the Little Rockers is the Shamrock Spiel, hosted by the King Club that is scheduled for March 18 and is open to Little Rock and Bantam curlers.

Finishing off their season will be a trip to the Timbit Curling Championships, which is a three-day event with teams coming from all across Ontario.

Lots of exciting curling yet to happen for our future curling stars and everyone at the King Curling Club wishes you best of luck and great curling for your next two events.



Nine-year-old Skip Cody Jitta (far right) seen here with teammates (left to right) Lead Ethan Olivera (9), 2nd Adrian Spataro (11), and Vice David Maan (11), led his team to victory at the Little Rock with a Heart Bonspiel held at the Chinguacousy Curling Club. Jitta executed multiple stolen ends with the help of Maan's numerous double take-outs while both Olivera and Spataro placed great guards to set up the house.

Submitted Photo

## Moyer to compete at world event

Haili Kasaks Moyer, a recent graduate of King City Secondary School, has been selected to represent Canada at the SBX Junior World Championships taking place in Yabuli, China March 6-16.

SBX is Snowboard Cross, basically an obstacle course with jumps, berms, turns that 4 competitors race through at the same time and the top 2 move onto the next heat. Haili is in her second year racing in the NorAm circuit, which is the level below World Cup in North America open to all ages 15+.

Races take place across the U.S. and Canada. Haili's top finishes this year include 6th place in Chile at the South American Cup, and a 7th place in a recent NorAm race in Colorado.

Haili grew up in King City and has recently moved to Whistler for her training. She is a former nationally ranked ice dancer in Canada, but Haili and her partner split after Canadian Nationals January 2013. At that point Haili decided to start SBX racing while searching for a new ice dance partner. Last year she had to make the decision to start with a new skate partner or continue snowboard cross. She is extremely excited with her decision.

So much of her ability stems from the strength training, dedication and visualization from her skating background with King City Skating Club.

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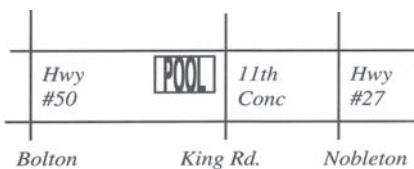
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# Juvenile Red Wings even series in overtime thriller

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

In a game that saw a number of lead swings throughout a high-scoring contest, the Juvenile Schomberg Red Wings came out the victors.

Down two games to one in the OMHA quarterfinals, and after a 2-2 tie on the road on Saturday, the Wings needed a win at the Trisan Centre Sunday to extend their series with the Loyalist Jets.

A strong start had the Wings up 2-1 mid-way through the contest, when Dan Giglio doubled the lead by potting a nice pass from behind the Loyalist net.

Just under a minute later, Tom Fortin broke in along the side boards and scored on a nice wrist shot, only to have it called off due to an interference call on Tyler Burt who was driving to the net.

The Red Wings paid for it, as it created a two-goal swing when Loyalist capitalized shortly into the power play to make the game 3-2 after two period.

From there the momentum had swung to the side of the Jets – strong offensive pressure was the cause of a number of frustrated penalties taken by the Red Wings in the defensive zone, the lead being held onto by a thread due to spectacular goaltending from Ryan McLaughlin.

But McLaughlin broke with six minutes left, beaten on a one-timer to tie the game for the first time.

He was then hung out to dry 30 seconds later on a two-on-one, eventually deked out by the man left alone in front to give the Jets their first lead of the game in front of a stunned Schomberg crowd.

With the season on the line, the Wings were given their opportunity with under five minutes left on a power play of their own.

Amongst a barrage of shots to the Loyalist net, a shot from the point found a hole through traffic, beating a screened Jets goalie to force an overtime period.

William Germinario was the overtime hero, wristing home the game-winner just over five minutes into the extra frame to force another game.

The sixth and deciding game was played after press time on Wednesday

evening, in a do-or-die matchup in Amherstview.

The South Bruce Juvenile team

awaits the winner of the series in the OMHA semifinals, after making quick

work of the Ripley Wolves in a three-

game sweep.

For results, visit [www.schombergminorhockey.com](http://www.schombergminorhockey.com).



Teammates pile on William Germinario after he scored the overtime winner against the Loyalist Jets on Sunday.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

## Cyclones hockey perfect through the season

By Jake Courtepatte

The Country Day School Senior hockey team exploded for seven goals on Wednesday to cap off a perfect season in CISAA action.

With a post-season berth already secured for the Cyclones, they were up against a Crestwood Prep team on Wednesday still looking to secure a position in the playoffs.

Unfortunately for the Crestwood Lions, the Cyclones offensive prowess proved too much as CDS jumped out to a 3-1 lead just over seven minutes into the game.

While Crestwood was able to pull within one before the end of the first period, the Cyclones continued to throw puck after puck at the opposing goalie in an eventual 7-2 road victory.

They finish the regular season with an overall record of 8-0-1, with their only tie coming back in early January.

Since then, the Cyclones have outscored their opponents by a combined score of 25-5.

The Cyclones now await the winners of Wednesday's quarter-final match ups, earning an automatic bye to the semis as the top team in the CISAA.

They will host the competition at King City Arena Friday morning, with a game time at 10 a.m.

Fans can hope to be in for the long haul that day – the puck drops on the championship game at 1:30 p.m. also in King City.

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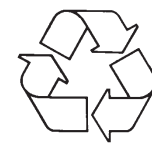
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# Special Olympians skate to the podium in North Bay

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

Chelsea Ricci-Martire and Connor Woolsey returned to King City with their necks a little heavy and their heads held high.

Both earned medals in the 2015 Special Olympics Ontario Winter Games, held in North Bay at the end of January.

While Ricci-Martire finished second in Elements and fifth in Freeskate Level 1 competition, she earned an overall ranking of fourth-place.

Woolsey placed first in both respective categories for Level 2 Men's, earning a first overall position.

Woolsey has the chance to be selected for the national games next year, held in Newfoundland.

Both athletes placed first in regional in order to qualify for the Games, and were selected by their coach Brenda Ferreira.



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# 'Messy Church' coming to Nobleton United

## Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone  
905-859-5174

### St. Paul's Church

We welcome our new Youth Leader Taylor Scott and invite all students from Grades 7 to 12 to come out and meet her on Friday, Feb. 27. The group will meet at the church starting at 7 p.m.

Join us Sunday, March 1 at 10 a.m. as we welcome our intern Soong Huh to the pulpit. Soong will be speaking about his mission trip to Cuba. First-Link child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering and our Regular KidzKonnection and NextStep Program (for children ages 4 to 11) takes place at the same time.

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

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](http://www.stpaulsnobleton.ca).

### Nobleton United

Take a look at our new website, [www.nobletonunitedchurch.com](http://www.nobletonunitedchurch.com). Keep up to date on news and upcoming events.

Messy Church starts on Tuesday, March 10 and continues on the second Tuesday of every month, 5-7 p.m. The theme will be based on a Bible story with activities related to the theme. There will be choices of activities each month that will appeal to the different ages (from 2 years old to teenagers). This is an intergenerational activity. We conclude by eating a meal together. Each child must be accompanied by a responsible adult (parent, grandparent, caregiver). We are inviting the community to participate at no charge. Donations gratefully received.

Many of the activities will be messy.

The idea is to have fun while experiencing a Bible story each month. Please wear clothes that might get messy! At the conclusion, we will all eat together. Cappuccino Bakery has kindly offered to supply us with pizza. We will also have a veggie tray, a fruit tray, and pig cookies. To sign up or for more information, contact Nancy at 905-859-0761 or email [nancy@hopkinson.ca](mailto:nancy@hopkinson.ca), or send a message to the Church via our website [www.nobletonunitedchurch.com](http://www.nobletonunitedchurch.com).

### St. Mary's Church

The Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord, a day of prayer at St. Mary's Church, Nobleton March 25.

Please join us as we pray the Holy Rosary the entire day, so that we may send our heartfelt thanks to Our Lady for saying Yes to God's will.

Schedule: 7:30 am: Beginning of 2,000 Hail Mary Devotion; 3 p.m., exposition of the Blessed Sacrament; 6:45 p.m., Benediction and 7 p.m. Holy Mass

Come, open your heart and share your love with Our Lady. Rosaries and Prayer books will be provided.

### Anglican Parish By John Arnott

With late February we have about an extra hour of daylight and the solemn church season of Lent has begun. Is there a connection?

The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton wants you to know there really is for you see the name Lent is not based anything religious but rather on lencten the old Anglo-Saxon word for spring as well as the month of March and from which we get our modern English words length, lengthen and lengthening - and the daylight hours are lengthening.

In some early Christian communities Lent was not observed at all. But when fasting before Easter became a widespread practice the length of the fast differed from place to place and from one generation to another.

St. Ireneus of Lyons (130-200 AD) wrote that some Christian communities fasted for just 1 or 2 days before Easter while other Christian communities fasted for 40 hours commemorating the actual time Jesus lay in his borrowed tomb.

By the mid-3rd century many Egyptian Christians, especially in Alexandria, fasted for 6 days while Christians in Rome held a 3 week fast.

It was in 325 AD when Constantine, the first Christian Roman Emperor, convened the Council of Nicea in what is today Turkey to discuss a wide range of Christian issues that the Lenten fast became 40 days in length in recognition of the 40 days Jesus spent in the semi desert of ancient Judea [modern Israel] communing with God, praying and fasting before he began his ministry.

Gradually Christian communities extended the fast by several days then 2 or 3 weeks but it took years before the 40-day observance became widespread. And back then this fast was known by its Latin name Quadragesima meaning 40.

By the mid-mediaeval period the Anglo-Saxons now known as the English were calling the month March and the

season spring. Then lencten was shortened to Lent and came to refer only to the 40 day pre-Easter fast.

### Horticulture Hints By John Arnott

It was the bright red flower that first caught my eye and that made me inquisitive enough to find out more about this intriguing plant.

I discovered it was tropical, a house plant and expensive (anything over 20 bucks in the plant line is expensive to me!).

But then I struck it lucky when I found a handsome one and on sale sitting just inside the door at Woodbridge No Frills on Highway 27 for only \$6.99. You guessed it I bought it. Since then anthuriums have become my favourite house plant. Their splashes of bright red brighten even the duller of winter days.

There are some 1,000 species of anthuriums all native to the Americas from northern Mexico to northern Argentina where they are often found growing in shaded outdoor gardens. In our region all are house plants. Most every anthurium has a prominent finger shaped spike called spadix covered in very tiny flowers. But it is the spathe or a bract an adapted leaf at the base of each spike that gives the plant its colour.

Some anthuriums are epiphytes meaning plants that grow other plants but are not parasites as they take the moisture and nutrients they need from the air, rain and debris that collects in crevices where they grow not from the plant they grow on.

The botanical name, anthurium, comes from the Greek for tail flower referring to the spadix. Other popular names for this tropical include flamingo flower, tail flower and jokingly 'boy flower'. Most often these plants are sold under their botanical name.

Only 2 anthuriums have the vivid red spathes I so like, those being A. andraeanum named for Edouard Andre a 19th century French horticulturist and A.schezerianum named for Karl Von Schezer 19th century Austrian natural scientist and explorer in Central America. These 2 species are the ones most commonly found for sale in supermarkets and year round garden centres in our area. Hybrids developed from them have spathes ranging in colour from white through coral to burgundy.

But for me it's the red that is the winner! The red heart shaped spathes against the rich green heart shaped leaves never fail to give me a lift especially on cold snowy winter mornings.

Anthurium is generally speaking an easy care plant. They are low light tolerant but they like light just not direct light. They prefer a soil rich in organic matter and need to be watered once every two weeks to keep this soil moist. However, one source I researched recommends you let the soil dry out slightly between waterings.

Once established with good root systems, and this is usually the case with potted plants for sale, anthuriums benefit from a weak solution of fertilizer every 2 to 3 weeks. The large green heart shaped leaves benefit from being wiped with a clean cloth dampened in luke warm water to clean off dust or insects.



The school's "Me To We Club" includes (l to r) Carter, Libo, Ashley, Lea, Daria.

## Valentine's fun takes over Nobleton P.S.

It may have been Friday the 13th but that didn't stop Nobleton Public School from celebrating Valentine's.

School Council volunteers were at it again with a Pancake Lunch fundraiser. A very popular meal with the students, more than 200 lunches were served. This year, the ladies with their spatulas, topped off each lunch with choice of grapes or strawberries in honour of Valentine's Day.

There was a competition within the school to see which class would order the most lunches by percentage. The winning class's teacher would then have to wear a "Pancake Fascinator." Once again, the Grade 1 class of Mrs. Beasley & Ms. Dal Barco narrowly beat out all others. The teachers were real sports to comply.

The Nobleton Public School Me To We Club had Valentine duties of their own. They were handing out Valentine treats to the students. The Me To We Club transforms students into world-changers, one action at a time. A Toronto based worldwide enterprise, Me To We has been noted for setting new standards in the social field.

Recently the club held a "Giving Day." Each classroom was asked what they would like to do and the members of the club made it happen. One class wanted to bake, while another chose to make crafts, still another wanted to play board games. The members of the Me To We Club made everyone's wishes come true, simply by giving. We can't wait to see what they will do next.

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# 'Winter Notes' at King City United Saturday

## King's Corners

King City United  
By Eleanor Fry

We are now in the season of Lent. At the Ash Wednesday service last week Rev. Nicola Skinner put out a challenge. Giving up coffee or chocolate doesn't make much sense. Instead, do 40 days of kindness instead of giving something up. Showing kindness and compassion may be what this world needs more of. So this is our challenge. Work at being more compassionate, caring, giving, loving, and kind.

Forgiveness sometimes is hard to do. Pride gets in our way. Forgiveness helps us to let go of anger. Forgiveness enables us to restore relationships. It takes a lot of work from both parties. It's more than just saying "OK" when someone says "I'm sorry."

You can't just ask forgiveness then go and do the same thing. Your behaviour has to change. Forgiveness is an act of release. How many times have you asked for forgiveness in your prayers? How many times have you been forgiven? Try forgiving someone who has hurt you or wronged you in the past. Forgiving is opening up a future that the past has closed off.

Messiah Bible Study has resumed each Sunday 7 p.m. (weather permitting).

World Day of Prayer Friday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Jane St. The program has been prepared by the women of The Bahamas. Join us to learn more about their people, their way of life, their faith. This is for all men and women. Join us in prayer, learning and fellowship.

KCUC newsletter: If you have an event coming up, a story to tell, items of interest, send them to Earle Laycock email [ve3xl@yahoo.ca](mailto:ve3xl@yahoo.ca) or leave them in the office door. Deadline Sunday, March 8.

It's time again to dig out your "Wearin' O' The Green." Our Irish Dinner with stew, mashed potatoes, breads, desserts, refreshments, singing, some Irish tunes with Wayne and his fiddle group. Adults \$15; children \$5. Call the church office for tickets, 905-833-5181. Invite your friends and neighbours. We are all Irish for a night.

At the afternoon UCW the ladies gathered for business and fellowship. Ideas were discussed about raising funds for a dishwasher. Watch for more info on this.

We are composing a more modern wording for the UCW purpose. Mary Lee's stories of how faith was such a big part of her growing up years recalled a lot of memories. This led to a lively discussion while we enjoyed all the treats she had prepared.

These meetings are open to all ladies. Many times the planning for fund raising events like the Irish Dinner and Fish Fry all begin at these meetings. We have speakers, or do a lunch meeting somewhere. The 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour.

The evening unit of the UCW had their first fundraising event, the spaghetti dinner and concert was a great success. Thanks to all who attended. This group is for working women who cannot attend in day time, but still feel a need for Christian devotion study, fellowship and service. First Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 the Arts Society of King will present a musical evening "Winter Notes" featuring local talents under the direction of Phyllis Vernon. We will enjoy Hugh Bennett and his Carrying Place Band playing Canadian folk music. Marie-Lynn Hammond sings and plays guitar. This all happens at King City United Church 50 Elizabeth Grove. Tickets are \$20. Call 905-939-9357.

Join us for Sunday service at 10 a.m. We're at 50 Elizabeth Grove King City. Our office is 905-833-5181; email [kcuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:kcuc@bellnet.ca) or contact Reverend Evelyn McLachlan [kcucmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:kcucmin@bellnet.ca). Check out our website [www.kcuc.ca](http://www.kcuc.ca).

### King City Seniors Centre

Beginner Bridge has started on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. Help and encouragement is available to all beginners and novices, so come out and give it a try.

Everyone is welcome to our annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, March 10 at the Centre. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. It runs 5-7 p.m. Don't miss it.

Are you ready for a full day of activity? Join the Travel Club on Wednesday, April 22 as we travel slightly west with

a stop at the Windmill Country Market for some shopping (bakery, deli, gifts), then on to lunch at the Brantford Club before finally arriving at the Sander-son Theatre in Brantford, where elite members of the Golden Dragons Acrobats will flawlessly perform the newest spectacle "Cirque Ziva." The cost is \$104 per person, due by March 17. The coach leaves the arena at 9 a.m. To reserve your spot, call Jane at 905-833-5870, or Nora at 905-833-6162.

### King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, March 1 as Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series "The Gospel Truth" with The Results of the Gospel.

We have Celebration Zone available downstairs for kids aged 3-Grade 10. We also have nursery available downstairs for babies 0-3.

### York Pines United

You are welcome to join the congregation on April 1 at 6 p.m. for a pot luck supper when the stories of people's experiences with "pay it forward" during Lent will be told.

Adults and children with adults are welcome to attend the Messy Church program on Friday, Feb. 27 at 5 p.m. The program starts with a snack and then active games and singing with sign language and story-time and crafts and prayers follow. This month's theme is Christ, the good shepherd and the rescue that might need to happen from some of the places in which we find ourselves. You are never late for Messy Church. Our leave-taking from one another is after our supper and at about 7 p.m.

For more information please call the church office at 905-727-8118. The York Pines United Church is located at 3150 the Aurora/Lloydtown Road, Kettleby. The congregation meets every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

### St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's invites you to worship with us. Come, join us during Lent as we prepare our hearts for Easter. Our

## Procyon holds its volunteer orientation day

Procyon Wildlife will be holding a volunteer orientation session on Saturday, March 7 at 1 p.m. at their centre located near Beeton.

Procyon is a registered charity dedicated to rehabilitating orphaned and injured wildlife and relies solely on volunteers to run the centre. They are looking for volunteers in animal care, fundraising, program development and site improvement. If you are interested in animal care, this is a great opportunity to work hands-on with orphaned and injured wildlife.

They require volunteers for three feeding shifts per day, seven days a week. If you can commit to one shift per week, they would love to hear from you.

Their fundraising group is actively planning several main events for 2015 as well as applying for grants. They need volunteers in this critical area which funds the ongoing operations at Procyon.

They are also in the process of developing educational programs to benefit the community. If you have a background in this area and can help with creating a program, please let them know.

Those interested in helping out can email Linda, the volunteer coordinator, at [volunteering@procyonwildlife.com](mailto:volunteering@procyonwildlife.com).

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Worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Nursery care running concurrently. During this 2nd Sunday of Lent, March 1, we will be celebrating Communion with the Rev. Dr. John Vissers presiding.

Last Sunday we enjoyed Pastor John Mills, a retired Salvation Army Major while the Rev. Dr. John Vissers was away. Pastor Mills will be with us again March 22. He spoke to us about the importance of water and that Jesus is our Living Water, who quenches our thirst, offered to all. (Genesis 9:8-17 and Mark 1:9-15). Again, it was a blessing to have so many participate in the service, with the welcome and announcements, the reading of the scriptures, the story time for the youth and the leading in prayers. Thank you to all.

St. Andrew's is scheduled to take the service at King City Lodge this Thursday, Feb. 26 at 2 p.m. Meet for car-pooling in the church parking lot at 1:30 p.m.

The World Day of Prayer is next Friday, March 6 at 1:30 p.m. The Ecumenical Service will be held at Sacred Heart this year and all are invited. The theme country is the Bahamas. Our Annual Congregational Meeting is Monday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m. The report is to be available this Sunday for distribution.

The Ladies' Prayer Time has been changed to 10 a.m. each Tuesday, held in the church narthex or the office. Come for fellowship, a time of sharing or quiet contemplation. God promises to be there! How can our God bless you?

Should you have 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.

For pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers, our Director of Congregational Ministries. Our church is located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. There is a ramp available for accessibility. [www.standrews-kingcity.ca](http://www.standrews-kingcity.ca).

### All Saints By Nicola Skinner

Youth in Grades 4-12 are invited to an overnight tubing event at Snow Valley. The cost is \$25 and runs Friday to

Saturday, Feb. 27 and 28. The sleepover will take place at St. Paul's church in Innisfil. If you have any questions please call or email us.

All Saints is an inclusive and welcoming Anglican church in the heart of King City. We strive to be a community of compassion and hope, following in the footsteps of Jesus. We are located at 12935 Keele Street, King City. Our office hours are Tuesday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., or call us at 905-833-5432. Visit [www.allsaints-kingcity.com](http://www.allsaints-kingcity.com).

## All Around Schomberg

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### Schomberg Community Farm

The hard-working and dedicated organizers of our Schomberg Community Farm are at it again and this time in partnership with an exciting new business in town - Anchique.

After a very successful collaboration with Anchique in December, (the Vintage Pottery Auction that raised \$1,059), The Schomberg Community Farm and Anchique are once again working together for a common goal. This time it is a different auction every month, for pieces of furniture that have been donated to the Farm and have been given a makeover with Annie Sloan Chalk Paint. The piece this month is a solid wood, two drawer coffee table. The bidding is open until March 6 at 4 p.m.

Schomberg Community Farm and Anchique together are giving new life to old and tired furniture, one piece at a time and all the profits are going to the Schomberg Community Farm.

Anchique are stockists of the Chalk paint and have frequent workshops on basic and advanced techniques Wednesdays and Saturdays.

For more information please check out the two websites - [www.schombergcommunityfarm.ca](http://www.schombergcommunityfarm.ca) or email Cheryl at [schombergcommunityfarm@gmail.com](mailto:schombergcommunityfarm@gmail.com). Or call Cheryl at 905-939-8494.

The website for Anchique is [www.anchique.com](http://www.anchique.com).

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