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Bid for Nobleton plaza raises concerns

By Angela Gismondi

Residents are concerned a new commercial plaza proposed for Nobleton will not fit in with the quaint character of the community.

The building, proposed to be located at the south west corner of Highway 27 and MacTaggart Drive in Nobleton, was the subject of a public meeting held at the Township of King Municipal Offices Monday.

The applicant, Condor Properties, submitted a site plan development application to facilitate the construction of the three-storey, 40,000-square-foot commercial plaza, explained Stephen Kitchen, director of planning for the Township of King at the meeting. A zoning bylaw amendment application to rezone the property from transitional to commercial shopping centre - exception was also submitted. The property is designated as a commercial area in the Nobleton Community Plan which allows for retail stores, personal service shops, banks and financial institutions, restaurants and business, professional and medical offices. The Commercial Shopping Centre - Exception zoning would allow for more commercial uses on the lands.

The proposed commercial uses identified by the applicant include adult or children's learning centre, banks with drive-through facilities, day spas, day nurseries, pharmacies or drug marts, private schools, restaurants with drive-through facilities, artist or

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Creatures thrill youngsters

Kids were given the chance to meet a number of reptiles, including Gizmo (pictured), at Schomberg Public Library on Thursday. The event held by Reptilia in Vaughan was just one of many things happening at King Township's three library branches over March Break.

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Monday, April 13, 2015
6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, April 27, 2015
6:00pm - Council/Committee of the Whole

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PUBLIC NOTICES

EASTER OFFICE CLOSURE

King Township offices will be closed on Friday, April 3rd, 2015 and Monday, April 6th, 2015 for the Easter holiday. All municipal offices will open for regular business hours on Tuesday, April 7th, at 8:30 a.m.

Township Libraries Will Be Closed On Friday, April 3rd, Sunday, April 5th, And Monday, April 6th, 2015. All libraries will be open for regular business hours on Saturday, April 4th, 2015.

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REMINDERS

VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

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

REMINDERS



MEET THE MAYOR & WARD COUNCILLORS

Tuesday, February 3
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Nobleton Library
Councillors David Boyd & Linda Pabst

Wednesday, March 25
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Schomberg Library
Councillor Bill Cober

Thursday, April 16
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Ansnorveldt Library
Councillor Avia Eek

Thursday, April 23
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
King City Library
Councillors Cleve Mortelliti & Debbie Schaefer

PLEASE NOTE: APRIL DATES HAVE BEEN REVISED



The 'Living with Wildlife' Community Workshops will be taking place on:

- Wednesday, April 1st at the King City Library at 7pm
- Tuesday, April 7th at the Nobleton Library at 7pm
- Tuesday, April 14th at the Schomberg Library at 7pm

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Light refreshments will be served

Plaza doesn't seem to fit in

From Front Page

photographer studios, professional offices, daycares, dry cleaning establishments, printing establishments and veterinary clinics.

The applicant is proposing to have commercial and retail uses on the ground floor, including a unit with a drive-thru facility at the south end of the building. Although the building has been designed to be three storeys at the corner of Highway 27 and MacTaggart Drive, it steps down to two storeys as it moves to the west and south. The second floor is intended for professional and medical offices and third floor will house mechanical equipment and one office.

The application also proposes underground and above-ground parking areas. Access to the site is proposed via MacTaggart and a right-out exit is proposed at the south end of the site onto Highway 27 from the drive-thru.

"We have reviewed the staff recommendations and will continue to work with staff processing this application and address with you any issues that arise," said Mark Yarrington of KLM Planning partners, representing the applicant.

He explained that traffic impact studies have been done and all the intersections in the area will function adequately with no large impact on current traffic. As for parking, the developer is proposing 38 spaces at grade and 59 spaces below grade in an underground parking garage. They are also seeking front and side yard setbacks to accommodate constructing the building at the edge of the road, as encouraged in the Township's planning documents. He also suggested that loading space will not be required as most of the units are small and do not lend themselves to business who would require a lot of loading space.

In terms of design styles, the applicant is considering other buildings in King such as the new walk-in clinic on Highway 27 or Hogan's Inn in King City. Councillors and residents were not impressed with the proposed designs and drawings shown during the presentation.

"This is looking more 'Vaughan-ish' than 'King-ish,'" said Mayor Steve Pellegrini, adding the No Frills plaza went through quite a bit to meet the Town-

ship's design guidelines requirements. "We held very firm on our design guidelines. We want to create a quaint looking community and we have a small chance to do that."

He suggested the building look more like the Hambly House in Nobleton.

"Sometimes there is a challenge in replicating something that is very ornate," responded David Choy, the architect for the project.

Former Nobleton councillor Peter Grandilli attended the public meeting. He asked if the applicant has seen a building like the one he is proposing in Nobleton.

"I have not seen that and the people of Nobleton, I don't think they will like it," said Grandilli, adding the community has not been adequately informed of the project. "Up until a few minutes ago, I don't think anyone knew what was going to happen on this corner ... How many residents were given notice about this development? I don't see that many people here tonight to talk about it. I am not in favour of this building and I think they should go back to the drawing board and come up with something completely different."

He was also concerned about the increased traffic and suggested a second lane to accommodate it.

"I want to see the corner of Highway 27 and MacTaggart Drive fully urbanized with sidewalks, gutters, no ditches and no overhanging wires - they have to go underground," Grandilli stated.

Patty Fleetwood of the Nobleton Village Association said the proposed design of the building does not belong in Nobleton.

"The building is coyote ugly," Fleetwood said, adding it should look more like the Fandor building. "It does not fit in Nobleton. It looks like Langstaff in Maple or Woodbridge and we don't live in either ... Let's make this look country because it's not Woodbridge."

She was also concerned about the proposed uses, pointing out that Nobleton already has several pharmacies, medical offices, learning centres, daycares, hair salons and restaurants.

"My biggest concern is that you're going to hurt the businesses we have by creating this," said Fleetwood.

"If we build this, is it going to be full - are you going to have tenants right away or is it going to be empty and you're going to have to fill it," said Fleetwood.

"The whole town is going to look like it's for lease. Just looking ahead, maybe this time we can do it so that they actually have tenants."

Doug McNair spoke on behalf of his neighbours who are going to be backing on to the proposed development. A major concern is disruptions from the construction and the impact of increased traffic.

"This is a horror show ... it has a major impact for the people living directly behind it," he said.

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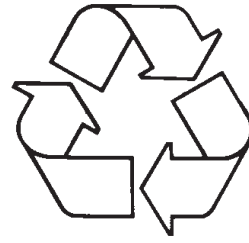
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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

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Why dogs are better than our biggest 'money pits'

Children, like dogs, seem to like me. Call it animal magnetism.

Children aren't like cars, motorcycles, airplanes, your favourite CD or even a really good pair of jeans.

You can't trade them in for a new, spiffier model each year. While they may not depreciate right off the lot, they are quite costly things to keep and maintain.

These tiny critters don't do much for the first few years. They're totally dependent on mom, dad and other caregivers to give them that healthy start. They also need goofy faces and some simple phrases to learn everything they need to know about human nature.

We had tiny tots once. We also had dogs.

I firmly believe our dogs thought these things to be mere nuisances. They didn't play well, smelled kind of funny, and made some incredibly high-pitched noises. Of course, dogs being the voracious things that they are, really loved following kids around for the free food deposited on almost every surface.

I really liked our kids in the beginning. They were relatively good natured, well behaved and didn't require a lot of resources. Sure, there was laundry, food and minimal clothing requirements. Carting them around in those awkward, heavy car seats was a physical challenge.

Our offspring were still quite non-invasive as they grew into active toddlers, waddling around like little quackers. They can cause a lot of trouble, despite their proximity to the ground. You learn quickly to put things at the 4-foot level to keep them safe from these destructive beings.

It wasn't until they began talking back that I realized what a chore children can be.

I thought, okay, give them life, pick them up when they fall down and pat them on the bum once in a while and



Mark Pavilons

they're good to go.

Now I'm in a pickle.

I have three kids – Lexie, 17; Liam, 14 and Kyleigh, 9. They're generally okay, as far as kids go. But they're putting a heck of a dent in the good, old, tattered pocketbook.

The other day, my youngest told me I owed her \$15 for helping to clean up the basement. When I protested, she lowered it to \$12!

Whatever happened to chores? Whenever I direct my little ones in that direction, I'm told by my better half it's my job.

I believe one of the reasons they call it March "break," is the pressure it puts on the bank account.

It's just that kids don't seem like a very wise investment. The return in terms of cuteness, love and perpetuating the species just doesn't add up. The bottom line is they're more trouble than they're worth.

My eldest returned from a school trip to Los Angeles, where her drama class visited all the sights and sounds

of Hollywood. She loved it and found the suburbs of LA simply enchanting. While she did run out of money, she didn't splurge on Rodeo Drive. In fact, she can be frugal at times. That's my girl!

Boy, when I was in school, we got to go to Ottawa and Quebec City! Okay, I managed to go on a bus trip to Washington, DC in Grade 12, but that was as exciting as it got.

She'll be picking her university courses soon and then the fun begins. While we do have an RESP, we'll be lucky if it covers her first year.

My boy child is a little cheaper to maintain, but he'll be entering high school this fall and that will mean dishing out more money for this, that and the other. He also wants to play football.

The youngest is our princess and we all know that princesses love lipstick, lip balm, hairbands and everything pink. She takes art classes and consumes art supplies like a thirsty camel at an oasis.

At one time, I did think of starting a part-time, home-based business of renting out our kids to lonely grandparents who have no one to cater to. It was a win-win scenario that required very little effort on my part! Plus, I'd begin recovering some of my costs. I still think that idea has merit.

I have read that it costs roughly \$20,000 to own a dog from birth to death. For us, it would amount to a really nice car.

Dogs love you unconditionally and don't overcharge you for chores. They don't care about birthdays, holidays or vacations. They're overjoyed with hand-me-downs and will take your

unwanted shoes, clothing and furniture and have a great time. They always make you smile and laugh; that's why pet owners live longer.

According to MoneySense.ca, the average cost of raising a child to age 18 is a mere \$243,660. That works out to roughly \$12,825 per child, per year or \$1,070 per month.

You can probably whittle that down to maybe \$5,000 per head, but I'd like to stress that it's after-tax cash.

I bet my rent-a-kid idea is sounding pretty good right about now.

Of course, such estimates are just that, and may include the perceived cost parents' lost wages from staying home. Children are affordable to parents at all income levels – that's why we still have them! We just have to alter our priorities and spending habits.

That would explain the rusted holes in my mini-van and the non-rusty holes in my socks.

When you're out walking the dogs, strangers will smile and ask to pet your pooch. When your kids are trashing the neighbour's garden and you're shouting out the front door for them to get inside, you wish you had a bag over your head!

But children enrich our lives in so many ways that just can't be measured in dollars and cents, right? I say strap a portable debit machine to their belts and send them out to work!

I may never see black ink ever again on my personal balance sheet. My bumper sticker reads: "I'm driving this because I have children!"

But I have three wonderful human beings who will make the world a better place.

Letter to the Editor

Skid Crease sparks a steady conversation

I find Skid Crease's columns very interesting, to say the least, a positive in the world of climate change.

For those people in denial (which are many) regarding this specific issue, they need only to read any of his articles to understand how thoroughly he has, over time, offered them proof positive of these changes with his numerous references to reputable and dependable organizations such as: NASA, Goddard Institute for Space Studies, UK MET office and so on.

Hopefully, as time marches on Skid and people of a comparable way of thinking will be able to eventually begin a steady conversion of the deniers to understand the importance and urgency of adopting and implementing effective and comprehensive solutions for the climate crisis.

Following is part of a speech by Martin Luther King not long before his assassination, you may find interesting:

"We are now faced with the fact, my friends, that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late."

Richard Reid Schomberg



Brainteaser



What kind of rocks are on the bottom of the Humber River?

Last week's answer: A left-handed dog is a "southpaw."

King Township Trivia

Toronto Dominion Bank opened its first branch in Nobleton in 1977.

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a) Yes	<div style="background-color: black; width: 80%; height: 15px;"></div>	80%
b) No	<div style="background-color: black; width: 20%; height: 15px;"></div>	20%

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Have you completed your 2014 income tax?

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Examining the integrity of creation

By Skid Crease

Several years ago I was asked to deliver a keynote and workshops for the United Church of Christ in the United States. The theme of the weekend conference for their outdoor ministries was titled: Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation.

This church takes their environmental issues very seriously, considering how access to clean air and water, healthy soil and food, and clean energy is essential to the health and safety of their parishioners, and indeed to all life on Earth.

At their 2001 Conference, they stated that "ecojustice" refers both to the intertwined areas of environment sustainability and social justice and to the theological and spiritual perspectives that affirm the integrity of creation. To ensure that they were addressing issues of "ecojustice," they established an Environmental Justice Program to deal with parishioners concerns.

Now I only mention this because I have been following a number of editorials and comments in our local papers lately that have focused on religion, our understanding of different religions, and the big questions that religion has attempted to answer for us over the years. It would seem to me a good idea for any religion to defend Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation.

Unfortunately, our Judeo-Christian-Islamic roots have often led us into the trap of literally interpreting an ancient series of Middle Eastern stories that were put into a few books several years ago; namely The Old Testament, The New Testament, and the Quran. What always seems to get us into trouble is a line from Genesis 1:26, the one that gives man dominion over the all the earth and everything that swims, flies, grazes, and crawls upon it. When I looked up that quote, I found 19 versions from different editions of the Bible. It appears that in the beginning of these books, man rewrote God's word in his own image.

And that rewriting, flowing from the most powerful religious dynasty in history, has placed the Judeo-Christian-Islamist ethic on a collision course with the Integrity of Creation.

While some believe that the word "dominion" involved a caring stewardship;

the vast majority believe it gave licence to pillage the resources of the Earth exclusively for human benefit. After all, the faster it got used up, the faster the Apocalypse, and the return of an avenging god who will reward the just and punish the wicked, bringing about a new world order for heaven and earth.

Those who believe in stewardship take a much different view. They would argue that destroying ecosystems, polluting air, water and soil, and using the Earth's resources for the benefit of only a tiny elite group of humans is in fact an insult to Creation. That it is an insult to a Creator to throw garbage upon the masterpiece, to poison the purity of the water planet, and to squander the gifts of this miracle of life.

Here is where we find an interesting difference in interpreting the End of Days. While both Judaism and Christianity see the end of days bringing the just to eternal life in the heavens, Islam sees the purging of infidels to prepare the way on earth for true believers. A principal belief among Muslims is that a human is only a manager of the earth and not a proprietor; having a profound duty to protect the Earth for humans yet to come.

Islam teaches that humans are permitted to enjoy the fruits of the earth, but Earth must not be ruined for our descendants: "Man should not abuse, misuse or distort the natural resources as each generation is entitled to benefit from them, but is not entitled to 'own' them in an absolute sense." Ideally speaking.

There have been many horrors committed in the name of religion, whether it be the Spanish Inquisition, the punishment of Palestine, or the beheadings by ISIS. But the greatest horror of all has been the slow and steady destruction of the Integrity of Creation by our interpretation of "dominion" over the Earth. Every war of conquest has only expanded the scope of this greed, progressing most recently in our history from the East India Company to the International Monetary Fund.

At one time the tallest buildings in a town used to be the spires on places of worship. Now they have given way to bank buildings and telecommunications towers. And the oil wells and refineries that cover the Middle East indicate that "stewardship" beliefs in Islam also

have deep flaws in practice. At least the Alberta tar sands proponents openly admit that the planet is open for business. Small consolation.

As a famous teacher once admonished us when he threw the money-changers out of the temple: "My house should be a house of prayer, but you have made it into a den of thieves."

It is time for all religions, as the World Council of Churches has done, to openly embrace the ethics of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation. It is time to act as if we are wise stewards of this place we call Home, and to leave for future generations of all living things a

planet rich in resources for the life that is yet to come.

Note: Percentage distribution of the world's most populous religions – Christianity and Islam, 55%; Hinduism and Buddhism, 20%; Judaism, 0.22%

Skid Crease is an award-winning outdoor and environmental educator; a keynote speaker; a storyteller; an author; and a community volunteer. He taught with the North York and Toronto District School boards for 35 years, and officially "retired" from the Faculty of Education, York University, where he was a Course Director and Environmental Science Advisor.

Sustainability Committee welcomes spring

After a long, cold winter we are all eagerly anticipating the arrival of spring. King Township staff and the Sustainability Advisory Committee have put together a program celebrating spring with something for everyone.

For the rest of March, throughout April and into May, you and your family will find all sorts of fun and free ways to love spring and do great things for the environment and yourselves.

March 22 was World Water Day. Imagine if your family had to walk many kilometers just to collect your water and then carry it home. This is the way millions of people around the world must live each day. Make an effort to reduce the amount of water your family uses in a week. How much can you save on your water bill?

Celebrate Earth Hour with your family by turning off all your lights for an hour between 8:30 and 9:30 p.m. on March 28. Come join in the fun with a bonfire and hot chocolate at the Dufferin Marsh in Schomberg or Memorial Park in King City.

How about going for a walk on one of King's many trails? Can you distinguish the calls of spring peepers from those of leopard or green frogs? If not why not come out to the Dufferin Marsh at 7:30 p.m. on April 2 for the Frog Night Out?

For the first time, King is also hosting a series of Living with Wildlife Community Workshops in partnership with the Toronto Wildlife Centre (TWC). The TWC is a leader in the field of wildlife rescue, veterinary care, rehabilitation and education. TWC has grown into Canada's busiest wildlife centre. Since opening in 1993, hundreds of thousands of people have received help on TWC's Wildlife Hotline, and over 74,000 wild animals representing over 270 different species have been admitted for care. Come out and learn from the experts what to do if you find an injured, sick or orphaned animal and how to prevent problems with your wildlife neighbours. The free workshops will be held at the following locations:

King City Library, Wednesday, April 1 at 7 p.m.

Nobleton Library, Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m.

Schomberg Library, Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m.

King Clean-Up Day is being held on Saturday, April 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. throughout the Township. Help us clean our parks, streets and neighbourhoods. We provide gloves, garbage bags and trash pick-up locations. Register yourself or your group by contacting environmentalstewardship@king.ca. Submit your Clean-Up Day photos and be featured on our Facebook Page, Instagram and Twitter accounts using #kingcleans2015.

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"Well, it means no more skating, but I can live with that."

Elementary school students reach for the stars

By Mark Pavilons

While space may be the final frontier, for elementary students in Bolton and Virginia, it's gotten a lot closer.

St. Thomas Moore School in Arlington, Virginia, and Bolton's St. John Paul II Elementary School have teamed up to build, launch and monitor a micro satellite.

The exciting, hands-on project is the first of its kind for elementary students and has created quite the buzz at both schools and among the partners. It's a dream come true and will open up a whole new learning experience to this

group of young people.

The STM Sat-1 mission is to perform Earth observation and engage grade school students around the world as remote Mission Operation Centers. The CubeSat model is very small nano-satellite — a 10-centimetre cube.

The satellite will include an earth observation camera, transceiver (HAM radio band), plate with the signatures of the entire mission team, a donor payload and a crucifix blessed by Pope Francis.

The camera will take photos every 30 seconds during its orbit and those will be accessed and downloaded by the students.

A project of this nature didn't happen without a lot of cooperation. The program got a boost from the NASA Goddard CSLI and Bolton's Canadensys Aerospace Corporation.

Canadensys is a space systems and services company with a focus on accessible space. The company is founded on heritage and expertise that spans a number of Canada's historic space achievements of the last three decades, blending them with micro and nano space technology, and modern, commercial business models for effective space program and mission development.

This project "fit very well with us," according to Christian Sallaberger, president and CEO of Canadensys.

The company's mandate is improving access to space in low-cost, participatory ways.

"We jumped on it," Sallaberger said.

The response has been great from educators at both schools, school boards and the kids themselves.

This will give them the experience of a real space mission, Sallaberger pointed out.

The STMSat-1, was built by students at St. Thomas More School in Virginia.



Students at Bolton's Saint John Paul II School are excited about teaming up with a Bolton company and a U.S. school to launch and monitor a satellite.

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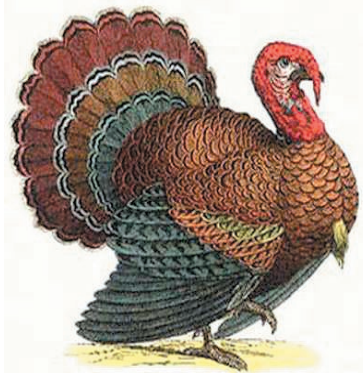
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TRANSPORTATION ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY REPORT ADDENDUM

Highway 400 from North of Major Mackenzie Drive to South Canal Bridge (W.P. 222-97-00)
City of Vaughan, Township of King, Regional Municipality of York

THE PROJECT

In compliance with the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Class Environmental Assessment for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000) (Class EA), a Transportation Environmental Study Report (TESR) for proposed improvements to Highway 400 between Major Mackenzie Drive and South Canal Bridge (W.P. 222-97-00) was filed in the Public Record in June 2002. The TESR was submitted to document the proposed transportation engineering and environmental protection plan at a Preliminary Design level of detail.

Since that time, MTO has commenced Detail Design of the proposed Highway 400 improvements (under G.W.P. 2835-02-00) and has determined that significant changes to the recommended plan outlined in the June 2002 TESR are required. Consistent with the Class EA, the TESR Addendum has been prepared to document and amend the design changes and associated environmental impacts outlined in W.P. 222-97-00. It is noted that the Highway 400 improvements from Major Mackenzie Drive to South Canal Bridge, documented in the June 2002 TESR (W.P. 222-97-00) have since been separated into a series of contracts. Thus, this addendum notice incorporates only the proposed detail design changes and environmental impacts pertaining to Contracts 2, 3 and 4, which extend from north of King Road Interchange to just north of 19th Sideroad (see Key Plan).

THE PROCESS

This project is following the approved planning process for a Group 'B' project under the MTO Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Provincial Transportation Facilities (2000). Opportunities for public input are being provided throughout the project. A Public Information Centre (PIC) was held for this project on December 6, 2011.

In compliance with the Class EA, a TESR Addendum has been prepared for this project which provides information on the process that has been followed leading to the development of the recommended Detail Design plan, the environmental effects and proposed mitigation measures as well as a summary of consultation undertaken throughout the project.

The TESR Addendum report is available for a 30-day public and agency review period commencing **March 26, 2015** and ending **April 27, 2015** at the following locations:

Township of King

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Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

King City Public Library

1970 King Road
King City, ON L7B 1A6
Monday to Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Oct - May)

This notification marks the beginning of the 30-day review period in which potentially affected parties may request MTO to reconsider the decision for the TESR Addendum. Interested persons are encouraged to review the TESR Addendum and provide written comments to the MTO during the 30-day review period (ending **April 27, 2015**). If after consulting with MTO and Consultant staff, you still have serious unresolved concerns, you have the right to request the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change (in writing to: 77 Wellesley Street West, 11th Floor, Ferguson Block, Toronto, ON M7A 2T5) to issue a Part II Order (i.e. "bump-up") for the proposed changes to the improvements to this section of the Highway 400 corridor. A Part II Order may lead to the preparation of an Individual Environmental Assessment. A copy of the Part II Order request that is sent directly to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change should also be forwarded to Ministry of Transportation and Consultant staff at the addresses listed below. If there are no outstanding concerns at the end of the 30-day review period (ending **April 27, 2015**) the project will be considered to have met the requirements of the Class EA.

COMMENTS

To provide comments or if you have any questions or require further information, please contact:

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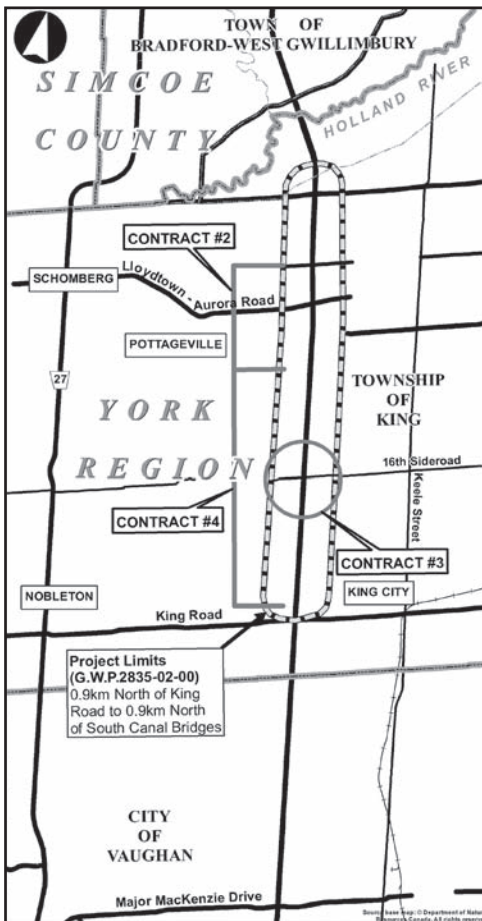
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Comments are being collected to assist MTO in meeting the requirements of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have any accessibility requirements in order to participate in this project, please contact one of the Project Team members listed above.



The tiny satellite will fly in an orbit 400 kilometres above the Earth. St. Thomas More School won a NASA competition to have their satellite launched into space from the International Space Station later this year. The satellite is the first ever in the world to be built and designed entirely by grade school students, supported by technical advisors from NASA.

A central Mission Operations Centre (MOC) will be based on site at St. Thomas More, augmented by a network of supporting Remote Mission Operations Centers (RMOCs) in various parts of the U.S. and around the world.

Canadensys is providing St. John Paul II School with the technology and support required to build and operate an RMOC in Canada.

As an RMOC partner school within the STMSat-1 mission, Canadian students from ages four to 14 will have the opportunity to experience real-life space mission operations from tracking the satellite as it passes overhead and receiving the transmitted images, to archiving them and interpreting the data received. Students will then upload their captured images to the primary MOC at St. Thomas More School in the U.S. for broader distribution to the global network.

"Missions such as STMSat-1 have the unique potential to engage, inspire and teach about international cooperation. It is a privilege to be able to bring this experience to children," Sallaberger said.

George Consitt, principal of St. John Paul II School, said: "All of our students, from Kindergarten through Grade 8, will have a chance to participate in an actual space mission in various ways. This is a truly unique experience that has fired the imaginations of teachers and students alike. We are happy to partner with St. Thomas More School and the engineers and staff at Canadensys Aerospace to make this possible."

Consitt and teacher-librarian Carmen Condotta, are particularly interested in how they could contribute to the mission as an RMOC to this mission. The teachers are very enthusiastic and equally energetic about having their own students become part of the mission.

See 'Students' on Page 7



Youth art at library

Annabelle (left) and Sarah learned to express themselves through art over March Break with the help of Live Artfully, one of King Township's many programs running at the three library branches.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

Students enthusiastic about hands-on mission

From Page 6

Teacher Mrs. Charlene Nolan has already started a writing a project with a Grade 3 computer class from St. Thomas More. This began with the receipt of “welcome letters” written by the students at Mission HQ. Future activities will include designing a mission logo, tracking a satellite in orbit, mission pen pals, evaluating satellite imagery, and using a Software Defined Radio to pick up signals from a satellite.

“Our hope is that STMSat-1 can help inspire children around the world to pursue careers in science and engineering,” said Joseph Pellegrino, the STMSat-1 Mission Manager at St. Thomas More School, following a recent visit to the RMOC in Canada.

According to Melissa Pore, STEM Mission Manager and computer teacher at St. Thomas More, the satellite will be launched to the ISS in the late summer aboard a Japanese rocket. Once the spacecraft is on the ISS, astronauts will place it into an airlock which is connected to the Japanese Experiment Module. A robotic arm will deploy the spacecraft into low earth orbit by the end of the year.

Sallaberger said the satellite is currently being checked over in California. It has an anticipated lifespan of one year.

St. Thomas More Cathedral School will remain the Mission Operation Center Headquarters for the duration of the satellite mission. They will oversee the operations of the RMOCs by conducting all signal receptions during passovers. They will prepare all RMOC sites for their own data collection by training them on how to use the radio receiver and satellite tracker during the mission. RMOC sites will email their data to Mission HQ in Arlington, VA.

“We will form a global network of student scientists and share with the

entire mission our findings through the stmsat-1.org website. We hope to empower our children to learn globally and together towards the future of space exploration,” Pore said.

“My goal is to inspire, empower, and challenge the leaders of tomorrow (both teachers and students) to get excited about learning! By engaging them in fun, hands-on projects that are rich in science and math, I hope to nudge those interested in engineering and space towards their dreams. We have designed lessons and activities for our project that suit a wide range of students.”

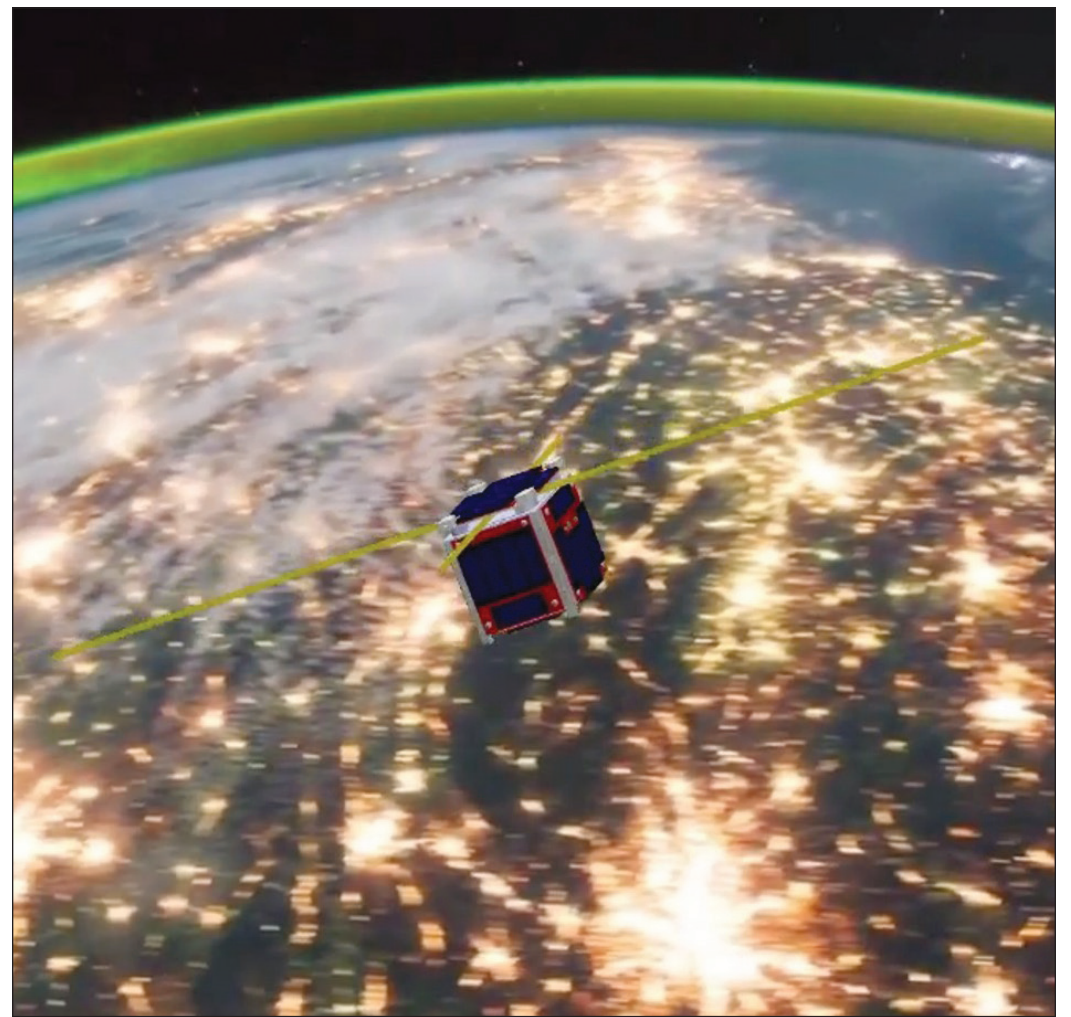
“By immersing them into current research with true data collection, we can teach them how to collaborate and work together with people from around the world on complicated projects. All of which is a necessary step for science and technology advancements, especially for exploring new frontiers beyond our earth. I also hope to capture the natural enthusiasm for learning something new that is driven purely by the desire to know.”

“Based on the enthusiasm already shown by the Saint John Paul II facility and students, this mission has already started inspiring the next generation of space explorers,” Pellegrino added.

“What an exciting day it will be when the students of Saint John Paul II receive an image of the Bolton area from space.”

The management team at Canadensys is anchored by veterans of the Canadian aerospace sector with executives having multiple decades of experience from both agency and industry sides of NASA, CSA and ESA’s human spaceflight, ISS and space exploration programs.

For further information visit www.canadensys.com or email: stmsat_rmoc@canadensys.com. For further information on the STMSat-1 mission and spacecraft please visit www.stmsat-1.org.



This is a rendering of what the tiny satellite may look like as it orbits Earth during its mission.

Submitted Photo

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All water samples are tested by Public Health Ontario Laboratories for total coliform and E.coli bacteria. These kinds of bacteria make well water unsafe to use and drink and can cause stomach cramping, diarrhea and other problems.

Private well owners should also inspect their wells annually to ensure they are damage-free and in good working condition. Wells should also be tested after any construction, after thawing snow, heavy rainfall, flooding and after long periods of non-use. Information on private well assessments is available at www.wellaware.ca.

For more information about how to test your well water, including where to pick up water sample bottles, forms and information visit york.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns about your well water test results, please contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 and a Public Health Inspector can help you understand your results and what to do to ensure the safety of your drinking water.

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It should be noted that Laser Therapy represents the first advance in rehabilitation science since the introduction of ultrasound, interferential current, tens, etc. and is rapidly replacing those modalities. Moreover, it provides treatment alternatives for patients that have not responded to conventional treatments and can be administered without risk in the treatment of many disease entities. Generally it obviates the need for pharmaceutical solutions and frequently makes surgical interventions redundant.

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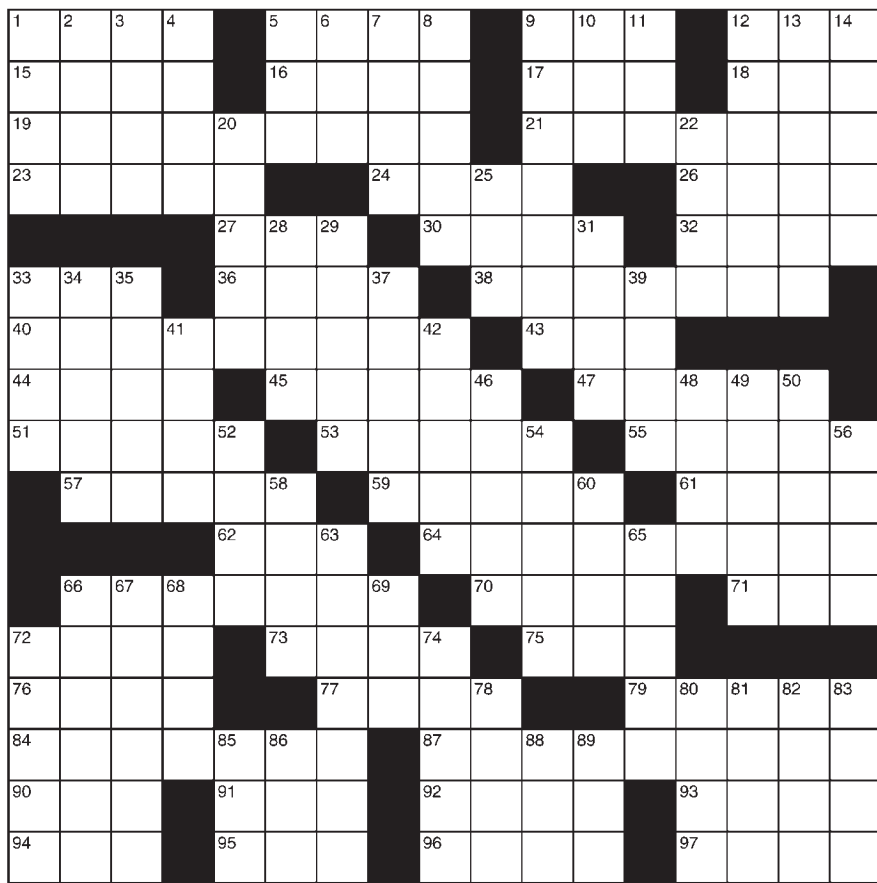
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68. Pentathlon sword
69. Hawaiian keepsake
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Precision Arms meets the needs of consumers

By Mark Pavilons

Precision Arms is renowned the world over for its resident gunsmith, and the venerable King business is just as astute when it comes to outfitting outdoor enthusiasts from head to toe.

Precision Arms is a select retail partner for the exclusive Härkila line of outdoor clothing. Well known and revered across Europe, Härkila is one of the best, and Canadian consumers can now enjoy this fine line of clothing close to home.

Härkila offers premium clothes, footwear and bags primarily for hunting. Its roots are in those inhospitable Nordic climates, giving humans a slight edge over nature. The line is suitable for equestrians, hikers and anyone who spends a lot of time outdoors.

The development and design of Härkila is done with no compromises. New products introduce state-of-the-art technology, materials and functionality while maintaining the fundamental qualities of excellent hunting gear.

The company stresses that hunting is about being in the wild for hours or days on end. It's about trusting your instinct and your gear enough for you to enter an almost trance-like state, become one with nature and realize that nothing else really matters.

"At Härkila, our aim is to bring you just that: The best experience with nature, no matter what the conditions might be."

Precision's Lisa Milton said Härkila sought them out as a Canadian retailer because of husband Stephen's reputation as one of the finest craftsmen of hunting rifles and shotguns. They are one of the only full-line retailers.

Lisa pointed to one of the company's backpacks, which incorporates countless attachments and even a built-in seat for those long treks in the woods. It's not only ergonomic but extremely functional and practical.

The boots, Lisa pointed out, are made from "real rubber," and not the synthetics commonly found at the retail level. In the rubber boot line,

they are rated between minus-10 to minus-30 C, offering incredible protection and warmth.

One of the neatest products is a tiny, portable foam seat pad, perfect for hockey parents at cold arenas, and avid outdoors folk to who need added comfort when sitting on that inhospitable rock or tree trunk.

Precision Arms does business world wide and they've received inquiries on the Härkila brand from across Canada and the U.S.

Lisa said she just loves going to work in the morning and helping customers.

One customer (who ventured into the store during this interview) remarked how comfortable, light-weight and fashionable the ladies' jacket was. She's an avid dog walker and needs a quality jacket that would last.

Lisa said one of the best selling men's jackets was the Angus, made from buffalo nubuck. Customers who have bought this jacket tell her it gets more comfortable with every wear.

They offer the complete line, from head to toe. Other products include socks, gloves, shirts and belts. The winter clothing is on sale, to make room for the spring and summer line.

Precision Arms, founded in 1979, is renowned for quality craftsmanship. Milton built a solid foundation for his artistry and his no-compromise approach to perfecting the modern firearm.

The master gunsmith continues to hone his craft and is highly regarded, the world over, for his quality designs. His customers hail from around the globe, many from south of the border, where sport shooting and hunting continue to grow. Canadians with European backgrounds also tend to be hunting enthusiasts, so Milton draws on a large group of shooters. To this day, the grandchildren of Stephen's original customers continue to frequent the shop.

These days, his clients are those who appreciate the finer things in life and won't settle for an off-the-shelf rifle or big game gun. Today's affluent hunters and shooters think nothing of dishing



Lisa Milton of King's Precision Arms, is a retail partner offering the exclusive Scandinavian line of clothing brand Härkila.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

out tens of thousands of dollars on a one-of-a-kind shotgun, personally engraved with all the bells and whistles.

Milton designs each piece to fit the user's body type and takes everything into consideration - the person's neck size, length of arms, height and weight. The end result is a perfectly balanced, tailor-made firearm.

Milton is one of the few who make every component as most will farm out

the barrels or stocks.

Precision Arms also sells the high-end Pilla brand of performance eyewear and carries Negrini gun cases.

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YRT/Viva is going to visit each of the nine area municipalities and host public information centres to hear from you if the proposed plans meet your needs, if the current level of service is adequate and what improvements you would suggest.

Public information centres allow you the opportunity to gain a better understanding of YRT/Viva's operations and proposed plans. You can also ask questions and discuss proposed plans directly with YRT/Viva staff.

In King, the public is invited to attend the public meeting Monday, March 30, from 4-7 p.m. in the council chambers at the Township office in King City.

If you are unable to attend the event, the proposed 2016 Annual Service Plan and Five-Year Transit Strategy is available online and you can send comments and feedback to transitinfo@york.ca.

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King's 'Diva in the Rough' Hughes set to release CD

By Mark Pavilons

Wearing her heart on her sleeve, King's singing sweetheart is set to pull on the heartstrings of music lovers with her newest CD release.

The 14-song album by Catherine Hughes has just been mixed, after a whirlwind three-day recording session at Toronto's Studio 9. Known to many as the "Diva in the Rough," Hughes has won a legion of fans in King.

It's been many years since Hughes has released any "vinyl" and now, she's combining her technically flawless singing voice with wisdom and emotional maturity, to present a slew of vintage love songs.

The yet unnamed album will include many legendary songs such as Am I Blue?, made famous by Ethel Waters in the 1929 film On With the Show. Hughes performs the American torch song Cry Me a River, made famous by Julie London in 1955.

A little out of her element, Hughes recorded a marvellous French ver-

sion of La Vie en rose, the signature song of French cabaret singer Edith Piaf.

This, Hughes admitted, was "quite a challenge." They performed 11 takes of the song to get it just right. Afterwards, Hughes was admittedly exhausted.

The general theme is relaying a story about love and speaking to the human heart.

The album will also include some surprises, as well as a "hidden" live track, recorded at a previous show in Toronto.

Hughes was joined by her long-time partner Don Guinn, talented pianist and "straight-man."

Catherine's husband Aladin Jarrah, a former producer and musician, helped her with the CD. He's a straight shooter and provided some constructive criticism when needed.

Recording these days is more of a science than an art, with various technology that can "bump up" the songs and add background instruments. But Hughes wanted to keep it pure and natural.

She praised Guinn, who steals the limelight. "His playing is nuts," she beamed. "He did a beautiful job."

But he's no siren. That's Catherine's department.

Despite being self-critical, Hughes said she likes how the CD turned out.

Her dream is to be featured on CBC radio's The Vinyl Cafe, hosted by Stuart McLean.

"I hope people are entertained, or taken away for an hour or so," she said.

Hughes is thrilled by the support of the local, Kettleby "dream team" - Kathy Cartan, Joanne Duclos and Elaine Kitteridge, who will help her market the new CD. Hopes are they can create a video to post on YouTube to grab attention for the CD.

Hughes said they are planning a release party in King first and then head to Toronto for another celebration.

Hughes is definitely someone to keep an eye on.

She will also be performing at the second annual Sip & Savour fundraising gala for the King Township Food Bank. The theme for the October event is "Hurray for Hollywood."



Kettleby's resident chanteuse Catherine Hughes is seen in the studio putting the songs together for her upcoming CD.

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Phase 2 Sanitary Sewers in Nobleton

The Township of King has retained Ainley Group to complete the detail design of Phase 2 Sanitary Sewer works in Nobleton, and Ainley will be completing the survey work over the next several weeks.

This does not mean that the Phase 2 project has been approved. This work will determine the sewer design and associated costs for this potential project, and we expect that it will continue through the summer.

In addition to street surveys being done, individual meetings with homeowners in the Phase 2 Contract Areas (see map) will be arranged to determine the layout of the home's sanitary drainage system, septic tank location and basement depth. Notices will be delivered to homeowners in these areas with more detailed information.

The Township appreciates the cooperation of those affected homeowners. Those with any questions can call the Sanitary Sewer phone line at **905-833-4073** and leave a detailed message. Your call will be answered within one business day.

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Schomberg Community Farm

Moving forward with our Schomberg Makeovers Farm fundraising we are now giving new life to old and tied furniture and pricing it to sell. No tax and cash only with all profits going to the Schomberg Community Farm.

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To have your family or business name on the bridge we are offering a sponsor package of \$150, which includes a 3" brass or stainless steel name plate, that will be installed on the bridge boards once completed. Work has started now in preparation for the bridge construction, and land has been cleared.

Things are moving along!

King Township Public Library

The Library is looking forward to their Spring Session of kids programs "Every Child Ready to Read" (April 13-June 22).

"Toddling To Read" features stories, songs and action rhymes for toddlers aged 18 months to 5 years, with their parents and caregivers.

This is a free program.

"Pathway to Kindergarten" encourages children to enjoy an independent half-hour of stories, songs, activities and crafts while learning some of the social skills they need in kindergarten. Caregivers must remain in the Library. Please pre-register. This program is

for ages 3-5 years at a cost of \$25 for 10 weeks or \$2.50 per class.

Both of these programs are offered at Nobleton and King Libraries. Please contact your library for further information.

Sister Peggy

The communities of Lloydtown and Schomberg were saddened recently, to learn of the death of Sister Margaret (Peggy) Flanagan on Feb. 12.

Sister Peggy is predeceased by her parents William and Alice Flanagan. She is survived by her siblings Isobel (Gordon) Wilder; Ann (Ron) Coffey and Terry (Anne) Flanagan.

Sister taught briefly at the Sacred Heart School in King and enjoyed a rewarding and successful teaching career in Kingston and Winnipeg.

When Sister Peggy returned to the Kingston area, she was actively involved in various social programmes in the community and served as a facilitator in the prison ministry program.

She accepted the position of General Secretary for the Congregation of the Sisters of Providence from 1995 to 2002.

Sister Peggy enjoyed a 57-year rewarding and productive career serving in her religious vocation. She did so humbly and quietly but she has left a mark and it needed to be noted.

Schomberg United Church By Jack Campbell

A new initiative Schomberg United is taking its Sunday worship service monthly to the Kitchen-Breedon Manor. Since December the last Sunday of each month has been dedicated to holding a regular 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning service at the Manor. All regular church members and residents of the Manor are invited to these services. The convenience of having a Sunday service at the Manor, especially for those residents with limited mobility, has been well-received.

Earth Hour at Dufferin Marsh

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Neighbourhood Networks will add King Township to its umbrella

By Mark Pavilons

King Township is the last piece to the puzzle in a large-scale non-profit network that will bring together all municipalities of York's N6.

And King councillors can't wait to make it happen.

Neighbourhood Networks, an endeavour of Magna for Community, is a broad, far-reaching network that matches community groups with resources and volunteers. But it's much more than just a database.

King councillors set the process in motion during their Feb. 23 council meeting, with a formal agreement between the municipality and NN coming soon to council for the stamp of approval.

King will benefit from this "giving" network and all are eager to bring the network here.

"I'm ecstatic about this," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "This fills a void. I'm delighted."

NN is in place throughout York Region and each member municipality has an ambassador to act as a liaison in order to focus the resources locally.

Chris Fasciano, director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, will help facilitate looking for an ambassador once clear direction is given from council.

Erin Cerenzia, NN coordinator, told councillors the network so far has some 260 registered partners and upwards of 7,000 volunteers. Just by the numbers, NN can match 27 volunteers to every community group in the region.

"That's pretty incredible," she said.

They're more than a database, and take a personal approach to help strengthen all relationships.

Through this well organized network, they can offer non-profits and community groups widespread promotion, event posting, social media, newsletter connections, etc. They not only support local endeavours, but they hold their own regular events and programs, including a fall food drive, winter snow removal, holiday gift drive, spring tree planting and scholarships for Grade 12 students.

Since the inception, the network has collected more than \$23,000 and thousands of pounds of food for local food pantries - including 1,000 pounds this year alone. Last year (2014) saw them collect over \$12,000 worth of gifts, clothing and gift cards for local charities while, to date, volunteer planting days have resulted in 11,000 plantings of trees, shrubs and bushes spread out across the four participating municipalities.

"I think it is safe to say these programs have had a tremendous impact on our partner municipalities and we're excited to continue to grow and accept the challenge of meeting community needs in the future," she said.

NN helps address local needs and they expertly match volunteers to their preferred local charities which results in a win-win scenario.

Steve Hinder, manager of Magna for Community, noted this Aurora-based internationally renowned company commits annual funding as part of its social responsibility.

NN was founded launched in 2008 by Belinda Stronach, in response to residents looking for local resources in the Newmarket and Aurora areas.

They began with a database of volunteers and organizations and since then have pulled everyone to the table.

Georgina and East Gwillimbury were recently added to the network, leaving King as the final piece to this regional puzzle.

It's a veritable one-stop for all things volunteering, designed to help people give back where they live.

The network also received an enthusiastic response from King-based groups, at the recent event hosted by Arts Society King.



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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's Church

The St. Paul's Community Youth Group will not meet on Friday, March 27. Instead, come out to the Annual Winter Picnic that is being held on Saturday, March 28 starting at 3 p.m.

The Youth Group will be helping out with the activities planned for this event. Contact Taylor Scott via email (scottie_tay@yahoo.ca) if you have any questions.

Join us Sunday, March 29 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his new series entitled "Rebuilding A People." Jeff's message this week - Gatekeepers.

FirstLink 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 to hear them.

Mark your calendars for our Easter services. On Friday, April 3 at 10 a.m. we will have our Good Friday worship gathering. On Easter Sunday morning, you are invited to join us for an Easter Pancake Breakfast starting at 8:30 a.m. followed by the celebration of our risen Lord at 10 a.m.

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.

Nobleton United

Remember to save your items for our big Garage Sale on May 2.

Our next Special Joint service will be on Sunday, April 19 at 11:15 a.m. with Rev. Cathy Hird from Palgrave United Church. Our minister, Brian Nicholson, will be at Bolton United Church. Bolton's Jeff Warner will be at Palgrave United Church.

St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Churches

Regular masses take place this weekend, March 28 and 29.

On Holy Thursday, April 2, there's an 8 p.m. service at St. Patrick's. On Good Friday, there's a service at St. Patrick's at 12:30 and 3 p.m.. At St. Mary's Stations of the Cross will be held at 2:30 (in Italian), followed by a 3 p.m. service.

April 4, Holy Saturday, will see blessings of Easter foods at St. Mary's at 11 a.m. and a 7:30 p.m. vigil at St. Patrick's.

On Easter Sunday, there will be services at both churches, starting at 8 a.m. at St. Patrick's and 9:45 a.m. at St. Mary's.

Guide Cookie Days

All Nobleton Girl Guide Units (Sparks, Brownies, Guides & Pathfinders) will be hitting the streets of Nobleton to sell their traditional spring Chocolate & Vanilla cookies. It will take place Saturday, April 11 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Cookies are \$5/box and are peanut free.

Pathfinders will be selling cookies door to door. Sparks, Brownies and Guides will be in two locations.

They will operate a "Cookie Drive Thru" in the parking lot of St Paul's Presbyterian Church on King Road

and a drop-in at the Town Gazebo (park along Sheardown Road). We hope to see you on Saturday, April 11!

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Nobleton Tennis Club

Nobleton Tennis Club registration for the 2015 season will be held April 8 at the Nobleton Arena 7-9 p.m. On line registration will open April 1. Early bird registration fees are in effect until April 30, so register early! Come and join us for fitness and fun. There will opportunities for people that are new to the sport and would like to learn to play as well as for players who have experience. Visit www.nobletontennisclub.com.

Earth Hour at Marsh

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Nobleton Lions

The Lions Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides is planned for Sunday, May 31. This walk helps provide funding for six different specialty streams including Canine Vision dogs, Hearing Ear dogs, and Service dogs to help challenged Canadians overcome a variety of impairments. Check out www.purinawalkfordogguides.com for much more information, and think about coming out to walk.

After that comes the Nobleton Lions Club Annual Fund Raiser being held

this year on June 7. This year, the Fund Raiser will consist of a Charity Golf Tournament to be held close to home, at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course. This event will be the major fundraiser for the club, and proceeds from the event go to sponsor numerous organizations in and around town. Golfers and hole sponsors are invited to contact Jim Kassam at KARS on King Road west of Highway 27 at 905-859-5277.

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

Free advertising is available to non profit groups in and around Nobleton via the electronic sign at the library. Contact the Township of King for details on how to get your message up there at no charge.

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

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

Anglican Parish By John Arnott

This Sunday Anglicans in Nobleton will join with Christians of many denominations around the world to celebrate Palm or Passion Sunday. This, like Easter, is a moveable celebration that falls on the Sunday before Easter and commemorates Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem where branch waving crowds hailed him as a hero and king, the only time he allowed this to happen.

In the ancient Middle East it was the way custom for people to line the streets and wave branches of trees especially the fronds of date palms to welcome home victorious heroes, kings and generals. Jesus chose to ride on a donkey or mule the beast on burden of the poor to stress he was not a war general riding in on his charger but rather a man of peace.

Only in the Gospel of St John is it stated that the branches being waved were palms - John would have been a witness to the event.

In the early Christian communities, probably from fear of persecution, this event was not publicly marked. However, by the 3rd or 4th century AD when

Jerusalem was being rebuilt after its complete destruction by the Romans, Christians in the city under more tolerant Roman rule began holding small outdoor evening processions where participants carried date palm fronds or olive branches to commemorate Jesus's ride. By the 5th century AD this custom had spread to Constantinople (modern Istanbul in Turkey). By the 7th century when Christianity the major religion of the Mediterranean world, 2 new traditions had been added, the palms were blessed and processions were now held in the morning. By the 800s the event had acquired a name Dominica in Palmis or Palm Sunday.

In Rome the largest procession formed up outside the city walls where the pope celebrated mass, blessed the palms and led the people to his Rome church St. John the Lateran or St. Peter's where a second mass was said. Eventually the first mass was dropped but blessing of the palms remained.

During mediaeval times in some parts of Europe a straw effigy called Jack O'Lent representing Judas Iscariot, the disciple who betrayed Jesus, was carried in the procession to be later burned. This had its roots in a pre-Christian ritual where the straw effigy represented hated winter and was burned to welcome spring.

In past years, especially in northern Europe and parts of North America when it was impossible to get palm branches, then branches of willows, pussy willows, birch or the evergreen yew were substituted and the day called after whatever branch was used. Some Christian communities use bouquets of spring flowers and call the day Flower Sunday.

In the Anglican Parish on Lloydtown's churches young people each carrying a 12 to 18 in./30 to 45 cm real palm leaf from a frond will take part in processions - 9:30 a.m. at Christ Church Kettleby and 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary Magdalene's in Schomberg. There will be blessed palms in vases at the altars and on the processional crosses and each congregation member will receive a small piece blessed palm leaf tied in the shape of a cross. Extra pieces of palm fronds will be dried and stored to be burned for ash for use on Ash Wednesday next year.

All are welcome to attend these services.

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Juvenile Red Wings a tie away from OMHA title

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

The Juvenile Schomberg Red Wings have been close to tasting OMHA gold for over a week, but so far it's only left a sour taste in their mouth.

An early two-games-to-none series lead in the championship has dwindled away over the past week, as the Beverley Bandits have crawled back to make things interesting.

Two opportunities to close out the series have come up short as a tie in Game 3 and a loss in Game 4 has resulted in a race to the magic series-clinching number of six points.

Both games took place over last weekend, as the Wings hit the road Saturday with momentum on their side and hockey glory on their minds.

The game ended in a teasing 2-2 tie, leaving Schomberg just one point shy of clinching the series. It opened up a glorious opportunity to win in front of a home crowd the following day, who packed the Trisan Centre and to the average spectator, were raucous enough to make it look like a junior game.

After exchanging a few minor penalties in the first, neither team was able to solve the hot goaltenders. A couple late chances for the Red Wings came up short. First was a Tyler Burt shot from the slot after a giveaway that just trickled wide. That was followed by a two-man breakaway for Luca Germinario and Dylan Fitzgibbon. Fitzgibbon was robbed by the sprawling Bandits goaltender after a

cross-crease pass.

At the other end, Wings goaltender Ryan McLaughlin was having a solid start, until a minute into the second period when a screen blocked him from seeing a goal that barely got through his legs.

A scary moment came shortly after, when he was taken down hard on a rush to the net that had Austin Maggiacomo and a Bandits forward tangled up. McLaughlin stayed in the game after being down for several minutes.

He got some breathing room when the Wings tied the game midway through the frame, heading to the third 1-1.

Calvin McMugh was sprung on a breakaway early in the period, sending a wrister over the goalie's glove to give Schomberg its first lead of the game. It was quickly countered by the Bandits, on another goal that McLaughlin really couldn't be blamed for. A scramble in front led to the puck in the back of the net, with McLaughlin on his back after making several stops.

Unfortunately for the Red Wings, the puck luck was on the opposing side that night. There was just over five minutes left on the clock when a shot from the point was redirected a few times before catching McLaughlin going the other way, giving the Bandits a 3-2 lead that they would hold onto despite strong pressure from the Red Wings in the final minutes.

Game 5 goes Saturday in Dundas. If the Bandits can stave off elimina-

tion once more, action moves back to the Trisan Centre for the sixth and deciding game on Sunday. For more information, visit www.schombergminorhockey.com.



Austin Maggiacomo takes an off-balance shot on the Bandits net at the Trisan Centre on Sunday. The Red Wings fell 3 - 2 and need a tie to win the OMHA Championship.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

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Andreea Muscalu and Jordan Lam skated to a bronze medal finish in Junior Silver Ice Dancing at the All-Ontario Championships earlier this month. Lam also earned gold in Senior Silver Men's Freeskate.

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Lam takes gold in the provincial championship

By Jake Courtepatte

King City's Jordan Lam is quickly establishing himself within the provincial skating community, earning his second first-place finish in competition in just over a month.

After earning gold in Senior Silver Men's Freeskate last month in the Provincial StarSkate Championships, Lam solidified himself as one of the province's top skaters by winning top spot at the All-Ontario Championships March 14-15.

He skates with the King City Skating Club, home of King's StarSkate program, which offers skaters the opportunity to develop fundamental figure skating skills in the areas of ice dancing, freeskate, and interpretive skating.

Now in his eighth year with the club, Lam also partners with Andreea Muscalu for ice dancing, in which the two earned bronze in the Junior Silver category at All-Ontarios.

Five other members of the King City Skating Club also made the trip, bringing home a number of medals.

Jade Danko-Dunstall and Partner Danyal Tahir were the bronze medalists for all of Ontario in the Senior Bronze Pattern Dance, while Sarah Ryan and Shaan Tahir skated away with silver in Junior.

Competing in the grueling triathlon competition, Julia Ferreira finished ninth overall.

For more information on the club, visit www.kingcity-skating.com.

Snowboarder gets a taste of international competition

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

It's been a whirlwind of a winter for King City-born Haili Moyer, a 17-year old snowboarder looking to make her mark in the expanding sport of snowboard cross.

Just in this short calendar year, Moyer has competed in world-class competitions in Quebec, Colorado, British Columbia, and most recently, Yabuli, China for the FIS World Junior Championships.

She placed 30th after facing some stiff competition, on admittedly the biggest stage of her career so far.

"The course was a lot of fun," she said. "However, I didn't compete my best."

"A really cool experience" in her own words, there were some conditions that proved just too difficult to overcome for the up-and-coming racer.

"The track was extremely windy," said Moyer. "It made it difficult to get any good training in before the race."

But it wasn't just the slopes that proved to be a challenge for Moyer. Having never visited the Far East for competition before, she said that her diet was difficult to maintain, an important aspect of such an endurance sport.

"The drastic change in food was tough to overcome ... it left me with way less energy than I needed to compete at my best level."

Where can the emerging slopes star be found now?

"I'm in Spain where I got the chance to forerun a World Cup," said Moyer. "This means I was able to train on course with all the top competitors in the world, like Dominique Maltais."

Maltais won a silver medal for Canada in snowboard cross at the 2014 Sochi Winter Olympic Games.

Having grown up in King City, Moyer moved to Whistler last year

to pursue her dream of reaching the 2018 Olympics in Pyeong Chang, South Korea.

Her and her partner split after Canadian Nationals in January of 2013, the time that Moyer decided to take her snowboarding career seriously.

"The decision was extremely tough to make," said Moyer. "After lots of thought and advice from all my coaches, I decided to continue snowboarding because I believed I would be able to achieve more in the sport."

Moyer's time with the King City Skating Club does not go unrewarded, however. She credits her mental strength and discipline to her years spent skating in King.

"I'm always eager to learn more ... I can understand how much my mentality effects my performance because I learned how to in skating."

Before making the move to one of the biggest snowboard and ski communities in the world, Moyer honed her skills at Craighleith Ski Club while living in King, a private club in The Blue Mountains. Her training schedule in Whistler has become more and more intense.

"I can see the difference in my results because of it," said Moyer.

Off the hill, Moyer is in the gym six days a week, either with a personal trainer or staying fit on her own, something that is essential for such a fast-paced and intense sport.

"Even now while on tour my team will still make time to go to the gym to maintain muscle strength, or do yoga on days off to relax and stretch."


"My goals are to keep progressing the way I am and qualify for a world cup next year. Long term, my goals are to compete in the 2018 and 2022 Olympics."

Snowboard Cross has ballooned in popularity in recent years, becoming a fully sanctioned Olympic event in the 2006 Olympics in Torino.



Haili Moyer, far right, gets ready in the starting gate at the FIS World Junior Championships in Yabuli China. Moyer finished 30th in snowboard cross competition.





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King curlers triumph at 'Lads and Lassies' bonspiel

By SHELEE MORNING

The Lads and Lassies Bonspiel was recently held at the King Curling Club that welcomed curlers not only from King but also for many within the GTA.

Some 64 curlers from King, Chinguacousy, Bradford, East York and Richmond Hill all participated in a 3-game 6-end structure made up of an 8 person (4 men/4 women) team. Each team played 3 different formatted games that were designed by Draw Master Doug Groombridge.

The games began with women playing against women teams and men against men. Game 2 changed things up completely with women playing against men. This required a totally different angle of strategy as the heavy hitters tend to be an advantage. The 3rd game was a mixed team game with 2 men and 2 women per team. Points for all 3 games by each 8 member team were combined for a total point summary.

The King Curling Club Ladies Team of Skip Fran Bones, Vice Shellee Morning, 2nd Karon Dalby, and Lead Michelle Boynton along with the Men's Team Skip Scott Boynton, Vice Jody LaPlante, 2nd John Frans and Lead Don Keogh were overall winners for the contest accumulating the most points throughout the 3

games combined.

Second place was awarded to Bradford Skips Kendall Balchen and Al Munson. Third place winners were East York Skips Aidan Ritchie and Elana Sone.

The success of a bonspiel relies heavily on its volunteers to ensure a well-organized and prepared event for all of its participants. The event was generously sponsored by Paul and Linda Olsen that included lunch, dinner, and prizes which were all supplied or donated by local business.

Sincere thanks to Schomberg Quality Meats, The Scottish Nook, Rosie Kamstra, and Bruce Gorsline for championship and Raffle prizes. A special thanks to ice technician Kyle Duck for his ice maintenance between the many games that were held and for his continued support towards the club.

Bonspiel organizers who magically put it all together; Kathleen Gorsline, Marnie Deathe, Heather Routledge and Linda Mackie all need to be recognized for the countless hours of work they put into the preparation of the event. As they know nothing can be accomplished without the help and support of others, they would like to extend their thanks to the many volunteers that helped before, during and after who all contributed towards making it such a successful event.



Winners of the Lads and Lassie Bonspiel was Team Boynton/Frans from the King Curling Club. Shown are (front) Jody LaPlante, Scott Boynton, Karon Dalby, Shellee Morning, Michelle Boynton. (back) John Frans, Don Keogh and Fran Bones.

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Parapan Am Games tickets on sale

Up for grabs for the first time, sports fans are able to buy their tickets for the Toronto 2015 Parapan Am Games and catch the best athletes compete for a medal and the chance to represent their country at the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

Tickets for the Parapan Am Games went on sale Monday (March 23). Popular events such as athletics, swimming, wheelchair basketball and wheelchair rugby are expected to draw big crowds. The Parapan Am Games take place from Aug. 7 to 15, following the Pan Am Games.

"We're extremely proud and excited that the Toronto 2015 Parapan Am Games will be historic — the largest ever," said Saad Rafi, chief executive officer, Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Organizing Committee (TO2015). "I've met many athletes and I've heard their personal stories, and I think seeing these athletes live and up close this summer will change the way people think about sport."

This will be the fifth edition of the Parapan Am Games and will feature more than 1,600 athletes from 28 countries competing in 15 sports — more athletes, sports and countries than any Parapan Games in history. In addition, and for the first time, all sports will be qualifying events for the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

Tickets can be purchased online at TORONTO2015.org/tickets or by calling 1-855-726-2015.

League Championship

With the round robin version completed in most of the club's league playoff schedules, the leaders have now been decided, setting up which will surely be one of the most exciting championship finals so far.

The Monday night Men's League has another week to go so we'll have to wait and see who will be sweeping for League Champion and the club's Dominion representative.

The Wednesday League will feature the teams of Rookie Skip Fausto Mussato versus the Veteran Wilf Robinson. Will it be experience, patience or precision that

tackles the pressure?

Thursday Mixed League has defending champions Team Gorsline against Team Boynton in what proposes to be a great match up.

The Friday Social league will show case Team Kamstra versus the "milk man" Skip Scott Gilpin and team. A game that will be down to the last rock as both teams have shown patience and perseverance over the second half.

Finally, the Sunday Social League will see Team Diane Howard playing against Team Heidi Beck. Both Howard and Beck are team mates in the Thursday league but will be battling rock for rock in their quest for the Sunday Champion honours.

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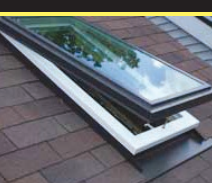
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Boxer Steve Franjic is in the ring March 28

Local boxers "Silent" Steve Franjic and Logan "Cotton" McGuinness will be featured in an upcoming night of boxing at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga on March 28.

Both fighters have something to prove. Franjic, who's family owns In This Corner restaurant in Schomberg, will be returning to the ring after taking his first professional loss on Nov. 15, at the same venue.

McGuinness will be returning after a year and a-half absence from the ring.

Going into his fight against Mexico's Alvaro Gaona back in November, Steve Franjic had built an impressive record with 12 wins and one draw.

The fight against Gaona was going in Franjic's favour, by far, until an lucky overhand right in the third round dropped Franjic and ended the match.

It was a disappointment for both Franjic and his fans who expected a win and from the early going in the match figured Gaona would be finished after taking a pummeling from Franjic who was clearly in control in the early rounds.

But that's boxing, and the fight was over when Franjic could not continue.

"Definitely the last fight was a setback. We're going back to the drawing board. We had to work on a few things," Franjic said. "We're working on the head movement, not moving forward, things like that, to avoid those big punches. That's been in the training. I'm working hard as always. That's all we can do is be ready for the next one."

Franjic will be up against Argentinian, Ricardo Marcelo Ramallo, who hails from Buenos Aires.

Ramallo has 23 professional fights behind him including 16 wins with 11 KO's, six losses, and one draw.

"I've watched some video on him," Franjic said of Ramallo. "He's a nice boxer, kind of a traditional style. He likes to move around and jab. We got our work cut out for us, but we'll be ready."

McGuinness ready to reclaim title

After an absence of a year and a-half Logan "Cotton" McGuinness is in shape and ready to step back into the boxing world.

McGuinness had to take time off after suffering an injury that kept him out of

the ring.

He was stripped of his North American Boxing Association featherweight title as per NABA rules that remove a fighter's title if inactive for a year.

With the injury behind him, McGuinness is ready to put on the gloves.

He is undefeated in the ring after 20 professional bouts and has held three titles - lightweight, super featherweight,

and featherweight North American titles.

He won the featherweight title in a bout against Sergio Carlos Santillan that went the distance on September 19, 2014, and ended with a unanimous decision.

Fight night will take place on Saturday, March 28, at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga with the first fight in the seven bout card getting under way at 7 p.m.



Boxers Logan McGuinness, left, and Steve Franjic, with their championship belts, are in the ring at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga on March 28.

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