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## Residents face increases in water, waste water rates

By Mark Pavilons

Water has never been thought of as a pricey commodity. The cost of water is getting hard to swallow for King residents, who will be faced with some substantial increases over the next few years.

King council approved increases to residents' water and sewer rates in 2016 and homeowners will have to dish out roughly 10% more each year for the next five years. The additional revenue is vital to set aside the needed funds for future infrastructure needs, something that has been traditionally lacking.

It amounts to roughly \$100 per year more per household, or an additional \$8.29 per month. The increase takes effect April 1, 2016.

The magnitude of the increase is a cause of concern to councillor Cleve Mortelliti and his constituents. "Our rates are quite high," he observed. As a long-time resident himself, he was brought up on septic and the concept of paying for water and wastewater are relatively new concepts for older residents.

King Treasurer and Director of Finance Allan Evelyn said there are two rate structures – fixed and variable. When King underwent a rate review roughly 10 years ago, a fixed charge was put in place to establish base line source of revenue to help with infrastructure costs and to promote water conservation.

In the last five years, he explained, York Region has increased the wholesale cost of water and wastewater to its municipalities.

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### Santa visits King City

Christmas came a bit early to King City Saturday, thanks to the efforts of the annual holiday event, put on by the King City Business & Community Association. Santa was a big hit and he posed with youngsters for photos. Turn to Page 10 for more photos of the event.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

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### COUNCIL MEETINGS

#### MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

**Monday, November 30, 2015**

5:00 pm – Special Committee of the Whole Working Session  
Identification / Inventory of Township Owned Lands  
6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

**Monday, December 7, 2015**

6:00 pm – Special Council Public Planning Meeting  
Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-law Amendment  
Applications  
File No. OP-2015-03 & Z-2015-08  
Properties: 22 & 32 Snowberry Lane, King City  
Owner(s): Ellen & Tara McCarthy

**Monday, December 14, 2015**

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole  
Draft 2016 Budgets & Business Plans

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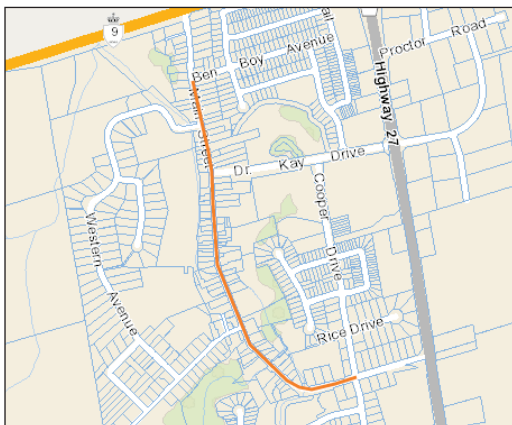
Please visit the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) for competitive bidding opportunities.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE DISRUPTION TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE MAIN STREET, SCHOMBERG

There will be a scheduled temporary road closure of Main Street in Schomberg between Ben Boy Avenue and Moore Park Drive on Saturday, December 5th, 2015, from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. to facilitate a Main Street Christmas. Please see the closure map below for details:

Map of Road Closure Area:



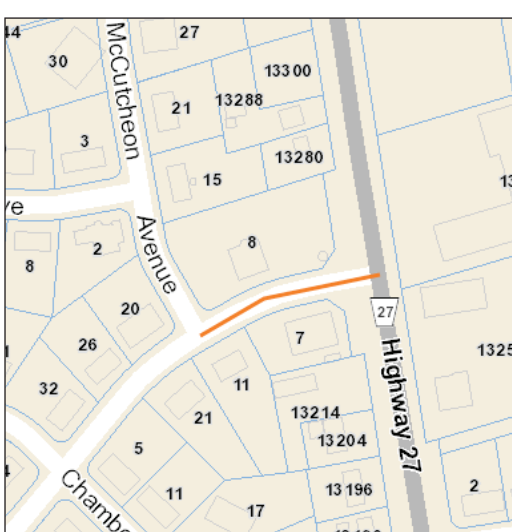
Access to properties will be maintained for directly affected residents; motorists will be required to take alternative routes during this period. On behalf of the Township of King we thank you for your patience in this matter.

For more information, please contact the Township of King at 905-833-5321

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE DISRUPTION TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE SHEARDOWN DRIVE, NOBLETON

There will be a scheduled temporary road closure of Sheardown Drive in Nobleton between Highway 27 and McCutcheon Avenue on Sunday, December 6th, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to facilitate the Nobleton Christmas event. Please see the closure map below for details:

Map of Road Closure Area:



Access to properties will be maintained for directly affected residents; motorists will be required to take alternative routes during this period. On behalf of the Township of King we thank you for your patience in this matter.

For more information, please contact:  
Tasha Veer, Recreation Coordinator – Marketing & Special Events  
905-833-5321 ext. 5223 or [tveer@king.ca](mailto:tveer@king.ca)

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### NOTICE – UPCOMING MEETINGS

##### 2016 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN

Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City, ON

RE: Draft - 2016 Budgets & Business Plan  
**Monday, December 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.**

The Township of King Draft 2016 Budgets & Business Plan will be considered at the December 14, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) as of Thursday, December 10, 2015.

RE: Consideration of By-law for Adoption:  
2016 Budgets & Business Plan  
**Monday, January 25, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**

The Township of King adoption of the 2016 Budgets & Business Plan, will be considered at the January 25, 2016 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) as of Thursday, January 21, 2016.

For further information regarding the Budget process please visit the Township's website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) or contact:

Allan Evelyn, Director of Finance and Treasurer, [aevelyn@king.ca](mailto:aevelyn@king.ca)  
Jeff Parks, Manager of Budgets and Accounting, [jparks@king.ca](mailto:jparks@king.ca)

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(Note: If necessary, Committee of the Whole may retire into Closed Session to discuss Personnel Matters)

Kathryn Smyth  
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement  
Township Clerk

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS

##### Finance Department "Draft 2016 Budgets & Business Plan"

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8th, 2015**  
7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

In the Council Chambers  
At 2075 King Road, King City, ON  
AND

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12th, 2015**  
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (Noon)

In the Upstairs Meeting Room  
At the Dr. William Lacey Nobleton Arena & Community Centre  
15 Old King Road, Nobleton, ON

Members of the public are invited to attend the Public Consultation dates listed above to discuss the Draft 2016 Budgets & Business Plan and to comment on key issues affecting the Township. This is an informal opportunity to review the Draft 2016 Budgets & Business Plan, to provide input and ask questions.

For further information regarding the Budget process please visit the Township's website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) or contact:

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### REMINDERS



#### Schomberg A Main Street Christmas:

December 5th, 3 - 9 pm  
at Main Street in Schomberg

#### Christmas in Nobleton:

December 6th,  
5:30 - 8:30 pm  
at Hwy. 27 & Sheardown Drive

### REMINDERS

#### You are invited to a Community Consultation (World Café)™

King Township Library is hosting a community event designed to build a collective vision for its future as we explore expanding and revitalizing the Schomberg Library branch. We need you – your ideas, your vision, your conversation. The café style event is informal and fun with a presentation to get ideas flowing, followed by beat-the-clock round table café style conversations.

Together we will explore the importance of resources in the community, what is needed now and in the future, and look at what other libraries are doing in their communities. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm, and we'll do the rest.

**DATE:** Wednesday December 2nd 2015  
**TIME:** 7 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Schomberg Library Branch – 77 Main Street  
**RSVP/MORE INFORMATION:** [g.delborrello@kinglibrary.ca](mailto:g.delborrello@kinglibrary.ca)

Please RSVP to [g.delborrello@kinglibrary.ca](mailto:g.delborrello@kinglibrary.ca) no later than Monday November 30th, 2015 to ensure we can accommodate all interested participants.



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# Rates include provisions for future infrastructure

From Front Page

Previous rates were simply inadequate to cover the long-term costs. This past October, York released its multi-year water and wastewater financial sustainability plan, outlining its requirements. They've had to implement a cost-recovery model and these additional costs are being passed down to municipalities.

Evelyn pointed out in smaller municipalities, with lower densities, the costs will be higher.

These rates have include long-term costs and this is being built in to the new cost structure.

The extra \$100 per year is a relatively small price to pay.

"If we think of the value of water - delivering it and its safety - it's a relatively low cost commodity," Evelyn

said.

The Region started the ball rolling and Evelyn admitted that "we don't want an underfunded water/wastewater program that can't support" itself in the future. We have to "ensure the system is protected in the long-term."

With such hidden infrastructure, you can't see it until something happens. And when it does, it leads to very noticeable flooding or sewage backups.

One of the main reasons York's costs are higher is they don't have access to Lake Ontario. York has to enter into purchase agreements with other jurisdictions such as Peel for its water.

This move is also mandated by the province, according to Mayor Steve Pellegrini. Queen's Park is telling municipalities to aim for a 100% cost recovery program and no longer subsidize water. Ontario's acting Environmental

Commissioner, Ellen Schwartzel, said the provincial government is recovering only a tiny fraction of its management costs for the water supplied to many industries.

In her Annual Report, "Small Things Matter," Schwartzel noted there's been no progress by the government on recovering the full cost of its water programs from users. "I am frustrated the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change has yet to act on recommendations of both the Environmental Commissioner and the Drummond Commission," said Schwartzel.

Currently, the government recovers only 1.2% of the \$16.2 million it spends on water quantity management programs. "Not only do most industries get a total free ride, but the few industries that do pay are charged only \$3.71 for every million litres of water they take. This small charge works out to less than \$10 for enough water to fill an Olympic-size swimming pool."

Mayor Pellegrini noted that there is a cost associated with having as much clean water as you want, right at your door. It's an important asset for urban homeowners.

The increase over the coming five



years will provide for reserves. Councillor Bill Cober noted no one's happy about the 9% hike. "It's difficult to swallow," he said.

## Utility hikes drive up user fees in King Township

By Mark Pavilons

Rising hydro rates are the driving factor for King's user fees.

Councillors approved increases which take effect Jan. 1, 2016.

In the staff report by Chris Fasciano, director of parks, recreation and culture, he noted municipalities like King are facing increasing costs to deliver essential services that residents rely on. Fees and charges help cover a portion of the costs, and full cost recovery isn't always possible.

Traditionally the user fees have been developed using a combination of actual direct costs to deliver the services.

Staff was asked to conduct a review of all fees and charges, to ensure the revenue was adequate. In the end, staff recommended upping the fees by 1.3% which is in keeping with the CPI Index.

The fees range from municipal facility rentals to bylaw charges, permits and marriage ceremonies.

"The proposed fee changes are designed to ensure that the cost of providing a specific service is fully or partially recovered from the user of that service, while minimizing the cost and effect to all tax and user rate-payers," Fasciano wrote.

Fasciano noted those impacted the most by utility costs were ice, baseball diamond lighting and general facility rentals. Ice user groups will be hit with the increase in the spring of 2016, while baseball groups will see a smaller hike in the hydro fee.

He noted new fees are created for a number of reasons, including administrative requirements, new services being offer and community demand.

An example is the prime time ice rate for a single use is going up \$10 per hour, as it the summer ice rental rate. Non prime time rental is going up roughly \$5 per hour.

Some councillors asked Fasciano whether the Township can come up with a pass card system or season's pass. He said he would look into it.

Councillor Bill Cober wanted to know what to tell the public, when they ask why the fees are going up. Fasciano reiterated that it's primarily hydro costs, along with minimum wage increases and other direct costs.

## Pedestrian death a suicide

By Mark Pavilons

The death of a pedestrian in northeastern King last week has been ruled a suicide.

York Regional Police report that on Thursday, Nov. 19 at roughly 2 p.m., a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle on Highway 11, north of Bathurst Street.

When officers arrived the man that had been struck was without vital signs and succumbed to his injuries at the scene. The vehicle that struck the pedestrian remained at the scene.

Both the coroner and the Major Collision Investigation Unit were on scene and Highway 11 was closed for several hours for the investigation. The coroner subsequently rule the incident a suicide.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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~ Frank B. Kellogg

## It's often the little things that really matter

*"That best portion of a good man's life are his little, nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and love."*

William Wordsworth

Ain't it the truth?

We have it hammered into our heads to make remarkable inroads and to always have an eye on the "big picture."

That may be well and good, but how many of us are impressed at the big things accomplished in our relatively small circles? Nothing will ever come close to the Big Bang, wheel or manned flight, so we should try to make small advances each and every day.

I had the opportunity to interview a research scientist recently, one who specializes in molecular biology. Very tiny, very specific research into the fundamentals – those minute, yet essential building blocks of life. The ultimate goal is to see and alter molecular interactions to prevent or mitigate major diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and even cancer.

I was fascinated during our 90-minute talk, but I'll be the first to admit that 90 minutes does not a scientist make. While I learned some valuable insights, I am by no means an up-and-coming bio-chemist.

What I did learn was that small steps and successes do lead to others in this never-ending search for the "cure." Those small accomplishments, and unacknowledged milestones, are vitally important and will impact us all.

Kudos to Derek Wilson and his team at York for their dedication in this consuming type of work.

When the cures are eventually discovered and presented to the world, will people like Watson and his crew be re-



Mark Pavilons

membered or singled out? Maybe not. But their work is significant nonetheless.

I think that in this day and age, there is no single genius, no one discovery that results from individual effort. It's a team effort, from a very large team of specialized scientists around the world, working for the common good of humankind.

Yes, it will likely be the multinational powerhouse that waltzes in and takes credit – some massive pharmaceutical company or global manufacturing giant.

In medical research, it comes down to people. People create technology and people look through the microscopes. People make the discoveries. People rationalize, deduce, extrapolate and yes,

guess.

I think many of us try to make a difference every day at our jobs and in front of our computers. This deep desire is part of our human makeup. It's a desire to contribute, to do good and to make the world, or at least a small part of it, a better place.

Granted, my work is a lot less complicated than addressing the metamorphosis in protein molecules. But I am in the people business and in some ways that is much more tricky than mathematics or engineering. We are talking about people, after all.

On the home front, molecules or council decisions may not matter much to our children or spouses. My young ones are more interested in day trips, dinners out at nice restaurants, movies and family time. They're interested in me being there and cracking some jokes, instead of my little daily accomplishments. Of course, they do sometimes read my columns and articles and I think they all appreciate what I do.

I think what we should all do is borrow from our daily expertise and take that home, in some form. We need to bring our passion for our work; our knowledge base and excitement home to the family room, where it just might influence our family members.

On a practical level, my talents have helped my kids with their homework. I am continually amazed at some of the mediocre marks I get on high school book reports LOL!

But I help and contribute in ways that I can. And I'm glad to do it.

Beyond these technical things, we

can all help instill passion and excitement in our offspring.

I may not fully understand my daughter's penchant for drama class or mission trips around the globe, but I sure encourage her spunk. The world needs more dedicated and devoted individuals. Simply by attending their school plays and presentations, and cheering them on from the sidelines, we are pushing them even further. And that's a good thing.

I may not appreciate my youngest girl's zealotry when it comes to makeup or FaceTime, but I should pay her more compliments and recognize her achievements, big and small.

I'm not a big video game pro, but my son spends hours honing his sniper skills on his Xbox. I don't know if racing cars or leading a commando team will benefit him in the long run, but I guess a skill is a skill. If nothing else, he's exercising part of his brain and this may have some wonderful spinoff effects!

My wife's keen mothering instincts are extraordinary. I may approach things on a more practical level, but she sees into people's souls. She knows exactly how to hit the spot when it comes to nurturing our children.

If you add up all these little successes, they amount to a mountain of triumphs. It takes a long time to raise and equip our children for the world. It takes a long time to get husbands to change their behaviour.

Perhaps we don't have to yell "eureka" every day. Maybe a smile or grin every time we cross a hurdle is enough.

### Letter to the Editor

## Disappointed in York's growth option

We are disappointed by York Region Council's decision to take the growth option of no urban boundary expansion off the table. Allowing an expansion of urban boundaries as part of their growth management plan contradicts the region's own planning report that clearly indicates that there is more than enough land already allocated for future growth to 2041.

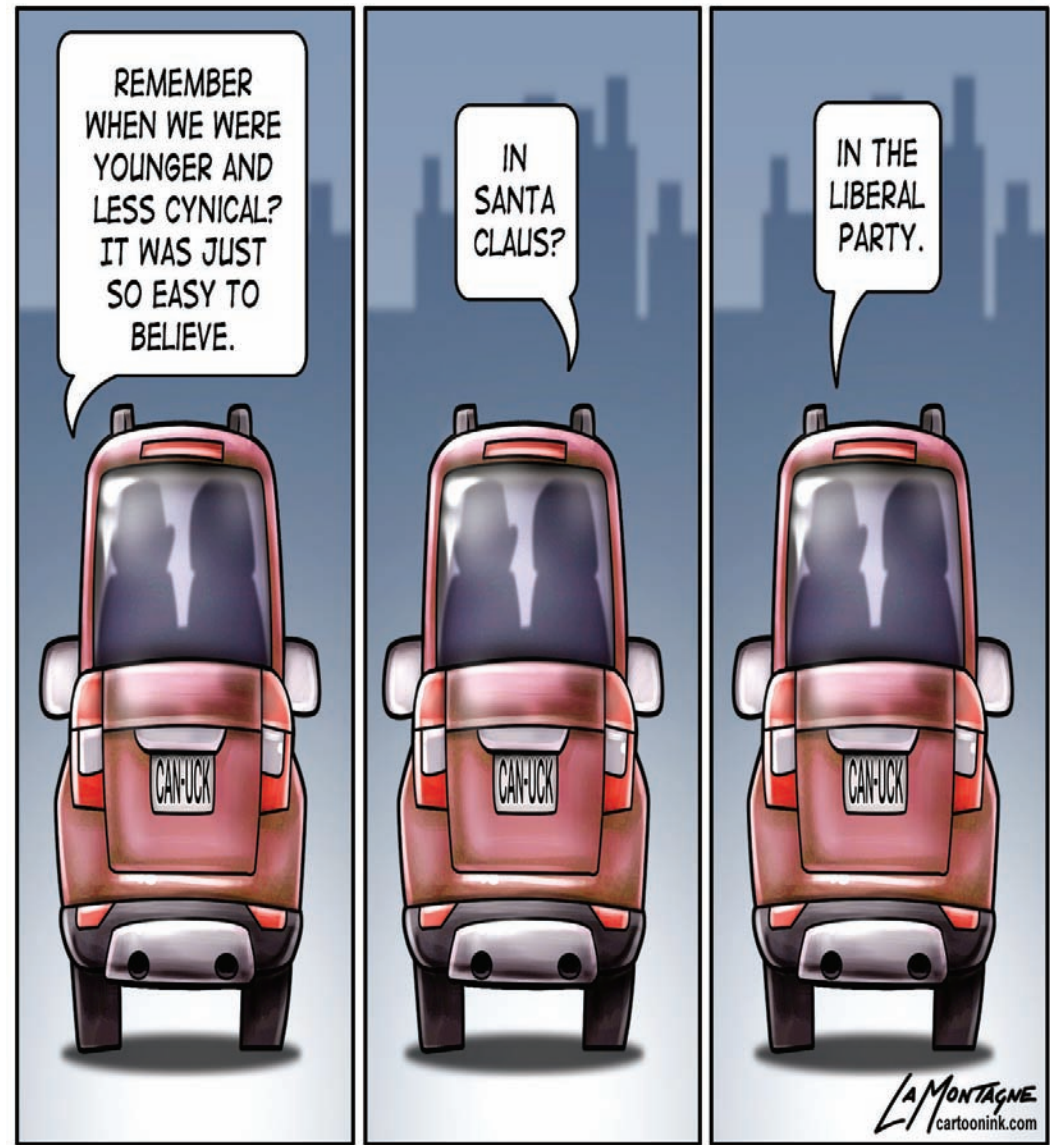
The region's decision to expand urban boundaries for low density development will require additional new infrastructure including roads and pipes and will only worsen the burden on York Region's taxpayers, who already carry the highest per capita debt load in the GTA.

Of the three scenarios put forward by planning staff, one required no boundary expansion and would have led to smarter, more compact growth to support needed investments in public transit. Instead, the region chose to take a step backwards by moving to study 40 per cent and 45 per cent intensification targets – even though the region is currently achieving 47 per cent intensification.

There should be thorough and meaningful public consultation with York Region residents as the decision will affect their future taxes, the health of their communities and the congestion on their roads. The council decision to drop the most efficient growth scenario and instead pave over farmland to continue 1950s-style development patterns shows why we need continued provincial leadership in land-use planning.

Susan Swail

Environmental Defence



### Brainteaser



Forward I am heavy, but backward I am not. What am I?

Last week's answer: Rendezvous is the only word with a silent z.

### King Township Trivia

March 6, 1965 the current King City Post Office was opened. The original King post office was established in 1841 on the 6th Concession.

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Results from last week's poll:

**Given recent events, are you worried about a terrorist attack on Canadian soil?**

a) Yes  **67%**

b) No  **33%**

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Are you satisfied with the pace of growth in King Township?

a) Yes  
b) No

*So go to the website and cast a vote!*

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# King residents looking to help refugee families

There are many in King who would like to contribute something or give our time and talents toward helping a refugee. King For Refugees (KFR) has been formed from such a community interest. The goal is to co-ordinate a King Township-wide response to the historic humanitarian crisis, known as the Syrian Crisis, by welcoming some of the refugees here.

There will be a very important meeting for all people interested at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 9, at the King City Library.

The first community meeting held Sept. 11 was well attended. People came to learn about the conditions for Syrians, Iraqis, Afghans, and Eritreans, the UN efforts to help them, how specifically refugee sponsorship works in Canada, and the effort to re-unify a local Syrian-Canadian with her family. Now after much more learning and meetings, a number of people have begun "King For Refugees" to concentrate the goodwill of individuals, businesses, faith groups, civic groups, and local organizations toward action.

The meeting Dec. 9 will, in part determine how many refugee families King residents can "rescue" and to formally begin the process.

Before the meeting, organizers hope to hear from you. Any of you interested in helping in general or in specific ways, need to send them an email with your name, general location in our area, and what you would like to do - king4refugees@gmail.com

The emails received will determine the agenda for Dec. 9 meeting.

The King community will not be alone. Many people and organizations have already pledged their support. Humanity First will be our SAH and share the responsibility for our sponsored families. The local group is preparing to support the families for up to one year. The majority of refugees from Syria are self-sufficient well before one year, however, it depends on the individuals of course, and how much emotional and social support they receive.

There are about 80 Sponsorship Agreement Holders, or SAHs, which are recognized by the Government of Canada and the UNHCR and help to facilitate the resettlement of refugees in a community. The King group will be working with Humanity First in regard to resettlement efforts here in King.

Their national office is conveniently located in nearby Concord. The chair of HF, Dr. Daud, has offered to King For Refugees, their full support. KFR will be working with them closely at every step. The Mennonite Central Committee, MCC, is another SAH and they too have been very helpful as well as the Anglican and United Refugee Alliance, AURA. MCC (1920) is the oldest non-governmental organization in Canada that has been fostering peace and helping refugees around the globe. If in the future KFR has extra funds, they will go to the relief of suffering in UNHCR camps via MCC.

There will be a "King For Refugees" bank account for receiving donations and it will be announced shortly in this newspaper.

Availability of public transit is important to the newcomers and will allow for their independence in such things as exploration, job searches, visits with friends, travel for post-secondary education, and appointments. Consequently, accommodation within reasonable walking distance of public transit is critical. King City is ideal since it has schools, shops, and offices as well as both the GO and York Region buses readily accessible by foot. Families therefore, will need accommodation in King City but will need support from all of King Township. If possible, another option may be discussed, and that is to loan a car with insurance, gas and maintenance included, if the accommodation is not near public transit.

Here is a list of some things that will be required:

First off, KFR is going to need help organizing. They will be separating the various duties into teams, such as Administration, Accommodation, Donations, Reception, Communication, Special.

Monetary donations to cover livings costs, clothing, food, etc., including rent if necessary.

Accommodation in King City - an apartment above a garage, a basement apartment, house rental, etc.

Furniture and household items. Donated items will not have to be purchased.

Storage space for donated items.

Apart from these physical donations, people are needed to donate their time to be of emotional and social support. It is important that the community warm-

ly welcome and help to integrate our new neighbours in many ways, such as:

Interpreters; travel buddies for public transit/ walking around the town to help orient; drivers to pick them up and bring to King, other occasions as arise; King friends to accompany to the doctor, dentist, enrolling children in school, go to bank, shop, show how to use transit, Service Ontario, Service Canada, etc.

Also needed are child-minders to help watch the children as the parents are in appointments; ESL teachers; social invites to local events; children, to meet the new children of same age or interests; people willing to be a friend and help to find others of similar interests in the community, and help to find employment.

Anything that you can do to reach out, learn about where they came from and have them learn about here, share foods, music, etc.

It will be as much a learning experience for locals as it will be for them.

KFR stresses that we must be sensitive to whatever may be their unique situation. Mental health is very important. Generally speaking, children manage to learn the language quickly and may integrate well at school, but are likely to be more upset about leaving home than the adults who better understand why it was necessary. The adults generally are more concerned about the future and how they will manage to learn about a

new culture and speak a new language, as well as find work to support their family. Safety and security have been their priority and we must make sure that we respectfully help to alleviate those concerns. We need to care with compassion while ensuring that our help respects their dignity.

In other words, the kind of things that we Canadians do pretty well already. Just try to put yourself in their shoes.

As you may well know, after a time for rest and initial adjustment, the most important thing for everyone is that we give a warm welcome and that we try to include our newcomers in all aspects of community life here. While we respect of course their own interests, abilities, and wishes. The more they can feel truly supported and safe, the faster will be their recovery and ultimate success as brand new citizens of Canada.

Folks in King who step up and offer a commitment of caring and compassion, will be the richer for it. These people will be our new friends after we share the experience of getting to know each other and learn about our different cultures but similar values. Let's give them hope again for a peaceful life.

Email KFR (king4refugees@gmail.com), read more details in the King Weekly Sentinel, and try to come to the King City Library at 7 p.m. on Dec. 9.

## Province coordinating efforts to help refugees

By Mark Pavilonis

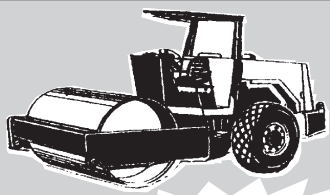
The Province has stepped up to offer its support to incoming refugees.

The Ontario Government has established a Ministers' Ad Hoc Committee on Refugees in order to support its commitment to help settle thousands of refugees before the end of the year. Ontario stands ready and will work to increase the capacity of settlement and integration services to meet the needs of the refugees who will be settled in Ontario.

The ad hoc committee, co-chaired by Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade Michael Chan and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care Eric Hoskins, held its first meeting Nov. 17. Dr. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services and MPP for Oak Ridges-Markham is also on the committee. It is tasked with overseeing ongoing efforts and coordinating a cross-government response to prepare for incoming refugees and help them settle and integrate once they arrive. It will also work closely with the federal government to determine how Ontario can best support a national plan for refugee settlement.

Earlier this year, the government committed \$2 million to Syrian relief efforts. It is also investing \$8.5 million to promote refugee sponsorship and ensure that immigrant and refugee serving agencies can expand services as needed. Priority needs include settlement services, housing support, healthcare, trauma counselling and mental health supports, and language training and employment support.

The government is supporting Lifeline Syria in helping to resettle over 1,000 refugees and is working with community agencies to expand settlement supports.



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## The word around King

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Margaret Graham

"It certainly is a concern."



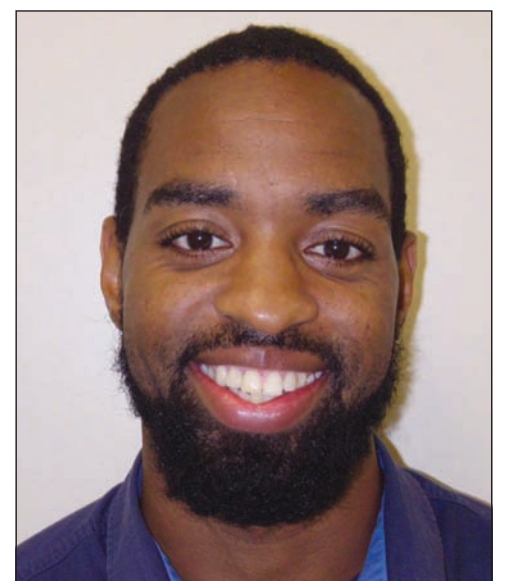
Anastasia Hughson

"Yes."



Connor Robock

"A little."



Anthony Baldwin

"I think most people are."

# King scientist and his team searching for answers

By Mark Pavilons

We are often encouraged to see the big picture, but the answers to some fundamental questions are found at the microscopic level.

A King City biochemist will tell you the secrets centre around molecular interactions, and directing incredibly specific antibodies to their tiny targets. Transcribing the Bible on the head of a pin is child's play in comparison to unlocking the keys to slowing or curing degenerative or fatal diseases.

Derek Wilson is an Associate Professor and Director of the Centre for Research in Mass Spectrometry at York University. He is the face of the current batch of Canadian academic research scientists – young, intelligent and dedicated. He's also a typical family man. His series of successes are as interrelated as his research. Instead of a single "eureka" or definitive cure, Derek's team of 13 students, graduates and post-doctoral fellows, has set in motion of pattern of incremental steps that will set the stage for further breakthroughs. And that's

exciting, at every level.

Wilson stressed they're doing "true science," exploring nature at the most basic level, delving into the fascinating roles, interactions and mutations of protein molecules in our bodies. And they've reached their incremental end goals, making significant progress on the big questions along the way.

In order to study the molecules, Wilson and his team had to create the efficient technology to do so. The typical way to examine molecules is through x-ray crystallography, but that only captures a still image. In the cell, proteins are constantly in motion! The Wilson team's first major success was the creation of a microfluidic chip, a small, contained and controlled environment that allows them to catch proteins in action, witnessing directly the transformations that drive life at the molecular level. This is vitally important to the unique type of research they do, and it set the stage for all of their subsequent explorations.

Setting out with their new tool to explore molecular level biology, Wilson

and his team labelled protein molecules to understand how they fold and "misfold" in Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and other neurodegenerative diseases. Their target was so called "disordered" proteins, which make up almost 20% of the total protein content in the human body, and play important roles in biology and disease. But they can't be studied by normal methods because they don't "fold up" into a well-defined "native" structure. Using their device, Wilson and his team were able to precisely map the changes in structural bias that convert a protein called Tau from an important player in maintaining neurons in the brain, to a pathogenic actor in Alzheimer's. Knowing what this "bias transition" looks like is a critical step towards finding drugs that specifically interfere with Tau's dark side, and one more step towards a potential cure for a host of neurodegenerative diseases.

But Wilson's work doesn't stop at neurodegeneration. Partnering with Dr. Patrick Gunning at U of T Mississauga, Wilson and his team have explored the action of drugs targeted to a protein called STAT3, one of the most critical targets in cancer research. In cancer, STAT3 erroneously gets a phosphate molecule stuck to it, at which point it goes into the nucleus (the control centre of the cell) and turns on every survival signal imaginable. This makes cancer cells with phosphorylated STAT3 exceptionally difficult to kill with chemotherapy.

Wilson looked at how two drug candidate molecules supplied by Gunning interacted with STAT3. Not only did they achieve their principle goal of identifying specifically where these drugs were binding, but they also solved a mystery that had perplexed the Gunning team and others: One of the molecules bound much more weakly than the other one, but was almost exactly as effective at preventing STAT3 phosphorylation. Dr. Wilson's work showed that the weaker-binding molecule was turning on a whole range of molecular "switches" left untouched by the tighter-binding molecule. Not only did this explain why the weaker binding molecule was as effective as it was, it also pointed to the existence of a totally new, and previously unknown "activity pathway" for STAT3.

More recently, Dr. Wilson and his team has been working with Canada's



Derek Wilson of King City leads a team of researchers at York University, looking into the mysteries of life.

biopharmaceuticals industry to develop improved techniques that enable drug development. Pharmaceutical companies are currently facing a challenge, switching from their usual small molecule drugs to massive biological macromolecules like proteins. This has created a number of new challenges that Dr. Wilson's expertise and technologies can address. His industrial partners include Sanofi-Pasteur, a multinational - but Canada-based vaccine development company; Sciex a Canada-founded scientific instrument manufacturer, and Fludigm Canada, another Canadian company with unique bioanalytical technologies.

"We're tackling ever-more complicated challenges," Dr. Wilson said. "But luckily in Canada, we've got the new technologies and young dynamic scientists to do it."

And with those dedicated to fundamentals who can also translate their work to industrial applications, ultimate success in solving the most difficult of challenges is only a matter of time.



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26. Loafer, e.g.
29. Sag
32. Short poem
36. \_\_\_ and again
37. 19th Greek letter
38. Auction purchase
40. Yawning
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47. Sioux dwelling
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63. Guffaw
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68. Be in accord
69. Naut. units
70. Outstanding
71. Delve
72. Bwana's aide
74. Old-fashioned
76. Crazy
77. Swine's supper
79. Custom
81. Do a household chore
84. Western
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91. Sandwich filler
92. Animal tracks
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6. Predicament

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10. Influential tribe member
11. Source
12. Pursue
13. Concert equipment
14. Pollinating insect
16. Roget reference work
23. Astringent ingredient
25. Protective ditch
26. Uppity person
27. Israeli circle dance
28. Felt obligated
30. Created
31. Soothsayer
33. Sombre
34. "En garde" weapon
35. Bruce and Spike
37. Next
39. Ash or spruce
43. Restate
46. Crisp cookie
48. Escort
51. \_\_\_ of lamb
53. Fourth party's portion
54. Tell a secret

55. "A \_\_\_ in Harlem"
56. Personal atmosphere
58. Meteorologist's word
60. Dummy
61. Notical
62. Hence
64. Cad
66. "Caesar and Cleopatra" time
73. Robin's eat
75. Rush
76. Change from a drachma
78. Baby's father
80. Hockey score
81. Possessive pronoun
82. Feel remorse for
83. Individual
85. Draw along
86. Huge time span
88. Feminine pronoun
89. Work measure
90. Whiskey blend

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# Soldiers' commission reaches milestone

By Mark Pavilons

A century-old organization reached a historic milestone just prior to Remembrance Day. This is one story that needs to be told.

The Soldiers' Aid Commission was created through the efforts of ordinary Ontarians who identified a need and spearheaded the formation of the commission to support returning veterans in need. The commission's story is one of dedication and creativity, of unheralded diligence, and of men and women working behind the scenes to support those who had staked their lives to protect our country.

By 1915, Canadian veterans of World War 1 began returning, and those numbers would surge in the following years as hundreds of thousands came home. There were few services available to support them, and with the support of the provincial government, the commission came into being with its first offices in Queen's Park.

Initially conceived as an organization to support returning veterans, the commission quickly grew with multiple branches in communities throughout Ontario.

As the commission identified the growing needs of returning veterans, it offered a wide variety of critical



The Soldiers' Aid Commission includes (back, l to r) Homer R. Brooks, Rosemarie McGuire, King's Susan Beharriell and William Earl Thomas; (front) Alfred H. L. Harris, Colin R. Rowe, Minister and MPP Helena Jaczek and John Stapleton.

services to support not only veterans who were dealing with incredible challenges, but also their families, many of whom needed help as well. In 1920 the Soldiers' Aid Commission was given all of the powers of a Children's Aid Society to serve as the ward for hundreds of Ontario children whose families were impacted by the war.

Thanks to the work and dedication of the current slate of Soldiers' Aid Commissioners, the story of The Soldiers' Aid Commission has come to life. Soon, their story will become an important part of the proud history of our province, a living testament to the women and men who rose to the challenges that confronted returning war veterans and their families, and who made a real difference in the lives of thousands of Ontarians.

The centrepiece of this year's 100th anniversary celebrations will be the commission's new book - Ontario's Soldiers' Aid Commission: 100 Years of Assistance to Veterans in Need 1915-2015.

The book chronicles the commission's achievements over the past 100 years and its ground-breaking work to support social policy development in Ontario.

"Despite challenges, the Commission has forged ahead with its mandate

to support Ontario Veterans and their families in times of hardship. In many ways, these needs remain as acute as they were 100 years ago," says commission chair Colin R. Rowe.

The commission today includes eight commissioners who volunteer their time to ensure that veterans in need get the assistance they need. The collective expertise of the commissioners is critical. Because many commissioners have served with other veterans' associations and various levels of government, they can often point the way to additional funding opportunities, such as unclaimed pensions for veterans' widows and their dependents.

Minister of Community and Social Services Dr. Helena Jaczek recently appointed three individuals to join the commission. These new Commissioners will include Rosemarie McGuire and Susan Beharriell of King.

LCol (ret'd) Beharriell spent more than 35 years in Canadian military intelligence. She's a familiar face in King through her volunteer and committee efforts.

"It is a real honour to be appointed to the commission and to serve the Veterans of Ontario. I look forward to contributing to this worthy cause," Beharriell said.

## Breakfast with Santa

Holy Name Catholic Elementary School will be hosting their 11th annual "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 5.

There will be pancakes, fruit, hot chocolate, juice, coffee and so much more. Crafts, games and caroling sung by their choir! The Christmas spirit is already buzzing in the school and it is contagious. Santa will be there to greet and take photos with all the children.

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## Township puts local businesses in the 'spotlight'

By Mark Pavilons

Recognizing the contributions of local businesses was in the spotlight at King council recently.

The mayor and councillors recognized four local companies during the 2015 Spotlight on Business presentation.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said long-serving local businesses are key to a prosperous and sustainable community. There's a need to tell these King stories and Pellegrini said this year's recipients are catalysts to important community events. They are businesses that share the Township's common goals and have demonstrated adaptability, sustainability, growth and good corporate citizenship.

Tom Allen, president of the King Chamber of Commerce, noted they love to see thriving businesses in King. The smiles on the faces of this year's recipients speaks volumes.

### Nobleton Farm Service

Having opened Nobleton Farm Service in November 1956 with 3 employees, Glenn began selling farm equipment the following year. Phyllis Davis handled the books and other administrative tasks. Glenn had his two sons, Karl and Greg, helping out at an early age. In later years, he also put his grandsons, Keith and Kevin, to work. Karl, after graduating from Guelph with a degree in engineering, worked as an engineering sales representative for 3 years at the John Deere factory. He returned to the family business in 1981, taking over in the late '80s and early 1990s. Barb, Karl's wife and a soil sciences graduate of Guelph, manages the day-to-day bookkeeping and sales administration. Both Karl and Barb have hands-on experience in all areas of the business operation.

Keith and Kevin both worked for the company as students, and continue to do so as their career of choice, working out of the Nobleton location. Keith, a graduate of McMaster with an MBA

from Schulich, is the manager for the store in Milton and the Human Resources "go-to" person for the company.

Kevin studied geography and music at York, but followed the path of Integrated Technology and manages the technology operations of the company.

Full-time employees in the Nobleton location now number 25, with the range of tenure between 1 and 41 years. Staff is hired, as often as possible, from the local area.

The Davis Family has owned the property at 6770 King Road since 1918.

Glenn Davis opened Nobleton Farm Service in one of the out-buildings near the house as a small repair shop for agricultural equipment. Nobleton Farm Service expanded into the sale of equipment, beginning with tractors and hay equipment.

The Davis Family has always been actively involved in the Nobleton community. Over the years, they have been dedicated and generous supporters of the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Curling Club, Nobleton Victoria Day celebrations, the Schomberg Fair and Main Street Christmas, and other initiatives of local community groups. They are also sponsors of S.H.A.R.E. (Send Help And Resources Everywhere), an initiative of Peel Farmers.

From Nobleton Farm Service to Green Tractors Nobleton, three generations of the Davis Family have provided the King community and beyond with quality product and service in an industry that is constantly changing.

Products, from a variety of quality manufacturers, include everything from John Deere toys to clothing to large farm equipment and winter machinery. Stihl is popular for property maintenance, with saws for every need in both the residential and commercial sector. European lines, like Lemken and Deici, are available. Snow removal equipment and attachments have been included in the regular inventory, especially as the tractor has evolved over the last 10 years into a multi-tasking



Long-time local families and business operators Jessop Auto and Nobleton Green (above and below left) were among the four businesses honoured by King Township at the annual Spotlight on Business celebration recently.

Photos by Mark Pavilons

piece of machinery. Canadian sprayers and wood chippers are also on the list of products available, as well as John Deere equipment specifically dedicated to golf course property maintenance. A line of Honda products is a recent addition to the inventory.

Service technicians have ongoing virtual classroom training. They provide regular maintenance and repairs to all the products.

### Jessop Auto

The Jessop Family celebrated 60 years in business in 2014. As well as being a dedicated member of the business community, the family has always been involved in the King community, volunteering and participating in such organizations as the Schomberg Agricultural Society, the Schomberg Horticultural Society, the Lions Club, and the local Curling Club.

Clarence and Mildred Jessop moved to Schomberg in 1947. Clarence began the family business with a stock truck, hauling coal and livestock. When oil replaced coal as fuel for heating, he purchased a fuel oil truck to deliver White Rose fuels. In 1954, needing space to service the trucks, he opened C.W. Jessop Auto Repair with two full-service bays, leasing the property now owned by Petro Canada, on the west side of Hwy. 27 just north of Main Street.

They also owned and serviced the trucks used to deliver fruits and vegetables from Hardy Farms across Ontario. On the day of Hurricane Hazel, C.W. Jessop Ltd. was officially registered as a business.

In 1968, more room was needed to service the trucks. The property directly across the highway was purchased, and the business was moved to its cur-

rent location, with three service bays. At that time, C.W. Jessop Ltd. included a Shell (previously White Rose Fuels) Gas Bar, fuel oil delivery service, parts department, and repair shop.

Clarence's three sons, took on more responsibility in the business.

Bruce, a volunteer firefighter for 28+ years and chief for 18 years, was trained as a mechanic and serviced all models of vehicles. Bill continued with the trucking function, and Bob operated the gas pumps.

Clarence got involved in local politics as Ward 4 Councillor from 1977 until he was elected Mayor in the 1980 election, serving three terms in that position.

In 1997, the business was registered as Jessop's Auto Repairs Ltd., with Bruce and his wife, Linda, as sole proprietors.

Mark took over from his late father, Bruce, and is the third generation Jessop in the shop, operating the business with his wife, Ronda. He started going to the shop with his dad at a young age. Licensed as an automotive technician for 18 years, Mark has had over 30 years experience in the industry.

Ronda, a seventh-generation resident of Schomberg, joined the team as an employee 6 years ago. She married Mark, and they now have three children (a 4-year-old and 2-year old twins), and a successful full-time business operation.

Two other employees also work in the shop. Dino Savoia lives in Nobleton, is originally from Woodbridge, and has been a licensed automotive technician for over 20 years, working at Jessop's since July of 2013. Wesley McClelland, having taken automotive technical training at school, has been apprenticing with the business since June of 2013, and lives in Newmarket.

Shop equipment is regularly upgraded to further ensure high quality service on vehicles brought in for maintenance. The new data base, installed in January of 2015, has made it easier to manage information to better meet the needs of customers.

Regular training for staff offers opportunities to see new products, and be trained through the suppliers. It also creates an opportunity to network with other technicians to share information about best practices.

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# Businesses praised for dedication and longevity

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The business has grown significantly over the years, building a very loyal customer base. Although most of the clients come from Schomberg and the local King area, other customers come from municipalities such as Palgrave, Keswick, Bracebridge, Orillia, and Brampton, to have their vehicles serviced.

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## Kid's Country Children's Boutique

Kid's Country opened in August of 1987, and is now in its 28th year of operation. Originally owned by Carmela D'Andrea, it was purchased in 2008 by her long-time employee, Emily Fiorentino, who had worked there since she was 16 years old. Carmela had always believed that Emily would take over the shop, and continued to manage the store until Emily was ready to take it over full-time, 20 years later.

Emily worked for Carmela as a student, having been referred to the owner by a family that had been frequent customers of Carmela's for years, and for whom Emily worked for many years. She enrolled in York University, but switched to Humber College where she graduated with honours from the Early Childhood Education Program.

Her path changed direction when she married and had children. She continued to work part-time at Kid's Country on Saturdays. Emily stayed at home to look after her son and identical twin girls until all were in school full-time, while opening her home to looking after other children at the same time. With the children in school full-time, she decided to buy Kid's Country, and make it her own full-time business.

Kid's Country is truly a family business. Emily's mom, an employee at St. Thomas of Villanova, helps in the store whenever needed, usually later in the afternoon or on a Saturday. Carlo, the younger of Emily's two brothers, has been involved since she bought the business. He is also an entrepreneur, operating a wedding and event planning business. Carlo has played a significant role in assisting the children of customers frequenting the store in making their wardrobe choices.

Emily's aunt also is available to help on occasion. Emily's twin girls, now 13 years old, have provided assistance, as well. Sometimes they have modelled clothing for customers, who have children or grandchildren of similar age, or have made style suggestions.

Two part-time young ladies also work in the store, as needed, during the week and on weekends.

Emily values the importance in consistency when serving customers, so anyone working in the store knows to treat the customer with the same attention and respect.

Although customer preferences

have changed, expectations have not. High standards of performance ensure customer satisfaction. Kid's Country is now dressing the grandchildren of families who originally shopped in the store in the 1980s. Looking ahead, it is important to give consideration to maintaining the existing customer base, regardless of age.

The store is filled with top-quality brands. There are clothing items to meet the wardrobe needs of newborns to 16-year-olds.

Casual wear is available, but the focus tends to be more on dressy items and clothing for special occasions: baptism, communion, confirmation, graduation, weddings, and other special family celebrations. New ladies' lines have been introduced for the secondary school young adult and moms alike.

Top quality designer brands are purchased to meet customer demand. Some products are Canadian-made, while others are imported from the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal, and other countries offering high quality-made items. Over 50 different brands are carried in the store. Emily has found that being "married" to a particular line does not always work. Ultimately, customer demands dictate product lines. The preferences of the customer base can change, as can the quality of the product, should the manufacturer or owner change.

Clothing collections are coordinated with shoes and other accessories to encompass a one-stop shopping experience.

Many of the accessories are handmade by small independent businesses, focussing on unique and customized designs. New collections are being added to meet the needs of the children as they mature, beyond the age of 16 years.

There are many factors to consider in a single order. A great deal is speculation, as it is often a challenge to forecast what the next fashion season will feature. There is a delicate balance to determine the correct number of styles, sizes, colours to order. Possible delays in shipment, for a variety of reasons, must also be factored into the mix.

A high level of customer satisfaction reflects positively on the store. Kid's Country has a strong customer base of repeat customers. Reputation is passed along by word-of-mouth, with referrals in high numbers.

## Priestly Demolition

Vic Priestly founded Vic Priestly Contracting Limited in 1971 as a site works, excavation and landscaping company and worked out of a small yard in Aurora. He incorporated a second company, Priestly Demolition Inc. (PDI) in 1993, as a unionized demolition company in order to work on larger projects in the Ontario market, initially focusing on the Toronto area.

Over 40 years later, under the leadership of the second generation and mentorship from Vic, the companies continue to successfully grow and compete in the Ontario construction market.

Priestly Demolition Inc. has become one of the largest demolition and ancillary service companies not only in Ontario but in Canada as well, due to the confidence and vision of President Ryan Priestly.

Ryan, Vic's son, oversees the operation of PDI. He is involved with the estimating and sales, the equipment and manpower, and overall site operations. Ryan has always been fascinated with the business. When most kids were

playing on weekends, Ryan was at the yard sweeping floors, washing trucks and machines. Ryan attended Fanshawe College in a construction engineering technology course, completed his co-op positions and officially joined the company in 1996.

Robin, Vic's daughter and executive vice-president at PDI, oversees the financial, administrative, and marketing

areas of the company.

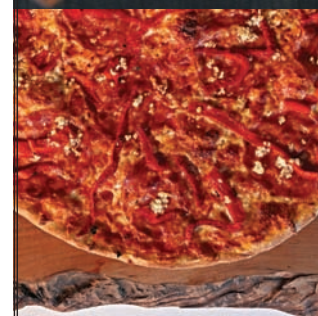
The company works in demolition, abatement, and remediation, concrete crushing, salvage, and emergency services. The focus is on quality and safety, with regular safety training programs for employees and weekly equipment inspections.

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In the "Spotlight" were Kid's Country Children's Boutique (above) and Priestly Demolition (below). Mayor Steve Pellegrini and councillors presented the business owners with their plaques.

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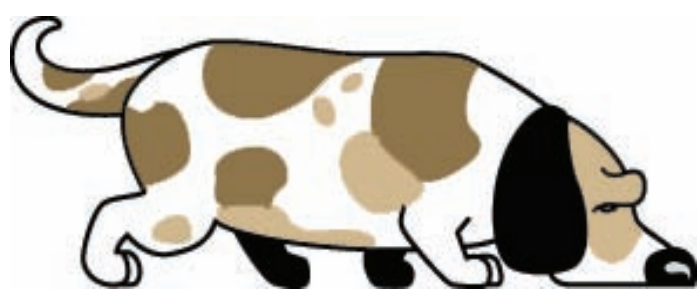
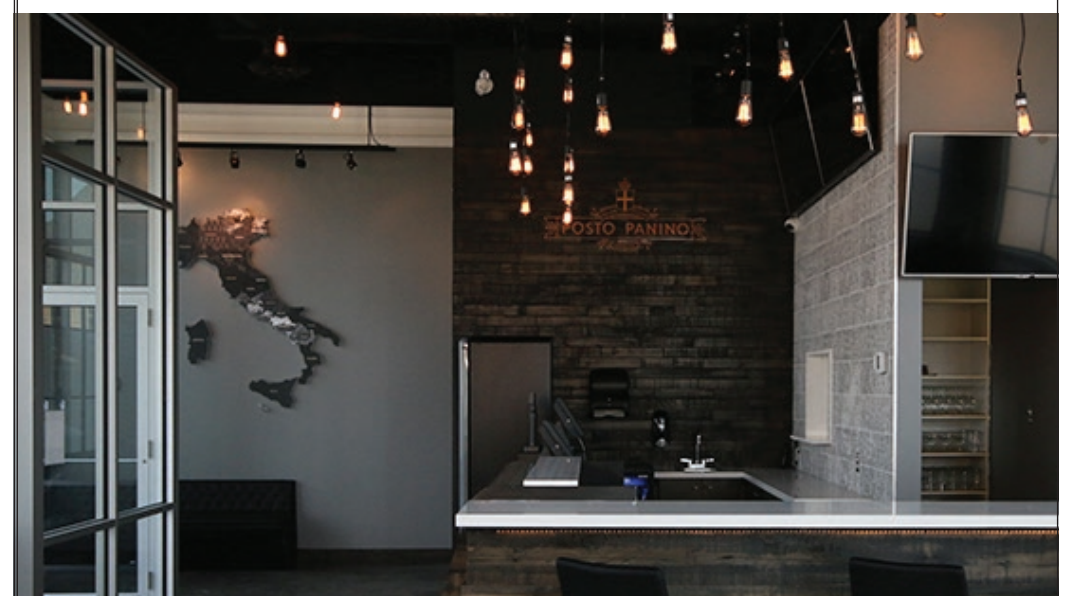
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Together we will explore the importance of resources in the community, what is needed now and in the future, and look at what other libraries are doing in their communities. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm, and we'll do the rest.

**DATE:** Wednesday December 2nd 2015

**TIME:** 7 p.m.

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# Food Bank enjoys recent successes, looks ahead

By Carol Ann Trabert

King Township Food Bank has lots to be thankful for as it heads on to Christmas.

The last month has seen wonderful donations in funds and in kind.

Through the generosity of Hillside Gardens, The Stonemill Bakehouse & Hermanns Contracting, a variety of fresh produce and fresh breads were available in October. Again this year, Nobleton Lions and King City Firefighters' Association donated Thanksgiving turkeys. In addition, homeowners donated produce from their private gardens, and the Parish of Lloydtown sent along the produce and food collected as the Thanksgiving display and offering at their churches.

Thanks to all the volunteers who set up and assisted at the pop-up clothing centre in King City last month where attendees could select free seasonal clothing. It was well received, and the hope is to do that again in the new year. Both new and gently used items were available in all sizes, including children's.

Special recognition goes to Train Trailers and Richard Gladden for the very generous donation of \$10,000 to the King Township Food Bank. The board gratefully receives this substantial assist to the annual needs of \$80,000 to fulfill the mandate of a week of non-perishable foods or equivalent food cards for over 180 people.

Huge thanks to the Sip & Savour sponsors for their support. And to all those who attended, a big shout out. After all, it isn't a party without guests who not only purchase a ticket but also bid generously on silent and live auction items. A total of \$35,000 was raised for the Food Bank by the "Hooray for Hollywood" themed event held Oct. 15.

The shelves are filling up. Large food drives were conducted over the Thanksgiving period at Country Day School and St. Mary School in Nobleton, and Schomberg Foodland through their pre-packed bags. In addition, All Saints King City and Chestnut Manor in Schomberg, as well as Kidzworld in King City, helped to fill the shelves. On Halloween, Emma Pellegrini and Michelle Easterling, both students, conducted a "Cans Not Candy" drive in Carrying Place, that resulted in large participation from the residents. Neighbourhood Networks collected food

and funds at John's No Frills on Saturday, Oct. 24, raising nearly \$400. The permanent bin at John's No Frills regularly overflows through the kindness of shoppers.

More dollars into the bank. In addition to the regular monthly cheque received from Sacred Heart Church, the Food Bank gratefully acknowledges a donation from World Food Sunday at King City United Church, generous proceeds from the end of summer BBQ held by the Schomberg Minor Hockey Association and a further donation by Alloro Fine Foods, in addition to the hundreds of dollars raised by the Nobleton Plaza at their Outdoor Movie Night earlier this Fall

These were in addition to personal donations not enumerated for reasons of privacy. You know who you are, as they say, and a big thank you for your faithful support.

And what's next?

The Food Bank's sister organization, Christmas in King, is in full operation, heading for record numbers in all categories. Again BTN is donating fresh green wreaths, and Black Forest Nurseries is donating their famous Santa Claus Christmas Trees. Fresh turkeys will be offered by Round the Bend Farm, and frozen turkeys, where preferred, will be donated by the Food Bank through the generosity of yes, you guessed it, Nobleton Lions and King City Firefighters. The Christmas in King Committee offers heartfelt thanks to all who have adopted a hamper, as well as to the many churches across King, whose parishioners are providing gifts of every kind as well as hampers of seasonal treats. The plan is for everyone in King to have a Christmas that is "merry and bright."

Nobleton Veterinary Clinic at 13135 Hwy. 27 has a box in the waiting room until Christmas to accept non perishable foods and small packages of pet treats. Donations of pet treats received by the end of November will be given out as part of Christmas 2015.

In addition, food cards can be purchased at John's No Frills in Nobleton (see display at selected checkouts) and also Foodland in Schomberg, where there will also be the pre-packed bags to purchase at Christmas, as is their custom three times yearly. Food cards allow registrants to take advantage of sale prices throughout the month, and

to purchase perishable items as needed.

The Food Bank thanks the community for their ongoing support. Volunteers may be the pistons of the engine, but the community provides the fuel that allows the project to run, month after month, year after year.

For more information, please visit [www.kingtowshipfoodbank.ca](http://www.kingtowshipfoodbank.ca) or call the Food Bank line at 905-806-1125 and leave a call back number. Carol Ann can be reached directly at 416-559-7898.



Margaret Hastings receives a cheque from Frank at Locale in King City. They sold pasta, biscotti and espresso during Saturday night's Christmas in King City, raising \$630. The Neighbourhood Network Fall Food Drive at John's No Frills in Nobleton Oct. 24 raised \$388.10 for the Food Bank. Teri Hastings, King ambassador volunteer for the Network, presented the cheque to Food Bank president Carol Ann Trabert.

## Van Loan named critic

By Mark Pavilons

Simcoe-York MP Peter Van Loan has been named to the Conservative "Shadow Cabinet" for Critic for Canadian Heritage and National Historic Sites.

The Official Opposition Shadow Cabinet in Canada is composed of members of the main Opposition party, responsible for holding the government to account, and for developing the party's policy positions. Members of the Official Opposition are referred to as Opposition Critics.

In this role, Van Loan will be keeping an eye on Canadian Heritage Minister Melanie Joly. Her ministry oversees cultural initiatives and contributing to the Canadian identity.

"The Conservative Party has made deepening the appreciation of our history and the values that have built this country an important priority," said Van Loan. "I look forward to carrying out this important responsibility in the run-up to Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017."

In addition to the traditional elements of the Heritage portfolio, Peter Van Loan will also have responsibility for national historic sites, including those managed by Parks Canada.

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### Main Street Christmas

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Schomberg gets all dressed up and invites everyone to come and enjoy a fun-filled family event along historic Main Street. Visit the Craft Show in the Community Hall (3-8 p.m.); enjoy two

parades (at 4 and 8 p.m.); be entertained by the jugglers, musicians, singers, minstrels, magicians, Victorian ladies and gents all while enjoying some delicious foods.

Admission for this amazing event is \$5 per person; children 12 and under are free.

AMSC (Main Street Christmas) posters are being sold once again this year for all you collectors out there. There is something new this year in that we now have a beautiful Farmers Parade of Lights Poster for sale as well. The posters are \$5 each or you can get a plaque mounted poster for \$25. These posters are now being sold at Flowers On Main Street, Leonardo's Gourmet Pizza; Rona; Artista Custom Frame Shoppe and Foodland. During MSC, the Schomberg Village table in the craft show in the Community Hall, will also have the posters for you to purchase.

Karen Letwinka has worked very

hard on the new face lift of the AMSC website. Please go to [www.amainstreetchristmas.com](http://www.amainstreetchristmas.com) where you can find all the information you would ever need to know about this amazing event. As well, for all you Facebook junkies out there, please find us and like us on our new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/amainstreetchristmas/>

Parking in Schomberg is at a premium at the best of times. During MSC, from 3 p.m. on, Main Street will be closed from Dr. Kay Drive right down to Church Street. It will be open to pedestrians only. Street parking will be very limited and all visitors are strongly encouraged to make use of the three parking lots that will be serviced by free shuttle buses - The Brownsville Plaza, Crossroads Plaza and Trisan Centre.

At noon on Dec. 5, just prior to the start of AMSC, the public is invited to share in the memorial that the Schomberg Village Association is dedicating to the late Henry Verbruggen. They are officially unveiling a bench in front of the Schomberg Community Hall, in honour of the tireless and generous volunteer work that Henry gave to their organization.

start gathering at 5 and the official tree lighting happens when the switch is flipped at 5:15 p.m. and the Christmas lights sparkle and twinkle throughout our Historic Main Street.

Our living tree, kindly loaned to us by the Hoare Family at 235 Main Street, is 40 feet tall and is illuminated by hundreds of twinkling lights and ornaments. Please join us for the annual Christmas Tree Lighting!

### Mary Duggan's 90th birthday

Long-time Main Street Schomberg resident, Mary Duggan, will soon be celebrating her 90 years of youth, exuberance, joie de vivre. All of her family cordially invites everyone to share in this celebration with them at the Schomberg Community Hall, on Main Street, on Sunday, Nov. 29 from noon to 3 p.m.

Best wishes only are requested by the family. Mary has become quite a fixture of our Main Street and I am sure a lot of you could come up with quite the stories of our Mary. I am sure that these stories, along with "best wishes" would be most welcome by the family.

## Priestly handles large-scale projects

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PDI has the most extensive fleet of specialized equipment in the industry, including high reach excavators, specialized attachments, loaders, bull dozers, skid steers, trucks and cranes. Recently PDI invested in the largest long reach excavator, a Kobelco SK1000, with an operating high reach of over 120 feet and weighing in at 100 tons.

There are 25 to 30 active projects on a daily basis across the province. On average, projects have 8 people on a site crew for 4 to 8 weeks, although projects may take 1 day with others taking up to 7 years. There are 25 to 40 workers on large sites like Marathon Pulp and Paper, Union Station, and General Motors. Most sites are in Ontario, with the occasional bid on out-of-province projects.

The size of jobs varies from small residential sites to the demolition of Toronto's Pearson International Airport, the largest demolition and abatement project in Canadian history. In 2010, PDI had the job of gutting one of Toronto's most famous landmarks, Maple Leaf Gardens. Current projects include Women's College Hospital, Bridgepoint Health Hospital, the Four Seasons Hotel, and Toronto's Union Station.

The company is known for its green solutions, salvaging almost everything from a demolition site. One employee is dedicated to finding a buyer to salvage material, and removing it directly from the job site.

The Priestlys moved their operations from the small yard in Aurora to King Township in 2009 to accommodate their amazing growth. The new building and yard at 3200 Aurora-Lloydtown Road provided much needed space for their people, materials and equipment. The goal of the company is to become the first choice of potential clients and the best in Canada. The growth of the company has been one project at a time, and one piece of machinery at a time, now the largest demolition fleet in the country.

The company supports its local and surrounding communities, offering sponsorship to King Chamber of Commerce, York Regional Police, Southlake Hospital, Big Brothers and Sisters, Road Hockey to Conquer Cancer, Royal Winter Fair, local golf tournaments for charities, and a variety of local sports teams.

### Emmanuel Presbyterian

The Presbyterian Church on Main St. is having its Bake Sale, Bazaar and Christmas Cafe on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

There will be a terrific selection of gift baskets, baked goods and crafts to suit everyone's budget and Christmas list, but most of all, those taste buds.

Tea, coffee, cold drinks, scones, muffins, cookies and pie or soup and a bun will be served. Come and join your friends for lunch! The Christmas Cafe will open all day.

Christmas music will be presented upstairs, in the church, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

### Annual Christmas tree lighting

The Schomberg Village Association welcomes everyone to their 8th Annual Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 29. Let's all step into this most festive of festive seasons together with hot drinks, cookies, carols as the Christmas lights all over Schomberg come to life at 5:15 p.m. We

### St. Patrick's Historical Committee

The St. Patrick's Church Historical Committee is moving ahead with plans to publish a booklet to commemorate the Centennial of St. Patrick's Church. They have a meeting planned for Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. and welcome anyone who would like to participate in this venture or have information for it. To find out more about this project and the location of the meetings please call Cathy at 905-939-8955 or 905-868-4154 or email her at [ivan.cathy.peters@rogers.com](mailto:ivan.cathy.peters@rogers.com)

### Blood clinic

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## Cougars' road struggles continue over weekend

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

Schomberg Cougars fans that have only seen their favourite Junior C club play on home ice this year are probably wondering why they are so low on the GMOHL standings.

It is true that the Cougars have been a completely different team on the road than they are at the Trisan Centre – they took it to the Orillia Terriers at home on Thursday, using three-straight goals in the third period to walk away with a high-shooting 4-2 win.

### Kings overpower

But it was a different story in Penetang on Friday. The Kings bested goaltender Vince Michelizzi twice by the mid-way point of the first period, before Mike Elia and Evan Woodhead breathed some life into the Cougars by tying it at two after one.

It was in the second period that Penetang notched four straight goals

in just over eight minutes, chasing Michelizzi from the net and putting the game out of reach even before the final 20 minutes.

Both teams added one more in the third, Schomberg's off the stick of JP Crescenzi, for a final score of 7-3.

### Tie with Stayner

In their third game in four days, Michelizzi was back between the pipes facing the Stayner Siskins on the road Sunday.

Woodhead and Crescenzi opened the scoring for a two-goal cushion, and Ryley Egerton added another before the buzzer to lead 3-0.

The celebration didn't last, though. Eight minutes into the second, the score was tied, and the Cougars were on their heels. They managed to take a 5-4 lead into the third.

The Cougars did all they could to shoot themselves in the foot in the third period, first with Egerton going off for hooking with just five minutes to play. One minute later, Justin For-



Vince Michelizzi stopped 35 of the 40 pucks he faced against the Stayner Siskins on Sunday, but the team could manage only a 5-5 tie. The Schomberg Cougars went 1-1-1 over the weekend.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte



## Speed skaters converge on Trisan Centre for meet

By Jake Courtepatte

For the third year in a row, the King Speed Skating Club played host to the Ontario Speed Skating Association Central Ontario Meet at the Trisan Centre on Saturday.

Close to 100 speed skaters took to the ice to compete at the day-long event, representing clubs from all across southern Ontario.

"It was our third year hosting the event, and everything went very well," said club president Rose Kimber. "We had a lot of volunteers come out whose help made everything run very smoothly."

Thirteen-year-old Noah Stapleton finished first in the "Bravo" division, beating out 15 other competitors age 11-13. He was happy with his outcome and the event overall.

"The ice was really good," he said. "I skated well."

Seven members of the King club competed in the event.

The King Speed Skating Club is a registered, non-profit organization, run exclusively by volunteers. Offering recreational and competitive speed skating instruction for all ages, the club services a large area including King Township (Nobleton, Schomberg, King City), Richmond Hill and Oak Ridge, Vaughan (Woodbridge, Kleinburg, Maple), Caledon and Bolton, Bradford, and New Tecumseth (Alliston, Beeton, Tottenham, Tecumseth).

For more information on the club, visit [www.kingspeedskating.com](http://www.kingspeedskating.com).

menton was kicked from the game for a shot to the head, giving Stayner the man advantage for the final five minutes of regulation.

With 49 seconds to go in the game, Siskins forward Ben Skuce notched the tying goal on a 6-on-4 to send the game to overtime.

Neither team mounted much offence in the extra frame and the game ended in a 5-5 tie.

Special teams were the factor in the decision, with seven of the 10 goals coming by way of a man advantage. All but one of Stayner's goals were scored on the power play.

"It's something that's been happening all year," said Crescenzi after the game. "We've got to come together and work on it as a team. For the most part it was okay, we had the lead for a little bit but it was just unfortunate at the end."

In picking up three points of a possible six over the weekend, Schomberg remains in seventh place in the nine-team league, holding on to a record of 8-11-2. A loss and a tie on the road this weekend, however, is indicative of their woes in away games this season.

Only one win has come on the road this year, a 5 – 3 decision in Orillia early in October.

The Cougars could improve their stock with a win at home this Thursday against the red-hot Caledon Golden Hawks, who have turned around a dismal season and now sit one point up on Schomberg. They visit Orillia (3-19-1) for the final time this season on Sunday.

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

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# Bantam Red Wings take consolation final at tourney

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

It was a successful weekend for the home squads at Schomberg Minor Hockey's annual Novice/Bantam Red and White Tournament.

Fourteen teams from across Ontario, including one for each division to represent the home town Red Wings, converged on the Trisan Centre for glory at the under-9 and under-15 levels.

The Novice Red Wings were a favourite to take the championship, going undefeated in regular season play so far this year sporting a 9-0-4 record.

The tournament proved to be their biggest challenge of the year, however, when they lost their opening match up 3-2 to the East Lambton Eagles.

But the Wings bounced back with a pair of wins over their divisional opponents, cruising to a 7-1 win over the Honeywood Hurricanes and a 7-2 win over the Norwich Nighthawks to close out round robin play.

That set up a rematch with the Eagles for the novice championship, after the Eagles went a perfect 3-0 in the other division.

The home squad came out determined to not allow history to repeat itself, but despite a number of chances in the first period they trailed 1-0 at intermission.

Mid-way through the second, they came within inches of tying it when the puck sat on the goal line after an Eagles player tipped it on his own net.

A few minutes later, Pax Degli-Angeli made a nice move around three

Eagles skaters but couldn't beat the goaltender in alone. The Wings headed to the third still down by one.

It was two minutes into the final frame when they found the equalizer, a pretty one off the stick of Justin Caruk who broke in alone cutting across the net before tapping it into a yawning cage.

Unfortunately for Schomberg, the elation didn't last long. East Lambton retook the lead minutes later on a nice wrist shot to the top corner.

Three penalties in a row for body checking put the nail in the coffin for the Wings, although they came close in the final 10 seconds when the puck slid under the Eagles goaltender just wide of the post.

In bantam action, the Red Wings started off strong walking over their divisional competitors the Chatsworth Rebels and South Muskoka Bears, 6-0 and 8-1 respectively.

They met the Mitchell Meteors to determine tops in the division, and who would advance to the championship game.

Mitchell defeated Schomberg 4-1, sending the Wings to face the Newmarket Redmen in the consolation final.

Cameron Kokelj led the Wings in a game that was never really close, notching two goals to capture the Tier 2 final by a score of 4-0.

In the Bantam 'A' final, the Meteors beat out the Listowel Cyclones.

For full tournament info, check out [www.schombergminorhockey.com](http://www.schombergminorhockey.com).



The Bantam Schomberg Red Wings shut out the Newmarket Redmen 4-0 to take the consolation title at the SMHA's annual Red and White Tournament.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte



Chase Coughlan potted five goals from the atom Schomberg Red Wings in their 8-1 win over the Markham Waxers on Sunday, the team's 13th win in a row.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

## Coughlan leads atom Red Wings team to 13th straight win

By Jake Courtepatte

The atom Schomberg Red Wings have exploded out of the gate this season thanks to an incredibly explosive offence.

They took a 16-2-0 record to the Trisan Centre on Sunday, facing a Markham Waxers team that sat only two spots below the Wings in York Simcoe Minor Hockey standings.

Forward Chase Coughlan was a dominating force in the contest. He put the Wings up 3-1 at the tail end of the first period with his second of the game, sliding it along the ice past a screened Markham goalie.

Up 4-1 in the second, he took advantage of a 5-on-3 situation to complete the hat trick with over 20 minutes to go, putting the game out of reach.

Just before the end of the period, Coughlan scored a highlight reel goal by dippy-doodling around four Markham players before depositing the puck in the roof of the net.

His fifth goal of the game came at the start of the third period, with Pax Degli-Angeli notching two of his own in the game for a final score of 8-1 for the Wings.

The atom Wings are no strangers to this sort of score this season – they are averaging over an incredible six goals per game en route to a 17-2-0 record, good for second in division standings.

The only team they trail is the Barrie Colts, a perfect 17-0, who handed the Wings their only two losses so far. The two powerhouses will meet one more time this season, at the end of December in what should be a pretty crucial match-up.

In the meantime, the Wings prepare to take on the Aurora Tigers at the Trisan Centre on Thursday.

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# Nobleton tree lighting a time for giving

## Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone  
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### St. Paul's Church

The Youth Group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. Check here for details or contact our Youth Leader Taylor Scott at scottie\_tay@yahoo.ca or 289-338-2539.

The "A2J" program is for kids in Grades 3 to 6. A2J meets the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings through to May. It starts at 7 p.m. and goes to 9 p.m. It promises an evening of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, self-confidence building and lots of fun. Come check it out.

Join us Sunday, Nov. 29 at 10 a.m. as Jeff begins as new Advent series entitled "Like A Child." Jeff's message this week - My God Is For Me. We will also be celebrating Communion on this day.

FirstLink child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering and our Regular KidzKonnection and NextStep Programs (for children ages 4 to 11) take place at the same time. Taylor Scott has begun a program for the youth following the worship gathering. It is called 4:12 Unplugged. It is a chance for teens to hang out, drink hot chocolate and ask tough questions about God and to talk about the sermon message. A fun, laid back way to get connected in the Church.

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).

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 tree lighting

Please join the Nobleton Village Association for the 5th annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Toy Drive, at the Gazebo on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Enjoy a cup of hot chocolate or apple cider, along with lots of special treats. Santa will be there, handing out goodies and having a picture taken with all the kids.

The children's choirs, from both St. Mary's Catholic and Nobleton Public schools are performing.

See the spectacular, Nobleton Farm Community light show and the big red fire truck to explore.

Bring an unwrapped gift or gift certificate, for a child 1-16 years of age and receive a family gift from the merchants of Nobleton. The Christmas Toy Drive organization is dedicated to giving gifts to those who may otherwise miss out on something under the tree.

### St. Mary's Family Christmas Day

St. Mary's Catholic Women's League is holding its annual Family Christmas Day, starting at noon on Sunday, Dec. 13. The cost for a family of four is \$25 and children 5 and under are free. Children

6-12 are \$5 and adults, 12 and over, are \$10. Enjoy a hot lunch, crafts, carol singing and fellowship. Some proceeds to go to St. Mary's Building Fund.

### Nobleton United By Nancy Hopkinson

Sunday, Nov. 29 starts the first season of the Christian church year with Advent 1. "Advent" means "the arrival of a notable person, thing or event." In this case, we are awaiting the arrival of Christ. Everyone is welcome to attend our service at 11:15 a.m. There are four advents before our Christmas Eve service.

On Monday, Nov. 30, at 6 p.m., we are having a Christmas Pot Luck at Nobleton. Bring your friends. The community is invited. This is a fun social occasion. Plan to be there!

Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. The breakfast is pancakes, syrup, sausages and a beverage. For the children, these are arranged to look like a snowman with sausage arms, and chocolate chip eyes, and covered with icing sugar.

Santa always drops in and provides a lovely stuffed animal for each child. Pictures are taken of each child on Santa's knee and the pictures are given to the parent or adult with them. A goodwill offering will be donated to "Christmas in King." This event is fun for everyone, so even if you are not a parent, you can enjoy the breakfast and see the children having fun with Santa.

The next Messy Church is Tuesday, Dec. 8, 5 to 7 p.m. The theme is "Merry Christmas" instead of "Merry Christmas."

We will have activities that relate to the story of Jesus's birth in a stable. Jesus's birth was not in a sterile environment like we often have today with babies born in hospital. This one had animals close by, hay in the manger, shepherds with their sheep visiting, etc. so it was messy! The activities are from 5 to 6 p.m., story time until 6:15 p.m., then dinner (fruit tray, raw veggie tray, and something hot from the oven). Of course we always have cookies in the theme to decorate and eat. This time they will likely be angels. Grammas, grandpas, mothers and fathers are invited to come and bring their grandchildren or children and enjoy the activities together. There is no charge for this.

Last Sunday, Toronto Star columnist Jim Coyle was our guest speaker at the joint service at Schomberg United Church. Jim reminisced about his life. He grew up in an area of Toronto that was populated with other poor immigrant Irish Catholic families. On the weekends, many of the neighbours would get together, dance, laugh and tell stories of Ireland, the reasons that they came to Canada, and their hopes for their children. Jim learned the importance of story-telling. Jim's family was poor, and couldn't afford books. Jim loved the library where his world opened up. He loved school where he won a spelling bee in grade 2 and his prize was a trip to a hockey game at Maple Leaf Gardens with a nun in full uniform.

He went to journalism school and became a writer, for the Ottawa Citizen

(where he travelled the world with the prime minister) and for the Toronto Star. Eventually he became an alcoholic, and tried to solve his problems on his own. He came to realize that he needed a community to help him and AA provided that community. He learned to pray in the morning to help him get through the day sober, like those other members and to pray in the evening to thank the creator for getting him through the day. He wrote about his journey and afterwards former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney phoned him and said that he understood, because he had also joined AA. So Jim pointed out that it is not just the poor who can become alcoholics, but even a prime minister, a person in high standing.

For more info, visit [nobletonunited-church.com](http://nobletonunited-church.com), our Facebook page, or call our church at 905-859-3976. The church office is normally open on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, but messages are picked up regularly. Secretary Sharon Birks or minister Brian Nicholson will respond to your message.

### Nobleton Lions Club

Residents are asked to remember that the Lions have arranged to collect old eye glasses and refurbish and distribute them to those in need. Old eyeglasses can be dropped off at the Pharmacy, where they will be collected for this purpose.

Upcoming community events in December include the Annual Skating Party, which will be held at the Nobleton Arena with free skating for all, and Santa will be visiting to see the children. Watch this space for more details.

For information on these and other events, please visit our website: [www.NobletonLions.com](http://www.NobletonLions.com).

### Anglican Parish By John Arnott

Fire is an essential element on our planet. To prehistoric humans it was terrifying but fascinating. When they learned how to make it by rubbing 2 sticks together it seemed a gift from the gods so much so that the cross shape made by using the sticks became a symbol of what they saw as sacred fire. It also became a symbol of the sun who they perceived as a god.

The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes that thousands of years before Christ in ancient Egypt the hieroglyph for life or living was known as an ankh, a cross much like a T topped by an O with a pointed base resting on the cross bar which the Romans called crux ansata, cross with a handle. When Egyptians became Christians during the 1st century AD they adopted the ankh as their symbol. Today Egypt is mainly Muslim but its 10 million Christians still see the ankh as their symbol.

The Minoans of Crete and the Mycenaeans on mainland Greece, both of whom preceded the Greeks, and the pre-Roman Etruscans of Italy used the cross symbols. Thus the cross had a very long religious history before eventually becoming Christianity's most recognized symbol.

Early Christians hated the cross as they associated it with horrific Roman executions especially that of Jesus.

See 'Greek' on Page 16



## Seneca King Campus open house

Seneca is inviting the King community to visit its King Campus on Saturday, Nov. 28 for its open house event.

Seneca's open house will give prospective students and their families the opportunity to meet faculty and staff, take a tour, view Seneca's labs and learn more about the programs offered at its King Campus. The entire campus, located at 13990 Dufferin St. (King Rd. & Dufferin) will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Visitors to the open house can also sign up for a chance to win \$2,000 towards their Seneca tuition.

The King Campus open house is just one of the many open house events Seneca is hosting at six of its campuses, including its aviation school in Peterborough. For more information visit [senecacollege.ca/openhouse](http://senecacollege.ca/openhouse).

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# Holiday events abound at local churches

## King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Eleanor Fry

The church is an odd beast. We have certain traditions and cycles that make no sense to outsiders. Sometimes they make no sense to some of us even inside the church.

Last Sunday marked the end of Pentecost. Now the new church year begins with the season of Advent.

Rev. Evelyn reviewed the different seasons, along with the colours that represent them. Advent lasts 4 Sundays and blue is the colour, which is meant to inspire our hope of faith and encourage us as we wait for the birth of the Saviour.

Next is, of course, the season of Christmas. This begins with Christmas Day and ends on Jan. 6 - the Twelve Days of Christmas. The colours are white or gold.

Now it is Epiphany. The colour here is green, as we remember the gifts of the Magi and as we begin with Jesus's early ministry.

This leads us to the season of Lent that is marked by purple. It's a 40-day walk, beginning on Ash Wednesday but excluding the Sundays until Easter Eve, the day before Easter. The season of Easter lasts for 50 days, ending on the day of Pentecost. The colour for the East-

ter season is white.

That brings us back to Pentecost, the longest season. Here is the time when we study the miracles and ministry of Jesus's life, the reign of Christ, which we have been doing. The colour here is white.

More knowledge of the seasons helps us to understand the time frame of Rev. Evelyn's sermons.

At this time the world needs to know what good leadership is about. It's not about invoking fear and hatred. It's about bringing compassion, love, wisdom and understanding. It's not about destruction. It's about rebuilding, working together to bring a new life for the world.

At Bible Study last week Rev. Evelyn asked the participants if they were ruling the world what would their kingdom look like?

Rev. Evelyn has been in contact with the Mosque on Jane St. hoping to have a conversation with some of their ministerial. This could be a great first step to working together for better understanding of each other and working together so that others might respond with kindness and love, instead of hatred and slander. We pray for the Mosques that are being defaced or burned, and those who are being attacked because they are different. This is not the Canadian way. Can we show some compassion here? How can we hope for a better world if we don't start from our own hearts?

We heard a beautiful duet by Al Henderson and John Kell. Their voices blend so well. Both are part of the Harmony Chorale which is coming to our church Dec. 12 at 7:30 p.m. when they will welcome the Christmas spirit in an evening of our favorite carols and songs. "Welcome to Christmas" tickets are \$10. Reserve yours by calling our office 905-833-5181 or Sandra at 289-221-1526.

Bible Study continues at 10:30 each Wednesday. Discussions about the scriptures relating to the Advent season.

Friday, Nov. 27 is the next "Tea & Talk" at Sunset Grill. Name your

topic.

Nov. 27 and 28 is our United Men's Dinner, with roast beef and show. The Saturday performance is sold out. Tickets are still available for Friday. Call Al Henderson at 905-833-5047 to reserve yours.

Saturday, Dec. 5 is A Gift of Christmas, parents' day off. Bring your little ones to our church for busy day of playing games, hearing stories, making crafts, helping to make lunch, learning carols, decorating a tree and watching a movie. There is no cost and it runs 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to all in the neighbourhood. Call the church office at 905-833-5181 to register or email [kcuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:kcuc@bellnet.ca).

December 12 is our Lunch with Santa. Enjoy soup and sandwich, pizza for kids, freewill donation. Cookie walk, where you can choose your Christmas cookies. Also on tap will be a bake table, silent auction, gingerbread houses, a fun time. Spread the word.

Friday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. at All Saints Anglican the ministerial will offer a Blue Christmas, a time for those who find the joy of Christmas overwhelming.

Fred Victor Mission needs help - coffee mugs, hats, mitts, scarves, coats, sweaters. King Township Food Bank is also looking for gently used winter clothing, afghans, blankets. Please leave in boxes at back of sanctuary.

At this special time of the year King City offers many Christmas events. Join us for any or all of them. We're at 50 Elizabeth Grove. Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Sunday school, stay for coffee and cookies and conversation.

For any information, contact the office, 905-833-5181; email [kcuc@bellnet.ca](mailto:kcuc@bellnet.ca); visit [www.kcuc.ca](http://www.kcuc.ca) or contact Reverend Evelyn McLachlan at [kcucmin@bellnet.ca](mailto:kcucmin@bellnet.ca).

### King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, Nov. 29 as Pastor Mark Nowell will continue our sermon series, "Life Apps" with "The Rest App."

We have Celebration Zone available downstairs for kids aged 4-Grade 6. We also have a Youth Bible Study for students in Grade 7-12. They meet 2-3 Sundays each month. Please see our website each week for the schedule.

Each week the children in Grade 1 and older will join their parents for the beginning of the service until they are invited to go downstairs. We ask that you sign in your child at the Celebration Zone table in the foyer before bringing them into the service or taking them downstairs.

We have nursery available downstairs for babies 0-3.

Come and join our Overtimers seniors' group on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 1 p.m. as our worship director Yeshua will be

speaking to us and leading us in a festive carol sing. Refreshments and fellowship follow the program.

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

Christmas is coming and we're excited as we expectantly await and prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth!

Join us this first Sunday of Advent at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school and nursery care run concurrently. Pastor John Mills will lead us in worship and celebrate Communion with us.

Last Sunday Rev. Janet Ryu-Chan's sermon was "What Are We Looking At?" She spoke to us about impulsive Peter wanting to walk on the water to get to Jesus faster. He responded to Christ's invitation to come, but when he took his eyes off Jesus and allowed the physical reality of the storm to distract, he started to sink and lost the super human reality one can know through knowing Christ. We wish Janet God's best in her future ministry.

Family Fun took place with Lynn Vissers following the morning worship service, starting with lunch and fun activities for families.

Our Prayer Time for Ladies is every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. Ladies, you are welcome to join us and pray with us or quietly reflect. God promises to be with us and you will be blessed. Let us know how our God can bless you.

Art-in-the-Church continues Wednesdays at 3 p.m. for all ages.

The Service and Visitation at King City Lodge this month is Thursday, Nov. 26 at 2 p.m., meeting at the church for car-pooling at 1:30 p.m. Join us and be blessed while blessing others.

Christmas sharing continues: donations of food and clothing continue to be collected in the narthex for the KT Food Bank and for Evangel Hall. Winter is around the corner and warm clothing and personal care items are needed. The donations to "Give a Mug a Hug" for Evangel Hall are growing! All need to be in by Dec. 13. Mugs and \$5 Tim Hortons or McDonald's gift cards. The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes were filled, returned and picked up. Thanks to all.

The CiK (Christmas in King) Christmas Hamper Boxes need to be filled and returned by this Sunday, Nov. 29. They will be delivered to the "North Pole" before distribution at the Food Bank centres. There will be an open house on Dec. 4 in the afternoon at the Pole. More information to follow.

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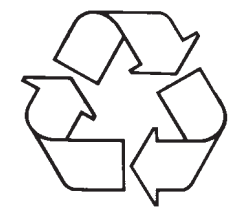
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# Key infrastructure programs under way in York Region

Over the next 10 years, York Region is on track to deliver \$2.3 billion in environmental infrastructure across all nine area municipalities.

"York Region works closely with our municipalities to ensure infrastructure is in place for their communities," said York Region chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "Keep-

ing essential projects moving forward while maintaining a high degree of environmental and public health protection helps ensure growth outlined in the Regional Official Plan is supported."

The Environmental Services Capital Infrastructure Status Update details the current stage of key infrastructure projects and provides information on the status of the capital program. This complex program consists of more than 140 projects, including:

- Duffin Creek Plant Stage 1 & 2 upgrades, \$241.7 million.
- Leslie Street Sewage Pumping Station, \$31 million.
- Kennedy Road Watermain, \$75 million.
- Humber Sewage Pumping Station electrical upgrades, \$3 million.
- York Durham Sewage System connection to Queensville Holland Landing Sharon, \$114 million.

"This report provides essential information for our municipal planning departments as they are first to answer questions from residents and businesses wishing to relocate to their communities," said Town of Georgina regional councillor Danny Wheeler,

chair of environmental services. "A strong collaborative effort between York Region and the municipalities ensures planned growth can occur, according to schedule."

As York Region's population grows, the water and wastewater system must be able to accommodate increasing numbers. Priority projects are

identified and the timing of these projects is aligned to deliver the required capacity to service growth.

Other environmental initiatives such as the Capital Infrastructure Status Update report provided in April and information on York Region water and wastewater capital infrastructure projects can be found on york.ca.

## Yule Market at All Saints Church

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December 12 is the Christmas Potluck with our special visit from Santa followed by a Christmas program by the Youth. Come for 5 p.m. The sign up sheet is in the narthex.

The Family Christmas Eve Candlelight Service is at 7 p.m. Join us with your entire family for a beautiful, traditional service on the eve of Christmas.

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All Saints Anglican Church  
By Peggy Belcher

Our annual Yule Market is on this Saturday, Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will have lots of vendors, a big bake table and a delicious lunch. Why not make a day of it and visit the art sale at the King Township Heritage and Cultural Centre (the Museum) and Kingcrafts Sale.

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# Schomberg dog takes on his most difficult task

By Jake Courtepatte

Man's best friend is doing just that in a move from Schomberg to Newfoundland – being a friend for those with addictions in need.

Bear, a chocolate brown Labradoodle about one year old, has gone to his new home at the Hope Valley Centre in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland, as part of their new animal program.

“One of the things that we’ve always talked about was having an on-site dog,” said Lesley McRae, addiction counselor/referral co-ordinator for Central Health Authority. “Some people may describe it as pet therapy, but it’s actually a therapy dog program.”

The centre is the home for young people facing addictions. McRae will be Bear’s handler.

“If someone is feeling lonely and isolating themselves, Bear will be someone that wants to go in there and get that person out of their bedroom or feeling a bit better, a bit happier. If we have someone that’s on the other side of the scale, that’s really hyper and a lot of energy, Bear’s going to try to bring them down a level.”

She began her research last November, coming across an agency in British Columbia called Citadel Canine Society, and has since worked with them to bring to fruition what she believes to be the first full-time, in-house resident therapy dog.

Until now, Bear’s home has been Ruffsport, located in Schomberg, a facility that offers training, a kennel, and an entertaining live show and service that has been seen at the Schomberg Fair and around the country.

“He’s just so eager to learn and full of energy,” said McRae. “He’s a really happy pup.”

The facility is a leader in “positive reinforcement” dog training, a friendly, non-punitive method of teaching your dog to perform behaviours using food, treats or other positive actions as a reward.

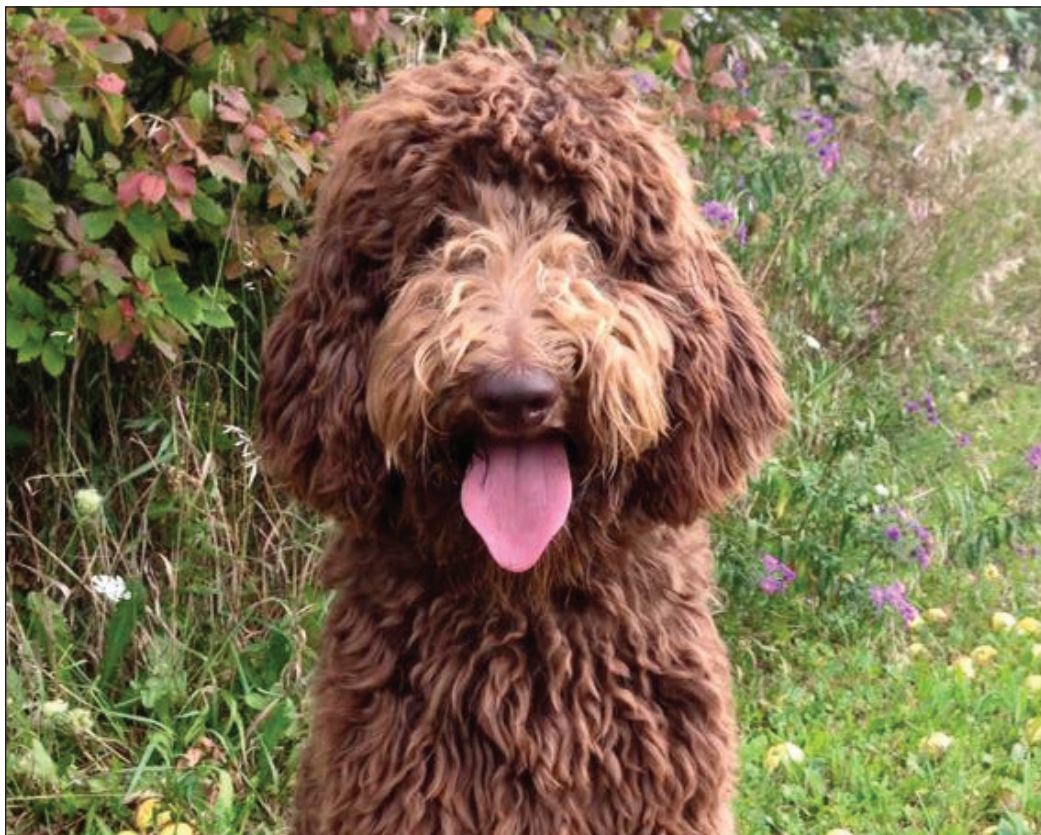
Russ Bricker of Ruffsport said positive reinforcement is crucial in creating a strong bond between human and dog.

“Not only does it teach your dog what behavior you’re looking for in a positive manner, it also helps in gaining a trust with the dog and one that can translate to all humans that treat

them the same way.”

The Hope Valley Centre provides services for those ages twelve to eighteen, only unveiled earlier this year.

Bear will live on the grounds and have his own space. He is at his new home in Newfoundland.



Bear, a therapy dog, left Ruffsport in Schomberg to go to his new home at the Hope Valley Youth Treatment Centre in Newfoundland.

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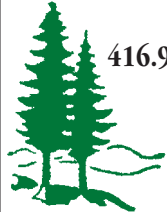
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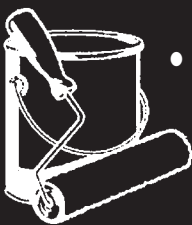
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