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Man suffers serious head injuries in collision

By Mark Pavilons

The new year started off with tragedy for a York Region man.

Investigators with the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit are seeking witnesses and security camera video following a serious collision involving a snowmobile in King Township.

On Sunday, Jan. 3 at 4:06 a.m., York Regional Police responded to a serious collision on a rural property located in the area of Keele Street and Strawberry Lane. Investigators believe that a 36-year-old man from the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville was riding a snowmobile on the property when, for reasons still under investigation, he struck a boat that was stored on the property. The rider suffered life-threatening injuries and was taken to hospital where he remains.

He was apparently thrown from the snowmobile and alcohol may have been a factor.

York Regional Police is asking anyone with information to contact the Major Collision Investigation Unit by calling 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7704, or to call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com, or text your tip by sending TIPYORK and your message to CRIMES (274637) starting with the word YORK.



Remember ice storm of 2013?

King was among several communities that suffered damage during the ice storm of 2013. Cleanup lasted well into 2014. The province finally released details of the final payments to municipalities that submitted claims and King will receive the remaining funds in the coming months. Turn to Page 3 for the full details.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

Monday, January 11, 2016

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, January 25, 2016

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

- Consideration of 2016 Budgets & Business Plans for Adoption
- Consideration of Provision of Parkland or Money In Lieu of Parkland or Other Public Recreational Purposes By-law
- Public Meeting Re: Zoning By-law Amendment Application File No Z-2015-10
Property: 2585 King Road, King City
Owner(s): Township of King

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Taxation & Assessment Analyst (closes January 7th)
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- Summer Aquatics (various)
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- Cold Creek Site Operator (6 month contract)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE - UPCOMING MEETINGS

2016 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN

Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City, ON

RE: Consideration of By-law for Adoption of 2016 Budgets & Business Plan
Adoption of 2015/2016 Water & Wastewater Rates By-law
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 as of Thursday, January 21, 2016.

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

Allan Evelyn, Director of Finance and Treasurer, aevelyn@king.ca
Jeff Parks, Manager of Budgets and Accounting, 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 MEETING

Re: Provision of Parkland or Money In Lieu of Parkland or Other Public Recreational Purposes By-law

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will consider a staff report and Draft By-law regarding adopting a new Township of King Provision of Parkland or Money In Lieu of Parkland or Other Public Recreational Purposes By-law Pursuant to the Provisions of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13 on:

Monday, January 25, 2016

**in the
Council Chambers
2075 King Road
King City, ON**

Information and copies of the staff report will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 21st 2016.

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

REMINDERS

Christmas Tree Pickup

Christmas trees will be picked up on **Monday, January 11th, 2016 only**. Please remove all decorations, nails, tree stands and plastic tree bags. Crews will not dig out a tree or climb a snow bank to retrieve one, and trees over 6 feet in height must be cut in pieces.

PUBLIC NOTICES



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold a public meeting on:

MONDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 2016 AT 6:00 P.M.

at the **Township of King Council Chambers** at 2075 King Road, King City to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by the Township of King under Planning File number Z-2015-10, concerns a 3.90 hectare (9.65 acre) property located on the south side of King Road in the Village of King City. The property previously functioned as the Holy Name Catholic Elementary school and the school building, parking areas and other features remain on site. The Township of King has purchased the property with the intention of re-development of the property for a shared use facility as a municipal office and a police substation.

The subject property is zoned Institutional (I) by Zoning By-law 74-53, as amended. The zoning by-law amendment application proposes to add office uses for public and non-profit purposes and would amend the parking requirements of the by-law to provide for the redevelopment of the site.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of King Council to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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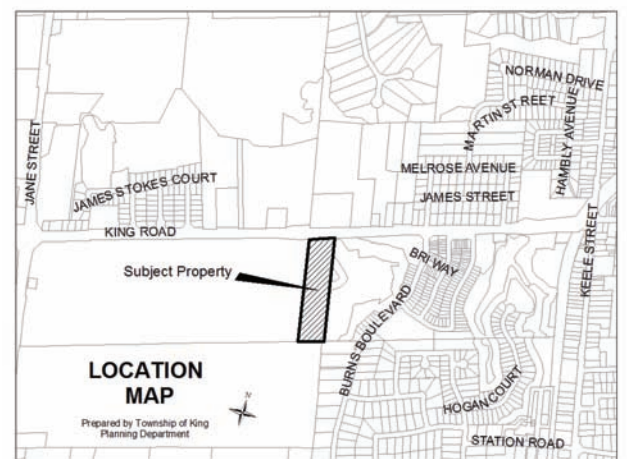
ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION relating to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, including the proposed Draft Zoning By-law for the site, is

available for inspection at the Township Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department quoting File Number Z-2015-10 at (905) 833-5321.

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING THIS 22ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 2015.

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



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

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King to get final ice storm payment

By Mark Pavilons

Ontario has now offered final payments to all municipalities and conservation authorities impacted by the December 2013 ice storm through the province's Ice Storm Assistance Program.

Ontario announced in February 2014 that it would pay 100 per cent of eligible disaster response and recovery costs to municipalities and conservation authorities severely affected by the storm. The province immediately began working with municipalities and conservation authorities to obtain documentation for their claim submissions and worked closely with them through the claims process. As municipalities and conservation authorities completed their submissions, the province offered interim and final payments beginning in February 2015. Ontario worked with some municipalities until December 2015 to help finalize more complex claims.

The Township of King incurred \$226,576.84 in eligible ice storm-related costs. On May 27, 2015, King was issued an interim payment for \$76,310.67, so the final payment will represent the remainder amount.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini said he received verbal confirmation from ministry personnel that 86.6% (\$226,576 of \$261,532) of King's submission has been approved for reimbursement. Details will follow outlining areas of adjustment.

"To be honest, I am delighted we are receiving this money as the alternative was not as appealing," Pellegrini said.

York Region is receiving \$2,239,631.28 from the province to cover eligible response and recovery costs that were incurred as a result of the 2013 ice storm, such as setting up warming centres, and the cleanup of debris.

According to Conrad Spezowka, spokesperson with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, as part of the review process, ministry staff worked with claimants to give them the opportunity to provide all evidence they had to justify their claim.

"We want to reimburse 100 per cent of eligible costs. If the final set of claimants can provide further or additional necessary documentation before final payment are issued, the province will consider the additional documentation. We will continue to work with claimants who have outstanding questions before issuing final payments," he said.

Every municipality and conservation authority who submitted a claim received interim and final payment offers. In total, 58 claims were received and the province is providing more than \$131 million in financial assistance. Ontario is committed to working with municipalities who may have outstanding questions about their final payment offers.

The Ice Storm Assistance Program is a one-time disaster relief program for the December 2013 ice storm. It focuses on costs related to the immediate

emergency response, such as setting up warming centres, and the subsequent cleanup of debris necessary to protect public safety.

The province issued interim payments to eligible claimants of about one-third of the claimed amount in advance of a completed review.

Ontario will be reimbursed by the federal government for a portion of the eligible response and recovery costs under the Disaster Financial Assistance Arrangements.

The ice storm caused widespread damage and blackouts across southern, western and eastern Ontario. At the peak of the storm, over 800,000 hydro customers were without power.

"Our government has remained committed to providing assistance to those municipalities and conservation authorities that were severely impacted by the December 2013 ice storm. We will continue to stand with our cities, towns and citizens when they are in great need," said Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

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Tuesday, January 19TH From 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
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The Acid Test: When should a senior driver hand over their keys?

Monday, January 25TH From 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Our favourite retired Police Sergeant Bob Patterson is back to talk the straight goods on when it's time to let someone else take the wheel.



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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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~ Frank B. Kellogg

Trying to remain positive throughout 2016

As we jump, feet-first, into 2016, we should all remain positive.

At least, that's the idea.

My wife explained to me that those who maintain a positive outlook tend to excel in both their careers and family life.

I fully appreciate the sentiment and I understand the glee vs. doom scenario. We all want things to turn out well.

I agree there's really no sense in dwelling on the negative, or the dark aspects of our world and society. That's counter-productive to say the least.

So, as I prepare myself, from my fingers to my toes, to be a happier, more positive me in 2016, I have to shake off some of those cobwebs and daily doses of doom and gloom.

But the problem is, around every corner, in every new challenge, there is potential for mayhem, or at least a frown or two.

The study that made the news Monday morning, as many went back to work after the holidays, was another letdown.

A review of top CEO salaries in Canada revealed that those high-paid leaders made more by lunch time than most of us do in a year. That made my tuna salad and carrot sticks simply scrumptious, let me tell you.

The study, by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, look at salaries of 100 top CEOs, who earned an average



Mark Pavilons

of roughly \$9 million each in 2014. Top of the list was the CEO for BlackBerry, who pulled in just under \$90 million.

Can you imagine making \$50,000 by the time you sat down for lunch each day! It's almost mind-boggling to say the least.

While I fully understand the intricacies of modern economics and our market-driven corporate world, I really can't fathom how anyone – and I mean anyone – is worth that kind of money.

John Wayne's net worth before his

death was \$50 million. Sylvester Stallone cleaned animal cages before he made it big. Babe Ruth was paid \$75,000 with New York in 1932. Our prime minister currently rakes in a little over \$325,000.

There's no question today's top CEOs, movie stars, entertainers and sports stars had a great holiday season and look forward to 2016.

As I contend with an oil leak in my 2002 Buick and sit down to figure out a bill payment schedule this year, others are quite gleeful as the new year unfolds.

I will endeavour to keep a smile on my face and even laugh every chance I get.

In fact, the restful holidays did teach me a few things.

I actually had a few chances to really enjoy my family members, when they weren't off Face-timing or Xboxing. It was nice to relax and enjoy their company and share some great meals and laughs together. To me, that was almost worth more than those top salaries – almost!

For a time, a few days anyway, there was world peace within our homes. There was an opportunity to escape, too.

Maybe you watched a Harry Potter marathon on the Space channel, or caught the new Star Wars movie. Maybe you enjoyed a family game night. My youngest couldn't wait to get out the whipped cream and have us test our luck at Pie Face! It was a lot of fun, albeit a bit sticky.

More than likely we enjoyed all of our favourite foods and rich desserts that we avoid during the year. Time for those annual diets! I'm there will bells on, hence the aforementioned carrot sticks.

This year will be like most others – filled with triumphs, tribulations, hurdles, joys and victories.

The key, I think, is to accept each as they come. When it rains, we grab an umbrella and when the sun shines brightly, we put on sunglasses.

We can do both with a smile or a frown, a limp or a spring in our step.

The choice is ours.

Good luck to all in 2016!

Letter to the Editor

KRA clarifies petition results

After reading the article on the public planning meeting held Dec. 7 concerning an application to amend the Official Plan for 22 and 32 Snowberry Lane in Kingscross Estates, we feel it is necessary to clear up several issues that were not well understood at the meeting. The opposition to the application is significant.

First of all, the article states that Kingscross Ratepayers' Association (KRA) has obtained signed petitions "from roughly 50% of the households ..." to oppose the plan. In fact, we stated that we had petitions from 102 of 175 residences which is roughly 60% of the households, not 50% (103 counting the household who was afraid of the applicant and would not allow their petition to be handed in). Incidentally, the total number of residences includes vacant homes and homes under construction which are not occupied, so that the percentage would be higher if that were taken into account.

However, the important comparison is that 186 residents' signatures, whom are opposed to the application, were collected, well over three times the 60 signatures the applicant collected in support of the severance.

In addition, KRA carefully kept track of signatures so that we could say how many homes were represented (102/103) and obtained a maximum of two signatures per household.

Council was not told how many households were represented by the applicant's 60 signatures, how many signatures per household the applicant collected, or whether signatures were submitted in respect of houses under construction. Suffice it to say that the neighbourhood is overwhelmingly opposed to the proposal.

Secondly, the applicants seem to have created the impression that there is precedent for severances by referencing lots created prior to the current Official Plan. To clarify, this is not an application for a severance. The present application is for an Official Plan amendment permitting a lot just over 1.5 acres and two others well under two acres.

The correct question is, "has there ever been an Official Plan amendment permitting smaller lots?"

The answer is no.

Leslie Whicher
Co-Chair

Kingscross Ratepayers' Association

King residents boost World Vision

By Mark Pavilons

King residents are quite generous in supporting the needy around the world.

Last year, Ontarians purchased 24,000 essential items from the World Vision Gift Catalogue – tangible donations for children and families in developing countries like livestock, clean water, access to education and medical supplies. This shows the value people have to help others, especially over the holiday season.

Charitable gifts, a donation you make is someone's name and give them as a gift, is an increasingly popular holiday tradition, and a great way to honour the big-hearted person on your gift list.

In King, 45 people donated a total of \$9,600 worth of life-changing items.

By comparison, in Bolton, 40 people gave \$9,200.

A recent survey by Ipsos Reid shows that residents of Ontario prefer to give a meaningful gift that would help someone in need (75%).

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Brainteaser



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King Township Trivia

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

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a) Yes	<div style="background-color: black; width: 10%; height: 15px;"></div>	9%
b) No	<div style="background-color: black; width: 85%; height: 15px;"></div>	91%

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

Are you optimistic about 2016?

a) Yes
b) No

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Ontario responds to the refugee crisis

By Dr. Helena Jacek
MPP, Oak Ridges-Markham

Along with many of you, I watched as our Premier Kathleen Wynne joined our Prime Minister Justin Trudeau at Pearson International Airport to welcome the first plane of refugees from Syria. It was a wonderful moment that showed the world the very best of who we are as Canadians.

The arrival of the first plane was symbolic for Ontario, as our province has been working to ensure a

seamless, co-ordinated and appropriate support for refugees settling here.

Ontario has been a welcoming and inclusive place for people fleeing war, famine, persecution and other tragic circumstances to build a new life for themselves and their families. We support the federal government's plan to welcome 25,000 Syrian refugees to Canada by the end of February, and we are looking forward to welcoming many of those refugees here in Ontario.

In September of 2015 the provincial government announced \$8.5 mil-



Dr. Helena Jacek
Minister of Community
and Social Services
MPP Oak Ridges-Markham

flux of refugees to Ontario.

Coordinating all of these services is going to require a lot of collaboration, not just with our federal and municipal partners, but within our own government as well.

I was honoured to be asked to serve on the Ontario Government Ministers' Ad Hoc Committee on Refugees. The committee is jointly chaired by the Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade, Michael Chan, and the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, Dr. Eric Hoskins. This committee has been tasked with overseeing ongoing efforts and coordinating a cross-government response to prepare for incoming refugees. This group will work closely with the federal government to determine how Ontario can best support a national plan for refugee settlement.

I am thrilled to be a part of this committee and to assist the refugee settlement effort in any way that I can.

On Dec. 6, 2015, I was pleased to join Dr. Jane Philpott, our federal Minister of Health and MP for Markham Stouffville, at the Mindtech Montessori School in Markham to discuss the Syrian refugee settlement plans. This was a well-attended committee event that demonstrated the commitment of York Region agencies and community members to assist refugees who are settling in our province.

For those interested in assisting the settlement of refugees, the province is encouraging Ontarians to post or find opportunities at SPARK Ontario, <http://www.findmyspark.ca/warmwelcome>. You can also find out more by visiting Ontario.ca/syrianrefugees.

I'm proud to be part of a government that has committed itself to making Ontario a welcoming and inclusive society. It is this sort of compassion and embracing of our cultural diversity that defines us as both Ontarians and Canadians, and I look forward to working together with all of our partners on this very important issue.

Reflecting on 2015 - looking ahead to 2016

Efforts take time to bear fruit

By Debbie Schaefer
Ward 5 Councillor



Looking back is a very sobering exercise.

So much of where I and other council members focus our energy and time is not at all evident on the ground; it has not yet come to life. The product of our work is on paper, in draft plans, in policies. With a great leap of faith in the future I can imagine walking or driving in my community in 10 years and being able to say "wow ... that really was a great bold decision in 2015" but today it's a policy.

I am extremely pleased about the progress being made to revise our Official Plan, and I am equally pleased how much community members are participating. Now that I understand what is involved in this exercise I can see why less courageous and determined councils did not take this on over the last 30

years! Completing this exercise and the zoning by-law review cannot happen fast enough as the "weaknesses" in the current policies do threaten our communities. And gaps, such as defining where intensification in our villages is to occur and how much, creates more hurdles for good development as each one needs to start with the fundamental question as to whether intensification at that specific site is appropriate, etc. Furthermore, it creates uncertainty for the whole community.

Over the last couple years, staff has led development of several master plans. They are not collecting dust on a shelf; throughout 2015 council heard updates and our 2016 budget is informed by them.

A Trails Master plan was completed with significant community engagement. I have felt very satisfied when we approve new plans or receive updates as I believe we are providing a worthwhile road map for King's evolution. But, there is one exception - our transportation master plan, even though it is very comprehensive and has been done with integrity. Due to the reality of jurisdictions the most significant issue currently and in the future is not really being addressed: King Road traffic. York Region (YR) has several projects to provide some remediation but clearly, the long sought bypass is the only solution. YR is assessing options for a new east/west corridor; depending on option selected it could serve as a bypass. I anticipate this to be one of our difficult issues in 2016 as the latter will likely involve building new infrastructure in environmentally sensitive lands.

In 2015 I had the pleasure of seeing actions from the Economic Development Strategy, specifically the Community Improvement Plans (CIP). Businesses applied for and received grants for façade improvements, new signage and repurposing of designated residential heritage property in our village cores. As this was our first year to offer incentives to beautify the village cores it was particularly satisfying to see interest in the program. Outside King City's core the results of earlier decisions are now visible. On the east side, in addition to hundreds of new homes the commercial plaza is coming to life with new quality businesses. On the west side the Heritage & Cultural Centre is exploiting its new exhibition space consistent with the museum strategy we approved earlier.

Without question, a hi-light in 2015 was Magna International's decision to relocate their global headquarters to King City. The impact of such a prestigious enterprise in King is significant; the announcement itself gives King cachet. Magna's decision is particularly "sweet" as we were on a path for a development at the site which was neither consistent with our Official Plan nor our aspirations.

I am disappointed that there has been limited progress in protecting our built heritage. Although I am very satisfied that we did designate two houses on King Road when demolition was threatened the truth is that we are not, as a municipality, proactive enough on this issue. Happily I know that the Heritage Advisory Committee is not disheartened.

It's the beginning of the 2nd year of my 2nd term. It's easier with a few years of experience, but it's tougher as my aspirations as to what I would like to accomplish are more specific and perhaps a tad higher. I appreciate that my constituents have given me this opportunity. I am very fortunate to have such good colleagues on council and to be working with such high caliber staff. I am particularly glad to have such colleagues and staff as 2016 is going to be challenging. To identify a couple: we need to assess our responses to climate change (both reduction of greenhouse gases and mitigation measures); we need to make decisions about where to intensify in King City and how much. There is the complexity of dealing with uncertainty and consequences of decisions outside our sphere: as already mentioned there is the Region's interest in an additional east/west corridor; there is the uncertainty about the GTA West Corridor. There is the work already under way with reviews of Official Plan and zoning bylaw.

I am confident that we are all up to the challenges and I believe we share the motivation of knowing that we have chosen to live and/or work in a very special place and that we want it to continue being special and treasured by the next generations.

Personally my passion and interest in influencing this beautiful place through this phase of significant growth and change is not abated. I continue to value very highly engagement by community members and will continue to promote it with www.debbieschaefer.ca.

lion in new funding to support the arrival, settlement and integration of refugees in Ontario. These funds will go towards expanding culturally appropriate community based settlement services and resources as well as ensuring access to services and supports, such as mental health and trauma counselling, programs for children and youth, employment readiness services, and targeted services for women.

Ontario is working to develop a Health System Action plan and is engaging health care agencies to ensure that refugees have access to appropriate health services they may need. There is also work underway with settlement and community agencies to scale up settlement services, and emergency preparedness teams are working with organizations like the Red Cross to ensure the immediate needs of refugees are met when they arrive.

We will continue to closely work with settlement agencies, community groups, and hospitals, public health units and community centres, which are preparing for a large in-

Mayor, councillors host annual Pancake Breakfast

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini and members of council are inviting residents to the Township's annual Pancake Breakfast, to be held Saturday, Jan. 16 from 9-11 a.m. at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg. After this hearty breakfast, you can take part in a free family skate, along with Mayor Pellegrini from 11 a.m. to noon.

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Adapting to growth in King City is a challenge



By Cleve Mortelliti
Ward 1 Councillor

Reflecting on 2015 - looking ahead to 2016

One of the more significant things that will soon begin to take shape is the transformation of King City into a major transit hub at its GO Station on Keele Street, driven by the Ontario's Big Move initiative, in which they are investing billions of dollars in Metrolinx to create eventual 15-minute, 2-way electrified rail service from Toronto to Barrie. We will begin to see this transformation within a few years with the eventual full realization of this goal within 10 years, which in planning terms, is like tomorrow.

Together with this, and the provincial intensification initiatives, we will see continued efforts by the real estate and development industries to assemble lands on these two regional roads (Keele and King Road) for the purpose of creating multi-storey residential developments in close proximity to the transit infrastructure which will essentially make King City walkable from Toronto Union Station to Barrie.

For some this will be a difficult change to accept. For others it will unlock opportunity for those wishing to be less dependent on automobiles. It will create housing diversity that will make the King City market more accessible to the younger new home buyer, while also providing our aging population, who wish to downsize, more housing opportunities to stay in King City.

We will also see more attempts at severing lots in our older, legacy subdivision whose character is defined by large lots, with large frontages. This is a type of housing that is just no longer available under the provincial Places to Grow planning regime. People stay in King City, or move to King City specifically because of this character, because of the availability of this kind of housing, and these people are generally offended by attempts by speculators to sever these lots.

The Places to Grow plan, and its principles of intensification, are used by planners (hired by proponents attempting to sever their lots) as one of the key arguments to support their applications. As such a planning process has been initiated to prohibit severances in existing, old plans of subdivision and to create a coherent intensification

strategy that directs intensification in closer proximity to the transit corridor. Until this process is completed, however, these subdivisions are only protected by the current King City severance policies.

In my view, the use of "intensification" as a planning argument to sever lots within these old subdivisions is merely a convenient and disingenuous attempt to bolster the true intention which is more grounded in the personal economic benefit that results from the severance. Most people who contact me about this issue are genuinely offended by their neighbours who are doing this. Most people who have settled in these areas accept that change is inevitable, but most do not want their communities changed in this way.

Further growth pressures pressing on King City are manifesting in the growth projections for King as mandated by the province. All municipalities are required to update their official plans and to accept their share of growth. While King's overall increases are miniscule by comparison to other GTA municipalities, they do not "feel" miniscule to King. And since King City is the only village in the Township that has enough sanitary and water servicing capacity, of which is also transit supported, that growth is going to be directed here. King City's existing growth cap of 12,000 as outlined in the King City Community Plan which was approved in 2000 (16 years ago) is expected to increase to 14,000 or 15,000.

In part, what this translates to is more people, more cars, more demands and stresses on the Township, and more pressure on our aging infrastructure. Investment in all forms of infrastructure is going to be needed, particularly in outdoor and indoor recreation facilities to meet the increased demand of the increased population.

We can no longer look at King City for what it was when I was kid growing up in this town 40 years ago. Back then we were truly a rural community, surrounded by active farms, far from Toronto.

Now we are a village that is the future home of Magna International; a village that will be home to half the population of the entire Township; a village where you can walk to the train station and get on a train every 15 minutes, seven days a week and be in Toronto, or Pearson International Airport within 30 minutes. A place that will become even more coveted as a future home for thousands of new residents. A place where real estate will continue to be more expensive and more exclusive. A hub of private schools and public post secondary educational institutions.

Together with this however, we will be a Township of only 35,000 people which will have its pros and cons. The pro being limited growth, the con being that King is the largest land mass in York Region with the smallest population. Most people don't realize that with that small tax base, we have 300 kilometres of roads to maintain, among other

things like bridges, and facilities etc.

Our neighbour to the south (Vaughan) has over 300,000 people and a diverse ratio of employment and residential tax base meaning that, by direct comparison, King will continue to struggle to deliver the service level that Vaughan residents moving to King have become accustomed to. Prospective new residents, looking to move into King are advised to do so with their eyes wide open.

In terms of taxes, for estimating purposes, rule of thumb anywhere in the GTA is 1% of assessed value. And new homes are basically assessed at their purchase price. And new homes in King City are expensive. So if you paid \$1 million for your new home, expect to pay nearly \$10,000 annually in taxes. And the housing cost trend is upward, not downward.

So when people ask me, when is all this construction and growth going to stop? My answer is, whether you like it or not, whether you hate it or not, or whether you are indifferent or not, what you have seen to date is just the beginning.

King City is in the early stages of transformation. What that means to you, depends on you. If you want a quiet rural village, King City stopped being that 10 or more years ago. If this is what you want, King City will only disappoint you. If you want to live in the centre of the GTA, and be within a 10 minute walk of the Oak Ridges Moraine trails, and 20 minutes from everywhere else, 20 minutes from Toronto and the airport, and have the option to get to these places on foot, then not only is King City the place for you, it is likely going to be the place where many, many people are going to want to live.

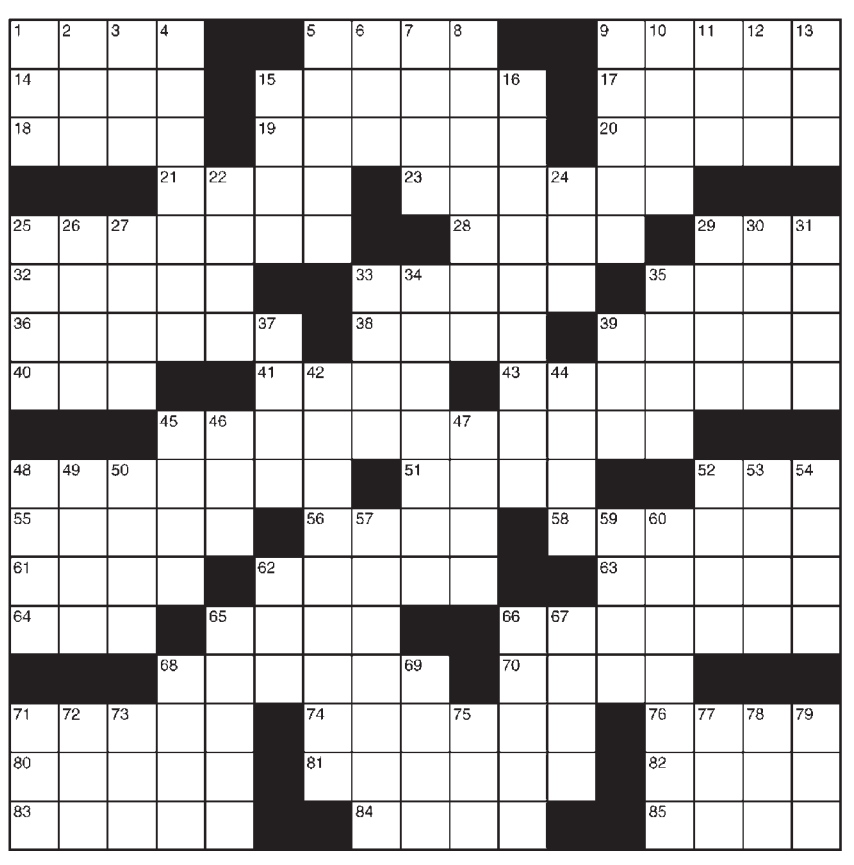
I have mixed emotions about this. I grew up surrounded by farm fields. I can remember when I all I heard in my back yard was the sound of the breeze through the trees, and the sound of birds and crickets. But my kids have opportunities that I did not, and they love this place as much as I did when I was a kid, for different reasons, but also for similar reasons. Because in the grand scheme of things, we remain a small community where they have developed life long friendships, and where I continue to have close relationships with friends that I met in Grade 3.

I don't like all the cars, the noise and the traffic congestion that we see now, but I am excited by the prospect of being able to take a train to a Leaf or Blue Jays game in Toronto any day of the week. I am excited that a great new grocery store and an LCBO are opening soon, and I am excited by all the neat new shops and restaurants that are popping up in King City. And I am excited by what Magna means for the future of King City, and to the Township as a whole.

More than any other village in the Township, King City stands on the frontier of major change, and I remain optimistic, and committed to making it the best it can possibly be.

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- ACROSS**
- 1. Egress
 - 5. Blunt
 - 9. Leather band
 - 14. Besides
 - 15. "Candid ____"
 - 17. "The Paper ____"
 - 18. Frost
 - 19. Request
 - 20. Should
 - 21. Muzzle part
 - 23. ____ test (revealing measure)
 - 25. Woman of means
 - 28. Shipshape
 - 29. Note ven
 - 32. Take advantage of
 - 33. Distrustful
 - 35. Certain
 - 36. Croquet need
 - 38. Sign
 - 39. Group of twelve
 - 40. Moose's cousin
 - 41. Plucked instrument
 - 43. Expression of regret
 - 45. Secret
 - 48. Bedazzle
 - 51. Emit strong smells
 - 52. Lily leaf
 - 55. Cleanser ingredient
 - 56. Desktop image
 - 58. Adjust
 - 61. Stench
 - 62. Tennis or hockey
 - 63. Revolt
 - 64. Novel
 - 65. Garden vegetable
 - 66. Stir
 - 68. Mexican celebration
 - 70. Alliance
 - 71. Munchhausen's title
 - 74. Wig
 - 76. Bigwig
 - 80. Toss
 - 81. Beat in a marathon
 - 82. Turkish official
 - 83. Digging tool
 - 84. Hotel unit
 - 85. Tariff
 - DOWN**
 - 1. Auditory organ
 - 2. Caesar's 41
 - 3. Belief
 - 4. Foot-digit part
 - 5. Smoked-salmon garnish
 - 6. Strike caller
 - 7. Movie spool
 - 8. Apprentice
 - 9. Kit Carson, e.g.
 - 10. In this way
 - 11. Scrap of cloth
 - 12. Blond shade
 - 13. Fido or Felix
 - 15. Legal matter
 - 16. Substitute
 - 22. Eye rudely
 - 24. Has permission
 - 25. Feminine title
 - 26. Oblong
 - 27. Stroll
 - 29. Athens a peritif
 - 30. Sediment
 - 31. Holdback
 - 33. Feudal title
 - 34. Royal ruler
 - 35. Kind of flatfish
 - 37. "Younger ____ Springtime"
 - 39. Put on
 - 42. Italian first course
 - 44. Rocky Mountain animal
 - 45. Burn
 - 46. Slack
 - 47. Dispatched
 - 48. Black, to poets
 - 49. Lymph ____
 - 50. Boast
 - 52. Insect stage
 - 53. Dill herb
 - 54. Printer's term
 - 57. Sheet type
 - 59. Tom, Dick, and Harry, e.g.
 - 60. Wacky
 - 62. Comprehend
 - 65. Bout
 - 66. At right angles to
 - 67. Narrow valley
 - 68. Loving
 - 69. Convertible, e.g.
 - 71. "____ Daughter" (Stanwyck film)
 - 72. Heidi's peak
 - 73. River inlet
 - 75. Expert
 - 77. Aussie avian
 - 78. Tiny island
 - 79. Dull

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ASK hosts community group session

Join Arts Society King as they welcome the township's community groups Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the former Holy Name School in King City, Library Room (lots of parking available). Participants are asked to bring your group's special event dates for 2016 and ASK can promote in MOSAiC magazine and help generate a unified community calendar. It's an opportunity to network with your friends and colleagues and enjoy a special presentation by the King Parks, Recreation & Culture Department who will be putting together a special events strategy and seeking community feedback.

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NCC asking commuters to help save Happy Valley Forest

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is appealing to the public to help them save the Happy Valley Forest in King – a forest familiar to commuters in the over 100,000 Highway 400 cars that drive through it every day.

The Happy Valley Forest helps remove air pollutants and particulate matter from the atmosphere, and its trees act as an enormous carbon sink sucking up CO₂ from vehicles traveling through it on Highway 400. The average commuting car emits approximately 4.7 tonnes of in CO₂ emissions every year.

NCC estimates that the trees in and around the Happy Valley Forest are currently storing more than 1.5 million tonnes of CO₂ and remove roughly 5,600 tonnes of CO₂ from the surrounding atmosphere every year – the equivalent to the average emissions of approximately 1,190 cars. The Happy Valley Forest also helps remove carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and sulphur dioxides from the air, thus helping local citizens breathe easier.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada, a not-for-profit charity, has negotiated deals to acquire and preserve two crucial sites in the heart of the forest, and put in place plans to raise nearly \$5 million to purchase and manage them. NCC will acquire these important lands in stages, but must have all funds raised or pledged by February 2016 to move forward with the acquisitions.

To date, nearly 50% of the funds have been donated or pledged. NCC invites Highway 400 commuters (and their friends and family) to think of offsetting their cars' emissions by helping to conserve one of the last great natural spaces left in the GTA.

“Climate change and carbon emissions are global problems with local solutions. Forest conservation is one of the ways people can help – and today we are giving commuters a chance to directly contribute, by helping to protect the Happy Valley Forest,” said Mark Stabb, Central Ontario program director for the NCC. “This is our best – and possibly our only – opportunity to see these properties conserved for the benefit of nature and for all Canadians.”

“Tens of thousands of commuters drive through this forest every day, unaware that it is helping to offset the pollution caused by their vehicles. The Nature Conservancy of Canada has made conservation of the Happy Valley Forest

a priority because of this ecological service and because of its remarkable biodiversity. It's on the doorstep of Toronto, an area facing increasing pressures from all of us who live and work here. This is a true forest gem of the GTA, and it's important that we set aside the best of the best for the sake of our kids and grandkids,” said James Duncan, regional vice-president, Ontario for NCC.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada has been working to conserve the forest over the past 15 years, and has helped assemble 629 acres (254 hectares) of protected land that is open to the public for low impact activities, such as hiking. The latest properties targeted for protection, known as Glen Echo and Deep Woods, total 145 acres (59 hectares) in the heart of the forest. Once acquired they will create protected corridors, forever linking several other properties that have already been conserved.

The Happy Valley Forest is home to 110 breeding bird species – including nationally significant species like Acadian flycatcher and cerulean warbler – as well as a magnificent array of salamanders, wildflowers, and small mammals.

The Happy Valley Forest also holds special cultural significance, given its association with the Toronto Carrying-place, a historic portage and travel route for First Nations peoples and early European settlers.

The Happy Valley Forest contains old-growth hardwood forest conditions at a scale that exists nowhere else on the western Oak Ridges Moraine or within the GTA.

The Happy Valley Forest contributes important ecological goods and services to King Township, and the greater Toronto area as a whole. The forest shelters the headwaters of streams that flow north into Lake Simcoe and south into Lake Ontario. It also provides opportunities for outdoor recreation and education for people wanting to connect with nature in a wilderness setting.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada is the nation's leading land conservation organization, working to protect our most important natural areas and the species they sustain. Since 1962 NCC and its partners have helped to protect more than 1.1 million hectares (2.7 million acres) coast to coast. The Nature Conservancy of Canada has conserved over 74,000 hectares (184,000 acres) in Ontario. For more information visit: www.natureconservancy.ca/on.

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To learn more about these projects or how to donate, contact Dana Kleniewski

at 1-800-465-0029 ext. 2246 or email ontario@natureconservancy.ca.



Pickering College students challenge their capabilities through outdoor education

Middle School students recently participated in a mitten-making workshop, crafting mittens from wool and deer hide. The workshop helped students to gain a greater appreciation for hand-crafting as well as for Canada's First Nations people. This workshop became a jumping off point to explore First Nations topics in Art and in History to deepen students' understanding. These mittens will keep students warm during the Grade 8 trip to St. Donat, Quebec (January) and during the Middle School's dogsledding trip (February) as well as help them to develop confidence, skill and an awareness of what they are capable of making with their own hands.



Not all lessons can be learned inside the classroom. Whether it's learning to snowshoe or navigating rapids on a fast-flowing river, outdoor education gives students the opportunity to challenge their physical and mental capabilities outside of the typical sports realm.

Experiential learning is a key part of Pickering College's Global Leadership Program, ensuring students at every grade level immerse themselves in opportunities that support global competencies in every facet of their school experience.

At Pickering College's outdoor education centre, Blue and Silver, children have dedicated space to explore the outdoors and familiarize themselves with the natural world, through nature walks, snowshoeing and outdoor photography sessions. Students learn basic orienteering skills, how to identify animal species and habitats as well as different varieties of trees and basic survival skills.

Beyond the centre, Pickering College



uses additional local resources such as Seneca College's King Campus. Each fall, students in Grades 4 to 6 participate in a day of outdoor team building. Through large group games, canoeing and high ropes challenge courses, the students learn the importance of following

Experiential education

instruction and working together.

“Engaging, hands-on experiences are an important part of learning at Pickering College,” says Alex Au Yong, Junior School teacher. “Teachers had some great moments getting to know students outside the classroom and students loved being hoisted high into the air by their friends on the high ropes structures.”

Overnight camping experiences begin in Grade 4 with a trip to Bark Lake Leadership Centre. In Grade 9, students spend three nights at Camp Tawingo in Huntsville and in Grade 11, Geography students can take a three-day camping and canoeing trip in Killarney Provincial Park.

In addition, the Grade 11 health and physical education students travel to Quebec for a weekend of white-water rafting. After extensive instruction and the experience from two days on the Ottawa River, the students gain a unique appreciation for the power of nature and a genuine understanding of what it is like to “live in the moment.”

“I learned that teamwork was key, and that everyone relies on each other to keep the boat upright and moving,” says Hannah Floyd, Grade 11. “Keeping a positive attitude was also a major part of this trip because it did get quite scary at times. You could never really tell what everyone was thinking as you headed into the next set of rapids. It was great to try something new, and to be a part of such a great experience.”

Just because it's now the winter season, doesn't mean Pickering College takes a break from outdoor education.

In fact, one of the year's most exciting student excursions takes place in February. Senior School students (Grades 9 to 12) have the opportunity to challenge themselves both mentally and physically by working in teams, dogsledding in Algonquin Park. A dogsledding excursion (two days, one night) just for Middle School students (Grades 7 and 8) is also planned.

“Students have a natural desire for adventure,” says Tom Lewis, outdoor education specialist at Pickering College. “Outdoor education provides a wonderful and unique opportunity for students to expand their comfort zones within a challenging – yet supportive and safe – environment.”

Lewis says students are responsible for feeding and maintaining both their team of dogs and themselves for the four-day, three-night winter camping excursion. They bring their own food and are tasked with collecting and purifying lake water for drinking.

“What's great about this trip is you're doing an activity that has not really changed for hundreds of years. It really takes things back to a basic level,” says Lewis. “When you see the students come back on day four, they have a real sense of accomplishment and satisfaction. This kind of learning outside the classroom is something students never forget.”

As active participants in the Duke of Edinburgh program, Pickering College students may count the Senior School dogsledding excursion as a Gold-level expedition (provided the required pre-trips have been completed) or towards the achievement of the Bronze and Silver levels.

Throughout the year, Pickering College's faculty tie their classroom lessons to outdoor education, whenever possible. For instance, in Grade 5 French, students compiled a field guide based on what they saw at Blue and Silver. And in Grade 3, students collected and identified the different types of soil they had studied in science.

Through Pickering's outdoor education program, every student in every grade has the opportunity to participate in experiential learning and to become good stewards of the environment. “For the students to become leaders in an outdoor setting, they need the background education and we can provide that,” says Lewis.

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Recommendations for agri-food sector welcomed

By Mark Pavilons

Ontario's Agri-Food Growth Steering Committee released its recommendations at the 11th annual Premier's Summit on Agri-Food recently and it's receiving a positive response.

The Agri-Food Growth Steering Committee, comprised of leaders and experts in industry and government, was appointed last year by Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Minister Jeff Leal, who tasked the committee with developing the recommendations.

The recommendations focus on three key areas:

Increased government and industry promotion of Ontario's agri-food sector at home and abroad.

Stronger advocacy of Ontario's food processing sector, particularly at the federal level.

A focus on medium-sized agri-food businesses to enhance competitiveness.

In 2013, Premier Kathleen Wynne challenged the sector to double its annual growth rate and create 120,000 new jobs by 2020. The committee's recommendations, which were presented at this year's summit, will help the sector meet the Premier's Agri-Food Challenge.

King councillor and farmer Avia Eek admitted the agri-food sector is complicated, but one of the five priority initia-

tives listed does supporting this sector's growth.

"My experience, as a farmer, has been that important information/data etc. is not being shared as efficiently as it should be amongst all sectors, agricultural organizations, value chain partners, and government (all levels) to effect change that will result in sustained viability for Ontario agriculture. There are definite gaps in the agri-food system for making connections between processors and primary producers," she said.

"While it is important to our economy to be participants in trade, we must be mindful of the fact that our food production is recognized for the quality and safety of our best farm management/practices. I am pleased that this committee recognizes that while there are opportunities for growth in the agri-food sector, there are also gaps, and barriers that must be addressed in order for us to be competitive and viable in the global marketplace.

"My observation is that, for the most part, these recommendations also align with some of the tasks identified in the Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Action Plan, 2021. In our Plan (which can be found at www.foodandfarming.ca) five main actions were identified. They include Grow the Cluster (the Golden Horseshoe is the second largest food cluster in North America, and

is comprised of the Regions of York, Durham, Halton, Peel, Niagara and the Cities of Toronto and Hamilton); Link Food, Farming and Health; Foster Innovation; Enable the Cluster; and Cultivate New Approaches."

Supporting a strong and innovative agri-food industry is part of the government's four-part plan to build Ontario up by investing in people's talents and skills, making the largest investment in

public infrastructure in Ontario's history, creating a dynamic, innovative environment where business thrives, and building a secure retirement savings plan.

Ontario's agri-food sector supports farmers, agri-food businesses, communities and the overall economy — employing more than 781,000 Ontarians and contributing over \$35 billion to the province's economy.

Investing in food projects

Ontario is investing in Oak Ridges-Markham based local food projects through The Local Food Fund to help support innovative projects that increase demand and sales of Ontario food, stimulate private sector investment and strengthen Ontario's agri-food sector.

King Cole Ducks Ltd. of Newmarket will receive up to \$149,875 to help support their "Local Food Promotion in York Region" project, which will help promote their retail outlet as a local food hub and increase their profile in the Ontario supply chain. The company will hold in-store and interactive campaigns, create a media campaign to promote the new store and brand, host post-secondary and community collaborations and events and invest in a new demo kitchen.

Markham's Top Tomato Foods Ltd. will receive up to \$56,250 to retrofit an existing building with improved, eco-friendly cooling and icing equipment. The retrofit will help improve production, increase harvest yields, and act as a hub for other farms to get their products into the supply chain. It is expected that produce shipments will double by approximately 4,000 cases weekly, enabling retailers to carry local produce throughout the season. Six jobs will be created and 10 will be retained.

Markham and East York Agricultural Society will receive up to \$23,257 to support their "Our Local Food" project that includes the purchase of a portable local food demonstration kitchen for use at local festivals, events and fairs.

"It is great to see Ontario investing in local food production companies in my riding of Oak Ridges-Markham. These investments to local businesses support our farmers, our communities, our economy and assist in creating and supporting local jobs," said Dr. Helena Jacek, MPP for Oak Ridges-Markham.

Ontario's agri-food sector contributes over \$35 billion to the province's economy and supports more than 781,000 jobs.

In 2014, Ontario's total agri-food exports were \$12.5 billion.

King Township maintains healthy business climate

By Tom Allen
 President
 King Chamber of Commerce

As a Chamber of Commerce, our focus is to help businesses be sustainable. As we look back to 2015 it is great to see so many entrepreneurs and corporations have the confidence to start a business here in King.

Magna announcing it would consolidate some head office functions into King made headlines and many, many other smaller businesses started in King this past year. It is wonderful for residents of King to have local choices.

Choice is good for keeping service levels high and costs low as business focus on their best niche. If there is something you need, find the local business that provides that service in the King Business Directory that was distributed to homes in the fall (online version is available at kingchamber.ca).

While it is great to see new businesses arrive it is even better to see businesses thrive on an ongoing basis. We had many significant anniversaries in businesses in 2015 from the early like the Bank of Montreal celebrating a one year anniversary, to the career fulfilling 25th anniversary for Foley Restoration, and to the multigenerational Green Tractors, who celebrated 60 years in business. That is sustainability in action.

Looking forward to 2016 we will continue to connect people so that our local businesses thrive. Part of this support is connecting business with each other. We will have several networking opportunities this year starting with our Member Appreciation and Annual General Meeting in February and ending with our annual Business Awards Gala at the end of the year.

As well, we are looking to continue our work connecting businesses with our local government. Work continues on the Township Official Plan. We have advocated that a complete, functional, sustainable town needs a sustainable business sector to provide local service and especially local jobs. We are working with our local representatives on a series of business forums so the needs of business are well articulated to our local government.

To our local population I urge you to support your local businesses when you are shopping. To the local businesses continue to serve clients wonderfully well — that is the best way to create sustainability.



No Frills helps less fortunate

John's No Frills in Nobleton has stepped up once again to help those in need. Owner John Ciarallo donated roughly \$700 worth of products to help student mission trip volunteers from Bolton's St. Michael Catholic Secondary School this January.

The PC reusable grocery bags and PC freezer bags will be used to create care packages filled with rice, flour and sugar, donated to hundreds of migrant Haitian sugar cane workers living in harsh conditions in the Dominican Republic.

More than a dozen local students, including Lexie and Liam Hesketh-Pavilons (above), will be boosting the efforts of the missionary centre run by the Daughters of Mary (Les Filles de Marie) in El Seibo.

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The past year has been a 'stellar' one

By David Boyd
Ward 2 Councillor

Reflecting on 2015 &
looking ahead to 2016

The past year has been a significant reminder why I am proud to be a part of this outstanding community – 2015 has been a stellar year.

Personally, it was a year full of opportunity to learn, connect and build relationships. Participating in many of King's unique events and further experiencing our distinctive culture has been a highlight.

As a family, we continued to enjoy shopping local and supporting King businesses in every way possible. These are some of the moments that make small town living special – familiarity and a warm welcome mixed with genuine local flavour. We had a ton of fun discovering some of King's hidden gems and look forward to doing the same in 2016.

Our community has come together

in countless ways. I am thankful for many of the new and existing business, groups, service clubs and volunteers that inspire, influence and build community spirit. Most recently, thanks to a generous donation from the Nobleton Lions Club, three Township works vehicles have been outfitted with automated external defibrillators (AEDs). This pilot project will increase the cardiac arrest survivability rates in the area.

I have also enjoyed connecting with our local schools and liaising with school council groups. Partnership with our schools has led to an increase in participation and attendance at community events. The Township is currently working with St. Mary Catholic Elementary School to place

a "Buddy Bench" in the school yard. The Buddy Bench is part of an anti-bullying initiative designed to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. This program was made possible through a sponsorship from John's No Frills.

There has been a great deal of excitement about Tasca Park. Construction is under way for this impressive addition to the community. Drive along Parkheights Trail to see how much work has already been completed. The rebuild of the Nobleton pool house is also progressing nicely. The grand opening celebrations for these new facilities will be in spring 2016.

The assessment of the Nobleton Urban Area Zoning By-Law Review is almost complete. We have worked hard on this project and received a lot of valuable input from the community. I am pleased to see the bylaws forming into a document that will contribute to protect the integrity and feel of our existing neighbourhoods.

The traffic signals between King Road and MacTaggart Drive/Parkheights Trail have been coordinated for the morning and evening peak periods to improve the flow of traffic. I will continue to work with the Region and the York Regional Police on traffic safety initiatives in 2016. The budget review for the new year is also well underway with a strong focus on infrastructure investment.



I look forward to participating in the Nobleton Business Forum on Jan. 27. This meeting will be facilitated by King Township's Economic Development Office and the King Chamber of Commerce. The objective is to host an open discussion about sustaining economic growth and enhancing business vitality in Nobleton.

It has been a privilege to serve the residents of Nobleton and Laskay. I look forward to another year as your Councillor with enthusiasm and dedication, and appreciate the continued support and partnership. Keep up-to-date with news and events by visiting my website www.daveboyd.ca and follow the social media accounts.



Orchard planting day

The Schomberg Community Farm held a successful orchard planting recently. Fourteen apple and pear trees were planted, all native and cold hardy. The funds were generously provided by the Schomberg Village Association, and several of the directors were there to help out. Anyone interested in being part of this venture or to be a Farm sponsor, can make contact through the website at www.schombergcommunityfarm.ca.

Submitted Photos

Reflections of 2015 provide a forecast of 2016

Bill Cober
Ward 4 Councillor

Reflecting on the previous year and looking ahead at this time of year is common in all of our lives.

As we look forward to 2016, King Township continues to be a great place to live work and play.

Staff and council have started to work through our 2016 budget process. Our municipality continues to evolve with change and we as a Township must work to focus on providing our core municipal services through affordable programs and approaches. We, as a Township, continue to have a desire to enhance our commercial/industrial tax base to support our budget programs and support our residential ratepayers.

This year's budget will have a focus on our roads and bridges as they need continuous work to maintain and improve their condition. With over 300 kilometres of roads, we as a Township will always need to invest in our roads and bridges.

Volunteers provide so much to our Community here in Ward 4 and throughout our township. Supporting our volunteers and local business community who sponsor and support so many activities and events throughout the township is important for all of us here in King Township.

Recently, another record setting and successful Main Street Christmas organized by our Schomberg Village Association is a great example of our community spirit and strength.

I would like to personally like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of Ward 4 for their continuous support and partnership. I continue to enjoy supporting residents, the business community and volunteer groups with Township related inquiries and look forward to our work together in 2016.

I wish everyone a healthy, happy and prosperous 2016!



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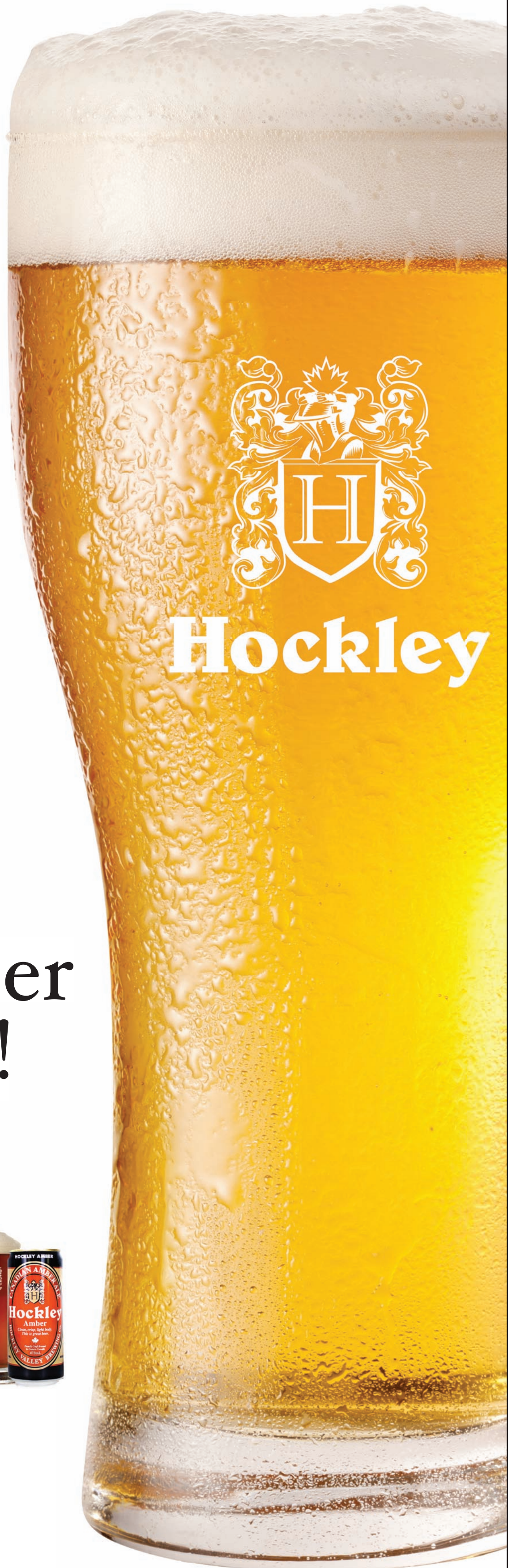
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Cougars tie one, lose one against Shamrocks

By JAKE COURTEPATTE

The Schomberg Cougars picked up one point of a possible four over a shortened holiday schedule in the GMOHL.

Meeting just days after Christmas, neither the Cougars nor the Erin Shamrocks were in a giving mood when they met at the Erin Community Centre. Six different penalties went on the board in a rough first period, leading to one Shamrock power play goal that snuck past Martin Lauzon mid-way through the frame.

More rough stuff came in the second, with Schomberg forward Mitchell Robinson picking up his second misconduct in as many games, a check from behind that sent him to the dressing room. Meanwhile, a back-and-forth period had Kiefer McIntosh and Blake Culley notch tallies for the Cougars as Erin led 4-2 at intermission.

Both Justin Formenton and Ryley Egerton, the team's highest-scoring defenceman and highest-scoring forward, spent half of the third period off the ice for inciting infractions. With their firepower limited, the Cougars

found themselves down 5-2 and running out of time, with Brendan Spencer scoring to provide what remained of the team's offence.

An empty-netter left the Cougars on the wrong end of a 6-3 score.

Cougars even things up

Back in Erin on Sunday, the Cougars skated to a 1-1 tie despite dominating the offensive play.

Alex Traikos, in his premiere between the pipes for the Cougars, shone throughout the first period in stopping all 11 Erin shots. He was matched at the other end by Shamrocks goaltender Mark Terry, who stopped 14 directed by Schomberg for a 0-0 tie after one.

Schomberg's only goal came during an 18-shot onslaught in the second period, with defenceman Linden Sturrock burying his third of the season.

Traikos's shutout bid was ended with just over 30 seconds to go in the game, when he was beat by Jesse Gunn with an extra attacker on the ice. He was even called upon to stop a penalty shot in the overtime period,

which he denied to preserve the tie.

Traikos stopped 32 of 33 shots he faced, while Terry was forced to contend with 40 shots from the Cougars.

Though giving up three of four points to a close rival can be costly, the Cougars remain in good standing in league statistics. Their 12-16-3 record ties them with the Shamrocks for sixth in the nine-team league, the upper hand given to Schomberg due to less games played.

With just over three weeks remaining on the regular season schedule, a true test of character awaits the Cougars on the upcoming schedule. Regular Thursday home games resume this week, with Schomberg hosting the Huntsville Otters at the Trisan Centre, a team looking to lock up second-place behind only the elite Alliston Hornets.

They close the week in Stayner on Sunday, facing a Siskins squad just one point up in the standings with a game in hand.

Puck drop Thursday is at 8:30 p.m.

For stats, schedules, and more information, visit www.schombergcougars.com.



The Juvenile Schomberg Red Wings capped off their season with a 4-0 shutout at Trisan Centre in late December, and are preparing for the annual Silver Stick tournament this weekend.

Juvenile Red Wings look to repeat at annual Silver Stick

By Jake Courtepatte

It took the Schomberg Red Wings three overtimes to win last year's Juvenile International Silver Stick tournament.

All the skills, stats, and standings are there again for a repeat this weekend, as the Juvies head to Mooretown for one of the grandest tournaments in North American minor hockey.

After meeting the Loyalist Jets in the C division final for the last two years, with the Jets first coming out on top, the two rivals are met by the Douro Dukes and Newcastle Stars from league play in a 10-team tournament.

Tournament director Rick Harris said the tournament is "something to look forward to every year," and always provides a "great competitive environment."

Red Wings head coach Bruce Leonard said his team is also preparing for the Eastern Ontario Minor Hockey League playdowns, set to kick off Feb. 7 for divisional bragging rights.

Another successful regular season wrapped up at the end of December, closing the season with a 4-0 shutout of the TNT Tornadoes. The Red Wings finished 15-4-1, while stringing together two separate five-game winning streaks.

Finishing the regular season as the league's runner-up, the Red Wings will have home ice advantage for their best-of-three series against the Newcastle Stars, a team they outscored 10-2 over two wins in the regular season.

The Red Wings were OMHA champs last season after defeating the Beverly Bandits in five games.

For schedules and standings, visit www.schombergminorhockey.com.



Liam Spurgeon attempts to settle down the puck in last Sunday's 1-1 tie with the Erin Shamrocks at Erin Community Centre.

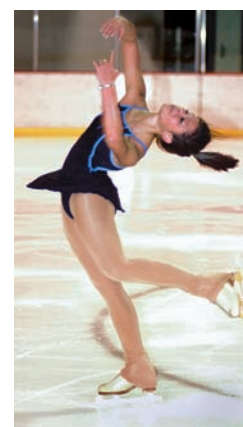
Photo by Jake Courtepatte

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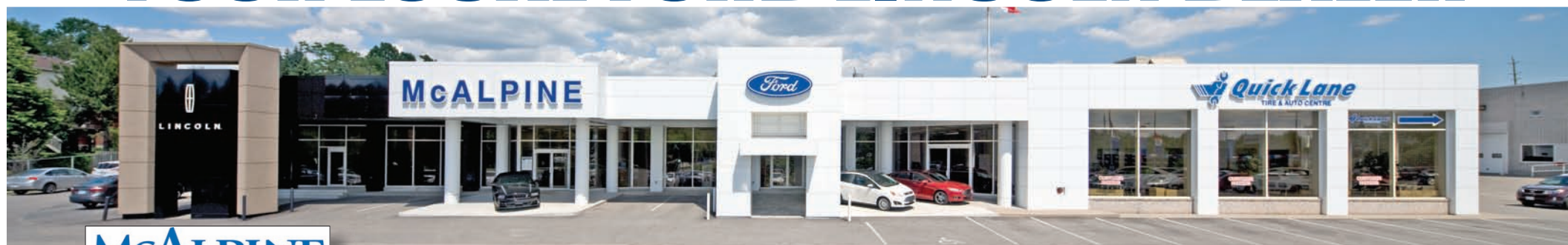
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King United SC U13 boys start off 2016 with wins

Both the King City Royals and King City United U13 boys won their first game of 2016 on Jan. 2 in dominating fashion.

The King City Royals dominated the Brampton Blast Blue in a game where the 2-1 result did not illustrate how one-sided the game actually was. The majority of the game was played in Brampton's end of the field as the Royals registered 20 shots at net during the game.

Trailing 1-0 at half, the Royals evened the score up at 1-1 mid way through the second half on a Kahyl Jadavji goal and Andre Dikho's game winner with a few minutes left sealed the 2-1 victory. Both Kahyl and Andre have scored 3 goals each so far during the winter season.

The Royals have 9 points with a 3-0-0 record and currently are tied for first place with two other teams in their group. Their next game is Jan. 16 against one of those other first place teams, USC Karpathy, as

the Royals will have to capitalize on their opportunities to continue their win streak.

KC wins 8-1

King City United faced off against Milton Magic B and won convincingly 8-1 in Coach Emile Marino's debut.

Marco LaVerde sliced and diced through the Milton Magic B team by scoring 5 goals while Ashur Younan had a hat trick in scoring the other 3 goals of the match. Although the King United team is new, the opposition better watch out as they are big, fast and improving each game.

The team currently has 7 points with a 2-1-1 record and are tied for second place in their group with two other teams. King United will face Brampton Blast White in their next game on Jan. 16.

Good luck to both King City U13 boys teams in their upcoming matches. If you are interested in trying

out for either of these teams, please email your contact at kusc2003boys@

hotmail.com as they are looking for a couple of key players.



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708 DEATHS

BOYD: Kay Ronald "Ron"

Peacefully, with his family by his side, on Sunday January 3rd, 2016. Ron Boyd, in his 86th year, beloved husband of Ardith (Frampton). Loving father of Kevin, Karen (Stephen), Tanja (Mac), Jennifer (Colin), and the late Brent. Sadly missed by his grandchildren Tiernan, Miranda, Jason, Christopher, Jodi, and his great grandchildren Keifer, Kyla, Keeley, Kayden, and Wyatt. Dear brother of Pat Baker and the late Lorraine, and Garth. Fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Saturday January 9th, 2016 from 10:00 am until time of service, in the chapel, at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations to Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation, 200 Fletcher Cres., Box 4000, Alliston, On., L9R 1W7 or Matthews House Hospice, 6028 Highway 89, Box 10060, Alliston, On., L9R 0B7 would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

MAYNARD: Norman February 24, 1931 - December 27, 2015

Peacefully on December 27th, 2015, in his 84th year, reunited with his wife Joan (Wilcox) Maynard. Caring brother to his sister Audrey and his late brother John; and loving uncle to his many nieces and nephews. He will be missed by all of those who knew him. Please join us as we celebrate the life of Norman Maynard on Saturday, January 9th, 2016 from 12-3 pm at Glendale Funeral Home 1810 Albion Road (Albion Road and Hwy #27) 416-679-1803. Interment to follow at Glendale Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Heart & Stroke Foundation. Online condolences can be given at www.glendale-can.com

708 DEATHS

HATTON: Frances Irene

Peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre Newmarket on Thursday December 31, 2015. Frances McCullough, loving mother of Tom and Brenda Hatton, and Ralph Hatton. Remembered with love by her grandchildren: Nicole and Scott Wilkison, Nicholas, Krista and Jon-Alex Hatton, Lindsey and Nathan Raczkowski, and her great grandchildren: Gavin Stewart, Benjamin Hatton, Skylee, Cooper, Remington Raczkowski, and Colby Wilkison. Dear sister of Mary and Bart Keogh, Ike and Joan, Tom and Marge, Ginny Plets, Bertie Horan, Linda Verschaeve, and predeceased by Jim and Bertha, Joe (Joan), Jack (Vi), Ken (Erla), Helen (Ab), Margaret and Bill Ransom, Ted (Arlene), and Anna. Beloved daughter of the late John and Irene McCullough. As per Fran's wishes cremation has taken place and a family service will be held at a later date. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

KAJAN: Florence Kathleen

Peacefully at Southlake Regional Health Centre Newmarket on Saturday January 2, 2016. Florence Dunn in her 81st year, beloved wife of Emil Kajan. Loving mother of Vincent and Theresa Somerville (Larry). Remembered with love by her grandchildren: Jason, Robert, John, Jennifer. Dear sister of Frank (Gloria), Lorraine (the late George), Jim (the late Barbara), Marion (Les), and dear sister-in-law of Victoria Urbanski (the late Walter), and Joseph Kajan (Eileen). Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Rd. Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Wednesday January 6, 2016 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Mass of Christian burial will be held in St. James Church Colgan on Thursday January 7, 2016 at 11 am. Interment to follow in St. James Cemetery Colgan. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

708 DEATHS

John Gary Neville

Suddenly on Sunday, September 27th 2015, Gary who is very much loved, was taken from his family. He will be missed by his wife Neriza, daughter Jennifer and husband Edward, daughter Josephine and son Jonathan. Gary was very active involved in the King City community as a former Scouts Canada Beaver and Cub Leader, a member of Sacred Heart Parish in King City and a former member of the Toronto Real Estate Association. In retirement, he delivered local community newspapers in King City and surrounding areas of the King 'GO' Station. A man of many interests involving nature, mystery novels, statistics and who idolized Dean Martin, as well as a great conversationalist of random facts. Gary will be in Heaven with his three grandchildren, Daniel, Harry and Milly by his side.

Daniel-William Roger Neville-Lake

Our beloved 9 year old Daniel was called home to God on Sunday September 27th 2015. He will be sadly missed by his parents Jennifer and Edward, grandmother Neriza, great grandmother Josefine Frias, aunt Josephine and uncle Jonathan. A senseless tragedy took him from our arms but he will be in our hearts forever. Daniel attended Holy Name Catholic Elementary School in King City for his Kindergarten year. He was a member of Scouts Canada as a Cub at 5th Aurora. He was an aspiring ballet dancer and swimmer at Brampton Recreation Centre who loved Lego, basketball, Beyblades, board games (Settlers of Catan and Monopoly) and Slugterra. Daniel and Gary (Papu), his grandfather, along with his brother and sister will be together in Heaven.

Harrison Wesley Neville-Lake

Our five year old happy Harry danced home to be with God on the wings of Angels on Monday September 28th 2015. He will be sorely missed by his parents Jennifer and Edward, grandmother Neriza, great grandmother Josefine (Apu), aunt Josephine and uncle Jonathan. Harry was a member of EriookKids Centre for Treatment and Development, Holland Bloorview Rehabilitation Hospital, the Shriners Hospital in Montreal, Maple Leaf Music Together, The Hospital for Sick Children (Sick Kids), Scouts Canada as a Beaver and the War Amps CHAMP program. He loved to dance, enjoyed music, finding beauty everywhere, My Little Pony and the Winx Club. Remember Harry's memory by being a champ too and have the courage to stop someone from driving who has had too much to drink. Harry and Gary (Papu), his grandfather, along with his brother and sister will be together in Heaven.

Milagros Neriza Mary Neville-Lake

Our creative and feisty 2 year old Milagros is playing with the angels in Heaven. She will be terribly missed by her parents Jennifer and Edward, grandmother Neriza, great grandmother Josefine, aunt Josephine and uncle Jonathan. Her time with us was cut way too short in a terrible tragedy but her melody will always be heard. Milly was a member of Maple Leaf Music Together where she had music classes, The Toronto Hospital for Sick Children and EriookKids Centre for Treatment and Development. She learned to swim at Brampton Recreation Centre and loved musical instruments, dancing, hugs, drawing and bouncing balls. Milly and Gary (Papu), her grandfather, along with her brothers will be together in Heaven.

SLOAN: Eunice Viola Irene.

Peacefully, at the family farm, on Monday December 21st, 2015. Eunice (Henry), in her 86th year, beloved wife of the late Russell Sloan. Loving mother of Carol (Clarence), Brad (Nancy), Gord, Joanne (Peter), Sandy (Denise), and Lorie (Warren). Sadly missed by her grandchildren Brad (Jaycie), Shannon (Ian), Peter Russell, Kaitlyn (Leo), Devin (Katelin), Ashley and her great-grandchildren Jordan, Caleb, Owen, and Sophie. Dear sister of Trevor (Evelyn) Henry and the late Gerald Henry. Fondly remembered by her sister-in-law Phyllis Oldfield. Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Wednesday December 23rd, 2015 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm. Funeral service was held in the chapel at 2 p.m., followed by burial at St. John's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation. On-line condolences may be made at www.roadhouseandrose.com

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WRIGHTSON, Janet Anne

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Origins of 'New Year's Day' are explored

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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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.

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

Nobleton United
By Joan Montgomery

Happy New Year!

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 10, when we celebrate Jesus's baptism and on Sunday, Jan. 17, when our special guest, Alexandra Kotyk from "Lifeline Syria" speaks to the refugee crisis and what we can do. Hopefully, it will be a time to not only celebrate traditional Epiphany events but to "reveal" the relevance of our faith within the context of today's often tragic events.

On Tuesday, Jan. 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. Messy Church's theme will be on Creation and appreciating the diversity and beauty of God's world.

Crafts and activities from 5-6 p.m., story time at 6-6:15 p.m., then eating dinner at 6:15 followed by socializing or doing more crafts.

Messy Church started in England with concern that children were not learning the Bible stories. The ideas for various themes and activities are provided in Messy Church books and there are a number of denominations who are using these ideas. Families are very busy these days and they welcome a chance to have someone else provide activities and food for them to enjoy. There is no charge as Nobleton United

sponsors this program.

For more info, visit 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. Messages are picked up regularly. We are located at 6076 King Rd., north side, about 6 buildings west of Hwy 27. We have a big parking lot at the rear of the building, an accessible ramp at the rear of the building, chair lifts for the 7 steps to get up or down and accessible washrooms.

January Skating Lessons

The Nobleton Skating Club has another session of Canskate beginning in January. Canskate is Canada's learn to skate program. Canskate groups are a maximum of 10 skaters, and skaters are with a coach at all times.

We also have program assistants helping the skaters. The January session of Canskate runs until the end of March. Also running in January is an Adult Learn class. This is a great opportunity for parents to be learning to skate at the same time as their children. The Adult Learn class runs at the same time as Canskate, Saturday mornings 9-9:45 a.m.

To arrange for your registration, please call our club office, or email nobletonskatingclub@outlook.com, or drop by the Nobleton Arena on Monday or Wednesday evenings, between 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. when we are there for regular skating sessions. Canskate spaces for January are limited, so please be sure to register to reserve your spot. For more information, please visit our website nobletonskatingclub.com or call our club office at 905-859-4943.

Anglican Parish
By John Arnott

St. Alban's Anglican community notes that prehistoric humans, especially in the Northern Hemisphere, were very much aware of the constant changing cycles of time and calculated the time when they believed returning strength of the sun aided by their huge bonfires and primitive ceremonies would usher in another recurring cycle of new life.

Ancient records near to 5,000 years old tell us humans have marked New Year's with joyous though often riotous celebration but not always on Jan. 1.

The year as we know it began to evolve with the Romans. They, however, had neither months called January nor a February in their early history. The stretch of time now filled by those months was to them "a monthless

winter" and their new year didn't begin until the first day of March.

It was their semi-legendary King Numa Pompilius (a Sabine not a Roman), who is credited with having Ianuarius (classical Latin had no j) and Februarius created. Around 713 BC the beginning of the new year was switched to the calendae of Ianuarius.

The calendar year remained unchanged until 46 BC when Julius Caesar had it overhauled and the Julian Calendar came into being.

In mediaeval Europe under the Julian, New Year's Day could fall on any of several dates including March 1 or 25th, Easter, September 1 or Christmas depending on where one lived. This remained in effect until 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII reformed this calendar and the Gregorian Calendar, the one we use today, was born. With its implementation New Year's went back to its Roman date Jan. 1.

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Couples staff spreads cheer

The staff at Couples Hair Design & Aesthetics in Nobleton got in the spirit of the holidays and did their best to spread some cheer.



Church pot luck fun

At Nobleton United Church's Christmas Pot Luck, the organizers, Val Ball, Sharon Birks and Sue DiFebo explained the games. One game was a competition between two teams to best decorate a human like a Christmas tree. There was a large Santa hat on either side of the room. Nancy Hopkinson and Bill Bible were the ones who happened to sit closest to the hats, so they were selected for the trees. The two teams were declared winners, as both trees were very well done. The trees got the prizes!

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First Nations people introduced cranberries

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But not everyone changed. Some places in France stubbornly held their New Year's on April 1 and were labelled fools by those who'd accepted the new date. While in 1600 Scotland held its Hogmanay celebration to welcome the new year on Jan. 1, England, Ireland and Wales and as a result England's American and Canadian colonies, still held New Year's on March 25, changing it to Jan. 1 only in 1752 – just 264 years ago. In 1751 March 25 was celebrated as New Year's but to accommodate the coming change that year was shortened to 252 days.

Even today some people while living

their daily lives according to today's Gregorian calendar, still celebrate New Year's on its traditional date in their culture. Jewish New Year occurs anytime from late summer into early fall. Chinese New Year anytime from mid-January to late February. Perhaps the Persian New Year makes the most sense of all as it falls on the first day of spring!

Horticulture Hints By John Arnott

From acidic marshes found in many parts of the temperate Northern Hemisphere comes a nutritious treat popular

during the holidays and beyond.

On several related dwarf evergreen shrubs or vines grow berries that start out white but become deep red when ripe. Botanists call them vaccinium — Latin for bilberry, macrocarpum — Latin for large berry, but don't ask for them by this name at the local supermarket ask instead for cranberries.

The First Nations people of Canada and northern United States had long used these berries as food and when American First Nations pointed them out, some British colonists noted the tiny deep pink flowers had reflexed (turned back) petals allowing the stamens and style to stand out, reminded them of a crane's (bird) head, and these settlers nicknamed them crane berry which over the years became cranberry. Here in Canada they were first called mossberries.

Cranberries are related to blueberries, bilberries and species found in northern Europe such as fenberries that grow in Britain. Most species grow up to 7ft./2.5 m wide and are from 2 to 8 in./5 to 20 cm tall with their berries being larger than their small bright green

oval leaves.

Voxycoccus – Greek for red berry – is a similar cultivated species native to sub-arctic Europe. Its small grey-green lance-like leaves show that it is like all its relatives a member of the heath (ericaceae) family.

Today here in Canada cranberries are commercially grown in boggy areas or other flat places where large irrigation is possible. The beds growing these farmed berries are flooded during the fall harvest so that specially designed machines can pick the berries more easily. A great place to see this firsthand is Bala (Muskoka area) during that community's Cranberry Festival usually the first weekend after Thanksgiving, when the Mohawk First Nations people take visitors out to their cranberry beds to demonstrate the harvesting and cranberries fresh or dried are available for purchase.

Dried cranberries, which make a delicious nutritious snack, have been soaked in other fruit juices to considerably lessen their natural sharp acidic taste. I like them mixed with raisins.



Hopkinson wins cup

At the recent Nobleton King City Horticulture AGM, the Women's Institute Cup was awarded to the person with the most points from all the flower and veggie shows during the year. This year's winner, Nancy Hopkinson, was presented the cup by WI member Elizabeth Douglas. Last year's winner was John Arnott. The very first winner of the WI Cup was awarded in 1958 to Mrs. Forrest MacTaggart.

Seniors' grants available

York Region MPPs Helena Jaczek, Chris Ballard, Michael Chan, Steven Del Duca and Reza Moridi are pleased to announce that Ontario is now accepting applications for the 2016 Seniors Community Grant Program to help more of York Region's senior citizens stay active and engaged in the community.

The province is investing \$2 million to support not-for-profit community projects that increase volunteerism, social inclusion and community engagement for seniors. Projects that have previously been funded by the grant program include:

Programs that enhance financial literacy; health and nutrition promotional programs including dance classes for seniors; cultural day trips.

"Our senior citizens contribute knowledge, wisdom and experience to our region, which is why it's important we continue to create programs that address their needs. The support provided through this program and through Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors is helping more seniors in Oak Ridges – Markham live active and engaged lives," said Dr. Helena Jaczek, MPP, Oak Ridges-Markham.

Applications are now open and run until March 4, 2016. Applications for projects aimed at the planning and promotion of Canada's 150th birthday in 2017 will also be considered.

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Astronomer Delaney speaks at seniors' centre

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Happy New Year to all!
May 2016 be happy and healthy for you.

We welcomed Rick McKinley to our pulpit to lead our service. He has become a dear old friend, having been with us many times in Rev. Evelyn's absence.

She is now back in the office.

We also had Irina Lapran as our music leader in Rosemary's absence. Rick's message on the 1st Sunday in Epiphany "Christmas is about the Unexpected." Did you have any "A hah!" moments over the festive season? An Epiphany moment is just that - a HAH! Perhaps when the shepherds found Jesus in the manger. Or at the end of the two-year journey of the Magi. When the Star finally stopped they were overwhelmed with joy - an epiphany moment. Any moment of great or sudden revelation.

Tea & Talk returns Friday at 10 a.m. at Sunset Grill. Join in to enjoy discussions of any topic that comes up. You may even have an epiphany moment!

Bible study resumes Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 10:30 in the chapel.

2016 offering envelopes are now available. Please pick yours up from the table at the back of the sanctuary. If you see one for a friend or neighbour or one that you could deliver, please take it along for them.

The annual meeting is now scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 7. Committee chairs please submit your material for the annual report to the office by Jan. 17.

Our church is part of the Ecumenical Refugee Committee of King City. Each congregation has been request-

ed to contribute a donation of \$100 towards a gift to support the family of Linda, the custodian of All Saints Anglican church. We are all part of the churches supporting her family. We are waiting to hear where they are in the line, but hopes are high that they will arrive sometime in February. If anyone would like to make a donation - in any amount - towards the \$100 it would be greatly appreciated. You can either leave the money with Nancy in our office or give it to Jean Kell who is the representative of the committee. We thank you for your support.

Join us for our 10 a.m. worship service with Sunday School as we welcome our Rev. Evelyn back. Join in after for refreshments and chatter.

For any information, contact the office, 905-833-5181; email kcuc@bellnet.ca; visit www.kcuc.ca or contact Reverend Evelyn McLachlan at kcucmin@bellnet.ca.

King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, Jan. 10 as Pastor Mark Nowell will be continuing our sermon series "Gospel Shaped Outreach" with Who is Jesus?

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.

We have nursery available downstairs for babies 0-3.

Join us for games, crafts, stories and singing in Kidszone. Join us for Truth Lab investigations this year.

We will not be having an Overtimers meeting in January.

King Seniors' Centre

The King City Seniors Centre's Annual General Meeting will take place

at the Centre on Friday, Jan. 8 at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome and members are encouraged to come out and participate in the proceedings, which will include the installation of the centre's 2016 board of management. The meeting will include a talk on astronomy by guest speaker Paul Delaney. For further information, call Carol Field at 905-833-3324.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's wishes you a joyous New Year, one filled with God's presence and peace.

We're pleased that Pastor John Mills will continue to be with us most Sundays in January through to the end of March and that the Rev. Dr. John Vissers will be with us the following Sundays: Jan. 31, March 6 (Communion) and March 27 (Easter Sunday).

For the last two Sundays Pastor Mills' sermon was entitled "Why are we Here?"

After Christmas ... what then? What do we do with Christmas? Do we rejoice like the shepherds did when Christ was born or "go home" changed like the wisemen after following the star to where Jesus was? Or have we lost our way and need to put Christ back into Christmas and trust Him throughout the year?

On Jan. 3, Pastor Mills told us some of his own story in Fort Francis, Queen Esther's pivotal story and the story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19 and how Jesus was there at the right time, seeking and saving, not worrying about what others thought of Him, but doing His Father's will. Perhaps we too are here to tell our story like Esther "at such a time as this." God has a purpose for each of us.

All are welcome to join us Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school

and nursery care run concurrently.

The Ladies' Prayer Group meets every Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. You are welcome to join us - to pray with us or quietly reflect. It is such a blessing to be together and as God has promised, He is with us, hearing and answering our prayers. Let us know how our God can bless you.

For pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers at the church office, 905-833-2325. Our church is located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. There is a ramp available for accessibility. Visit www.standrews-kingcity.ca.

All Saints Anglican Church By Diana Armitage

January is Leprosy Month.

Jo-Anne has brought her special piggy bank to church so that we can fill it with Loonies and Toonies throughout January. The funds we raise will go to the Leprosy Mission. The cost to cure one person is just \$396.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, "Eliminating Leprosy is the only work I have not been able to complete in my lifetime." We can help move closer to realizing his goal.

On Sunday, Jan. 10 at 4:30 p.m., Nicola Skinner and others will be installed as Canons at St. James Cathedral.

Saturday, Jan. 16 is Parish Quiet Day at Sisters of St. John the Divine Convent. There are still one or two places available. Please call the church office:

Mark your calendars! Saturday, Jan. 23 is Pub Night! Tickets cost \$25 per person and the evening starts at 6 p.m. For tickets, please contact the church office (905-833-5432) to leave a voice message, or call during office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or send an email to allsaints3@bellnet.ca. You may also contact Denise or Leah.

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KLEINBURG, CUSTOM BUILT HOME, 7.5 ACRES, POOL, \$2,195,000

Custom built estate on 7.5 acres just mins. to Kleinburg & over 5000 sf of finished luxury! Spectacular setting with long winding drive, beautiful pond & distant views! Stunning home has hwd flring, beautiful kitchen w/centre island, granite tops & s/s appls, huge great rm w/25' cathedral ceiling, 3 gas FPs, lrg windows, main flr office, open concept layout, prof finished lower level with multiple w/o's & r/i for kitchen/bar.



WOW! VAUGHAN CONDO ONLY \$278,500

Wow!!! Best Value in Vaughan! Attention All Investors / Users!! Beautiful Unit of Approx. 900 sq. ft. that has been Totally Renovated! New Flooring, New Kitchen, New Baths, 9 Ft. Ceilings, Open Concept Layout, New Appliances, Breakfast Bar, Living Room has Walk-Out to Balcony, Master has His/Hers Closet & 4 pc. Ensuite, 1 Parking Spot, Walking Distance to All Amenities. Will Not Last!



KLEINBURG CUSTOM BUNGALOW, HUGE 1 ACRE RAVINE LOT, \$1,899,900

Gorgeous Custom Built Bungalow W/Almost 6000 Sq. Ft. Of Finished Luxury! Superb Kleinburg Location On Private Court + Backing Onto Mature Trees + Ravine! Great Layout, Open Concept, Extra High Ceilings, Beautiful Kitchen W/Top Of Line Appl's, Granite Tops, Brkfst Bar + W/O To Stone Balcony, Hwd Flrng, Solid Cherry Doors, Mbr Has Spa-Like Ensuite + W/O To Balcony, Fin Lower Level Suits Large Extended Family With 2nd Kitchen + Walk-out!



KING 10 ACRES, ESTATE HOME, EQUESTRIAN PROPERTY! NOW \$1,500,000

Custom Built Estate Home On Approx 3750 Sq.Ft. (As Per Mpac) On Almost 10 Acres!! 4 Bdrms With Fully Finished W/O Lower Level, Lrg Windows, Hardwood Floors, Eat-In Kitchen With Granite Tops & S/S Appliances, Huge Sunken Family Room, Main Floor Laundry & Den, Beautiful Rock Waterfall & Patio Area, Stunning Pond, Equestrian Ready With 10 Paddocks & Run-In Shelters. Superb Area Of King!!!



NOBLETON 4 BEDROOM HOME, TREED LOT, POOL!

Executive 4 Bdrm 2-Storey Home On A Mature 1/2 Acre Lot With Saltwater Pool & Located On One Of Nobleton's Most Sought After Streets!! Very Well Kept Home With Great Layout, Eat-In Kitchen With Walk-Out To Lrg Deck, Pizza Oven & Pool! Sunken Family Room, Formal Lr/Dr, Good Sized Bedrooms, Hardwood Floors, Finished Basement, Service Door Rm To Oversized Heated Garage, Circular Drive, Covered Front Porch & More!



SCHOMBERG BUNGALOW ON 100' X 120' LOT! \$529,900!

Beautiful 3 Bedroom Bungalow Close To Schomberg & Renovated! Stunning Kitchen With Granite Tops, Centre Island, Top Of Line Stainless Appliances & Hardwood Flooring! Open Concept Living & Dining, Cozy Sunroom/Breezeway With Gas Stove & Walk-Out To Deck & Pool! New Driveway, Updated Shingles, Windows & Mechanicals, Oversized 2-Car Garage, Professionally Finished Basement & More!!!



SCHOMBERG APPROX. 24 ACRES!! VIEWS FOR MILES! \$999,000

** 24.29 Acres In Growing Schomberg! ** Prime Property To Build A Home, Barn Or Farm And Wait For Future Potential Development! ** Great Location And Easy Access To Highways 27, 9 & 400 ** Irregular Lot With 259.85 Ft Frontage By Approx 3265 Ft Deep ** Great Buy And Hold!!! **



TORONTO, NEW 1+1 BEDROOM CONDO \$319,900!!

Attention All First Time Buyers Or Investors!! Brand New Treviso Condo In The Heart Of The City!! Tremendous Value For This Unit Of Approx 567 Sq Ft, Featuring 9 Ft Ceilings, Designer Finishes/Upgrades, Granite Tops, Stainless Steel Appliances, Walk-Out To Balcony With Views Of The City & More!!



NOBLETON COMMERCIAL FOR LEASE!! \$2,500/MTH

Outstanding Retail/Office Space In New Complex With Exposure To Hwy 27 In The Heart Of Nobleton!!!! This Unit Is Right In The Core Of Town & Features High Ceilings, Floor To Ceiling Windows, Corner Exposure & Suits Many Commercial Uses. Professional Offices, Retail, Art Studio, Fitness Service Shop, Spa, Hair & More!! Great Value For This Super Package!!!



RURAL KLEINBURG!! 158 X 171 FT LOT!! ONLY \$799,900

Wonderful Rural Property On Large Lot Only Minutes From Kleinburg, Nobleton, Or The Heart Of Woodbridge!! Country Setting Amongst Estate Farms, With Spectacular Views In Every Direction - A Must See!! Solid Older Home Can Be Remodeled Or Build A Dream Home In This Superb Location. Older Barn At Rear, 2 Car Garage, Swimming Pool, Fully Fenced, Priced To Sell, Great Value Here!



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