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Preparations being made for new King office property

By Mark Pavilons

There don't seem to any issues standing in the way of slightly altering the land use issues with King's new municipal office property.

Council held a public meeting regarding a bylaw amendment for the 10-acre site, to accommodate non-profit uses and an sub-station for York Regional Police, at the Township's future home on King Road (formerly Holy Name school).

Planning director Stephen Kitchen noted they're redesigning the building the site to accommodate Township staff, community and non-profit uses, as well as a satellite station for the police.

Currently zoned institutional and environmental protection, it's compatible with local uses. The amendment would add office uses.

Part of the changes also include reducing the number and size of parking spots. Kitchen said there will be 105 spots available. Councillor Debbie Schaefer said this number seems "shy."

The two-storey building of roughly 39,000 square feet, will be home to roughly 94 full-time municipal staffers.

The Township's application has been circulated to various agencies, and staff are still waiting to hear back from some. No concerns have been raised so far.

The redevelopment of the site would represent employment intensification, which is consistent with the overall goals of the provincial Growth Plan.

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Residents continue protest

Roughly a dozen concerned parents and Schomberg residents protested in front of the supposed residence of convicted sex offender Keith Constantin on Saturday. The protesters say it won't be the last and more protests are planned. Turn to Page 3 for more details.

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Nobleton forum draws a big crowd.

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Country Day opens its new building.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

Monday, February 8, 2016

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

- Public Meeting Re: Official Plan & Zoning By-law Amendment Applications
File Nos. OP-2015-05 & Z-2015-09
Property: 325 Warren Road, King City
Owners: Mark & Liina Peacock

Monday, February 22, 2016

6:00 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

- Public Meeting Re: Zoning By-law Amendment Application
File No. Z-2015-11
Property: 1986 King Road, King City
Owner(s): Jova Investments 10 Inc.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Building Inspector
- Finance Clerk - Tax/Water
- King City Crossing Guard (contract)
- Parks Summer Student - Operator
- Seasonal Parks Operator (6-month contract)
- Engineering Assistant (summer student)

Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

COMPETITIVE BIDS

Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for competitive bidding opportunities.

PUBLIC NOTICES

FAMILY DAY OFFICE CLOSURE

Municipal offices will be closed for Family Day on Monday, February 15th, and will re-open at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16th, 2016 for regular office hours. Township libraries will also be closed for Family Day.

If you have an urgent matter requiring attention during the closure, please call the Township's answering service at 905-833-5321 and your call will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.

DUE DATE REMINDERS

PROPERTY TAX

First Installment Due Date: February 23rd, 2016

"First" Tax Notices have now been mailed with installments due on February 23rd and April 25th, 2016. In order to avoid penalty/interest charged to your property tax account, please ensure all installment amounts are paid in full on or prior to the due dates.

WATER BILLS

Due Date: February 10th, 2016

WATER BILLS have now been mailed. Please contact the Finance Department immediately if you have not received your bill.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Tax	Water	Bill Payment Options
X	X	By pre-authorized bank withdrawal
X	X	At most financial institutions, including via personal on-line banking
X	X	By cheque
	X	Through the Township Online Services portal at www.king.ca

If paying in person at a financial institution, please present the entire bill.

When making payments electronically:

- Property Tax: enter your 15 digit roll number with no decimal (i.e. 000123456780000)
- Water: enter your 10 digit account number with no decimal (i.e. 1234567890)

After hours tax/water payments can be left in the drop box located to the left of the Council Chambers entrance at 2075 King Road, King City.

Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD): PAD programs are available for both property tax and water accounts. The enrolment form (same for tax & water) is available at www.king.ca (search for "PAD")



Do you have questions or concerns about coyotes in your area? Join us at the Schomberg Library on Wednesday, February 10th, to hear presentations from wildlife experts and participate in a Q&A session. Doors open at 6:00pm. For more information, please contact the Clerk's Department at 905-833-5321.

Date: Wednesday, February 10th, 2016

Time: Doors open at 6:00pm, presentations begin at 6:30

Location: Schomberg Public Library, 77 Main Street, Schomberg

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

RE: 1986 King Road, King City, ON: File Number: Z-2015-11

A public meeting will be held by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King on:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND, 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.

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The application for Zoning By-law Amendment under file no. Z-2015-11, submitted by Jova Investments 10 Inc., concerns a property measuring 0.29 hectares (0.72 acres) which currently supports a detached dwelling and garage located in the Village of King City, located on the north side of King Road, east of King Boulevard. The property is municipally known as 1986 King Road and legally described as Part of Lot 6, Concession 3; Plan 65R 16074, Part 1.

The application proposes to amend the Township's Zoning By-law (74-53, as amended) to re-zone the property from 'Residential Urban (R1)' to 'Commercial General (C1) – Exception Section 11.xx'. An application for Site Plan Approval was also submitted to implement the proposed development. The zoning by-law amendment seeks to change the zoning of the property to permit development of the site as a restaurant. The amendment further proposes to restrict the range of uses permitted on the site, as well as seek relief from the loading space requirement (Section 6.26) and the parking space requirements for snow storage (Section 6.34(i)(b)), and reductions in the requirements from the buffer area (Section 6.34(v)), the planting strip (Section 6.37(ii)) and the front yard minimum setback (Section 11.2(iii)).

APPEAL PROCEDURE:

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 proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is adopted, and the By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council of the Township of King to the Ontario Municipal Board.

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 proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is adopted, and the By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to be notified of the passing of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2075 King Road, King City, ON, L7B 1A1.

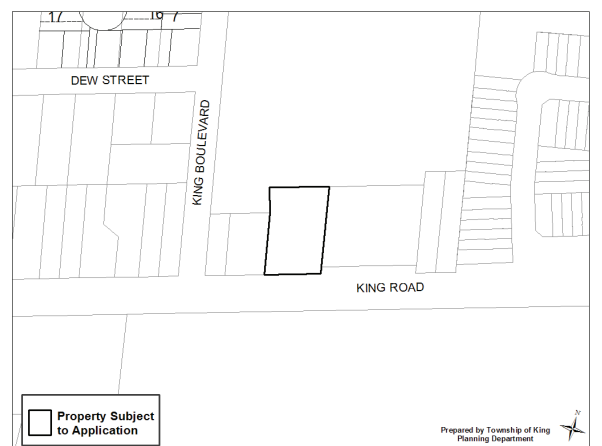
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, including the proposed Draft Zoning By-law for the site, are available to the public at the Township Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or telephone inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department quoting File Number Z-2015-11, at (905) 833-5321.

DATED AT KING TOWNSHIP THIS 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2016.

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Clerks & By-law Enforcement
Township of King

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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Citizen protests gain momentum

By Mark Pavilons

The citizen's group fighting to get a convicted high-risk offender out of King is picking up momentum.

With back-to-back protests and widespread publicity, the group has gained a lot of new members over the past couple of weeks, according to member Amy Castellano.

The Incarcerate Sex Offenders in Society (iSOSnow.ca) was initially created by a group of individuals to be used as a vehicle to spread information quickly throughout the community.

"This is the first time many of us have been involved in a situation like this and

the (Facebook) page quickly evolved into much more. There is an obvious flaw in our justice system in regards to violent sex offenders that claim victim, after victim, after victim. When do we protect citizens over criminals? When will Canada stop giving these criminals opportunity to destroy more and more lives? Our goal is to have Keith removed from his current location, into a secure facility that is equipped with the proper resources and knowledge to deal with these types of offenders.

"It has also been blatantly apparent that the government is failing at protecting their citizens nor are they providing infrastructures to detain the ones who

are clearly unable to live amongst us in society."

"Enough is enough! Stand up for a safer community. Don't accept the status quo because changing the system seems to be impossible. If everyone thought that way in history, as a woman, I might not have had the right to write this message today."

Keith Theodore Constantin was placed in a rural facility outside of Schomberg in December. Constantin was released following a four-year jail term for sexual assault with a weapon, and an 18-month term for violating his curfew conditions. His rap sheet includes sexually assaulting a seven-year old boy, sexually assaulting a 45-year-old blind woman, robbing two variety stores with a starter pistol, and raping and beating a woman at knife-point.

He is currently under strict supervision and the York Regional Police High-Risk Offender Unit and the Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services Probation and Parole Office will continue to monitor his activities.

King hires project managers

From Front Page

Since the property is also located in the Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Area, the application has to comply. The plan to relocate the municipal offices and establish a police substation is permitted under the King City Community Plan.

The site is buffered on three sides by woodlots and wetlands and these areas would be maintained.

While the property currently does not have access to municipal water, these services will be installed.

On a related matter, council gave its approval for a third party project manager to oversee this relocation, known as "Project MOVE."

Staff believe getting the assistance from a consultant would be beneficial for this scale of projects.

The project manager will ensure the project is delivered on time and on budget. They will work closely with King's staff and steering committee to ensure the building is built in accordance with all requirements.

MHPM Project Leaders were retained, coming out on top of seven bidders. Their quote, however, was also the highest, at \$263,910. The cost will be part of the overall budget for the project, pegged at between \$11 and \$13 million.

Teens arrested in King home invasion

Two teenagers have been arrested and charged by Investigators with the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit in connection with a home invasion in the Township of King.

On Wednesday, Jan. 27, at approximately 6 p.m., York Regional Police responded to a home invasion on Roselena Drive. Three male suspects forced their way into the residence armed with batons and forced the three victims inside the home to get down on the floor. The suspects searched the residence and took a quantity of cash then fled the residence on foot.

Two of the three suspects were identified and have been charged in connection with the incident. The third suspect has not been identified and investigators are asking anyone with information to please come forward.

The 16- and 17-year-olds, both from King, have been charged with robbery, disguise with intent and possession of a weapon.

The 16-year-old youth appeared in court Monday, and the 17-year-old will be appearing before the Ontario Court of Justice in Newmarket on March 3.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6630.

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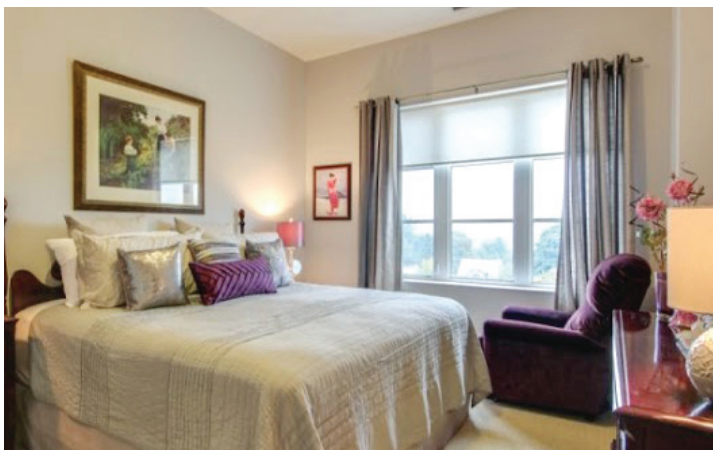
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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

~ Frank B. Kellogg

Promoting local business is a team effort

We all love King for many different reasons.

I firmly believe that our strength lies in our people.

Very little happens by accident. Through planning, marketing, promotion and sound businesses practises, things happen, evolve and succeed.

Some interesting tidbits arose from last week's Nobleton Business Forum, organized by the King Chamber of Commerce and King Township. More than 50 local stakeholders attended, offering their critiques and suggestions to help improve the business climate in and around the village.

By all accounts, it was a very successful exchange and this type of gathering will undoubtedly prove important down the road. Other forums will take place in King City and Schomberg and I urge those business leaders to take advantage of these opportunities.

We can't survive in an isolated bubble. We have to work together to achieve positive change. And given the talent that abounds locally, it's a no-brainer really.

We have a lot to learn from long-time business owners. King has its fair share of multi-generation operations, who have had to evolve and seek out new markets for their products and services. For a small to medium-size business to survive for more than 20 or 30 years is just amazing. Seek out these community experts and bend their ears - they can offer plenty of insights.

Every community has its limitations and restrictions, some of which hinder business growth.

Municipal red tape is one. Progress, at the municipal and regional govern-



Mark Pavilons

ment levels often takes time - too much time people argue.

Nobleton is limited by its physical location and how it grew. The four corners are at the mercy of the volume of through traffic. It's simply the nature of its location. Does that mean we can't change things for the better?

Not at all. Rest assured, plans are in the works.

York Region plans to widen Highway 27 through the core in 2017, providing a left-turn lane, making access to local businesses easier. That will hopefully be complemented by sidewalk and landscaping work.

The subdivision planned for the old wrecking yard will proceed this spring and take shape over the next year or two.

The derelict homes along King will be gone, hopefully replaced by new homes or more aesthetically pleasing lots.

The gas station at the intersection does tend to muck things up a bit. If it can be relocated, a whole new face of downtown Nobleton can be created. The possibilities are endless.

People have invested a lot of money, time and effort in their businesses. As the spouse of a former small business owner, I am well versed in the trials and tribulations of running a business you love.

Again, we don't have to "suffer" in silence. We have many partners in prosperity - other business owners, the King Chamber of Commerce, village associations, citizen's groups and the Township. We're all in this together and we all want to succeed. It's in everyone's best interest.

Seeking out opportunities and strengthening ties with local government and the Chamber is one thing. Demanding help is quite another. It reminds me of the often-quoted phrase used by JFK: "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country." Cliche perhaps, but it's true.

Residents and business owners must be engaged in their own communities and committed to being involved. That makes it personal and having your finger on the pulse is very beneficial.

Residents and business owners have to know what's going on. They need to make themselves aware of progress across King. Reading the local paper (okay, I'm biased here), attending public meetings, chatting with local citizen's

groups and calling your local councillor are just a few easy ways to stay in touch.

The public has long claimed to be distant or disenfranchised from the "system." But in King, I have found politicians and staff to be more than accommodating. They are accessible, pleasant and helpful.

Again, people should reach out if they're unsure or unfamiliar with the process. Our local planners, bylaw people and economic development department are here to serve. While the public may not be aware, they are constantly finding ways to be more efficient and innovative. They're trying to excel.

Sometimes they hit the mark, and sometimes they don't, but it's not for a lack of trying.

And that's where you come in. The Nobleton forum generated literally dozens of suggestions - ways to improve interaction, communication and ways to achieve hard results.

You are the front-line observers, who toil in the trenches day in and day out. You see the trends and know who your customers are. Your hands-on expertise is integral to the process moving forward.

Every one of our distinct communities is a marvelous collection of people.

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Nobleton will continue to evolve, and become yet another jewel in King's amazing crown.

Letter to the Editor

KRA clarifies its letter

It is well known that the decisions of most boards of private or public interest organizations are arrived at by consensus, in which one or more directors commonly dissent from the decision of the majority.

In the case of our letter dated Jan. 6, 2016 to this newspaper, a director has asked that we clarify that not all of the directors agreed with the decision to send in that letter.

KRA

Leslie Whicher, Co-Chair

Adopt a hydrant in King

King Fire and Emergency Services is calling on the public to "adopt a hydrant."

The idea is that after a snowfall, residents would make sure there is an area of 3 feet (1 metre) of clearance around the hydrant so it's accessible.

"We'd like to remind people that in an emergency seconds count so by clearing the snow, the firefighters can access the hydrants a lot faster," said Shelley Langer, fire prevention inspector.

There are other things resident should keep in mind. If you use a snow plow service, please remind the plow operators not to push the snow banks near the hydrant.

Please help neighbors who are elderly or may have trouble clearing the snow around the hydrants in front of their homes.

If you notice that a hydrant has been hit or is damaged in some way, we encourage residents to call the King Township's engineering and public works department as soon as possible.



Brainteaser



Take off my skin and I won't cry, but you will. What am I?

Last week's answer: Taking off an onion's skin will make you cry.

King Township Trivia

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b) Denver Broncos	<div style="width: 56%; background-color: black; height: 10px;"></div>	56%

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you happy with the mild winter weather?

a) Yes
b) No

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A brief history of the Space Shuttle program

By Jim Middleton

The World of Space and Science

Over the next several months, I will be writing articles covering the latest developments in the world of space and science. Hopefully, they won't be too technical and are designed to give you a feeling for what is happening in these fields. In this issue I will cover the history of the Space Shuttle which will lead into my next article, the history of the International Space Station (ISS). Both programs are subjects of entire books, so I'm going to reduce them down to short articles. I will cover the history of the Canadian Space program in a subsequent article, which will then lead into the exciting changes currently under way in space exploration.

Space exploration over the past 60 years has been predominantly led by government organizations such as U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Canadian Space Agency (CSA), European Space Agency (ESA), Russian Space Agency (ROSCOSMOS), Japanese Space Agency (JAXA), and China National Space Administration. The mandate of these agencies has been to develop technologies and space exploration missions in support of their particular national space strategies and goals.

The decision by President Kennedy to "put a man on the Moon and return him safely within the decade" was purely political, in order to demonstrate American technical superiority after Russia successfully launched the first satellite and first person into space. Space access was viewed, at least initially, as purely a military endeavour. The next steps were planned to be manned orbiting laboratories and space planes. The goal to put a man on the moon ultimately placed these programs at a lower priority.

Once the Moon was "conquered" in 1969, the question arose as to what, if anything, should be the next major goal in space. A debate also raged within NASA as to whether the U.S. should focus solely on unmanned missions and/or how manned missions should continue. In all cases, the cost of launch and satellite development was increasing dramatically. What if a reusable launch capability could be developed and what if satellites could be repaired in space or brought back to Earth for refurbishment? Wouldn't that significantly reduce the costs of space?

Getting into orbit is hard! You must accelerate from zero to 18,000 mph in under 10 minutes and get to an altitude greater than 200 miles! Physics and chemistry can't be beat! Science tells you that you can't do it with a single vehicle. The U.S. has considered Single Stage to Orbit (SSTO) and have invested billions with no success. It makes better sense to have at least 2 stages; the first stage, the booster, gets the spacecraft off the ground and part way up and the remaining stage(s) puts the spacecraft into orbit.

Getting down is just as hard. You need to reduce velocity from 18,000 mph to zero by dissipating heat over some 20 to 30 minutes, which creates temperatures in the order of 3,000 degrees on the surface of the vehicle. Your vehicle must transition from flying in space to atmospheric flight at hypersonic speeds, then to landing. This was the challenge taken on by NASA. The program was authorized to proceed by President Nixon in 1972.

The design requirements for the reusable space vehicle were onerous. The state of technology was such that it was to a great extent beyond the state of the art at that time. Nevertheless, NASA had gone to the Moon, therefore it believed it could do anything it was asked to do.

The spaceship fleet, called Space Shuttles, would be capable of flying 40 or more times a year; more like an airline service: fly, land, short turn-around, and be ready to fly again. Other countries were asked to join the program on the basis that it would reduce costs and would be more difficult for Congress to cancel the program if international agreements were in place. The shuttle would become the "Space Everyman," launch, replace, and repair the U.S. orbital ecosystem - akin to the FEDEX of space.

Then reality set in. Shuttles were to be capable of putting up to 32,000 pounds into low earth orbit and return them if necessary. The shuttle design and development became problematic. The main engines used liquid hydrogen and oxygen to develop the required thrust. The turbo-pumps which drove the oxygen and hydrogen into the engines would



Jim Middleton

engines kept failing, the computer software didn't work and the tiles kept falling off. The program costs started to rise dramatically and the U.S. Congress was getting antsy. Oversight committees were put in place to review NASA's progress, or lack thereof.

Catastrophic failure (as in the loss of shuttle and crew) was estimated to have a probability of 1 in 185 flights. This was considered to be an acceptable risk; once flights got underway the probability of failure would presumably reduce. History was to show this was a very bad assumption.

The engine problems were slowly solved along with the software. The tile issues remained somewhat problematic but they tended to not fall off as often as before.

The first shuttle flight would be "all in" to coin a phrase. It would be a manned flight, with 2 crew on board. The Columbia shuttle would launch from Florida and land in California. No intermediate testing of the flight vehicle - there was no choice but "go for it."

The initial launch attempt was scrubbed on April 10, 1981 due to a software problem. The 2nd attempt to launch on April 12th was successful. The flight lasted a little over 30 hours.

Several "anomalies" occurred during the flight, two of which were particularly interesting as a portent to the future. During ascent, it was noted that white flecks were hitting the pilot's window. This was shown later to be white paint and insulation flecking off the large fuel tank/thermos. Once in orbit it was noted some tiles had fallen off the back of the shuttle. There was major concern that tiles had fallen off the bottom which could have catastrophic consequences during entry. Visual observation through ground and space based military telescopes and radar confirmed there was no significant problem and landing could proceed as planned.

There were 5 shuttles built in total - Columbia (the 1st), Challenger, Discovery, Atlantis, and Endeavour, all named after famous sailing ships.

There were 5 CANADARMs built for the shuttles; one was lost on the Challenger flight disaster. In all, 135 space shuttle missions were flown between 1981 and 2011.

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need to rotate at some 30,000 rpm under extreme temperature conditions. Liquid hydrogen, the fuel to launch the shuttle, is cooled to -250 degrees F! The engines were to be reused over and over again! Failure hell broke out when the engines were tested. The turbo-pumps flew apart and the engines exploded.

The heat dissipating system includes insulating tiles designed to protect the frame of the shuttle from temperatures greater than 350 degrees F and up to 3,000 degrees F during the entry phase of the mission. The areas of the space shuttle covered with tiles include the leading edge and bottom of the wings, the nose and bottom of the shuttle and areas on the sides and tail. There are over 30,000 tiles on each shuttle; each tile individually designed and manufactured and stuck on with a special glue. The tiles would often become dislodged when pulled.

The initial thrust for the first step into space would be augmented by strap-on solid rocket boosters, which would separate after 2 minutes of flight and be recovered after descending into the ocean on parachutes. They were to be refurbished and reused on subsequent flights. Never before had solid rockets been used on manned spaceflight - another major concern - they explode easily.

The large external tank contained the liquid oxygen and hydrogen. It had to be light and well insulated to keep the liquids liquid. The tank would burn up on re-entry into the atmosphere; the only part which wouldn't be reusable.

The shuttle launch weight grew; the

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Carter Maletta	Liz Davies
"Yes."	"Yes."

Shuttle program was a tremendous achievement

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Confidence in the shuttle capability continued to grow over time although the launch rate never exceeded 8 per year. Typically, 5-6 was the norm. The tiles continued to be problematic; many of them had to be removed and replaced after each flight. Engine refurbishment took many months.

Shuttle missions became routine up until the loss of Challenger and its crew on Jan. 28, 1986 as a result of an explosion 73 seconds after launch. I won't go into the details of the cause other than to say it is generally regarded as a failure on the part of NASA and contractor management to not accept the recommendations of the technical community to cancel the launch because of freezing temperatures resulting in the potential failure of the seals on the solid rocket boosters. This was the ultimate cause of the explosion.

The next shuttle launch did not occur until 25 months later to allow time to identify and correct other critical failure modes and also correct the root causes of the explosion. A replacement shuttle was built named "Endeavour" at a cost of \$4 billion.

As a result of the Challenger accident the U.S. restarted production of unmanned rockets for missions not requiring astronaut support.

One of the major successes of the shuttle program was the launch on

April 24, 1990, and subsequent upgrade missions through the next decade, of the Hubble Space Telescope, one of the great achievements in astronomy! The Hubble telescope was specifically designed to be launched and repaired/upgraded by the shuttle, one of the primary goals of the shuttle program. We have all seen some of the spectacular images of the universe captured by this telescope over the last 20 years!

Ultimately, the major shuttle goal became the assembly and logistics supply of the International Space Station (ISS), a program I will cover in a future article.

Things proceeded nominally over the next decade, until that fateful day in January 2003. Assembly of the space station was under way pretty much as planned, however, the cost of each shuttle mission was in the order of \$500 million.

Columbia was launched on Jan. 16, 2003. It was observed during launch that a piece of foam insulation from the fuel tank had broken off and hit the shuttle wing. Foam "shedding" had been observed on several previous flights which did not cause observable problems. After much consideration by mission management, it was felt that this was more of the same, contrary to recommendations for detailed imaging of the wing leading edge from engineering. How wrong they were!

Destructive re-entry commenced over California, with the remains of the shuttle spread over large areas of Texas and Louisiana. The piece of foam had shattered the tiles on the leading edge of the wing permitting high temperature gasses to enter and melt key parts of the wing and hence the vehicle was destroyed.

It was decided that loss of vehicle risk was too high and the tiles were too fragile, although significant changes were made to increase safety. The decision was made that the shuttle program would come to an end with the last delivery of elements of the ISS in July 2011.

The U.S. reached an agreement with the Russians that astronauts would be transported to and from the International Space Station for the foreseeable future at a cost of \$490 million from 2015 to 2019.

The three remaining shuttles are now on display; one at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, another at the California



Space Center in California and the third at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Virginia. The original test model, Enterprise, is on display at the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in New York City. I highly recommend a visit to view one of the shuttles if you get a chance.

So what is the legacy and what can we learn from the Shuttle program? The Shuttle program was a tremendous technical achievement even though it did not meet its original goals.

We now know mixing "manned and unmanned" missions adds prohibitive costs and complexity. NASA has returned to its original goal of research

and development and space exploration and turned the transportation business to Earth orbit over to commercial ventures.

The world of space is changing rapidly, driven by program costs, delays and government inertia. Entrepreneurs are taking over many of the key space activities. Stay tuned!

Jim Middleton is a "semi-retired" aerospace engineer with over 50 years of experience in the U.S. and Canadian space programs. He has worked on the Space Shuttle and Space Station programs for over 25 years. He is currently involved in Canadensys Aerospace Corporation, a space company located in Bolton.

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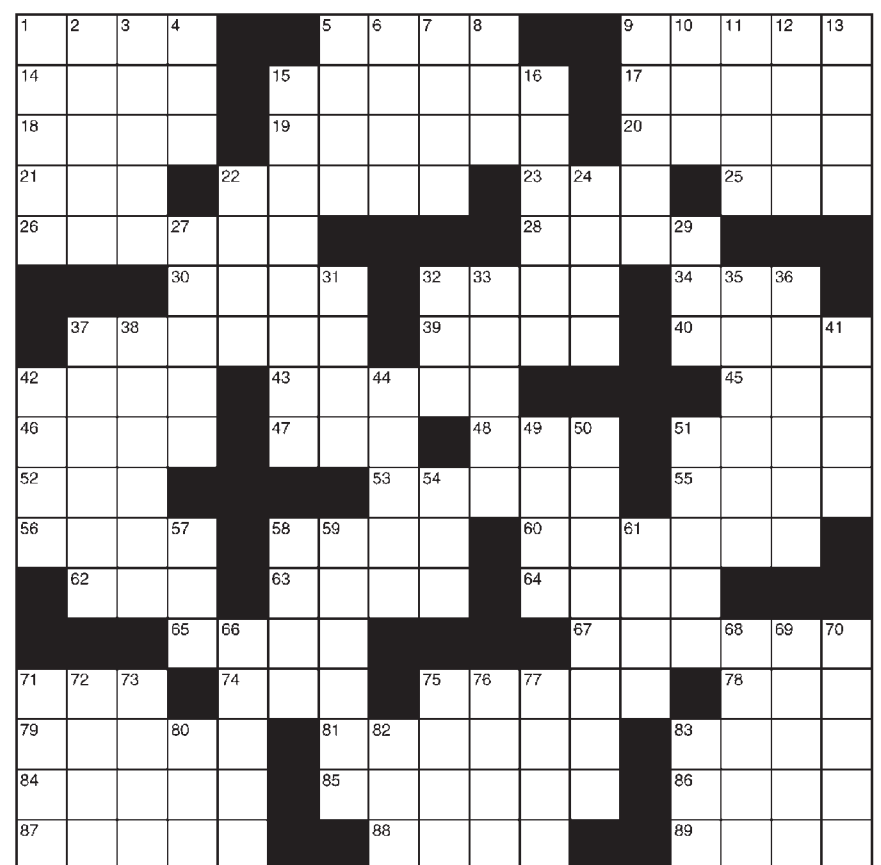
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21. Kind of silkworm
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23. Old French coin
25. Var.
26. Photographic opportunity
28. Norm's drink
30. Intense
32. Footless creature
34. Ease off
37. Kind
39. Diving position
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42. Mislaid
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48. Thoughtful sound

51. Door clasp
52. Linen vestment
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55. Additionally
56. Sample of voters
58. Say forcefully
60. Harden like bone
62. Miniature
63. Aristocrat
64. Chip
65. Poetic part
67. Snagged
71. Rookie socialite
74. Wire measurement
75. Coil of yarn
78. Fray
79. Elicit
81. African nation
83. Peel, as fruit
84. Finch
85. Slander
86. Staff member
87. Work with dough
88. Dole out
89. Santa's vehicle

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6. Voice part
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9. Locale
10. Trailing vine
11. Festival
12. Admired one
13. Let use
15. Spanish ranch
16. Antelope
22. Precinct
24. Transfer
27. Promo producers
29. Twilled fabric
31. Hammer end
32. Timber tree
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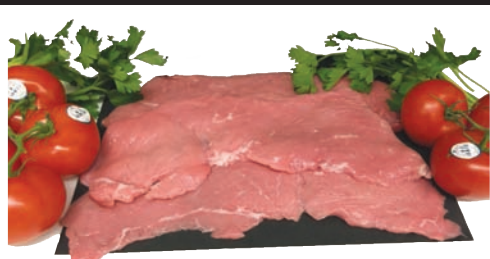
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Business leaders gather to promote Nobleton

By Mark Pavilons

There's a buzz among Nobleton area business owners.

During the first-ever Nobleton Business Forum held last week, stakeholders got a chance to review shortcomings and look for solutions to improve the business climate in and around the village.

Close to 50 people attended the event at Raffaele's Cantina, hosted by the King Chamber of Commerce and King Township.

Chamber president Tom Allen was ecstatic at the turnout and amount of input during the evening that included information and working group sessions to ferret out local concerns. "The buzz is phenomenal," Allen observed.

Local businesses, he stressed, are integral to the community and their knowledge is vital.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said his council has always been pro-business, creating an atmosphere for businesses to flourish. As one of the biggest cheerleaders for King and its businesses, Pellegrini said forums like this are important. "If I need to say more, tell me!" he told the crowd.

He pointed out that King just passed bylaw changes that provide financial relief for small business expansions.

From King's Official Plan and Nobleton zoning bylaw, input from businesses play a role in these important decisions, said Councillor David Boyd, who was instrumental in encouraging business leaders to attend the forum.

"It's important to have local input to help shape the framework," he said.

On tap for Nobleton are beautification, streetscaping and a banner program, to name a few.

Nobleton will go through some changes in the coming years. York Region plans to widen Highway 27 through the "core" area in 2017. Plans for the subdivision at the former wrecking yard will get going and new businesses continue to set up shop in the village. All of this sets the stage for some remarkable growth and the onus is on the local businesses to capture more of the market.

Multi-generation business owner Alf Budweth said success lies in consistency. As operator of the oldest mill north of the city, Nobleton Feed Mill has had to evolve and go after new markets. It has done this well and their concentration on the equine industry has allowed them to help some 17 Queen's Plate winners.

John Ciarallo, owner of John's No Frills, said he would like to see more residential growth to support local businesses. In 2016, it's expensive to do business in this country and his is based on volume growth. His core support comes from King but he can't survive on that alone. Attracting customers from outside the area, including Bolton and even Aurora, are important.

He believes local businesses have to aggressively market outside of King, to entice the growing numbers in Bolton, Kleinburg, Maple and Aurora.

"I'd like to see dedicated marketing in those areas," he said.

Guests were asked to point out some areas of concern. A lack of parking,



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comprehensive sidewalk access and property standards were all mentioned. It was pointed out that Nobleton is a bit "fragmented" in that businesses are spread out and there is no defining "core" per se. Recent development has taken place north of the four corners and there is a lot taking place south of the village as well.

Branding and marketing were mentioned as ways to help promote Nobleton. King council, as part of its 2016 budget, approved an additional \$19,000 for the Economic Development department to further promote the municipality through its "Experience King" program.

The Township does have a role to play in all of this. One woman mentioned the Township can promote shopping locally, spotlight local businesses on a regular basis on their website, and pump more dollars into community improvement.

Boyd stressed there is money available for local improvements, through Community Improvement Plan grants. All you have to do is apply and Jamie Smyth, King's economic develop-

ment officer, can help walk businesses through the process.

Others thought improved signage – welcome signs, etc. – would help spread the word and encourage commuters to stop and shop.

One resident said the Chamber could improve its visibility by making an effort to visit every village and every business.

Capitalizing on local events is another area where businesses can thrive. King hosts more than one event per week throughout the year. From hockey tournaments and festivals, to equestrian events and holiday fireworks, there are opportunities for promotion and sales.

Smyth pointed out there needs to be more collaborative efforts.

Currently, his department is running a ShopKING promotional survey, asking residents to evaluate local businesses and make suggestions. This data will be collected and be distributed.

Others in the crowd felt some sort of market analysis study would be helpful in pinpointing just where shoppers are coming from.

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ASK brings local groups together

By Teri Hastings
Executive Director, ASK

Arts Society King (ASK) hosted King Township's Community Groups Open House Jan. 20.

This annual event brought together community group stakeholders to formally meet, mingle and importantly, exchange major event dates for the upcoming year.

This information helps create a unified community calendar that ASK shares with the Library, Township and partners AND is used to generate the regular MOSAiC magazine feature "Events in and Around King."

This year, the 40+ person gathering enjoyed a presentation by Jon Bell, supervisor of recreation services for King Township.

He detailed his department's special events strategy and will seek feedback from King's community groups throughout the coming months.

ASK was asked to coordinate and host the open house many years ago and it has become our privilege to bring together some of King Township's finest volunteers for this purpose. Congratulations to all the volunteers who work so hard to deliver their groups services and programs. See you all around King!



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Sustainability committee marks successes in 2015

By Susan Beharriell

Working on behalf of Township council and the citizens of King, the Sustainability Committee had a very busy and successful 2015.

Eight appointed volunteers joined three councillors and several staff members to work not only behind the scenes but also to organize events and provide outreach activities throughout King.

King was quite successful in producing and updating a number of very important documents that will guide us into the future. If our community does not know where it is going, then it is unlikely to reach its goals.

The committee contributed to the efforts to publish King's new Transportation Master Plan, the Trails Master Plan, the Water/Wastewater and Storm Water Master Plan & Urbanization Study, the Oak Ridges Conservation Plan and Greenbelt Plan Reviews, the Official Plan Review and the Nobleton Zoning By-law Review. All of these documents have an impact on your lives.

Sustainability King now has established itself on social media with over 850 Twitter followers, many Facebook likes and an informative and creative website (sustainableking.com). This is also where you will find the Sustainability Plan completed in 2012.

You may have read the waste reduction tips in your waste collection calendar the last several years. Many of these "tidbits" come from the committee. You may have met members spreading the word about sustainability throughout the faith community or speaking at the Volunteer Appreciation Night. Regular articles are published in both local newspapers (thank you to the editors) and campers at the YMCA Cedar Glen Camp had fun learning about sustainability last summer thanks to these enthusiastic volunteers. King was/is ably represented at the bi-annual York Region Environmental Advisory Committee Forum, the Clean Air Council Summit and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Sustainable Communities Conference.

Working with local partners, the committee and staff arranged a series of "Living with Wildlife" workshops and created a new programme named "King Loves Spring." These were so successful that you will soon be seeing the schedule of exciting events for this spring!

The students of Country Day School came to the committee to ask for support for "The Right to a Healthy Environment." The committee was delighted that, having strongly recommended this initiative to council, it was unanimously supported and passed. Youth engagement at its best! To learn more about The Right to a Healthy Environment, visit www.davidsuzuki.org.

The committee does have a small budget with which to assist the community to accomplish sustainability projects.

Five grants were given to Toronto Wildlife Centre, the King City Community Garden, the Schomberg Farmers' Market, The York Region Milk Committee and Christ Church Kettleby. Go to www.sustainableking.com for grant application details.

All this is to say that, thanks to the guidance of the Chair, Rick Sikorski and the Sustainability Coordinator, Sara Olivieri, this dedicated group of volunteers had a busy and productive 2015. They look forward to an even better 2016.

ASK celebrates youth in fine art

Arts Society King is presenting a month-long exhibit, Celebrating Youth in Fine Art, at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre. It will feature talented young artists who attend Villanova College.

The exhibit's grand opening reception will include artists, their families, school officials and members of the community. Acclaimed artist Helen Lucas and Ernestine Tahedl will pre-judge the work.

The reception will be held Thursday, Feb. 4 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The exhibit runs throughout February, Tuesday to Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Good turnout for cultural workshop

King for Refugees is a grassroots organization composed of individuals, civic groups and businesses who have joined together to sponsor Syrian families to welcome and support them as they settle in King Township.

Part of its sponsorship plan included a cultural awareness workshop for over 55 volunteers.

The morning began with an introduction to some Syrian words and phrases in Arabic, such as Hello or Marhaba. Following this, there was a review of Syrian history and culture.

Susan Beharriell undertook the task of trying to compress 10,000 years into less than an hour. Susan had visited Damascus before the 2011 civil war and her photos helped to bring the beauty of the land to life.

Other highlights of the workshop included a hands-on Arab dance break. Volunteers joined hands, literally this time, as they practiced fancy footwork in an Arabic circle dance, which is particularly popular at weddings.

Participants worked up an appetite and were well rewarded with a lunch featuring homemade hummus, tabbouleh salad and pita bread.

The group subdivided into their various teams for the remainder of the workshop.

The next meeting of the King for Refugees organization is Feb. 10. All are welcome to join and help the group reach its settlement goals.



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Police, Transit team up to eradicate hate crimes

By Brock Weir

Hate crimes are on the rise in York Region, but many instances simply go unreported.

Rather than make eye contact with their fellow commuters, transit riders often avert their eyes to on-bus advertisements and York Regional Police and York Region Transit are hoping hundreds of new advertisements now rolling out encourage people to step forward and step up to make hate crimes and hate bias things of the past and to celebrate the rich diversity of the Region.

"We live in a microcosm of the world here," said York Regional Police Chief Eric Jolliffe. "York Region is probably the most diverse community in Canada. For us, it is very important to work in partnership and to be proactive with all the communities we serve to ensure

everyone feels welcome and safe. It is about education, awareness and prevention. Part of this is for people to understand that some of these actions like the painting of the swastika or painting 'Go home!' on a Mosque are hateful and they are not acceptable.

"We live together in a very safe community and we want to keep it that way. Because we police in a very diverse community, we want to be proactive and ensure that our community is very aware and comfortable reporting incidents to us."

It is important, said Jolliffe, to "continually build trust and confidence in our communities" because some people who make their way to York Region might come from countries where relationships between citizens and police can be fraught.

"Part of our goal is to make sure we open those lines of communication to

ensure our community trusts the work we do."

Over 400 ads are now on the move across all York Region municipalities.

Last year alone, York Regional Police responded to 107 reports of hate crimes. 43 of these were targeted to the Jewish community, 18 were against the Black community, 10 against the LGBTQ community, and four targeting the Muslim community.

"We track hate incidents as well because, at some point, people who continue this type of derogatory or offensive behaviour cross the line into criminality and it is important for us to know who those people are," said Inspector Ricky Veerappan of the YRP's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Bureau.

"It is about keeping our communities safe and secure but, at the same time, celebrating the diversity we have, recognizing that hate crimes are extremely offensive and we should all be offended when any community is targeted. Hate crimes are a criminal offence that target core human identity like race, ethnicity, culture, and religious beliefs. Those are core values of any community."

"Hate crimes have that ripple effect where if one person is targeted, an entire community is victimized because they all share that same core identity."

In investigating these incidents, the YRP bills its responders as part of the "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion" bureau. It puts a "positive angle" on the work these officers do, said Inspector Veerappan, and it is "taking people away from the very nasty side of some of the historical animosity, global conflict and sectarian violence" seen around the world "moving us in a more positive direction so we can build capacity and, really, a better understanding of our friends and our neighbours in our York Region communities."

The York Regional Police's centralized hate crime unit also monitors the local impact of global events, according to Jolliffe, with officers liaising with numerous community partners outside of the police, including school boards, to foster community safety.

"We want to encourage members of the public to report hate to York Region-

al Police," said Jolliffe. "Hate crime and hate incidents affect all citizens and their feelings of safety and security which have no place in York Region. We continue to be proactively engaged with many of our community partners to combat and eradicate hate in all its ugly forms while prosecuting hate crimes to the fullest extent of the law."

King committed to maintaining water quality

By Mark Pavilons

Despite annual increases in local water rates, it's important for residents to know just how lucky they are.

During recent budget deliberations at King council, Councillor Cleve Mortelliti stressed we're very lucky in this country. Pointing to the disaster that has plagued Flint, Michigan, he said the fact our water quality is guaranteed makes it all worthwhile.

Flint is in crisis, over contaminated water. Protests by residents refusing to pay their water bills have created a very precarious situation in that city.

Council approved revisions to its water use bylaw, fixing some previous inconsistencies. The new bylaw received extensive legal and inter-departmental review and comment.

King enacted a new water use bylaw in 2014 to ensure the safe, compliant and efficient operation of the Township's four drinking water systems. The bylaw also implemented a cross-connection control program and included a consistent and accurate metering of water consumptions.

The changes were minimal, affecting water restrictions and site servicing.

Council also endorsed its Drinking Water Quality Management System Operational Plan (OP).

It's a requirement of municipal drinking water permits and licences currently in place within the township. The Township's OP and operating procedures are designed to facilitate the safe, compliant and efficient operation of the four drinking water systems.

It's integral and mandatory to meet the protocols in place. The OP is reviewed and assessed on an ongoing basis.

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Transit Project Assessment Process

GO Rail Network Electrification – Public Meetings

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is helping to transform the way the region moves by building a seamless, convenient and integrated transit network across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

As part of this project, we are expanding GO Transit to enable 15-minute service on most corridors with electrified trains, which will enable faster and more frequent service. Together, these infrastructure improvements will change how people move around Toronto and the region with four times the current number of GO train trips, service on evenings and weekends, and twice the number of trips during peak periods.

Building on the GO Electrification Study completed in 2010, which looked at the electrification of the GO Transit rail system network, Metrolinx is currently undertaking environmental studies under the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP), in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 231/08*, to examine the conversion of several rail corridors from a diesel to an electric-based system. The project will include design and implementation of a traction power supply system (i.e. traction power substations and high voltage connections to Hydro One's existing grid), as well as power distribution components (i.e. electrical power distribution facilities) located in the vicinity of the rail corridors.

The Study Area (see map) includes six GO rail corridors, including potential locations for the electrical power supply and distribution facilities:

- Union Station Rail Corridor
- Lakeshore West Corridor – Strachan Avenue to Burlington
- Kitchener Corridor – UP Express Spur (at Highway 427) to Bramalea
- Lakeshore East Corridor – Don River to Oshawa GO Station
- Barrie Corridor – Parkdale Junction to Allandale GO Station
- Stouffville Corridor – Scarborough Junction to Lincolnville GO Station

A series of public meetings are being held as part of the TPAP process to provide information about the scope of the project, environmental studies, design and engineering components, preliminary locations for traction power supply/distribution facilities, project timelines and next steps. Interested persons are encouraged to attend:

<p>Tuesday, February 16, 2016 Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School 959 Midland Avenue Scarborough, ON M1K 4G4 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, February 23, 2016 Nantyr Shores Secondary School 1146 Anna Maria Avenue Innisfil, ON L9S 4X5 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, February 29, 2016 Oakville Trafalgar High School 1460 Devon Road Oakville, ON L6J 3L6 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, March 3, 2016 Holly Community Centre 171 Mapleton Avenue Barrie, ON L4N 8T6 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, March 9, 2016 Lakeshore Collegiate Institute 350 Kipling Avenue Etobicoke, ON M8V 3L1 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday, February 17, 2016 St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School 278 Wellington Street East Aurora, ON L4G 1J5 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, February 24, 2016 Metro Toronto Convention Centre North Building, Room 203 255 Front Street West Toronto, ON M5V 2W6 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, March 1, 2016 Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School 115 Glenvale Blvd. Brampton, ON L6S 3J7 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Monday, March 7, 2016 St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School 1 St. Joan of Arc Avenue Maple, ON L6A 1W9 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, March 10, 2016 Glengrove Public School 1934 Glengrove Road Pickering, ON L1V 1X2 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Monday, February 22, 2016 Unionville High School 201 Town Centre Blvd. Unionville, ON L3R 8G5 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, February 25, 2016 Abilities Centre 55 Gordon Street Whitby, ON L1N 0J2 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, March 2, 2016 Stouffville District Secondary School 801 Hoover Park Drive Stouffville, ON L4A 0A4 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, March 8, 2016 Robert Bateman High School 5151 New Street Burlington, ON L7L 1V3 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, March 22, 2016 Nelson Mandela Park Public School 440 Shuter Street Toronto, ON M5A 1X6 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p>
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For additional information about this project, please visit gotransit.com/electrification.

Consultation with the public, review agencies and Aboriginal communities is a key component of the GO Rail Network Electrification Transit Project Assessment Process. Comments and information regarding this study will be collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, and may be included in study documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have a comment or question, or to receive additional information related to the project, please contact the project team: electrification@metrolinx.com or via telephone 416-869-3200.

Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez composer le 416-869-3200 ou le 1 888 GET-ON-GO (438-6646).

Man killed by truck wheel

A 69-year-old business man was killed last week, after his vehicle was struck by a flying truck tire on Highway 400 near King Road.

Paul Koenderman, former CEO of Aeon Industrial Group, was killed when his SUV was hit and suffered major damage in the accident last Wednesday morning.

OPP report he was headed northbound in his Yukon Denali when a set of wheels of a southbound transport bounced over the guard rail dividing the highway and crashed into the windshield and roof of the SUV. His vehicle then left the road and landed in a ditch.

"There is an incredible amount of damage and the whole roof of the SUV is completely collapsed," Sgt. Kerry Schmidt said.

Koenderman was trapped in the vehicle and was conscious when airlifted to hospital, where he died late Wednesday night.

The Ministry of Transportation says there were 127 cases of flying wheels on Ontario highways last year.

"It's an incredible situation and there was no time for the driver to react," he said, adding there were several kilometres of highway to investigate. "There is so much evidence and so much damage."

Police will be looking at the history of the truck's maintenance to see if there are any prior issues.

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The 12th annual Schomberg Agricultural Society Farm Tour is coming on Saturday, March 12 2016 from 10:00am – 3:00 pm.
The drive yourself tour will showcase 4 local farms that are sure to impress visitors of all ages!
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Schomberg Agricultural Society

The 12th annual Schomberg Agricultural Society's Farm Tour is coming on Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This very popular and well-attended "drive yourself tour" will showcase 4 local farms that are sure to impress visitors of all ages and interests.

There is always a theme to their tours and it is a great way to see and partake in another side of life that you may otherwise never be privy to. I know kids up here know that chocolate milk doesn't come from brown cows and "cow tipping" doesn't actually exist but this privileged entry into the agricultural way of life may just open your eyes to their lifestyle and the absolute, imperative importance of maintaining, protecting and honoring all things agricultural in our society!

Blood Donor Clinic

With still just 4% of eligible Canadians donating and 50% either needing blood themselves or knowing someone who will, there is no better time to get started.

To help meet future blood needs, why not bring a friend to our special Family Day clinic.

This next blood donor clinic in Schomberg, will be Monday, Feb. 15, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Trisan Centre, 25 Dillane Drive.

Either book your appointment at Blood.ca or pop in on Monday, Feb. 15. Celebrate Family Day by giving life - "It's in you to give!"

St. Mary Magdalene

We're having a Pancake Supper at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Schomberg on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Men's Group will be cooking up a storm to raise money for our church. Bring the whole family to our pay what

you can event and enjoy our buttermilk pancakes, real maple syrup and sausages, along with live music from Sentimental Journey!

On Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown will hold a Day Camp for Kids from 9 a.m. till 3 p.m. Anglican children are legally excused from public and high school to attend this event.

A sombre but uplifting Imposition of Ashes Service will be held at St. Mary Magdalene's on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 10, starting at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend this service.

AA meetings continue at St. Magdalene's every Monday starting at 7:30 p.m. and visitors are welcome to attend any meeting but especially so on the 4th Monday of each month.

Bring your own lunch or Brown Bag Bible study a laid back informal look at Christian scripture is held Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. (tea, coffee or juice provided).

Christ Church, Kettleby is marking its 125th anniversary this year and celebratory events are planned throughout 2016 All are welcome to attend any or all of these.

During the Young People's Focus in the Holy Communion Service at St. Mary Magdalene's this past Sunday Candlemas the Christian connection to Groundhog Day was explored and it was learned that in northern Europe especially Britain in the Middle Ages if on Feb. 2 people on their way in the early morning to the blessing of the candles service called Candlemas saw their shadows it was a sign that there'd be 6 more weeks of winter but seeing no shadow meant an early spring. Back then food supplies stockpiled in the fall had to last all winter long and if there was a chance that the winter would be long remaining food had to be carefully conserved particularly by the poor. It was also noted that for centuries right up till late pioneer times candles played an important part in everyday life being the chief after dark source of light. Candles in church not only gave light but were and still are seen as a symbol of God's presence amongst his people.

To complement our Candlemas learning during Communion Joy Gannicott our much loved organist played a medley of "Jesus Bids Us Shine" a well known children's hymn "This Little Little Light of Mine" a popular gospel song

and Cardinal John Newman's moving "Lead Kindly Light."

Dufferin Marsh Association

The Dufferin Marsh Group have two events coming up that they welcome everyone to:

On Saturday, Feb. 13 the annual community skate will be held at the Dufferin Marsh (dependent on ice conditions) from 3 to 6 p.m. There will be a bonfire, hot drinks, and hotdogs and marshmallows to roast. Follow the trail in from the bulletin board on Dr. Kay Drive.

On Monday, Feb. 15 (Family Day) we will be hold a guided Great Back Yard Bird Count. Join us to identify and count the number of winter birds we have in Schomberg. The data we collect will be submitted as part of an international bird count that is happening all across the world on the same days. Meet at the bulletin board on Dr. Kay Drive. Dress for the weather and bring your binoculars.

There is a hike through Schomberg hosted by the Oak Ridges Trail Associa-

tion that includes the Dufferin Marsh. It runs Sunday, Feb. 7, at 1 p.m. It's a 5-kilometre loop hiking exploring Schomberg Main Street and back wood trails twisting around Schomberg. Meet in the Tim Hortons parking lot at the junction of Hwy. 27 and Dr. Kay Drive. For more, call David Francis, 905-936-4446, cell phone on day of hike 416-579-5432.

King For Refugees

The Syrian Refugee Crisis continues to impact us all. We are ready to help!

King For Refugees was formed to gather individuals and to co-ordinate the efforts of local residents, businesses and groups that want to help the refugees. It is a grassroots organization with a goal of welcoming and supporting new Canadians into our beautiful Township of King.

Months ago people came together and began to plan and organize. Much has been accomplished and membership is still growing.

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PICKERING COLLEGE

Country Day School celebrates its new building

By Jake Courtepatte

Country Day School has added another milestone to its long and storied 43-year history in King City.

The \$10 million "Making Connections" campaign, the largest campaign in the independent school's history, capped off last Tuesday with the official unveiling of the new two-story senior school building. The 51,000-square-foot addition includes a new dining hall, administration offices, learning and support centres, and nine new classrooms.

More than 250 current and past CDS parents, students, alumni, faculty and staff, enjoyed an evening exploring the building.

"When our founders opened The Country Day School doors for the first time in 1972, they did so cherishing the promise of youth and the importance of education," said Head of School John Liggett in his remarks. "Those same values are present as we officially open the most recent in a long line of new Country Day School doors. With a reverence for all the hard work that came before us, and a commitment to further advance CDS into the future, we hereby officially open our new dining hall and rejuvenated senior school."

Approved in April of 2012, the Making Connections campaign saw a portion of the senior school dismantled in December, having served its purpose since 1986. Other parts of the school were put in place in 1998 and 1999, and still stand following renovations.

Named donors are recognized throughout all areas of the new building, such as the Niczowski, Temovsky, and Arrigo Dining Hall, and the Croxon Family Administration Centre.

"A lot of people think of the Country Day School and the independent school



Country Day School celebrated another milestone with the opening of its new senior school building. All hands were on deck for the official ribbon cutting. King Mayor Steve Pellegrini presented a plaque to Head of School John Liggett.

Photos by Jake Courtepatte

network, and they don't really know what that means," said the chair of the board of directors, Paul Jewer. "Independent means we're on our own. We make our own decisions, we are responsible for our own destiny, and the quality of education that we provide for our children. Thanks to this community as a collective, we have this fantastic new space."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini also added his own positive remarks, saying the new building is "something the community can be proud of."



York approves contract for inspection of underground utilities

York Regional Council approved an award of a three-year contract to Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) for inspection and assessment of water and wastewater valve chambers across the Region. This will help ensure the Region's water supply is not interrupted and wastewater is allowed to flow safely to our treatment facilities. Infrastructure used to isolate portions of underground pipe for repair and maintenance should be proactively maintained to ensure access is available at all times. Monitoring through regular inspection and condition assessment provides information needed to identify repairs and prioritize rehabilitation projects.

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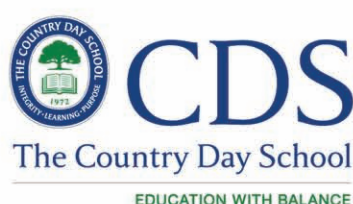
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Months ago people came together and began to plan and organize. Much has been accomplished and membership is still growing. Now, we are ready to welcome and settle newcomers.

As your friends, neighbours, and colleagues, we are asking you to help by doing what you can. Please donate to King for Refugees so that families can be sponsored and the work of welcoming begin.

You Can Help Right Now

Donate Funds Online -

Go to www.kingforrefugees.org.

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Send a cheque made payable to **Humanity First** with **King for Refugees** noted on the memo line, to King for Refugees, P.O.Box 135, King City, ON, L7B 1A4.

Include your full name and return mailing address to receive a charitable donation tax receipt.

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Health seminars coming to King library

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As your friends, neighbours and colleagues, we are asking you to help by doing what you can. Please donate to "King For Refugees" so that families can be sponsored and the work of welcoming them can begin!

You can donate funds online by visiting www.kingforrefugees.org and you will receive your charitable donation tax receipt from this site. Or you can also donate by mailing us a cheque made payable to Humanity First, with King For Refugees noted on the memo line and mail it to King For Refugees, P.O. Box 135, King City, L7B 1A4. Include your full name and return mailing address to receive a charitable tax receipt.

Cystic Fibrosis Benefit

Everyone is invited to the 6th annual

Cystic Fibrosis Canada fundraising event at the Schomberg Community Hall on Saturday, Feb. 6.

There will be prizes, raffles, cash bar and a great deal of live entertainment, including The Wheat Kings; Jonny Cobra; Hank; Slow Towns.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. What a great way to support such a worth fundraising effort and have a great night at the same time!

York Pines Church

Lent begins a bit unusually at York Pines this year. The congregation is participating in a community-building exercise called, "Guess who is Coming to Dinner?" Some of us are acting as hosts and others are the guests and the surprise is the identity of who is arriving for supper.

The first day of Lent, Feb. 10, Ash Wednesday, is the first occasion for this dinner. Tuesday, March 22 is the second. The idea is to visit in each other's homes and draw closer to one another. If you wish to be a part of a fun-filled church, then please join us at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, 3150 the Lloydtown/Aurora

Road, Kettleby.

Lent, of course, is a time for study and faith practice. This year the self-guided reflection text is entitled, "With us Always - Daily Devotions Framed by the Movies." The book costs \$10 and if you wish to buy a copy please call the church office at 905-727-8118.

Also this Lent during worship the light of the Christ candle is being obscured by rocks. Seven times we will add a stone around the Christ candle until on Good Friday the light is totally hidden. Then on Easter day the stones will be removed and scattered to far corners of the sanctuary as the story of the empty tomb with the stone rolled away is re-told. The light of the resurrection will shine in this dramatic presentation.

Time is structured by the discipline of church attendance. At York Pines our model for worship includes an after service coffee hour where friends meet. Why don't you develop the practice of honouring God in Christ at York Pines this Lent?

King Library

Once a month, right through to November, Aziza Amarshi, a pharmacist and registered holistic nutritionist, is putting on free health education seminars at the King City Public Library.

The February seminar takes place on Monday, Feb. 22 from 7 to 8 p.m. and the subject is "managing high cholesterol" through diet, lifestyle changes and medications.

Aziza will help you understand just what cholesterol's role is and what high cholesterol could mean for you; how certain foods could help lower those cholesterol levels; help you understand the difference between good and bad cholesterol; which medications are commonly used to treat high cholesterol, and she will answer your questions on side effects of these medications.

If you would like to attend Aziza's seminar please pre-register at King City Public Library at 905-833-5101 or at the King City Pharmacy at 905-833-5304.



St. Patrick supports Food Bank

Mary Lou Mattiazzi, Joanne Ruccella and Carol Ann Trabert of celebrate the success of the Candy Cane Project at St. Patrick Catholic School, Schomberg. Special thanks go to Schomberg Foodland, Schomberg Pharmasave and John's No Frills in Nobleton for their donation of candy canes that were sold to the students at St. Patrick, raising \$704. Further monies were raised at the Christmas Concert, and the envelope the two teachers are holding contain cheques totalling just over \$1,000.



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CDS Opens its Rejuvenated Senior School

The \$10M *Making Connections* campaign, the largest campaign in The Country Day School's history, is nearly complete and the School celebrated the grand opening of its new building at a reception and ribbon cutting on January 26.



Following remarks, Head of School John Liggett, accompanied by the Mayor of the Township of King Steve Pellegrini and members of the CDS Board of Directors, were joined on stage by lead donor families for the official ribbon cutting. Guests toured the new facilities throughout the evening and CDS Student Ambassadors were available to assist and answer questions.



The CDS community gathered for the grand opening of a 51,000 square-foot addition to the School, which includes a state-of-the-art Marché style Dining Hall and a spectacular expansion of the Senior School.

Guests commented on the extraordinary architectural design, which not only provides an entirely new look to the main entrance of the Senior School, but includes unique spaces to optimize learning.

Hallways and classrooms are flooded with natural light and afford beautiful views of CDS' rural 100-acre setting. Students now have significantly more breakout areas and inspirational spaces for learning and creativity.

We are incredibly proud of how far our school has come in just 43 years. Thank you to our community for helping us achieve this milestone!

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NobleKing peewee A Knights win Silver Stick

By DENNIS EVANGELISTA

The peewee A NobleKing Knights are on top of the hockey world. The team went undefeated in their quest to become the youngest NobleKing team to win a Silver Stick International Final Championship, and the only team to ever capture both the Silver Stick and a Lake Placid Challenge Cup in the same season.

After capturing the Lake Placid title in October, the Knights Silver Stick journey began in December, as the team dominated their competition in the Bob Merkley Regional Silver Stick qualifying tournament in Midland. The team continued their momentum from there by finishing the regular season in first place of the competitive York Simcoe Region OMHA loop.

This past Thursday, the group of players, coaches, parents and siblings started their trek over the border to Port Huron, Michigan with one united goal – to win this tournament.

In their first challenge of the tournament, the group faced the Gulf Coast Flames from Florida. The Flames had yet to lose a game all season but this did not intimidate the Knights, as they easily disposed of the Flames 6-0.

In their second round robin game on Friday, the Knights faced off against the Lincoln Jr. Stars from Nebraska. The game started off close, but the Knights persevered to a 2-0 lead at the end of the first. The team shut the Jr. Stars from that point on to a final score of 5-0.

As other teams played in the hallways late Friday evening, the boys demonstrated their determination and commitment to their goal by getting a good night's sleep to prepare for their biggest challenge yet, an early morning meeting with the Uxbridge Stars.

The Stars had defeated the Knights in three straight games in last season's OMHA semi-finals. The boys woke up early Saturday morning with revenge on their minds. In an exciting and hard fought game, the Knights battled back from an early 1-0 deficit to tie the game 1-1. The boys thought they may have had their first win against their nemesis, but a late second goal was waved off by the referee. The tie, however, gave the Knights a first-place finish in their round robin group.

That evening, the Knights quarter-final game match up was against their upcoming first round OMHA playoff opponents, the Orillia Terriers. The NobleKing players were not running on all cylinders to start the game as the teams went into the change room for the third period flood with a 1-1 tie.

However, the young Knights put the pedal to the metal in the third period as both teams laid it on the line in a physical finish to the game. After a 2-2 and



NobleKing's peewee A squad were on top of the world, winning the International Silver Stick at Port Huron, Michigan. It was a total team effort against some tough competition.

a 3-3 score, the Knights dug in deep in the last half of the period and escaped with a 6-3 win, giving them a berth in an early Sunday morning semi-final game against their regular season opponents, the Markham Waxers.

The Knights woke up on Sunday with an aura of calm and confidence. With a season full of practice, game experience, and quality coaching, the team was prepared for the challenge of championship Sunday. They started off the game with a masterful performance. The offence chipped in two early goals and the defence shut down the Waxers for the first 30 minutes. The Knights knew that their opponent would come after them with all they had in the third period. The Waxers got half way to their objective with an early goal, but that was all they could muster, and the Knights held on to a 2-1 victory.

After the game, the team soon found out that the championship game would be a rematch against the reigning Silver Stick International Champions, the Uxbridge Stars.

To prepare for the game, Head Coach Rob De Rose motivated the team by explaining to them that opportunities come and go in life, however, great opportunities that lay ahead of them in their grasps, only come along at seldom times, therefore you need to take advantage of them when they present themselves. The boys clutched on to their coach's inspiring message, locked their jaws on his words, and stepped on

the ice to seize such an opportunity in this, their game of a lifetime.

The boys were relentless, shift after shift, giving all they had. They battled the Stars to a 0-0 tie after the first. The Knights were given a power play opportunity in the middle of the second period, and they took full advantage of the situation. Sam Degli Angeli winged the puck around the boards from behind the net. The puck reached the stick of Anthony Macedo, which he quickly fired towards the net. The puck bounced off of sticks, gloves and shin pads, and with hectic action and good fortune, it landed to the side of the net. Awaiting it's arrival, Ryan Dimitroff slid the puck into the gaping cage, to give the Knights a much needed lead.

From that point on, both teams traded punches in this heavyweight match, however, both opposing goalies stood tall, especially Knights goalie Steven Selvaggi. In the team's last wall of defence, he stood tall, and made many spectacular stops. As the parents counted down and took their final gasps, the Knights persevered, and captured the title in a 1-0 shutout win.

After the game, the team was presented with three individual awards.

Steven Selvaggi was given the well-deserved honour of Tournament M.V.P. and was also named to the Silver Stick All Star team, while defenceman Aurelio DeRose was recognized by being named to the Silver Stick All Star team. Congratulations to both boys on your successes and your contribution to the team.

Congratulations to the staff of the peewee A NobleKing Knights for their hard work and dedication to the team, Head Coach Rob DeRose, Coaches Dan Dimitroff, Tory Termini, Joe Petrunaro, Domenic Albanese, and Team Manager, Lucia Macedo. Congratulations to all of the players – Vincent Albanese, Alex Ayzenberg, Vincenzo Marra, Aurelio De Rose, Christopher Petrunaro, Ryan Dimitroff, Matthew Maniatis, Liam McPhillips, Anthony Macedo, Derek Evangelista, Steven Selvaggi, Michael Termini, Cameron Robinson, Owen Clark and Sam Degli Angeli.

Not only did they outclass all teams on the ice but their determination, teamwork and sportsmanship were also unparalleled. This is truly a performance that all of King Township is proud of.

Unpredictable ice conditions on Lake Simcoe

The York Regional Police Marine Unit would like to remind residents of the importance of staying safe on our lakes and waterways during early-season ice formation.

The recent changes in weather have altered the conditions of the ice, making its stability unpredictable and inconsistent. Warmer temperatures and rain are also contributing to potentially hazardous ice conditions.

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Curling can often be as hard as granite

By **SHELLEE MORNING**

You can't see the intended target, and your Skip is yelling back "you don't need to see it, just take it out!"

Easier said than done, when you're sitting in the hack staring down a house full of granite.

For Teams Frans and Steenhoek of the Monday Night Men's league, this is exactly what was in their horizon – granite, and lots of it.

Whether a beginner or a seasoned curler, you always try to achieve the play that is called upon you to help your team. With less than 10 seconds in the hack, the thrower must think about balance, accurate weight, just enough turn on the handle, and perfect delivery towards the broom. The moment you push from the hack position, there is no turning back. Once the rock is delivered, the rest of your team comes into play and determines the possible outcome or "your rock" should you have made the perfect throw.

Teams Frans and Steenhoek were going end for end during last week's play in what was expected to be a high scoring game. Steenhoek got off to a commanding 4 point lead in the 1st seemingly in control making the statement they were here to play.

"Don't count the rocks. Let your rock count!" This is exactly what Team Frans was thinking, and accomplished during the 2nd and 3rd ends.

John Vincent began with perfect guards. Al Frans committed to come-arounds and tap backs. Vice Jody LaPlante replaced a bit of granite and set the house up for his Skip John Frans earning the tie. In the 4th, Frans crafted a multiple end house with lots of rocks in play after Steenhoek's team missed placing their guards. By crowding the centre line and 4 foot area, Skip Dan Steenhoek had no way in for a point giving Frans another 3 point 7-4 edge.

In the 5th Frans hit a tap back on his last throw leaving a pocket for Steenhoek to collect one for a 7-5 score. Lead Brent McClure of Team Steenhoek has a soft touch delivery that facilitated in the 6th and 7th ends setting up perfect guards. Peter Kamstra and (spare) Richard Quick came through with their assistance allowing the team to catch up and more importantly regain their confidence. The final end had Steenhoek with the tying points

in position and a tough draw to the button for Frans on his last rock. If Frans missed the target completely, Steenhoek would claim the hard fought win.

Vice Jody LaPlante called the line while sweepers Al Frans and Jack Vincent held the curl and managed the weight for the draw to victory. Throughout the entire game, it came down to superior sweeping and weight accuracy. Applying pressure with continual brushing and never stopping ... and one wonders what these guys could do with a "Swifter" on their household floors. A great team effort by both teams constructed a skilful game to be part of, and to watch.

Gorsline headed to Canadian Championships

King curling member Bruce Gorsline is the coach for Team Joseph, who won the Ontario Provincial Wheelchair play downs this past weekend in Gananoque. Finishing 1st in a four game round robin format gave them a bye into the final game against Team Rees from the Toronto Cricket Curling Club.

Team Joseph from the RA Curling Club (Ottawa) was clearly focused in their match against the defending 2015 Ontario Champion Chris Rees. There was quite a buzz in the curling crowd as the same two teams had met in the 2015 final and wondered if it would be a repeat or a new crowning of champion.

The 1st end had lots of rocks in play with Joseph sitting 2 buried. Skip Chris Rees made a double angel-raise to sit 2nd shot. Joseph made her call, got set and threw a double raise on her last rock knocking Rees' out to collect her 2 pts. Joseph went on to steal the next 3 ends which included a massive 3 point steal in the 3rd. Rees got on the board with 2 in the 5th, but Joseph sealed the deal with 2 more for a score of 10-2 after 6 ends.

Handshakes were offered and Team Joseph claimed victory earning the title as the new Ontario Wheelchair Provincial Champions.

Skip Collinda Joseph is also the first female Skip to win a provincial title. Team Joseph will represent Ontario at the Canadian Wheelchair Championships in Regina Saskatchewan April 4-10.

King Curling would like to congratulate Bruce Gorsline on this tremendous achievement and wish him and Team Joseph good luck and good curling in Regina!



Congratulations to Team Joseph, from the RA Curling Club on winning the Ontario Wheelchair Championship held this past week in Gananoque. The team skipped by (l to r) Collinda Joseph, vice Doug Morris, second Jon Thurston, lead Ross Nicholson and coached by King Curling Club member Bruce Gorsline (back row Right) and Manager David Long. Team Joseph will now advance to the Canadian Wheelchair Championships in Regina, Saskatchewan from April 4-10.



The league-leading Alliston Hornets blanked the Cougars at New Tecumseth Rec Centre in Alliston.

Cougars draw Hornets in first round

By **Jake Courtepatte**

The Schomberg Cougars are in tough for the first round of the Georgian Mid-Ontario Hockey League playoffs.

Real tough.

Following a pair of losses in the final weekend of regular season play, the Cougars have dropped into the eighth and final playoff position, setting a match-up with the reigning champion Alliston Hornets.

If regular season records are any indication, the Cougars went 0-5-0 against the Hornets this season, losing by a combined score of 21-8. Those final two losses of the season both came at the hands of the Hornets, a 5-3 loss at the Trisan Centre on Thursday followed by a 3-0 shutout in Alliston's New Tecumseth Rec Centre on Sunday.

The Erin Shamrocks pulled ahead of the Cougars on the final day of action, breathing a sigh of relief in a narrow 4-3 win over the Orillia Terriers Sunday.

The Hornets are fresh off one of the best seasons ever seen in the Junior C league. With a record of 35-2-3, they finished miles ahead of the competition, an astonishing 29 points ahead of the second-place Huntsville Otters.

Schomberg, meanwhile, is closing in on one month since they last won a game.

It does promise to be an interesting series though, as there is some bad blood between these two teams. Schomberg was a surprise contender in GMOHL playoffs last season, losing just two games through the first two series' as the sixth-ranked squad before meeting the Hornets in the league final.

Alliston squashed the Cougars in four games.

Game one was played Wednesday (results unavailable at press time), with the seven-game series kicking off at New Tec Rec. From there the teams alternate home ice, returning to Schomberg Thursday night at 8:30 p.m.

Schomberg's away record of 3-15-2 is the lowest in the league. Their last win on the road came on Dec. 20 against the Caledon Golden Hawks.

Game three returns to Alliston Feb. 7 at 7 p.m., and game four in Schomberg at 7:30 p.m. If needed, game five is in Alliston Feb. 10, game six Feb. 11 in Schomberg, and game seven Feb. 14 in Alliston.

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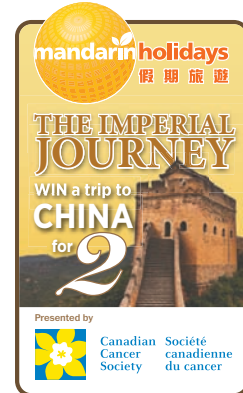
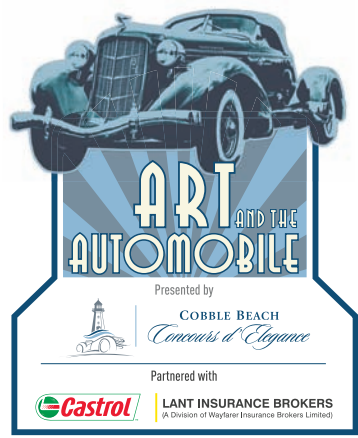
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Church celebrates 'Downton Abbey'

King's Corners

King City United
By Eleanor Fry

Rev. Evelyn's message was "Are You Being Called?"

We heard 3 stories from Mark 6: 1-29. It seems at first they don't have much to do with each other. Rev. Evelyn pulls them all together. This is what Bible Study is all about - understanding the scriptures for the following Sunday. This helps us to strengthen our faith as we listen to the messages of the sermons.

The questions left with us this week were "How is home for you? What is home? Where is home? Can you share love and forgiveness? What do you look for in others? Is it their negative points, or do you find their good points?"

These are some of the challenges Rev. Evelyn leaves with us each week.

We were blessed once more to hear the great voice of John Kell as he sang "I Will Always Be With you." Thank you, John.

Wonderful reports of the Valentine's Concert "Love ... Ain't it Crazy!" The delicious spaghetti dinner with desserts by Serena, then the special presentation. Oh, what an evening! Enjoyed so much by so many. Thanks to Sandra, Oleg, and the evening unit of the UCW, who helped to put it all together.

Welcome back to Rosemary, our music director. Both choirs are now back in business.

Thursday evenings Bell choir meets at 6:45 p.m., and Vocal choir at 8 p.m. Both choirs would like to expand. Do you like music? Are you curious about playing the bells? Sandra is the leader and would gladly help you to try it out. Rosemary would love to have more voices in the vocals to expand her choices of songs. Put some music in your life. Did you know that singing for 20 minutes a day helps to relieve your stress and aids in your breathing? Sing for good health.

Bible Study continues each Wednesday at 10:30 in the chapel.

The annual meeting is Feb. 7, after a short worship service. We need you to be there to share important discussions and decision making. Refreshments will

be served in the sanctuary.

The evening unit of our UCW will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

Sunday, Feb. 14 is Valentine's Day. We will enjoy a potluck lunch after worship. Wear red. We will sing some love songs, maybe enjoy a quiz. Invite some friends to join in.

Editor Earle is preparing the February newsletter. He needs your contributions. Do you wish to share something about your faith? Has your group done, or is planning, something amazing? Have you a photo to share or a story to tell? Send items to Earle's email ve3xel@yahoo.ca or call 905-859-9077 or drop them into our church office Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. You have until Feb. 7 deadline, so hurry! Get them in. Earle hopes to have it out for Sunday, Feb. 14.

Calling All Downton Abbey Fans! We are having an afternoon tea on Sunday, March 6 to celebrate this great series. There will be a quiz, costumes, and clips. Wear the outfit of your favourite character! Invite other Downton Abbey fans. It will be a fun get-together. Watch

for the time.

Every Sunday is "open doors" at King City United. Stop in to hear Reverend Evelyn McLachlan deliver a thought provoking message, and some good music. Then we serve a good cup of coffee/tea with some treats. It's worth the stop. No charge.

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King Bible Church

Join us on Sunday, Feb. 7 as Pastor Mark Nowell will be continuing our sermon series "Gospel Shaped Outreach" with "How should We Pray?"

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.

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King City seniors offer a host of events

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It's time for our classic SuperBowl Party again! Come and enjoy a fun night of fellowship and great food! We will also have some halftime fun, so brush up on your NFL trivia.

It will be held Sunday, Feb. 7. Dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. before game time which is 6:30 p.m. Please call or email the church if you are interested in joining us - 905-833-5104 or info@kingbiblechurch.com.

King City Seniors' Club

Wednesday, March 9, we travel to the famous Old Mill for an exciting mystery theatre performance. We start with a

buffet lunch in the main dining room, during which we meet some intriguing characters. Then someone dies and with a detective's help you get to participate in solving the mystery. For tickets contact Jane Hepworth at 905-833-5870. Cost is \$109 per person.

We are holding a "destinations party," Wednesday, Feb. 10. Come one, come all, to one of our biggest parties of the year, put on by your Travel Club Committee. It's their way of thanking everyone for their support in making the travel programs at the Centre such a huge success in 2015. Join the party and check out the many trips being planned for the upcoming year. There's no charge, so come out and bring a friend. Light refreshments will be served. Time: 2 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to the King City Seniors' annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at the Centre. The menu includes sausages, scrambled eggs and refreshments. There will be two sittings for this very popular event, one at 4:30 and the second at 6:30. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and are available from Mary Aldcroft at 905-833-0448, Carolyn Kanitz at 905-833-0792 or Vince

Cancelli at 905-833-6305.

The first Friday of the month is Movie Night at the Centre. Showtime is 6:30 p.m. and tomorrow's (Feb. 5) feature will be The Martian. The nominal cost is \$1.50. Call Carol Field at 905-833-3324.

Monday, Feb. 15, Mr. Paul Delaney will be the guest speaker at this month's meeting. Paul is a senior lecturer in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at York University, so this should be an interesting, informative, out-of-this-world experience. Time 1:30 p.m.

The third Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. is our Social Club meeting time.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

"Reading the Bible for all its worth" was the sermon's title last Sunday! The Rev. Dr. John Vissers led the worship service followed by lunch and a Q&A. He had us think about the Bible's relevancy in today's world. Do we know what's in this Holy Book, the Word of God? Are we listening to what the Bible says, learning to ask questions of the Bible and then living out the message of the Bible? St. Andrew's invites you to join us this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school and nursery care take place during the worship service.

We have been blessed to have Pastor John Mills with us this month. He will continue to be with us most Sundays through to the end of March, how-

ever, John Vissers will be with us again March 6 (Communion) and March 27.

The King For Refugees information board was available to us again following the church service. For information on this community-wide effort to sponsor Syrian refugees and how you might support this great need which impacts us all, go to www.kingforrefugees.org. Contacts are Kathy and Bill Patterson, 905-833-0391

The Youth Group is held the first and third Fridays at 7 p.m. They have a new project - to collect medical and school supplies to give to the Vissers for Cuba. Lynn and John along with students from Knox College will be travelling there in February for a week.

Coffee and Conversation starts up this Friday, Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. with Lynn Vissers. Come out and continue the conversation on "how do we read and understand scripture in our day for our time."

For pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers at the church office, 905-833-2325.

All Saints Anglican Church By Diana Armitage

Unfortunately we have had to cancel our annual Pancake Supper next Tuesday evening due to many helpers being busy with the Selection Committee for our new rector. Our Pancake Supper will return next year, we promise!

As an alternative, we heard that the members of the King City Seniors Centre flip great pancakes.

On every Wednesday during Lent, there will be an 11 a.m. service, followed by a soup lunch. Each week we will have a different type of service e.g. taize, healing, meditative, Stations of the Cross, etc.

708 OBITUARIES

BORN: Phyllis Corinne At Southlake Regional Health Centre Newmarket, suddenly on Thursday January 28th, 2016 to our sorrow Phyllis Born (nee: Watt), at the age of 89 years left us to be with the Lord. Phyllis was the beloved wife of Walter Born, loving mother of Pamela Scanlon (Dave), Grant (Patricia), Diane Hicks (Stephen), and Mark (Miranda). Sadly missed by her grandchildren: Shaun, Corin, Nicholas, Kristina, Becki and eight loving great grandchildren. Dear sister of Betty Watt, Margaret Watt, the late Elaine Mitchell (George), and the late Alec Watt (the late Edith). Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Monday February 1, 2016 from 12 noon until time of Service in the chapel at 1pm. Interment followed at Fraser Presbyterian Cemetery Tottenham. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbrams-FuneralHome.com

708 OBITUARIES

CARSON: Breen, Patrick, Martin. (Captain, Canadian Armed Forces Ret'd.) We are deeply saddened by the tragic passing of a beloved husband, father, son, brother and uncle on Monday January 25th, 2016. Breen Carson, at 41 years of age, devoted husband of Nadia (Arduini). Loving father of Quinn. Dear son of Patrick and Deirdre Carson and sadly missed by his brother and sisters Sian (Niall) Murphy, Niall (Meagan McKenney), and Saoirse (Kevin) Carroll. Special uncle to Sinead, Conal, and Oisín. Fondly remembered by his father and mother-in-law Fernando and Helen Arduini and brother-in-law to Laura, Stefania, and Venessa. Rested at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, Ontario, Canada, 905-936-3477 on Sunday January 31st, 2016 from 2-4 and 7-9 pm, and Monday February 1st, 2016 from 7-9pm. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. James Church, Colgan, Thursday February 4, 2016 at 11:00 am followed by interment in St. James Cemetery, Colgan. In lieu of flowers, donations in Captain Breen Carson's name to Soldier On (www.soldieron.ca) would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com "MAY HE REST IN PEACE"

708 OBITUARIES

HUGHES: Orville (Past Warden of Simcoe County) Peacefully passed away with family at his side at Kingsmere in Alliston on Sunday, January 31, 2016. Orville Hughes of Bradford at 95 years of age. Beloved husband of the late Jean Hughes (nee Allan). Loving father of Jim, Brian (Cathy), Marjorie Jean Hughes (Chris Graham) and Edie (Phil) Barley. Proud grandfather of Chandra (Mike), Jamie (Andrea), Kevin, David; Tiffany (Dan), Kristen (Scott); Mackenzie, Quinn, Weston; Dayna (Andrew) and Leah. Orville will be lovingly remembered by his 11 great grandchildren. Dear brother of late Irma Burton and late Roy Hughes. Orville will also be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews. Friends may call at SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford (1-800-209-4803) for visitation on Thursday from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. A Masonic Service will be held under the auspices of Simcoe Lodge, A.F. & A.M. No. 79 G.R.C. on Thursday at 6:45 p.m. Funeral service will be held at the St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 10th Sideroad, Bradford on Friday, February 5, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. Interment at Trinity Cemetery, Beeton. In Orville's memory, donations may be made to the Palliative Care Unit at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

709 IN MEMORIAM

CHRISTOPHER JOSEPH MAHER March 11, 1973 - February 9, 2015 You took part of our hearts with you, the day God called you home. We will never be the same. A precious cherished son, dearly loved and deeply mourned, Love forever, Mom and Dad

710 CARDS OF THANKS

THE MILLIGAN FAMILY wish to thank all those who sent flowers, cards and food to our home after Jim's passing. Thank you also to everyone who made donations to Spinal Cord Injury Ontario and St. John's Church in memory of Jim. Both were very special to Jim and a fitting tribute. Our family will not forget the outpouring of love and support we have received from so many. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Nancy, Katie and Mark, Bob, Margaret, Andrew, Sarah, Audrey, Grace, MaryAnne and Paul

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Churches, Lions gear up for Shrove Tuesday

Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's Church

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

A2J is a program for kids in Grades 3 to 6. A2J meets the 2nd and 4th Friday evenings each month from September to May. It starts at 7 p.m. and goes to 9 p.m. It promises an evening of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, self-confidence building and lots of fun.

Join us Sunday, Feb. 7 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his series "Experiencing God Through Prayer." Jeff's message this week is "The Ultimate Goal."

Taylor Scott has begun a program for the youth following the worship gathering. It is called 4:12 Unplugged. It is a chance for teens to hang out, drink hot chocolate and ask tough questions about God and to talk about the sermon message. A fun, laid back way to get connected in the church.

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, the Ladies Who Serve group will meet for an afternoon of knitting at the church starting at 1 p.m.

FirstLink child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering and our Regular KidzKconnection and NextStep Programs (for children ages 4 to 11) take place at the same time.

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

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.

Pancake breakfast

St. Mary's CWL and Knights of Columbus are hosting a pancake breakfast, Sunday, Feb. 14 at St. Patrick's Church, after all masses. Tickets are \$5 per person and children are free. For more info, call Merilena at 905-939-9133 or Tania at 647-333-3637

Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Sunday, Feb. 7 is Transfiguration Sunday. Moses climbed Mount Sinai and came down with the Ten Commandments. When Moses came down, he had been transformed, and his face was radiant.

The ten commandments were to help to guide his people to live with respect with each other and with God.

Centuries later, Jesus also went up a mountain with some of his disciples, shortly before his crucifixion. When we are troubled, we may need to find a retreat in order to refresh or transform ourselves.

The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, Feb. 9, from 5 to 7 p.m. The focus of this Messy Church is on Love, God's Love, and giving us another chance. We remember God's re-creation of the world after Noah and the flood. One of the activities is to make an ark using pre-formed pieces of wood.

Bob Sharer, an experienced wood crafter, has shaped the pieces of wood, sanded them and pre-drilled them so that the children can screw the pieces together to experience being a carpenter, like Noah was and of course Jesus and Joseph. The other activities will include making origami boats, doves with feathers, creating edible arks, making rainbows, aqua play in a baby bath and decorating cookies in the theme. Messy Church crafts and activities are from 5-6 p.m., then story time at 6 p.m., food at 6:15 p.m., and then socializing and/or doing more crafts until 7 p.m.

Families are free to come late, leave early, whatever fits their schedule. There is no charge for Messy Church. The costs are covered by the Kleinburg Fund that was established when Kleinburg United sold their church. This fund gets replenished when we have the Dunk Tank activity at Victoria Day.

Friday, Feb. 19 is the date for the famous Pasta Dinner with pasta sauce and meatballs from Gino DiFebo's heritage Italian recipe. The meal includes salad, buns and dessert. Tickets are \$18 per adult, and \$40 for a family (12 and under). For tickets call Linda Olsen at 905-859-0442. The meal is organized by Gino & Sue DiFebo and Val Ball. There is only one serving, so call ASAP to reserve your tickets.

Nobleton's Annual General meeting is on Sunday, Feb. 21. We have our regular Sunday service at 11:15 a.m., then lunch, then the meeting. All are welcome to attend. We value everyone's opinion.

The Joint Board will be recommending that we give a donation to the local King For Refugees organization. If anyone wants to donate to this worthy cause, one option would be to write a cheque to Nobleton United Church with "King For Refugees" on the comment line. Our church would issue tax receipts and donate this money to the group mentioned.

Volunteer opportunity - Nobleton United is looking for three or four student volunteers (teens or 20s) to operate AV equipment, especially our Powerpoint presentations. We would give two community hours for each Sunday service, 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., as this would involve setting the equipment up, running it and then storing it. We can train the volunteers to operate the equipment. Only one volunteer would be needed each Sunday. If you are interested, please email nancy@hopkinson.ca or phone 905-859-0761.

For more info, visit nobletonunited-church.com, our Facebook page, or call

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.

Nobleton Lions Club

The Nobleton Lions annual Pancake Supper is quickly approaching on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 9. The location is downstairs at the Old Community Hall just north of the arena between 5 and 7:30. Prices remain the same as last year at \$7 for adults and \$3 for kids 12 and under - great value for your dining dollar! Please come out and help your Lions Club support the community. Admission proceeds will be donated to the Nobleton Skating Club.

The Lions Foundation of Canada Purina Walk for Dog Guides is planned for Sunday, May 29. This walk helps provide funding for six different specialty streams including Canine Vision Dogs, Hearing Ear Dogs, and Service Dogs to help challenged Canadians. Check out www.purinawalkfordogguides.com for much more information.

After that comes the Nobleton Lions Annual Fund Raiser on June 5. This year the event is a Charity Golf Tournament to be held close to home at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course. This is the major fundraiser for the Lions Club, with proceeds planned to go to numerous organizations in and around town. Golfers and hole sponsors are invited to call Jim Kassam at KARS on King Rd west of Hwy 27 at 859-5277.

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

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Christian ties to Groundhog Day event

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Anglican Parish By John Arnott

This past Tuesday, Feb. 2 was Groundhog Day when this animal supposedly came out of its den and by seeing or not seeing its shadow forecasted a late or early spring. Well the St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton wants you to know there is a Christian connection to this very secular Groundhog Day as Feb. 2 also marks Candlemas when many Christian churches bless the candles they use.

During early mediaeval times there was a saying "If Candlemas be bright and clear there'll be two winters in the year but if the day be dull with rain winter will not come again!" It seems that in northern Europe especially, if worshippers on their way to the early morning Candlemas service saw their shadows because the sun was shining it meant they'd have winter weather for several more weeks but if it was a cloudy day with no shadows seen then it was thought there'd be an early spring.

Today our view of Groundhog Day is lighthearted and full of fun but in mediaeval into pioneer times the view was a much more serious one as by February supplies put by for the winter were often half gone and an extra long stretch of wintry weather meant remaining supplies had to be managed very care-

fully, otherwise there would be serious consequences, particularly for the poor. The thought that fair weather would come early so crops could be planted and larders restocked sooner, was good for mind and body.

As time passed and Candlemas was no longer a holiday there were fewer and fewer churchgoers to cast shadows on Feb. 2 so somewhere along the line the prognosticating of weather fell to the badger and whether or not it saw its shadow (this may revert back to pre-Christian times). But when European colonists especially from Britain brought the custom to the eastern North America badgers were scarce and groundhogs were more plentiful thus the groundhog was assigned the job and has held it ever since.

On Sunday, Jan. 31 the Anglican churches in the Parish of Lloydtown reconnected with the ancient Christian observance of Candlemas and during the young people's "Focus Time" the Christian connection to Groundhog Day was explained and the congregations were reminded that candles were not always just decorative—the added touch so to speak but an important and more often than not the only source of light in churches in the Middle Ages through pioneer times into the early days of homes and public buildings such as churches here in King Township. It's hard to imagine with the explosion of artificial light sources over the last hundred years that for centuries candles were the main source of after dark light!

Horticulture By John Arnott

Want an easy care houseplant to brighten up darkish area in your house and make a great entry in the Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society's upcoming spring flower shows March 21 or April 25?

I've got the perfect one, sansevieria trifasciata, a popular plant from the late

1800s into the early 1900s when it could be found in almost every home or office. This semi-succulent is one of some 70 species of sansevierias all native to southern Africa and southern Asia – some found in semi-desert regions while others prefer tropical regions.

In parts of Australia it's widely grown as an outdoor ornamental but in other parts it's seen as an invasive weed. Under favourable conditions it spreads easily by underground root stems called rhizomes. On Raratonga in the tropical Cook Islands, I came across a whole long outdoor bed of them being used as a fence.

The strong broad stiff pointed leaves of S.trifasciata now regaining its past popularity compliments both traditional and modern home decor. These beautifully mottled up to 3ft./1m tall green leaves are often edged with creamy yellow. The edges being quite sharp give this evergreen its well known common name "mother-in-law's tongue."

I was pleasantly surprised when my plant bloomed with a cluster of yellow green froth like florets as it is usually considered a foliage plant.

This plant is often seen on indoor movie and TV sets.

Sansevierias, being undemanding plants, do well in regular potting soil but because they store water in their leaves making them heavy its wise to mix sand in this soil to make it heavier and make sure to use a good sturdy pot.

My plant grows happily in my sunroom where gets bright but indirect light however these plants are noted their tolerance of low light areas.

Sansevieria trifasciata should be watered sparingly, especially in the winter. A good watering once every couple if months is ideal — over watering will cause their rhizome roots to rot.

Sansevieria was named by 18th century Swedish botanist Karl Thunberg for the Prince of Seviero although some horticulturalists maintain it was 18th century Italian botanist Vincenzo Petagna who named it after his patron Count Pietro Sansevierino. The trifasciata is Latin for 3 bundles referring to the 3 rhizomes a young plant first grows.

To get new plants carefully break off rhizomes from older plants much like you do iris and pot them. For an interesting unusual plant look for sansevieria cylindrica which appears to grow just sharp pointed stalks!

York Economic Development Action Plan

York Regional Council approved the Economic Development Action Plan 2016 to 2019 to continue to accelerate innovation, collaboration and partnerships and build on the Region's strengths as Ontario's second-largest business centre and second-largest Information and Communications Technology (ICT) cluster.

The plan builds on the 2012 action plan highlights, such as the York University campus in Markham Centre and the Ontario Research and Innovation Optical Network (ORION) point of presence at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Initiatives in the 2016 to 2019 plan will continue to focus on:

- Financial support for the new York University campus in Markham Centre.
- Advancing the Broadband Strategy to achieve the vision of York Region as a Gigabit community.
- Completing and implementing an office attraction marketing program that promotes York Region as the most viable, attractive location for knowledge-based employers and jobs.
- Support for entrepreneurship development programs aimed at young people through business incubators and accelerators such as Helix, located at Seneca College.

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