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## Plans move forward for Schomberg plaza

By Mark Pavilons

King council has given developers of a new Schomberg plaza the green light to move forward, with certain conditions.

Councillors received a staff report that removed the "hold" on the property, located at the northwest corner of Dr. Kay Drive and Highway 27. Landmark Capital is proposing a commercial development that may include a dry cleaner and medical or dental clinic.

Before the Township executes a site plan agreement, the applicant has to satisfy matters with York Region and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority.

The 3.05-acre parcel is vacant and boasts frontage on Dr. Kay, Highway 27 and Rose Cottage Lane. It is zoned as a commercial shopping centre, which permits a variety of commercial uses, including offices, restaurants and retail stores.

The developer plans three buildings, totalling 35,037 square feet with parking, landscaping and a designated patio area. At this point, only a day care has been identified as the tenant in the largest building.

According to the Township's review architect, the buildings will have a traditional architectural consisting of stone, brick, glazing and pitched roofs. Large gables alternate with smaller dormers.

The site will have two full movement entry/exit locations, one from Dr. Kay and one from Rose Cottage Lane. There is no access from Highway 27.

Lighting, garbage storage, signage and servicing have all been addressed.

Staff concluded this project conforms with the Schomberg Community Plan.

Councillor Bill Cober said it's nice to see some commercial development taking place.



King Firefighters' Association President, Nino Nicolo presented Gary Vogan of the King Food Bank, a cheque for \$1,500.

## Firefighters aid Food Bank

The King City Firefighters recently presented a cheque to the King Township Food Bank in the amount of \$1,500.

The fundraising has been very successful this year and firefighters were able to triple the usual amounts of donations that they usually target each year for charities.

Many of the winners of turkeys from the annual turkey shoot chose to donate their turkeys to the Food Bank.

"It has to give everyone a great feeling that there is so much generosity in our community for those who are in need."

The King City Firefighters put great deal of effort into their fundraisers but the real heroes are the towns folk who support them in their fundraising.

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**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

Monday, January 9, 2017

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole  
Public Meeting: re: Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendment  
File Numbers: OP-2016-02 & Z-2016-06  
Applicant: Benny Soscia  
Location: 2018 & 2022 King Road, Lots 7 & 8

Monday, January 23, 2017

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole  
• Consideration of 2017 Budgets & Business Plans for Adoption

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas,  
visit [king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents](http://king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents)

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

• Recreation Assistant – Programs & Events (contract, closes Jan.9)

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**The King City Seniors Annual General Meeting**

will be held at King City Seniors Centre  
(30 Fisher Street, King City)

on Monday January 9, 2017 at 2 pm.

All Township seniors are welcome to attend.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Christmas tree pickup**

Christmas trees will be picked up on  
Mon., Jan. 16 only. Please remove  
all decorations, nails, tree stands  
and plastic tree bags. Crews will not  
dig out a tree or climb a snowbank to  
retrieve one and trees over six feet  
tall in height must be cut into pieces.



**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF REPORT TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
(DEFERRED TO THE JANUARY 23, 2017 MEETING)**

Please be advised that a report is being prepared for Council's consideration at the Monday, December 12, 2016 meeting at 6pm recommending adding the following properties to the Township's Heritage Register:

- |                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 12853 Keele Street | 12911 Keele Street |
| 12861 Keele Street | 12917 Keele Street |
| 12865 Keele Street | 12936 Keele Street |
| 12871 Keele Street | 12958 Keele Street |
| 12877 Keele Street | 12959 Keele Street |
| 12883 Keele Street | 12966 Keele Street |
| 12905 Keele Street |                    |

**For further information**

If you have any questions, require further information regarding the property, or concerns with respect to the possible listing of your property on the Township's Heritage Register, please do not hesitate to contact Jeff Elkow, Planner II/ Heritage Coordinator at the Township offices, either by phone 905-833-4061 or by email at [jelkow@king.ca](mailto:jelkow@king.ca).

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS  
DRAFT 2017 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN**

RE: Council Meeting: Monday, January 23, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.  
Consideration of By-law for Adoption: 2017 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King adoption of the 2017 Budgets & Business Plan, will be considered at the January 23, 2017 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) as of Thursday, January 19, 2017

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

Allan Evelyn, Director of Finance and Treasurer, [aevelyn@king.ca](mailto:aevelyn@king.ca)  
Brandy Elliot, Manager of Budgets and Accounting, [belliot@king.ca](mailto:belliot@king.ca)  
Telephone: 905-833-5321, Fax: 905-833-2300

**Kathryn Moyle**  
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Township Clerk



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ments for applicants is available on our website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca),  
under Employment Opportunities. Applications are  
available at Station 34 in King City (2045 King Road) 8:30am  
– 4:30pm Monday to Friday (Office is closed on weekends)

Applications will be accepted in person at  
Station 34 in King City until  
Friday January 6th, 2017 until 4:30pm.

**REMINDERS**



**REMINDER!** Help us keep your streets clear of snow and safe for  
passage. To ensure effective snow removal, Winter Parking Restric-  
tions are now in effect until April 15th. On-street parking is prohib-  
ited on any roadway from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. during this period.

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<b>Tuesday, February 7</b> Nobleton Library 8 Sheardown Drive 6:30pm to 8:00pm	<b>Thursday, March 23</b> Schomberg Library 77 Main Street 6:30pm to 8:00pm	<b>Monday, April 10</b> King City Library 1970 King Road 6:30pm to 8:00pm	<b>Thursday, April 27</b> Annsorveidt Library 18997 Dufferin Street 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Councillors David Boyd & Linda Pabst	Councillor Bill Cober	Councillors Cleve Mortelliti & Debbie Schaefer	Councillor Avia Eek

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# King residents involved in \$30 million fraud

Investigators with the York Regional Police Major Fraud Unit have arrested nine people – including two King residents – and laid 42 charges in connection to a criminal organization responsible for defrauding, businesses, banks and private investors of more than \$30 million dollars.

In November 2014, York Regional Police started an investigation into the accused, King's John Simmonds and his company, AC Simmonds Group. Police and the Ontario Securities Commission received several complaints from victims alleging they had been defrauded by Simmonds and his co-accused.

In early 2014, the company BLVD Holdings, one of the 80 shell companies registered by Simmonds Group began the process of acquiring a food shipping company in York Region. AC Simmonds was to purchase the company for \$10 million from the original owner

who had started the company and operated it for the past 45 years.

Police said once Simmonds took control of the business, he replaced the current system for maintaining the financial records to misrepresent the financial status of the company. Simmonds and his co-accused, systematically submitted fraudulent documentation from one of his many shell companies and business interests to increase the value of the company in order to secure additional money from lenders, creditors and investors.

Between April and August 2014, in the 5 months that Simmonds had taken control of the food company, he funnelled large sums of money out of the existing business to himself, the co-accused and his shell companies to the point of bankrupting the food company. The total fraud value at this time is believed to be over \$30 million.

Simmonds, 66, faces charges of Fraud Over \$5,000; Conspiracy to Commit and Indictable Offence; Use a Forged Document; Fraud-Other Means; Laundering Proceeds of Crime; Possession of Property Obtained by Crime; Fraud Affecting Public Market, and False Prospectus.

Also charged with the same offences were:

Carrie Weiler, 57, of Nobleton; Ian Bradley, 71, of Toronto; Donald Fenton, 67, of Toronto; Jason Williams, 44, of Severn; Michael Grieco, 63 of Vaughan; Deborah Simmonds, 56, of Aurora; Tyrone Ganpaul, 67, of Mississauga and John Mpardakis, 45, of Toronto.

Police are asking anyone with information or anyone who has had business agreements with BLVD Holdings or AC Simmonds Group are asked to contact Detective Ken Bardai with the York Regional Police Major Fraud Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6671, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, leave an anonymous tip online at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com), or text your tip to CRIMES (274637) starting with the word YORK.

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## Bell to launch 'small cell' technology

By Mark Pavilons

King residents will receive better cell phone services, thanks to Bell Mobility's "small cell" technology.

Councillors recently approved an agreement with Bell to install these devices locally.

Bell's Sean Galbraith appeared before council recently. He noted people are much more dependent on their cell phones and traffic has experienced a 700% increase since 2014. The exponential growth is being driven by data use.

In urban areas, erecting towers is difficult, so Bell has come up with small cells – small box devices which are installed on utility poles. They offload users from the large towers to smaller antennas. A series of these devices will provide connectivity in hard-to-service areas, he said. The devices have a range of only 200 metres and that's why a series of them is required.

Bell research indicates there's a huge shift to "hyper-connectivity," where businesses, individuals, governments and emergency services expect and demand high-speed, high-bandwidth wireless access 24 hours a day.

Bell requires a partnership agreement with the Township to install these on municipal property and King will receive annual payments of roughly \$5,000.

According to a report from Barbara Harris, King's manager of information technology, such an agreement is advantageous and staff from both Bell and King have identified priority locations. These include:

King's new municipal office, King City Library, Nobleton Library, Schomberg Library, King City Arena, King Heritage and Cultural Centre, Tasca Park, Tri-san Centre, Cold Creek Conservation Area, Kettleby Pottageville Lions Hall, Pottageville Pavilion, Schomberg Community Hall and Ansnorveldt Park.

Staff noted that opportunities will arise in the future to expand these small cells to more locations across the municipality. Bell will be sending their engineers to scan signal strength levels and provide recommendations for future locations.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini, who sits on the York committee promoting greater access, said this is a way to service more of King.

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- 1. Information about you**
  - Names of the drivers of the vehicle to be insured. This usually includes all licensed members of your household since it is assumed that they will use the car. Provide their names as shown on their license, the number of years licensed and the percentage of time they will use the vehicle.
  - Driving records of all applicants will be screened to identify applicants with undesirable driving records. This will include driving convictions in the last three years and accident claims in the last six years.
  - Insurance history for the preceding three to six years must be provided, including any cancelled, declined or refused insurance.
  - License history of all listed drivers must be provided for the
- 2. Information about the vehicle**

Full information about the make, model and year are required as well as the Vehicle Identification Number or VIN. Also include the details of a lease if you have one, the purchase value, whether new or used, and the value of any modifications to the vehicle. If any other party has a financial interest in the vehicle this should be recorded so they are protected in the event of a loss.
- 3. Information about your coverage requirements**

Finally, you will need to provide information of how the vehicle will be used. Is it for pleasure or business? If it is for commuting, what is the daily estimated distance? What will the annual distance be? If for business use, will you be carrying paying passengers, renting the car out to others or transporting any goods? You will also need to indicate your choices regarding your coverage, for example, your preferred deductible, liability limit and coverage for any special situations, including storing the car or driving in the U.S.

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RSVP to Kristen or Catherine for both events at (905) 773-4220.

## Scottish Cultural Celebration Wednesday, January 25 • 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Oak Ridges is excited to kick off a yearlong series of Passport Events, inviting you to join us to celebrate different cultures through art, food and music. Join us for our first Passport Event on Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Robbie Burns Day with Scottish Dancers.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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## Rama is a multi-faceted getaway destination

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I find the farther away from the GTA I get, the more the stress melts away, and my breathing is less laboured. Heading into Ontario's Lake Country resembles a trip to the cottage, only more spectacular.

My wife Kim and I headed up to the resort for some much-needed R&R recently. Even though it was only an overnight excursion, it felt like a week away with no burdens, no nagging offspring and no mundane chores to worry about.

Rama celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2016 and has never closed a day in its history. It's described as "relaxed luxury," and the dedicated staff of some 2,500 employees make it run like a Swiss watch.

According to Jenna Hunter, who handles PR, Rama's success lies in its amenities, value and above all, customer service.

Since the facility sits on First Nations land, it's brimming with culture and history. It's true Canadiana and it's a partnership that has endured and flourished.

The facility has undergone many changes and upgrades over the years, which have included the hotel, 5,000-seat entertainment complex that attracts some very big acts, the rotunda



Mark Pavilons

and large casino floor.

The casino was redesigned with input from staff and the result is wider aisles and more functionality.

Technological improvements over the years have impacted the venerable slot machines. Rama boasts some of the newest tech marvels, including video and pop culture-themed machines. Many are fully immersive and engaging.

There are 2,400 slots to choose from, ranging from penny slots to the high-roller room that demand \$100 per

pull. I was surprised by the number of 1-cent machines that keep you busy, but won't suck up all your money in a hurry.

It was one of the first casinos with a poker room, which can be reserved in advance for private events and tournaments.

Hunter helped dispel some myths about gambling as well. These slot machines, governed by a special body, come to the casino sealed and tamper-proof. The results are completely random. Payouts from all sources are in the 85% range.

People are attracted to Rama for many different reasons. Sure, it's a gambling mecca and the impeccably clean casino floor is busy, but not loud. It's a fun atmosphere and there's no shortage of servers or stations to grab a drink or a bite to eat. This makes the experience more of a treat.

The facility draws some big name entertainers, and the walls are lined with autographed photos of some of the greats.

We had the good fortune of catching the opening night of Styx, an iconic rock band of the late '70s and early '80s. The bulk of the group is intact, with the addition of Ontario's own Gowan as keyboardist and singer. I've seen Gowan a couple of times and remember his hits growing up. He is immensely talented with boundless energy. They all performed almost non-stop for just under two hours. Amazing.

Styx has a place in my heart. I recall as a teen getting my first set of wheels and installing a tape deck and "power booster" from Radio Shack. I wore out several of their tapes.

Ticket prices are reasonable and there's literally no bad seat in the place.

It's no wonder many of their shows sell out in just a couple of days.

The complex has been host to major sporting events as well, such as boxing, gymnastics, MMA, even curling.

The resort is well used, considering it welcomes 8,000 visitors per day, or some 3 million per year. But it's kept spotless by the staff.

It's a great alternative to heading into the Big Smoke for dinner and a concert. You're getting great value, and don't have to fight traffic or worry about parking.

We were lucky enough to dine at St. Germain's Steakhouse, named for the First Nations man who got the ball rolling for the Rama resort many years ago. This place is uber-nice, and the prices are surprisingly comparable. To pay \$35 for a perfect rib-eye is right in the ball park. The jumbo shrimp were the size of my fist and the service was excellent. Everything about this place was first-class. There are many dining options and all boast good value and good food.

The hotel is deemed an all-suite facility and the rooms are spacious, comfortable and reasonable. Our bathroom was lavish was in comparison to typical hotel rooms.

During a fun-filled, whirlwind visit, your room is reserved to catching a few winks in between the action. We made our way to our room at roughly 3 a.m. after I grabbed a bowl of spicy pork noodles at the Noodle Bar. The intoxicating smell was following me all night, and let me tell you, it was worth it.

We all need a little down time to decompress and perhaps "escape" from our tedious, chore-filled lives.

If an escape is what you're after, give Casino Rama a try!

### Letter to the Editor

## Think of the animals' welfare!

Kudos to the business community of King City for their fine efforts in planning Christmas in King City on Saturday, Dec. 10. King City needs this kind of thing to bring us together.

However, next time I hope that the petting zoo is left out despite the obvious enjoyment of many. It was dark, very cold and too noisy for some of the animals and it is unpleasant to see them stressed. Our pleasures should not cause misery to animals.

Linda Wallace

### Door-to-door salespeople not affiliated with King

King Township is warning residents it is not affiliated with any companies offering to inspect or install water heaters or filtration systems.

Several residents have called the Township to report that salespeople are going door to door, suggesting they are acting on behalf of the municipality. King Township is not affiliated with any of these salespeople or companies.

If a staff member from the municipality has to visit your home for any reason, they will have appropriate identification. Always make sure to ask for that identification.

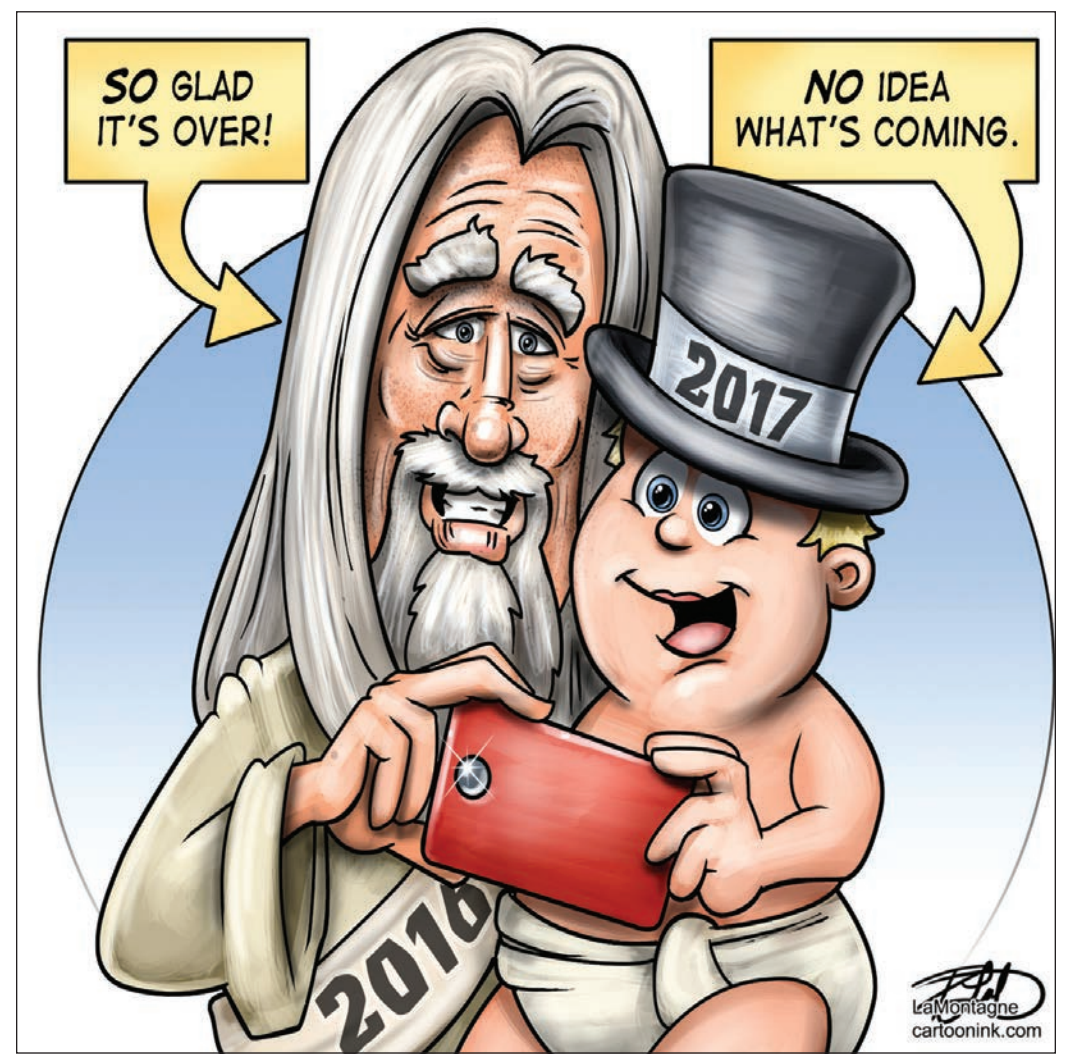
So what else can you do to protect yourself? Ontario has a set of consumer protection laws on the books, including one covering aggressive or misleading sales tactics.

You can find more information about how you're protected - as well as tips to keep you safe from unscrupulous sellers - at the government of Ontario's consumer website (<http://bit.ly/1p5a9N5>).

Some things to remember if you choose to open your door to a salesperson:

- Local utility companies, municipalities, government agencies or regulatory organizations don't send salespeople door-to-door.
- Ask for photo ID and get the name of the person and the business.
- Never share personal information (for example, an electricity or gas bill).

If you have questions or concerns about any door-to-door experiences you have had, call the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services at 1-800-889-9768. TTY users call 1-877-666-6545.



### Brainteaser



A dog had three puppies, named Mopsy, Topsy and Spot. What was the mother's name?

Last week's answer: There are 9 people in the Mustard family - 6 girls, 1 boy and the parents.

**King Township Trivia**  
The Temperance Hall in Laskay was built in 1850.

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Results from last week's poll:  
**Will you enjoy some extended time off during the holidays?**

a) Yes  **75%**

b) No  **25%**

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Do you think things are looking up in 2017?

a) Yes

b) No

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

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# Mayor responds to criticisms over town hall

Regarding the letter, "Cost of municipal building rises," printed Dec. 22:

First off, on behalf of council, I'd like to thank Mr. Shackleford for sharing his concerns about the new municipal offices to be built at 2585 King Rd. I'm happy to provide as much clarity as I can.

The total estimated cost of the project is \$21.5 million that will be financed using infrastructure and development charge reserves; the proceeds of the sale of the current property at 2075 King Rd. and debenture. York Regional Police will also make a capital contribution and sign a lease for its space.

The \$21.5 million budget is an all-in cost, which includes the costs of land acquisition, council-approved environmental initiatives, up-to-date construction estimates, furniture and moving expenses. Staff will continue to work to identify other opportunities to further reduce the construction cost estimate.

There are many ways the new building will benefit the residents of King. The entire new space has been designed to provide a central customer service kiosk where residents will be able to

## Letters to the Editor

have most of their Township-related business taken care of in one spot. There will also be a new public use gymnasium/event space and a larger council chamber which will better serve the overflow audiences we currently experience at council meetings. Residents will also benefit from the addition of a York Regional Police substation that will be part of the new building. Also the maintenance and operating expenses will be less.

As I've said many times, you only need to take a five-minute tour of the current offices to see why a new building is needed. We have staff members with their desks in hallways. There is inadequate storage space for documents. Worst of all, the cramped conditions make it very challenging for our staff to provide the excellent customer service our residents expect and deserve. This is due in no small part to having three separate entrances and inadequate counter space for the public in the building and planning depart-

ments.

As to the issue of preserving King's unique character, this is exactly what the new building will do. It has been designed to align with our commitment to the environment and sustainability through such features as an electric vehicle charging station, a geo-thermal heating and cooling loop system, reforestation of some of the land and incorporating sustainable building materials and mechanical systems in the building. The new building will be much more in keeping with King's

unique character than the current outdated strip plaza.

Finally, I'm happy to report that King is also investing in repairing many of its roads as part of a multi-year capital project and is always looking for opportunities to work with developers to provide alternative types of housing that may be more affordable.

You can review the 2017 draft budget, which details King's capital investments, at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca).

Mayor Steve Pellegrini

## King no longer a 'rural' community

Well Mike Shackleford, you are so very right on all accounts! We came to live in King Township some 39 years ago .... a wonderful, quiet, rural community. And that it was for some years!

Then I remember the King City central sewers issue and I thought this was the beginning of huge development in King and it came to pass!

I remember King Township council stating that there needed to be an extra amount in the next tax bill for future infrastructure and I thought this indicates substantial housing development and it came to pass!

And so went King Township's unique character!

The Township has committed to huge development areas of huge expensive properties and not withstanding the simple matter of traffic within the community, that is compounded by the massive traffic volume of its Caledon neighbour coming through King Road.

All of us long-time residents are now going to pay for more infrastructure, including this magnificent and expensive King town hall structure!

Why not let these developers and people who are willing to buy these huge houses pay for this monstrosity we really do not need? My gosh, we are "country folk." I think it is high time for this council to start focusing on more pressing issues: Developing traffic gridlock on King Road and the state of our township roads. Appropriate housing for seniors and affordable housing.

Recognizing those long term residents who have contributed their taxes to being a "rural" community

I am sorry to say but I think our council is very much out of touch with being a "rural" community!

Dave Platt  
Mill Road

## Turkey shoot a success

The King City Firefighters recently held their annual turkey shoot. This is a fundraiser for the charities that the firefighters support.

The charities are The Heart and Stroke Foundation, The Canadian Cancer Society, the King Township Food Bank and the King City Firefighters Benevolent Fund. The fundraiser raised approximately \$2,400 in support of the charities. King City residents were very generous in support of the firefighters.

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## Artist receives top honour

King's Ernestine Tahedl received one of Austria's higher national honours at a special lunch held in Toronto. Austrian Ambassador Arno Riedel presented her with the "Golden Decoration of Honour for Services to the Republic of Austria." This prestigious award was established by the National Council in 1952 and is conferred by the Republic of Austria to honour people from Austria and abroad, who have rendered meritorious services to the country. Recipients are selected by the Austria government.

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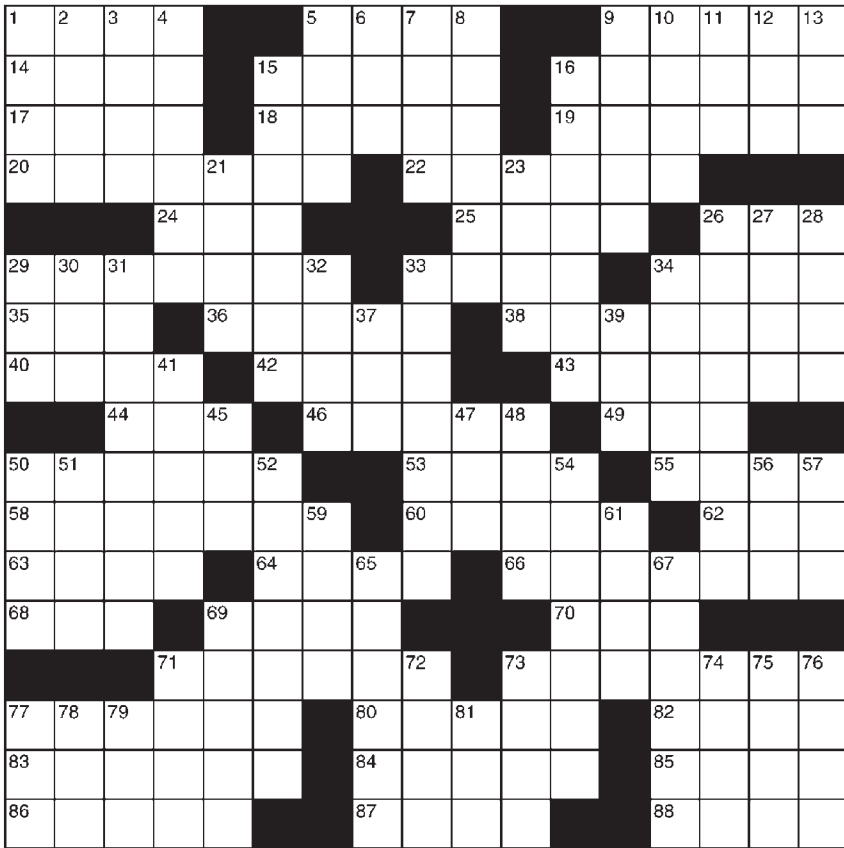


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- 5. Source of poi
- 9. Discolor
- 14. Health herb
- 15. Keen
- 16. Paper fastener
- 17. Sow's opposite
- 18. Reform
- 19. Pond resident
- 20. Guilt
- 22. Translate
- 24. Rested
- 25. Tar's hello
- 26. Bill at "Cheers"
- 29. Baby's pajamas
- 33. Steel mill residue
- 34. Prima donna
- 35. Auricle
- 36. Halloween word
- 38. Strict diet
- 40. Touch on
- 42. Grandmother
- 43. Harsh
- 44. Father
- 46. Happiness
- 49. Common gull
- 50. Reach
- 53. Nonclerical

**DOWN**

- 1. Young salmon
- 2. Direction for Sinbad
- 3. Perambulate
- 4. Terstify
- 5. Submissive
- 55. Thick cord
- 58. Revel noisily
- 60. Finance
- 62. Skate
- 63. Curdle
- 64. Shed tears
- 66. Increase
- 68. Female bird
- 69. Romanov title
- 70. Lettuce type
- 71. Small village
- 73. Rustic
- 77. Layers
- 80. He's got the blues
- 82. Head sheik
- 83. "\_\_\_ Can Wait"
- 84. Rye fungus
- 85. Make a mad dash
- 86. Key in, as data
- 87. College administrator
- 88. "\_\_\_ Were Expendable"

- 6. Stone or Bronze
- 7. Tear to pieces
- 8. Tribulation
- 9. Pore over
- 10. Bible weed
- 11. Bright
- 12. Queasy
- 13. Maiden-named
- 15. Asian
- 16. Larry, Curly, and Moe
- 21. Deeply absorbed
- 23. Blacken
- 26. Antiquated
- 27. State strongly
- 28. Scourge
- 29. Caribbean or Coral
- 30. Biology class, for short
- 31. Outbreak
- 32. Enlarge
- 33. Hollywood newcomer
- 34. Springboard figure
- 37. Tropical bird
- 39. Amethyst, for one
- 41. Seared bread
- 45. Abyss

- 47. Bronzed
- 48. \_\_\_-and-go-seek
- 50. Coyly roguish
- 51. Lacquered tin
- 52. Dan Rather, e.g.
- 54. Musical performance
- 56. Boot liner
- 57. Aperture
- 59. True
- 61. Halt, to a horse
- 65. Student-doctor course
- 67. Affirm
- 69. Spud
- 71. \_\_\_ it coming
- 72. Wrenched
- 73. Laborer
- 74. Asian nursemaid
- 75. Kind
- 76. Three, in cards
- 77. Her, subjectively
- 78. Five-and-\_\_\_
- 79. Dock rodent
- 81. Nicklaus's gp.

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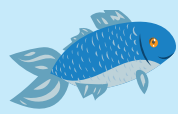
- 2 Cups (680 g) Oyster Mushrooms
- 3 tbsp. Olive Oil
- 3 tbsp. Bread Crumbs
- 3 tbsp. Grated Parmesan Cheese
- 4 cups Baby Arugula
- Balsamic Glaze to drizzle

on baking sheet. Drizzle olive oil on top of mushrooms and sprinkle with bread crumbs and parmesan cheese. Bake in the oven for 10-12 minutes. Add several minutes for a crunchy consistency if desired. Place arugula on a flat serving dish and add the baked mushrooms. Drizzle with balsamic glaze. Enjoy!

**INSTRUCTIONS**

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Cut mushrooms lengthwise in half. Place

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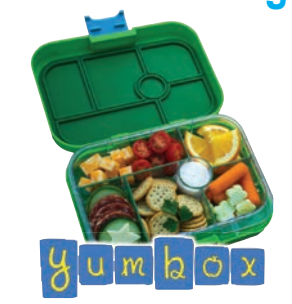


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## King Township enjoys strong economic activity in 2016

**By Jamie Smyth  
Economic Development Officer  
King Township**

**2016 Economic Development Program Accomplishments**

- ShopKING Resident Survey resulted in 523 residents completing the survey. Survey profiles resident consumers' current and desired purchasing habits for local goods and services.
- Successful in applying and receiving a Township Wide exemption from the Province's Retail Business Holidays Act for 7 Statutory Public Holidays. This was in collaboration with the King Chamber of Commerce in support of and on behalf of all King's larger retail businesses.
- Four businesses were approved for \$27,000+ Community Improvement Plan (CIP) grants during the second year of Plan's implementation.
- Branded the financial incentive grant program "Partners in Prosperity" and developed and produced a series of video vignettes of grant recipient testimonials and an infomercial on the program.
- Continued implementation of a three-year Community Tourism Plan that was approved in principle by Council in April 2014.
- Oversaw the 2nd year implementation of Experience King tourism marketing campaign including a Facebook advertising campaign that generated over 1000 Facebook Fans (likes) of which 92% are non-residents, hence potential visitors.
- Influenced the exemption of existing commercial or industrial businesses wanting to expand on their property, from having to pay a cash in lieu of

requirement through the Provision of Parkland or Money in Lieu of By-Law

- Administered and actively promoted the new Agri-business and Tourism Wayfinding Signage program in collaboration with Clerks and Parks Recreation & Culture Departments.
- Oversaw the development, production and broadcast of an eight minute video presentation at the mid-term point of the Economic Development Strategy in Action (2014-2018). This strategy update video was premiered during the annual King Chamber of Commerce Mayor's Luncheon in April.
- Partnered with the King Chamber of Commerce and London Publishing to produce and distribute 10,000 copies of the fifth annual 2016/17 Business and Community Directory.
- Completed a series of four 2016 Spotlights on Business video vignettes launched at the 2nd annual Mayor's Business Networking Breakfast in October. 23 business spotlights have been produced to date over the past six years of the program.
- Conducted three village revitalization forums in the spring of 2016 presenting an ongoing and regular opportunity to partner, collaborate communicate and share information and resources with King Chamber, village association and business stakeholders.
- Developed and deployed a series of templated e-newsletters using Mail

Chimp for various targeted audiences including: equine sector businesses; King City, Nobleton and Schomberg businesses; tourism stakeholders; and township-wide businesses.

- Renewed Headwaters Horse Country Partnership Agreement for second three-year term ending March 2019.
- Actively and successfully promoted the Headwaters Horse Country Stable

Tour participation resulting in 6 of the 11 stable participants being King Township based.

- In 2016 there were 18 grand opening/ribbon cutting celebrations, 15 of which were in new commercial/retail units hence new commercial tax assessment - 9 in King City, 5 in Nobleton and 4 in Schomberg.

### Police investigate another pharmacy robbery

Investigators with the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit are seeking public assistance in identifying a suspect following a pharmacy robbery in the Township of King.

On Thursday, Dec. 29, at approximately 7:30 p.m., officers attended a pharmacy located in the area of Highway 27 and Dr. Kay Drive, following reports of a robbery. A lone male suspect entered the pharmacy where he went to the prescriptions counter, showed an employee a knife that he was carrying and demanded cash and prescription medication. The employee complied and the suspect fled the store on foot. No one was physically injured.

Responding officers searched the area but were unable to locate the suspect. The suspect is described as male, white, 16 to 20 years, 5' 5" to 5'8" with a slim build, 120 to 130 lbs. He was wearing a hoodie, camouflage pants and a dark-coloured balaclava covering his face.

The investigation is ongoing. Investigators from the Hold-Up Unit remind business owners of the importance of maintaining and updating video surveillance equipment. Quality images help to identify suspects, can aid in arrests and have a tremendous impact during court proceedings.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the #2 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7241, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, leave an anonymous tip online at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com), or text your tip to CRIMES (274637) starting with the word YORK.



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### Agricultural Society names new board

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# Seneca College installs 'friendship bench' at campuses

Bright yellow benches were unveiled at Seneca's four main campuses to encourage people to talk about mental health – the first-ever multi-campus installation in Canada.

The Friendship Bench's #YellowIsForHello initiative began after Seneca Professor Sam Fiorella's son, Lucas, who was suffering from depression in silence, died by suicide in 2014. Fiorella and his co-founders wanted to continue Lucas's legacy of saying hello to friends in need and offering a non-judgmental ear, in the hopes that parents and students would become more educated about mental health and hopefully not experience similar tragedies.

Benches have been installed at high school, college and university campuses across the country, not as a memorial, but to serve as constant, permanent, visual reminders to talk openly about mental health issues.

"The goal of the initiative is to reduce the escalating number of youth suicides," said Fiorella. "What I have learned over the past two years is that young people don't want to talk about mental health with their parents or

professionals. They want to talk to their peers and know they are not alone. We need to make it completely OK to not be OK and to talk about how we're feeling."

With suicide now the second-leading cause of death among Canadians aged 15 to 34, developing a culture of openness around student mental health has never been more important. The #YellowIsForHello program will help Seneca foster an environment where students are free to talk and learn about mental health.

"We're delighted Seneca is unveiling a Friendship Bench at each of its four main campuses and acknowledging the importance of this issue," said Fiorella.

"By joining the #YellowIsForHello program, Seneca is continuing our commitment to students that makes it clear we care about you, we care about your mental health," said David Johnston, acting director of counselling and accessibility services, Seneca. "We hope this initiative will encourage people to talk to their peers and to seek on-campus help when they need it."

In secondary and postsecondary



Camille Nelson, student in the Mental Health Intervention graduate certificate program; Maria May, King Campus Principal and Dean of the Faculty of Applied Arts and Health Sciences; (back row) Sam Fiorella, Seneca Professor and co-founder of The Friendship Bench; Vanessa Fiorella, daughter of Sam Fiorella; David Johnston, Acting Director – Counselling and Accessibility Services, Seneca.

institutions where the benches are installed, there has been an 18 per cent increase in students seeking on-campus mental health assistance.



Sam Fiorella, Seneca Professor and co-founder of The Friendship Bench; Maria May, King Campus Principal and Dean of the Faculty of Applied Arts and Health Sciences; Camille Nelson, student in the Mental Health Intervention graduate certificate program.

## York council approves police budget

York Regional Council approved the 2017 police operating and capital budgets, allowing York Regional Police to continue to deliver nationally-recognized crime prevention and law enforcement programs to citizens of the Regional Municipality of York, which remains one of Canada's safest communities.

For 2017, the net operating budget is \$310.9 million. The capital budget is \$22.5 million. This represents a 4.5 per cent increase over 2016.

The service will be adding 31 officers and 12 civilians in 2017 to address growth in the region and the current wave of retirements resulting from a hiring surge in the late '80s and early '90s. New members will be assigned to District Operations, Investigative Services, Information Services, Staff Services and Executive Services.

The capital budget will provide funding for the training facility, scheduled to open in April 2017, renovations to existing facilities, the business intelligence project and the annual purchase of vehicles and equipment.

"We understand the economics of policing are changing and we continue to balance our needs and the community's needs against the reality of the current financial pressures," said Chief Eric Jolliffe. "This budget and the resulting re-deployments give us the tools we need to address the growth of our region, while remaining accountable to our taxpaying community. We remain grateful for the ongoing support of the Police Services Board and regional council during the budget process."



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# King's Peter Howe releases his second book

By Mark Pavilons

Poets tend to see life a little differently.

A life-long King resident proves just that in his latest book of poems.

Confront the Raven, by 28-year-old Peter Howe of King City, contains 16 poems and 16 stories. It was almost two years in the making.

"Creativity isn't linear," Howe noted. "Sometimes you get on a roll and other

times you can't write a sentence. The two years was also caused by the fact that I was also split for several months whether to release this book or my first novel which I am planning to release next year."

Confront The Raven also is about a variety of subjects but the overall theme is about confronting difficult issues on the personal level and on the societal level.

Confront the Raven is a book that tells stories that go from the past to the future and everywhere in between, but are always grounded in finding the courage to face the harshness which is why the Raven book cover looks so intimidating.

Howe hopes readers will be touched both intellectually and emotionally.

"When people finish reading anything I write whether it be my poems or my stories, I want them to have hope for the future but also I want them to think more about things whether it be personal or societal. I think we take too many things for granted, values, ideas,



trivializing it. Howe finds that amazing.

"I hope that I can write things that inspire people to express themselves in the best ways possible."

Howe's first book, "The Game Changer," is a collection of 71 poems, written over the course of 18 months. The Game Changer covers many subjects but the overall theme is about learning to see things differently.

Howe said he's always had a creative side, and remembers trying to create some action stories when he was young. When he was at university, he began to see things on a larger scale, both politically and psychologically. He stepped outside of his comfort zone and examined reality.

He works as a bookkeeper, which surprises many given his creative pastime.

Howe has donated copies of his book to the King Library. It is also available online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and if you contact him directly, he will personalize it for you.

For more, contact him at [petehowe88@gmail.com](mailto:petehowe88@gmail.com)



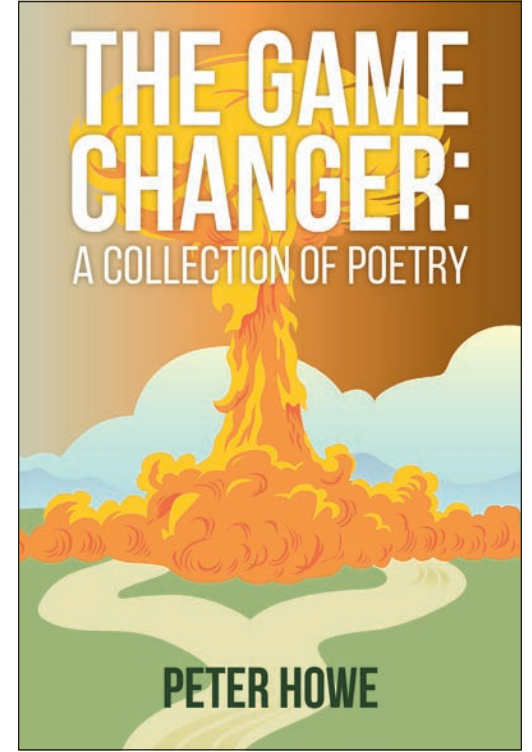
and I think that really taking a step back is important and hard to do in today's very busy culture."

Howe simply loves the writing process, when he can take an idea that has been in the back of his mind and suddenly it just starts building and the story, the ideas, just flow out, take shape and become a story with something to say.

"I love being able to take an idea that on the surface looks like one kind of story and in the process make people see something unexpected. I have lots of other books I want to write and it all boils down to self-expression, but the hope that people will take some of the ideas to heart and make the world a better place.

"I also love the idea of being able to write something that inspires someone as I have been inspired."

He cited Norman Lear, who helped create All in the Family, as well as other shows, such as the Jeffersons, Maude, etc. Those sitcoms took very serious and controversial subject matter and commented, while being funny and not





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Support from the community has been integral to the success of these mission trips. Funds raised go directly to serving the people in La Higuera.

An original acrylic on canvas, by famed Canadian artist Helen Lucas, known for her large, floral works, is up for auction, to assist this mission.

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## King council waives the fees for street banners

By Mark Pavilons

King Township is more than willing to help the community promote its events and fundraisers.

Following a move by Mayor Steve Pellegrini, councillors recently endorsed the banner program, and also asked that the installation fees be waived for community groups.

Pellegrini said he thinks it's a great program and he'd like to see it get even bigger and better. The Township, he pointed out, is a community partner and as such should be helping local organizations as much as they can.

Community events and fundraisers attract visitors and tourists, which help local businesses thrive.

By charging a fee to install and remove banners sends the wrong message, the mayor contends. He asked that it be fully subsidized, a move supported by council.

According to a report by Chris Fasciano, director of parks, recreation and culture, the banner program has been running for several years in various forms, but it has grown significantly to where a "more defined program was required."

Funded through the streetscaping and beautification budget, this program is designed to set the guidelines for the creation, implementation and administration of banners placed in King's largest communities of Nobleton, Schomberg and King City.

Staff created guidelines for the location and installation of banners. They also created a framework for the municipality to help in the promotion of community led special events, noting things like banners go a long way to promoting local business and creating a positive atmosphere.

The draft document was circulated to various community groups and Fasciano said the comments centred around the cost to local groups. Both the Arts Society King and Nobleton Village Association believes the program may be "cost prohibitive for participation."

This is a concern, Fasciano recognized, noting subsidizing the program will lessen the burden for groups.

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## Raddysh puts Caledon on the world hockey map

By Jake Courtepatte

Taylor Raddysh joined a very short list in Team Canada's 10-2 drubbing of Team Latvia in the round robin of the IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship.

Mario Lemieux, Simon Gagne, Brayden Schenn, and now Raddysh, are the only Canadian players to ever score four goals in one game in the tournament.

"He's a wizard in front of the net," said linemate Matt Barzal in a press conference following the game. "Always seems to be banging in pucks or getting his stick on pucks, but his vision is very underrated. Even through the neutral zone and in the corners, he always seems to find me. He's super-easy to play with and I'm glad we've found chemistry. Hopefully the hot stick doesn't wear out."

Adding to the luster of the moment was the natural hat trick the right winger completed at the mid-way point of the second period, short minutes after his second of the night and adding

another in the third.

"You never really picture yourself being in the same status as them in a game like that," Raddysh said. "It's pretty cool to see your name beside those guys. It was a fun night and you have to enjoy the moment for what it is."

"The guys wanted me to get one more. But I had to be happy with what (already) happened."

At only 18 years old, the Caledon native was impressing at the OHL level playing for the Erie Otters before joining Team Canada, potting 23 goals this season and adding 38 assists in just 28 games played. A second round pick of the Tampa Bay Lightning in last year's NHL draft, Raddysh has exceeded expectations and trails just Alex DeBrincat in scoring for the Otters.

"Even when he was 16, he threw his weight around and wasn't afraid of anyone," said Otters captain Dylan Strome, who is also captaining the world junior squad. "He gained a lot of respect from the guys when he didn't stand down at all. Goes to the net hard, works hard - he's an honest player and it's great to see him rewarded."

Raddysh committed to the Otters in 2014 after a highlight season with the Toronto Marlboro's AAA program, leading his minor midget team with 52 points in 31 games. He led all scorers in the OHL Cup that season, with the Marlboros crowned the best in the GTHL.

The talented forward will once again be eligible for the world junior championship in 2018, when the tournament moves to Buffalo.

Raddysh's brother, Darren, is also a four-year member of the Otters, manning the blue line as an assistant captain. With over 200 OHL games under his belt, the 20-year-old defenceman has spent time at the training camp of the NHL's Los Angeles Kings.



Caledon native Taylor Raddysh celebrates a second period goal during Team Canada's 10-2 win over Latvia in round robin play at the 2017 IIHF World Junior Hockey Championship.

Photo courtesy of Hockey Canada

## Royals blanked

The U14 King City Royals boys' soccer team continued their winter season at the Hershey Centre on Dec. 10 with a 3-0 shutout loss to the Milton Magic Blue. Milton capitalized on some defensive mistakes early in the first half to take a quick 2-0 lead and extended that lead to 3-0 at half-time.

After the break, the Royals picked up their play as the second half was a much more competitive half. Both teams had their chances but neither could beat each goalkeeper to make the final 3-0 at the buzzard.

The Royals will next meet Etobicoke Energy on Jan. 7.

## Cougars drop fourth straight game

By Jake Courtepatte

Shots rained down on the Schomberg Cougars' net for 60 minutes of a 7-3 loss to the Stayner Siskins on Thursday.

By the final buzzer, the Siskins had sent 55 shots at goaltenders Vince Michelizzi and Clint Reid, who made his first appearance in net for the Cougars.

Schomberg team captain JP Crescenzi opened the scoring just over a minute into the game at Stayner Memorial Arena, and then gave his team a 2-0 lead on the power play only four minutes later.

Ben Hughes broke the shutout by beating Michelizzi only 13 seconds after Crescenzi's goal, the first of three he would score in the period to complete the hat trick.

Reid came in for relief of Michelizzi with just over nine minutes to go, following Stayner's sixth unanswered goal. Reid turned away 14 shots, allowing one goal with just over three minutes left in regulation.

Vince DeCastro potted his fourth goal of the year late in the third to cap off the 7-3 loss. Michelizzi made 34 saves on 40 shots.

The loss was the fourth in a row for the Cougars, who haven't won since Dec. 9. It comes at an inopportune time in the Provincial Junior Hockey League, entering the final month of the regular season.

Nine games remain on the schedule, with Schomberg kicking off the new year on Thursday when they host the Midland Flyers. Puck drop is set for 8:30 p.m. at Trisan Centre.

They round off the week with a pair of weekend visits to the Orillia Terriers and Caledon Golden Hawks.

Sitting at a record of 11-20-1, Schomberg is in seventh place in the eight-team Carruthers division, three points back of the Terriers and seven points up on the Golden Hawks.

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



Members from the King Curling Club's Ladies Day League present Fire Chief Jim Wall with the toys they collected from their Annual Christmas Toy Drive.

Photo by Ian Donaldson

## Ladies curling league holds toy drive

By Shellee Morning

King Curling Clubs' Ladies Day League held their traditional Christmas Toy Drive recently, and has once again out done themselves. The league, which has 36 energetic ladies this year, have held the toy drive for the past few years, to help the less fortunate.

League convenor Debby Johannson organized the event and said "Christmas is for Kids and to be able to help in some way, one toy at a time, is something the ladies all feel passionate about."

King Councillor Linda Pabst, who is also a member of the Ladies League, contacted Fire Chief Jim Walls to present him with the toys at the curling lounge this past Thursday. The mound of toys clearly indicates the ladies generosity, will be distributed locally throughout the Township by the firefighters.

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# Nobleton Notes

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

The Youth Group takes place every Wednesday night at the church from 7-9 p.m. (unless there is a special activity planned). Come join in the fun. 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. It's an evening of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, self-confidence building and lots of fun. A2J meets the 2nd and 4th Friday evening of each month, through May. It's not too late to join. Contact the church office at 905-859-0843 for more information.

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

For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at [www.stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://www.stpaulsnobleton.ca).

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## Nobleton United Church By Joan Montgomery

Happy New Year to one and all. Many thanks to our congregation members, adherents, volunteers and event attendees. Your support is much appreciated.

In 2017, our regular United Church services will resume on Sunday, Jan. 8 at 11:15 a.m. at Nobleton and at 9:30 a.m. at Schomberg with student minister Carol-Ann Rodgers. On Sunday, Jan. 15, we will enjoy a service with Kleinburg's Rev. Edward Jackman.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, from 5-7 p.m., will be the next Messy Church with lots of activities for children from 2 to early teens related to a money theme, story time about Jesus and money, and a meal. Children must be accompanied by an adult or two. All welcome. You will enjoy the evening.

For more info, visit [nobletonunited-church.com](http://nobletonunited-church.com), our Facebook page, or call 905-859-3976. The church office is normally open on Wed. and Thurs. 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 and accessible washrooms.

## Nobleton Lions

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

For more information on these and other events why not check out our website [www.nobletonlions.com](http://www.nobletonlions.com)

## Nobleton Tennis Club

Nobleton Tennis Club AGM is Jan. 18 at the Nobleton Arena at 7:30 p.m. Note the date on your calendar!

Any nominations for executive positions please email [president@nobleton-tennisclub.com](mailto:president@nobleton-tennisclub.com).

All members of the Nobleton Tennis Club are invited to come and be informed about our successful 2016 season and a look toward 2017.

Exercise your vote for the next executive.

## Mixed Volleyball

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# Poll finds overwhelming support for the Growth Plan

A poll conducted by Environics Research and released by Environmental Defence and the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation found that nearly 80 per cent of Greater Golden Horseshoe residents support the Growth Plan and its goals for the region.

Ninety-three per cent of survey respondents see protecting farmland and sensitive natural areas as the most important goal of the Growth Plan.

The groundswell of public support for the two major planning policies shaping growth in the region, the Growth Plan and the Greenbelt Plan, is building momentum as the province prepares to release final amendments to the Plans as part of the Co-ordinated Land Use Planning Review, which takes place every 10 years. The Plans work together, with the Growth Plan directing growth primarily to existing urban areas and the Greenbelt Plan protecting farmland, forests and water sources.

"We have always seen strong support for the Greenbelt among Ontarians with nine in 10 consistently in favour of a permanently protected Greenbelt," said Burkhard Mausberg, CEO of the

Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation. "The level of support we found for the Growth Plan shows that residents want to see their communities achieve the smart growth goals that protect farmland and natural heritage."

As well, 90 per cent of respondents identified maximizing existing infrastructure, such as transit, school and water treatment plants, before building new facilities, as another important Growth Plan goal.

"We are seeing a shift in public attitudes away from an outdated and costly suburban sprawl approach to growth, and towards smart growth policies like the Growth Plan," said Tim Gray, executive director of Environmental Defence. "The poll results clearly show that Greater Golden Horseshoe residents want to see better planned growth in areas that can utilize existing infrastructure, which greatly benefits the environment and municipal budgets."

The survey found that 82 per cent of Greater Golden Horseshoe residents believe the Growth Plan is important for building compact, vibrant communities with a range and mix of housing,

amenities and green space, and 81 per cent support directing the majority of housing and job growth to already built-up areas.

The survey interviewed 813 residents

across the Greater Golden Horseshoe on November 10, 2016 and is considered accurate to within +/-3.44 per cent, 19 times out of 20.

## Nobleton King City Flower Show Report 2016

By Nancy Hopkinson

Thanks to the following people for exhibiting at the Nobleton King City flower shows this past year: Kathy Ball, Barb Downey, Arlene Heaps, Jules Mauleffinch, Dennis Ball, Anita Pulla, Lucille King, Maria Pederson, Judy Onorato, Anna-Maria Lapadula, Anne Peat, Lorraine Feast and Nancy Hopkinson.

The more people that exhibit the more interesting our shows.

There are some special awards.

Judy Onorato won Best Design for June. Lucille King won Best Design for May. Kathy Ball won Best Cultural for April and May. There is an award for the most points won in any one month. Nancy Hopkinson had the most points (67) in September. She also had the Best Cultural for September. Barb Downey won Best Design in April, August, and September and the Best Cultural for June and August.

There are two trophies that can be won. The Novice Trophy has not been awarded the last couple of years, because no novice has reached the minimum of 25 points. We had 4 novices this year. In order to move out of novice, they must earn 50 points in one year. The other trophy is the Nobleton Women's Institute Cup, awarded to the person with the most points won in the year. Elizabeth Douglas, President of the Nobleton Women's Institute, presented the cup to Nancy Hopkinson, as she had earned 179 points. This cup has engravings from 1958.

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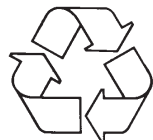
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Suddenly, with his family present, Raymond Brown of Schomberg, died on Thursday December 22, 2016 in his 74th year. Raymond was the devoted father and friend to his sons Rodney (Lisa) and Wesley (Joyce), and husband of Judy Brown (nee: Neil). Proud Grampa of Kaitlyn, Holly, and Nicole, Darren, and Jason. Sadly missed by his mom Joyce Duggan and pre-deceased by his dad Grant Brown, and Bernard (Rusty) Duggan. He is remembered with love by his siblings Ron (Pat), and Shirley Hitchman (the late Bill), and is pre-deceased by sisters Linda (Stan), Nancy (Merv) and brother Gary (Wanda). He is fondly remembered by his in-laws: Doris Farr, Cheryl Bourque (Eddie), and Monty (Carol), and many nieces, nephews and cousins. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Tuesday December 27, 2016 from 9:30am until time of Funeral Service in the chapel at 11:30am. Followed by reception at the Royal Canadian Legion Tottenham. Interment was held in Schomberg Union Cemetery at 2:30pm. For those who wish, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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# King's Corners

**King City United  
By Earle Laycock**

What a week! With all the activities leading up to Christmas, we sometimes lose sight of the real reason we celebrate this yearly event. Despite our best efforts to keep focused, we often are overwhelmed with gift buying, traveling, food preparation ... the list goes on.

On Christmas Eve, those attending the Candlelight Service were able to take pause and enjoy the peacefulness of worship. The Bell Choir led us into worship by playing "Carol of the Bells." Evan Phimister, and his cousins, Matthew and Sarah Taylor participated in Lighting of the Advent Wreath, reminding us of the time of preparation for the birth of Jesus was nearly complete. Despite a depleted choir, due to the temporary illness of a number of members, a beautiful anthem, "A Carol Festival," was sung by those still standing. During the conclusion of worship, the lights in the sanctuary were turned off and the congregation formed a circle along the outside perimeter with each person holding a candle. Slowly the room was filled with candlelight as each person lit the candle of the person next to them. When all candles were lit, the beautiful hymn "Silent Night" was sung accompanied by the chimes. Christmas had finally arrived. Peace, love, good will and awe flowed upon each one of us. Following worship, an

informal communion celebration was held.

In Rev. Evelyn's Christmas Eve sermon, she talked about sharing God's unexpected love and challenged all of us to do that. She was true to her word. On Christmas morning on the way home from worship, she stopped in to a few gas stations and convenience stores that were actually open and left them a small Christmas gift thanking them for being open, helping those who were on the road or had forgotten something needed for dinner and for being God's unexpected love that day. They were all surprised and grateful to be remembered. How will you show God's unexpected love?

The story Rev. Evelyn shared on Christmas Eve was "An Unexpected Christmas" by Simone Graham. There is a wonderful video of this created by St. Paul's Church in Auckland NZ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T-M1XusYVqNY>

Christmas morning, worship began at 10 a.m. with a coffee and biscotti. We even had a small dog, Chloe, join us for worship, reminding us that Jesus was surrounded by animals the night he was born! The celebration of the birth of Jesus resonated within the Sanctuary as we sang many of the familiar and loved Christmas carols.

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan asked everyone to bring a gift that they had received that morning and to share its

special meaning. At the conclusion of the worship, all were invited to enjoy some birthday cake; for what is a birthday celebration without birthday cake? Happy Birthday Jesus!

Everyone received a "warm welcome" on New Year's Day as our heating system apparently had a bit too much partying. That did not dampen our spirits. Last Sunday being the first Sunday of Christmas, we heard the story of Jesus's dedication at the Temple. It was there that the Prophet Simeon and the Prophetess Anna realized that the promise of the Messiah was now a reality as they looked at the infant Jesus. They knew he was the one to bring salvation to the nations. Anna rejoiced and told everyone she met about Jesus. As is traditional on Jan. 1, we did an adaptation of John Wesley's "Annual Covenant" as we enter into 2017. This covenant challenges us to renew our relationship with Christ, to trust God in every aspect of our lives and to give thanks for all things, good and challenging. Thanks to Sandra Kirby for the lovely anthem "Song of Simeon" as our benediction.

Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Tea & Talk continues on Fridays at 10 a.m. at Sunset Grill in King City. Join us for a delicious breakfast and make some new friends over discussion of your Christmas experiences and faith.

Sunday, Jan. 8, there will be a potluck lunch after worship. Bring some food to share (or not, if you are unable) and enjoy a lovely meal and fellowship. Don't forget to add your blessings to the blessing jar that is on the table in the

entry way. We will be looking at the "jar of blessings" and remembering what has transpired in 2016!

Lift your spirits with "When Life Gets Tough ... Songs of Inspiration." Hear Sandra Kirby, vocalist, accompanied by Dr. Oleg Samokhin, collaborative pianist in concert on Saturday, Jan. 28 at King City United Church. There will be a pasta dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by the concert that will inspire you and give you pause for thought. Tickets are \$25 for the dinner and concert or \$20 for the concert only. Call church 905-833-5181 for tickets. Limited tickets available at the door night of event.

The latest edition of the King City United Church newsletter is now available. Contact Kristen in the office if you wish a printed copy or to receive an electronic copy.

For the month of January we welcome as our guest organist and choir director, Mr. David Rosevear. Rosemary Karunaratne will be on vacation in Sri Lanka. We wish her and Konrad safe travels and a good rest!

King City United is located at 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City. Join us for worship every Sunday at 10 a.m. There is Sunday school for the young folks. For more information, call our office administrator Kristen at 905-833-5181 or visit our website at [www.kcuc.ca](http://www.kcuc.ca)

**King Bible Church**

We welcome you to join us for worship service on Jan. 8!

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# King's Corners

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Please take advantage of our excellent children's ministry. Our Sunday morning "Celebration Zone" provides age-appropriate programs for children aged 4 to Grade 8. Our children's program is staffed by screened volunteers who care about your kids! The children in Grades 1-8 will join their parents for the beginning of the service until they are invited to go downstairs. The children in kindergarten can go directly to their class at the start of the service.

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

Happy New Year to all! May you experience God's presence, peace and joy throughout 2017.

Pastor John Mills spoke about "Changing the Course" on New Year's Day. What has God got in store for us at St. Andrew's? What's in store for your life in this new year? God will help us navigate the course, keeping close to

Him.

We welcome you to St. Andrew's. Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school which runs concurrently will start up again next Sunday morning. Our nursery is available. Join us after the service for coffee.

Pastor John Mills will be leading us in worship throughout January except for Jan. 29 when the Rev. Dr. John Vissers will be with us.

Ladies' Tuesday morning Prayer Time continues at 9 a.m. for an hour. Join us as we pray for one another and give thanks to our Lord and Saviour. Emmanuel is with us as He promised, hearing and answering our prayers, offering comfort, hope, and direction.

The Coffee/Soup and Conversation groups will be resuming Thursdays in the New Year. Contact Lynn Vissers for further information.

Should you have pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers, our Director of Congregational Ministries at the office, 905-833-2325. Our church is located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. There is a ramp available for accessibility. www.standrews-king-city.ca

**All Saints Anglican Church**  
By Diana Armitage

Happy New Year, as we look forward with hope and faith to a wonderful 2017!

Last call for refundable bottles and cans! Please bring them to church this Sunday, Jan. 8. All Saints Youth are collecting refundable bottles and cans from your holiday entertaining. A collection box will be in the foyer. All monies earned will go towards upcoming youth activities. Ask all your family and friends to donate their bottles and cans this Sunday!

We would like to thank the donors of raffle items and the people who bought raffle tickets at All Saints' Good Yule Market and Victorian Tea on Dec. 3. The Oldspring Pantry's chutney was won by Patrick Gossage. Jewelry Creations' pendant was won by John Kean. Eurasia-Ann Waters' green glass bracelet was won by Betty Simmonds. Zoombaabaa's oven mitts were won by Jan

Rakovsky. Brenda Butterworth's tea cozy was won by Jennifer Chalk. Donna Matthew's crocheted afghan was won by Danielle Murray. Pat Harris's baby quilt was won by Brenda Winter. Bob and Peggy Belcher's Bulova quartz mantel clock was won by Isabelle Mercure-Cameron. Janet Rodger's Christmas cookie hamper was won by Lynn Manos. The grand prize of a Mirvish Gift Card in a basket of delectable goodies was won by Aileen Van Ginkel. Thank you all!

*Happy New Year!*

## King City Seniors hold AGM

The King City Seniors Centre's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Centre on Monday, Jan. 9 at 2 p.m. All seniors are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served. For further information, contact Vince Cancelli at 905-833-6305.

Many of the regular activities have already started. With the exception of badminton (Jan. 16) and pickleball (Jan. 17), the rest of the activities should be in full swing the week of January 9. If you are not sure, get in touch with the activity contact person listed in your newsletter.

The first Movie Night of 2017 at the Seniors Centre will be Wednesday, Jan. 11.

The feature film will be "The Race," a top-rated true story about American runner Jesse Owens, the grandson of a slave, and his historic achievements in the Olympics during the Hitler years.

Movie time is 7 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. Admission is free, but a voluntary donation to cover expenses would be appreciated. For further information, call John Kell at 905-833-6432.

The Travel Club will be visiting the Famous People Players on Thursday, March 9 to enjoy the presentation "Running Wild," a musical tribute to the 1950s. Contact Jane at 905-833-5870 to save your place for this popular trip.

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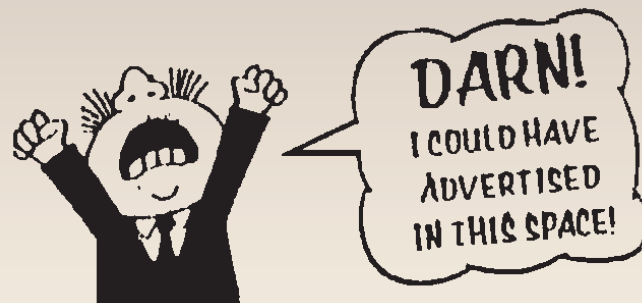
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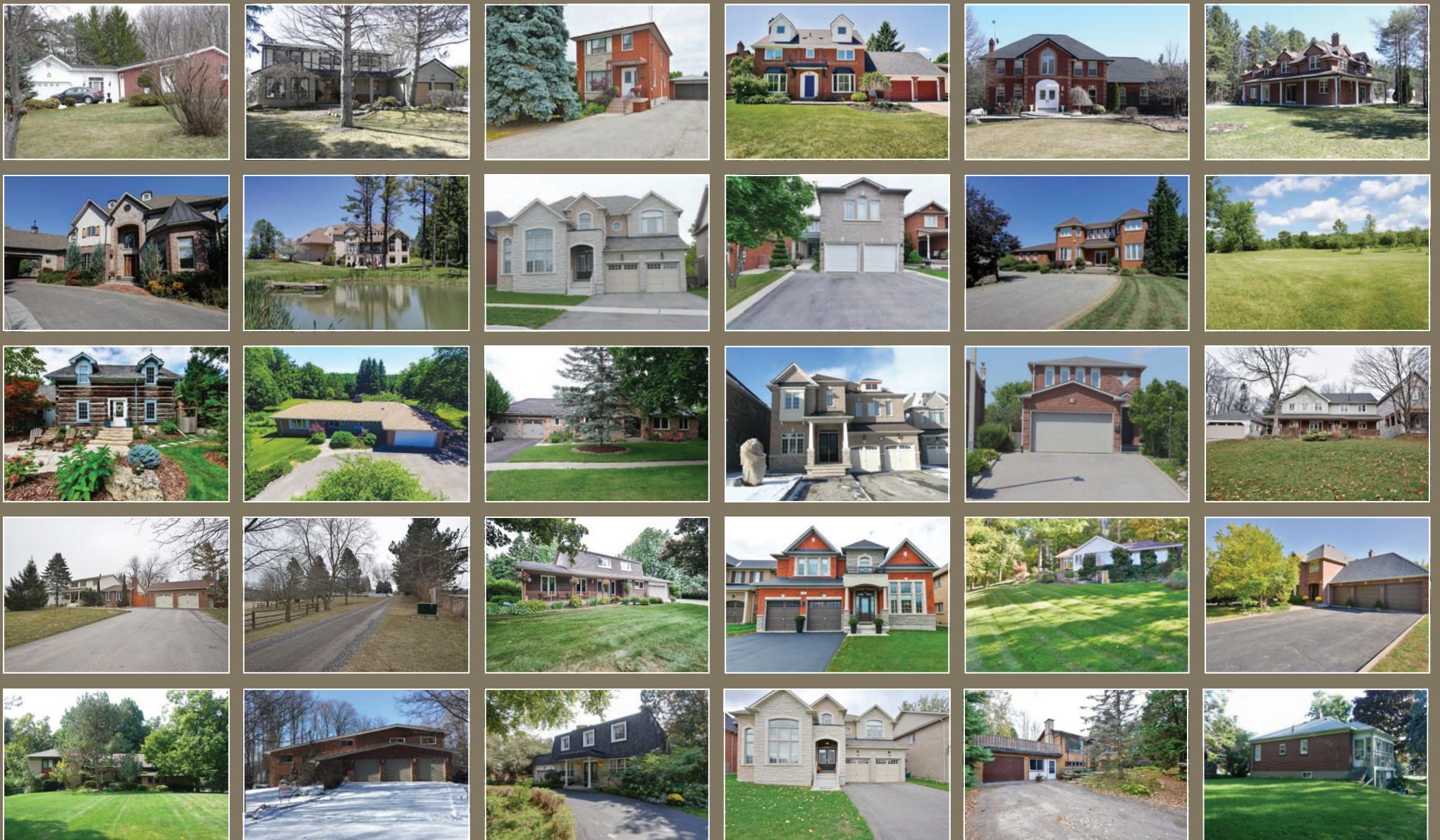
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To that end, we are able to tap into a rich, longstanding culture in which boys are able to explore, in safety, the breadth of the human condition, and their unique place within it. In this school culture, artistry and creativity are not labelled as 'feminine,' but rather as human.

Eloquence, both written and spoken, is expected. Self-reflection and the quest for meaning is built into the fabric of the daily routine, whether through Chapel or our Advisory program.

But there is more to it than that. Boys carry a natural wariness for things that are not genuine, and become bored easily when the activity at hand does little to forward their own sense of meaning. To that end, our teachers create an authentic curriculum; help boys find purpose in life; train them to care for themselves and others; and endow them with a sense of personal commitment and integrity. These goals become more realizable in a culture that presupposes one can be much more than what can be offered by the limiting stereotypes of masculinity. <<

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