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Budget keeps tax hike low; allows for capital and infrastructure work

By Mark Pavilons

Assessment growth has given King Township the boost it needed to create a 2017 budget that not only keeps tax increases low, but allows for major work to be done.

King Council unanimously approved the 2017 budget Jan. 23 with no public debate. The budget will result in a blended net increase of 2.32 per cent, which includes the York Region and education rates.

The Township's 2.98% increase will hit homeowners for an extra \$67.59 this year (based on a \$707,200 assessment). Together with York Region's increase of 2.86%, King taxpayers will pay roughly \$143 more this year.

The budget, while frugal, is driven by staffing costs and extra contributions to King's infrastructure reserve fund, something that will be vitally necessary in the years to come.

An increase in assessment growth allows the Township to add an extra \$1.4 million to the reserves in 2017, for a total of \$5.66 million (compared to \$4.2 million in 2016).

The budget contains almost \$71.4 million in capital funding over the next two years for several projects that will benefit the entire township, including a new municipal office building, expanded King City library and seniors centre and a new recreation facility on Seneca College's King City campus.

The bulk of the capital budgets for 2017-2018 include investments in facilities (\$34.2 million); roads, bridges and culverts (\$24.8 million); fleet (\$3.8 million); parks and recreation (\$3.1 million), and water and wastewater (\$4.2 million).

Councillors also voted, as recommended by Councillor Avia Eek, to add \$19,000 to the budget again this year, aimed at tourism and "Experience King" initiatives.

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King City area home is part of the Princess Margaret lottery's grand prize

By Mark Pavilons

A King City mansion is up for grabs in the newest fundraising lottery for Princess Margaret Cancer Centre in Toronto.

The grand prize in this year's lottery is the \$4.3 million King home, a cottage and \$500,000 in cash, with a total value of \$5.5 million.

The home is located at 97 Carmichael Crescent in King City. It boasts 8,915 square feet in a country setting. It features a stunning living room with coffered ceilings, a two-storey dining room, a chef-inspired kitchen, fully-enclosed outdoor lanai, a cocktail lounge, five en-suite bedrooms, an elevator and a skating rink on the lower level. This home is given away fully furnished, professionally decorated and landscaped.

"A transitional play of materials and furnishings fuse together to enhance the grandeur of this year's lottery home," according to Jack. A. Celli, interior design director with Greenpark, the building providing the home.

You can visit the home Monday to Friday, 2-8 p.m. and weekends noon to 5 p.m.

The grand prize also features a \$700,000 Muskoka lake-front cottage by Linwood Custom Homes. It's a 1,588-square-foot cottage, with a wrap-around deck and dock. It's also awarded fully furnished and decorated.

To top it all off, the winner will receive \$500,000 in cash.

Proceeds from the lottery will support the work done at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, one of the top five cancer research centres in the world.

The lottery also features vacations, automobiles, entertainment products and extra cash add-ons.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

Monday, February 6, 2017

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, February 27, 2017

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Public meeting: re: Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendment
File Numbers: Z-2016-08 and OP-2016-04

Applicant: Steven Andreetta

Location: 30 & 50 Station Road and 10 West Street, King City

Public meeting: re: Zoning By-law Amendment
File Numbers: Z-2016-17 and Related Site Plan Development
Application SPD-2016-74

Applicant: Sujun International

Location: 1956 King Road, King City, ON Part Lot 57, Plan 85

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas,
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Aquatics Supervisor (seasonal): Closes February 3
- Aquatics Instructor/Lifeguard (seasonal): Closes February 3
- Crossing Guard for King City (Nicort Court): remains open until filled
- Parks Operator - Afternoon Shift (seasonal/contract): Closes February 3
- Parks Summer Student - Operator (student): Closes February 3
- Seasonal Parks Operator (6 month contract): Closes February 3
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (P/T, 6-month contract): Closes February 6

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

**NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSURE
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Municipal Offices will be closed on Mon, February 20 for Family Day, and will re-open on Tuesday, February 21, 2016, at 8:30 A.M. for regular business hours.

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AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King not later than the **21st day of February, 2017** a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, together with 2 separate cheques in the amounts of \$300.00 (certified cheque or money order only) payable to the Minister of Finance to cover the Ontario Municipal Board fee, and a cheque for \$210.00 representing Clerk's Department Administrative processing fee, payable to the Township of King. Should this date fall on a holiday or weekend, you will have until 4:30 p.m. of the next business day to file your appeal. If you wish to appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board, a copy of an appeal form is available from the Ontario Municipal Board website at www.omb.gov.on.ca or from the Clerk of the Township of King. Please note the Board will only accept filing fee payments by **certified cheque or money order**.

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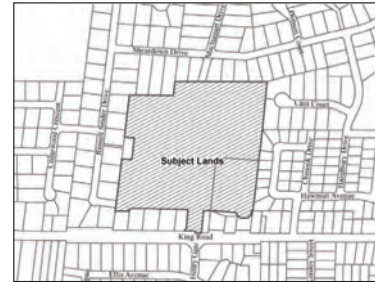
The subject land is the subject of an application under Section 51 of the Planning Act for approval of a Plan of Subdivision, under Planning Department File No. 19T-12K01.

By-law 2017-08 rezones the subject lands from Transitional (T) and Residential Urban (R1) to site specific versions of the Residential Urban (Nobleton) (R1N) zone (R1N-A, R1N-B, R1N-C, R1N-D, R1N-E, R1N-F) to facilitate the development of single detached, bungalow, and townhouse units within a residential draft plan of subdivision (File #19T-12K01). The park and stormwater management pond are zoned Open Space & Conservation (O) and the watercourse channel is zoned Environmental Protection (EP). Other lands owned by the applicant are zoned Transitional (T) with holding provisions. Holding provisions also apply to all residential zones in the by-law.

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An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law and a key map showing the location of the lands affected by the By-law are available on our website.

DATED at the Township of King this 2nd day of February, 2017.



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

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King passed By-law Number 2017-09 on the 23rd day of January, 2017 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990.

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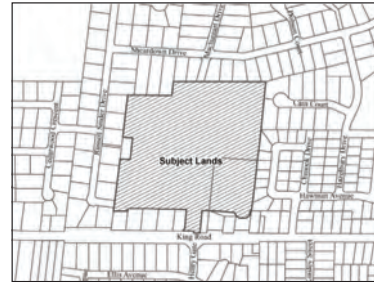
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Budget will bolster King's reserves

From Front Page

Allan Evelyn, King's treasurer and finance director, noted King enjoyed significant growth, with new assessment being added to the tax rolls.

Adding to infrastructure reserves is "essential" as King plans for the future. With a commitment now, staff can begin a framework that allows them to plan and stretch the debt over the life of the infrastructure projects.

"It's nice when we can put money into the infrastructure reserves," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "We're proud that our reserves have grown exponentially over the years."

The blended tax increase of 2.32 is in keeping with the rate of inflation, he said, pointing out that no one likes tax increases.

The next two years will see several "landmark" projects in the municipality.

King is currently working with Seneca College to build the new facility on the south-east corner of the King City Campus. Although details have not

been finalized, there are plans for both indoor and outdoor recreation facilities. Pellegrini was proud to say this will bring the first indoor swimming pool to King.

The municipal building and community centre is under way. The new 46,000-square-foot facility being built at 2585 King Road in King City replaces the current over-crowded and aging strip plaza. The new facility will include an improved customer service centre, public-use areas, a larger council chamber, a multi-use gymnasium/event space and a York Regional Police substation. Completion is scheduled for spring of 2018.

Pellegrini said the current municipal office building is woefully inadequate and the Township will get a new building on an ideal property at a "great price."

King will also see work begin on the new Library/Seniors Centre expansion. The King City library will be modernized and expanded to include the King City Seniors Centre. The 20,000-square-foot building will bring the service areas up to provincial standards – including

accessibility standards – and reduce operational costs and shared resources. It is scheduled to be completed in 2018.

Pellegrini added the budget also makes a concerted effort at addressing needed road works across the municipality.

New Clerk for York

York council has endorsed Chris Raynor as the Region's new Clerk.

Raynor has almost 13 years of municipal experience, including serving as York's Deputy Clerk since 2009.

In addition to his professional experience, Raynor has a Bachelor Degree in Business Law from the University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom, and an Information Access and Protection of Privacy Certificate from the University of Alberta. In 2015, he completed a Masters Certificate in Municipal Leadership. He assumed his new duties Friday.

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

The public are invited to attend a public meeting to be held by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King on:

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City to receive information and provide comments on a proposed Zoning By-law and Official Plan Amendment under Section 22 and 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

SUBJECT PROPERTY

Location: 30 & 50 Station Road and 10 West Street, King City, ON
CON 4 PT LOT 4; PLAN 28 LOTS 77-80; PLAN 85 PT LOTS 71, 72, & 73; RS65R10099 PART 20; RS65R10099 PARTS 3-6 & 21; RS65R18763 PT PART 1

Applicant: Steven Andreatta
File Numbers: Z-2016-08 and OP-2016-04
Area: 6634 square metres (1.64 acres)

PROPOSED CHANGES

The owner has submitted applications for Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment to facilitate the redevelopment of the subject lands for twenty-seven (27), four-storey townhouse dwellings serviced by municipal sanitary and water services. Twenty-one of the units are proposed to be freehold units accessed by Station Road and West Street and six of the units are proposed to be accessed by a condominium road.

Specifically, the site specific Official Plan Amendment application proposes to:

- increase the maximum permitted gross residential density on the lands from 20 units per acre to 69 units per hectare;
- increase the maximum building height from three to four storeys; and
- decrease the Minimum Vegetative Protective Zone (MVPZ), also referred to as the buffer from 30 metres to 10 metres.

The Zoning By-law Amendment application proposes to rezone the property to Environmental Protection (EP) and a site specific Residential Urban (R1) zone to provide for the proposed townhouses and establish site specific provisions related to setbacks, height, and coverage.

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 Official Plan 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 Corporation 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 Corporation of the Township of King before the proposed Official Plan 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 Official Plan or Zoning By-law Amendments.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED

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

A copy of the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments and additional information about the proposed applications are available for review at the Planning Department located at the Municipal Offices. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Kristen Harrison, Planner, 905-833-4065 or kharrison@king.ca

DATED AT THE TOWNSHIP OF KING THIS 2ND, DAY OF FERUARY, 2017.



Kathryn Moyle
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement
Township Clerk
Township of King
2075 King Road
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SUBJECT PROPERTY

Location: 1956 King Road, King City, ON
Part Lot 57, Plan 85

Applicant: Sujun International
File Numbers: Z-2016-17 and
Related Site Plan Development Application SPD-2016-74

PROPOSED CHANGES

The applications for Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Development propose to reuse of the existing single detached residential dwelling for commercial purposes, being a medical clinic and establish a parking area containing 5 parking spaces at the rear of the building.

The subject lands are designated 'Core Area' by the King City Community Plan (OPA #540) and are zoned Urban Residential (R1) by Zoning By-law #74-53, as amended. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to rezone the lands to Commercial General (C1) and provide for a reduction to the Buffer Area and Planting Strip requirements of the By-law.

APPEAL PROCEDURE

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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 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 do so.

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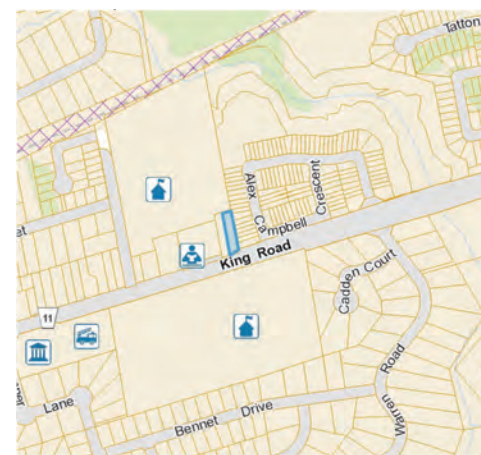
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, including the proposed Draft Zoning By-law, and the Site Plan Development Application for the site, are available for review at the Planning Department located at the Municipal Offices. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Contact Kristen Harrison, Planner, 905-833-4065 or kharrison@king.ca.

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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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~ Frank B. Kellogg

Stumbling over our everyday thingamajigs

I'm seldom at a loss for words. But it does happen. Who hasn't found, from time to time, that their tongue has inexplicably grown, becoming unable to wrap itself around the correct words or terms during a conversation?

Some would argue that the brain works much faster than our mighty, muscular tongues. Our thoughts and expressions simply can't dash out fast enough for our other parts to keep up!

Fortunately, the English language has provided us with words like doodad, doohickey, gizmo, widget, thingamajig and thingamabob.

Not very high-brow, I'll admit, but boy do they come in handy. How many of these words have you used recently?

I admit it, I do have my own idiosyncracies. I almost always refer to the TV remote as the "converter." I have no idea why, and I'm not sure what a converter is. A decoder was used in the 1970s, attached to a TV that unscrambled encoded signals, as cable-television programs or closed captions, so that the signals could be displayed on the screen. I can't recall if we ever had one. Living in the country, we had an antenna attached to the house with a rotating head. We had a box inside with a huge dial, and we'd have to alter the positioning of the antenna to clearly receive the six channels



Mark Pavilons

we could get! Today's universal remotes are so large and apparently so smart, they can turn on our bedroom ceiling fan or open our garage door! I have no other explanation for these random occurrences in our house. Maybe someone's remote car starter or garage door opener is activating things in our house!

At a recent council meeting, one of the professionals making a presentation asked for the "clicker." I think that could refer to castanets, but I don't think that's what he meant. No, he was looking for the converter, I mean, remote for his electronic presentation.

As an aside, isn't it funny how we continue to push buttons, when confronted by a particularly uncooperative clicker? Try pushing all the buttons, I say! At least you'll open someone's garage door for them!

Since it has happened to all of us, we have some sympathy for those who stumble during an occasion, speech or special event. Our politicians and municipal staff are often in front of the microphone or members of public, explaining issues or concerns. They are all quite eloquent.

I've seen the best in action over my years in the journalism business. I've questioned prime ministers, premiers, foreign dignitaries, even royalty. The most veteran of politicians and civil servants tend to ignore the questions entirely, and instead provide a very nice quote that's completely off-topic.

I've heard meeting chairs encourage members of the public to stick with the "floor mat" of the proceedings. I've even heard that one veteran politician invited people to look at the "diaphragms" that lined the hallway.

It seems as if every profession and layer of bureaucracy has developed its own lingo and brand of verbiage.

I swear that members of law enforcement are given courses in how not to talk to the media. They are very matter-of-fact when being interviewed, almost to the point of being stiff and elusive. I realize they are often dealing with sensitive matters and ongoing investigations, but all too often I hear terms from the officer's handbook. No one really "attends" a scene. Most of us attend weddings, funerals and council meetings. Officers often "locate" a person or

a house. They will repeat themselves without really saying anything of substance. That's an art!

There are dozens of "new" words that have become part of our vocabulary, reflecting our society's changes and evolution. Many have to do with our ever-expanding technology and use of gizmos.

Smart phone/device use is growing exponentially, and with it, the competition for service has become quite fierce. Time and again, I cringe when I hear the word "overages," referring to extra charges above and beyond one's typical service contract. It's a word that has crept into our vocabulary, but it lacks clarity and is so limited in scope that I detest its use.

Aren't words supposed to ease our self-expression?

I'm still learning about the capabilities of my iPad and iPhone and I'm constantly asking my wife and daughter about abbreviations and terms related to Snapchat, Instagram and the like. It's like learning a foreign language. I'm also not convinced that our widespread use of short forms, abbreviations and text-related quips really benefits the evolution of our language or social skills.

I think in many families, people make up their own words to suit the environment. My youngest daughter Kyleigh and I often exchange barbs and witticisms, using our own unique brand of eloquent terms. In our household, it's not uncommon to hear words like "weenie-saurus," and "dorkazoid," along with other terms of endearment courtesy of Dr. Seuss and Roald Dahl.

While creating euphemisms is quite an art if done well, I think our society is simply stumbling and bumbling its way into language decay.

"Rules be damned" I hear from the masses, as I meticulously place commas here and colons there.

Let's join forces for the preservation of our culture through the use of silver tongues, not duckspeak!

Letter to the Editor

Political potluck a bust!

Since I recently asked the question "What Are You Doing Friday Night?," I've been getting a lot of reaction so I thought I'd share my answer.

Nobody came. Nope. Not a single one of the 22 like-hearted people showed up. Now that sounds like something went terribly wrong, but I think everything went perfectly well! What many people see as a failure of sorts, I see as the ultimate success. What it comes down to is perspective. And I'm not talking about the "alternative facts" kind of perspective that Sean Spicer gave at his first official press briefing either. I'm talking about looking a little deeper than the surface.

The point of the "Transformational Political Potluck" wasn't to acquire numbers of attendees like some people try to acquire numbers of "likes" or "views." The overriding intention of the evening was to counterbalance the rising fear and angst by empowering ourselves to do what we want more of in our lives and in our world; to take responsibility for ourselves and be conscious of how we're choosing to operate.

So what did these people do on inauguration night instead of coming to the planned potluck? Well, a large number thankfully took care of themselves and stayed home to battle ills, aches and pains in the comfort of their cozy clothes and warm beds.

One friend from Toronto apologized for forgetting the swim meet her daughter with cerebral palsy had that night and the stand in hockey game her husband would be at. Priorities to be sure, especially considering they're in the middle of moving into an accessible home and searching for a job to replace the one that fell apart.

Another friend was flying to Germany to meet up with her daughter who is schooling in France for a year. They were going to be heading off to the woman's March in Munich within hours of her arrival, which totally fits into the kind of passion this woman lives her life by.

Yet another dear friend stayed home to birdsit. This lady is one of the most devoted animal lovers I know and she recently brought in a partner for her handsome Zebra Finch, "Walter." Well, Walter and Mary are having babies!

Her vigilance to be by the birds side is for their welfare and for the memory of the bird she didn't know how to help. There might have been some anxiety in her home that Friday night, but she was actively engaged in tending to it.

And so with no body at my home I happily went down into the studio and spent the night meditating in colour.

On another note, I was pleased to hear Arcade Fire's surprise single "I Give You Power" Monday morning on my way to work. An edgy reminder.

Heather Hurst Schomberg



Brain teaser



Which of these doesn't belong: tall tale, autobiography, short story?

Last week's answer: Jenna wrote the digit 3 a total of 120 times.

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Premier Kathleen Wynne has killed Toronto's plan to establish toll roads. Did she do the right thing?

a) Yes
b) No

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Climate change is most pressing news

By Hans Martin

Over the holidays I spent a long time thrashing through the climate change related discussions and events of 2016.

In the interim I read the article "Trump in the White House – an interview with Noam Chomsky" and the result follows.

Noam Chomsky: "The most important news of November 8 was barely noted, a fact of some significance in itself."

You might ask "What kind of nut case is this guy Chomsky? That's the date Trump was elected. Was that not the most important news?"

No!
On Nov. 8, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) delivered a report. The WMO reported that the past five years were the hottest on record. It reported rising sea levels, soon to increase as a result of the unexpectedly rapid melting of polar ice, most ominously the huge Antarctic glaciers.

When the President-elect of the United States declared the climate change issue a hoax, I felt despair. I know that we Canadians are concerned about the issue yet we seem to have a rather sketchy understanding of its scope and its inevitable and disastrous consequences. In addition, we seem to expect our governments to do what is necessary, not us, as individuals.

Before Christmas I talked to the research scientist who is responsible for the CO2 background monitoring program in Environment Canada. For nearly 30 years, this program has measured CO2 concentrations every hour in the high Arctic at Alert (military station). The record follows a nearly exact annual pattern: a minimum concentration in July and a maximum in December. But, there is one critical difference. Each year there is a shift in the pattern to higher overall concentrations. So today's concentrations are far higher than any in the last 800,000 years. The concentration on Dec. 2, 2015 was the highest ever reported at 411 parts per million. These results are consistent with results from stations in other remote parts of the world and can be examined at a number of websites (for example, <https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators/climate-change-indicators-atmospheric-concentrations-greenhouse-gases>).

How is climate change manifesting itself in our daily lives?

Perhaps not much here in King Township but elsewhere consequences are growing in importance at an alarming rate. When the Arctic and the Antarctic ice melts, two things happen. First, the melt-water raises the ocean levels and second, the melting of the ice cover dramatically changes the absorption of energy from the sun. This melt is devastating.

Why?
Ice and snow are nearly totally reflective, sending solar energy back into space like a mirror. Liquid water on the other hand is nearly totally absorbing, like black soil, reflecting very little light. This dramatic and curious physical characteristic of water is not fully appreciated but easily observed from an aircraft.

In the summer, the lakes all appear black because they absorb the shortwave energy coming from the sun. In the winter, the snow-covered landscape looks bright and white, reflecting most of the incoming shortwave radiation. So, in the spring when dry ice/snow changes to water, the snow-covered surface changes dramatically from completely reflecting to nearly completely absorbing. This process occurs well before all the snow has melted. It starts when snow and ice are just a little bit wet.

So what is the role of CO2?
First, CO2 does not absorb short-wave energy (incoming) but it does absorb long-wave (outgoing) radiation. Hence, solar radiation, the incoming short-wave energy from the sun passes through the atmosphere fairly unchanged. If it is reflected it passes back through the atmosphere into space, unchanged. But short-wave energy that is absorbed at the surface and is re-radiated as long-wave energy does not escape the atmosphere. This process is called the greenhouse effect. The long-wave energy can be absorbed by the CO2. The more CO2 you have, the more energy you absorb and the higher the temperature of the atmosphere becomes, especially near the surface. At this point, human activity intervenes. Our emissions of CO2 raise the temperature of the atmosphere.

One modifying process which has great significance is the biological up-

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Humans produce more CO2, upsetting balance

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take of CO2 by plants, particularly the great absorbers of atmospheric CO2, the forested regions of northern Europe, Siberia and northern Canada. In mid-winter this process is practically zero in the northern hemisphere. But in the spring and into the summer CO2 is absorbed by the plants as they grow, whether they are domesticated (e.g. crops, trees), or wild (e.g. grasslands and forests). The result is an annual cycle of CO2 concentrations in the atmosphere with high levels in midwinter (plants absorbing little CO2) changing to low levels of CO2 sometime in mid-August. The summer switch from decreasing CO2 to increasing CO2 around mid-August is rather dramatic and marks the start of the decline in tree growth in the forest of northern Canada, Siberia and Europe. Over a period of a few days, around mid August, the decreasing CO2 reverses and increases until December.

The ever-increasing human production of CO2 has upset the balance of

these natural processes. The excess of anthropogenic CO2 has led to an increase in heat retention of the atmosphere. The vegetation uptake can no longer maintain the CO2 balance. Consequently, the earth is warming and we are experiencing worldwide, exceptional phenomena, many devastating and deadly. Some effects are obvious, others are more subtle and obscure. Droughts, crop losses, floods, wildfires, death from heat stroke, hurricanes, typhoons and tornadoes, and so on, are documented daily.

The larger scheme of change is more subtle and perhaps far more dangerous. For example, the disappearance of the Greenland glacier and the slowing of the North Atlantic drift, will change everything, as they say. And then there are the barrier reef ecosystems such as the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, perhaps the largest ecosystem in the world. It is dying. Hundreds of millions of people depend on coral reefs for jobs, livelihoods, food, and shelter. Implementation of the Paris agreement would help to preserve these shallow,

warm-water ecosystems from the devastating effects of increasing levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. (November 2016, the Boston Globe).

We need reductions in our global CO2 production; our lives depend upon it. Because of our past reticence, this task is far more difficult than anticipated. In the next decade, we will surely far exceed our record high CO2 concentration of 411 ppm achieved just over a year ago. But just stopping this annual increase in CO2 emissions is not enough. That would suggest we accept the current consequences which we read about in the paper every day.

No, we must significantly reduce total global emissions. At the moment we seem unable to achieve the first part, stopping the increase. How then will we be able to actually reduce global emissions to levels decades ago!

It is our choice: Requiem or Recovery.

Dr. Hans Martin is one of the world's leading scientists on climate change, toxic chemicals and other air issues. He has advised both national and international governments. He worked with Environment Canada and most recently for Foreign Affairs before retiring.

York Catholic schools celebrate Black History Month

The York Catholic District School Board is proud to celebrate Black History Month throughout February and beyond.

Catholic schools across York Region will mark the month with special events, including visits from guest speakers, theatrical performances, morning reflections, African drumming workshops, school displays and a variety of classroom learning activities.

St. Mary Catholic Elementary School in Nobleton will showcase and celebrate the life of Nelson Mandela through a special theatrical presentation by HOZA, called Mandela: Gifts from a Leader. HOZA will be presenting two shows, one for JK to Grade 3 students, the second for Grade 4 to 8 students this coming Tuesday (Feb. 7). Both shows

will be a joyous celebration and deeply touching tribute to the life of Mandela, and will encourage students to continue building on his legacy of truth and reconciliation, peace and justice.

In celebration of Black History education, Cardinal Carter Catholic High School in Aurora will dedicate the week of Feb. 27 to March 3 to a variety of student-led, black history-related activities. The week will culminate with two assemblies featuring a dynamic production called Notable: The Story of Viola Desmond, about the civil rights icon who broke barriers and provided inspiration to all Canadians around social justice issues. Desmond will become the first Canadian woman to appear on a Canadian dollar bill, when she graces the front of the new Canadian \$10 bill.

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From Thursday, February 2 to Wednesday, February 8

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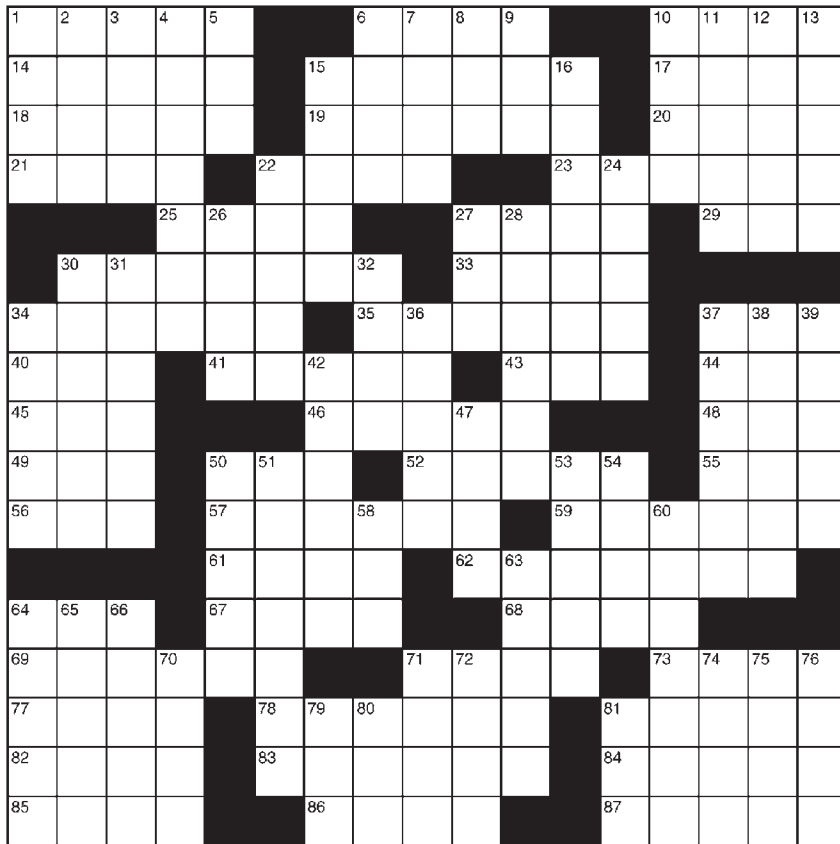


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- 1. Moved slowly
- 6. Quarrel
- 10. Float through the air
- 14. Indian coin
- 15. String
- 17. Plenty, once
- 18. Garnish
- 19. Shudder
- 20. Parched
- 21. Net
- 22. Bird's "arm"
- 23. Manor
- 25. Head woe
- 27. Come again?
- 29. Soak flax
- 30. Push down
- 33. Detest
- 34. Detection device
- 35. Attire
- 37. Army NCO
- 40. Western clock zone
- 41. Ride a bike, e.g.
- 43. "The ___ Shoes"
- 44. Bistro brew
- 45. "___ Gang"
- 46. Subside
- 48. Craggy peak
- 49. Drink cubes

- 50. Etna's output
- 52. Among
- 55. Santa has one
- 56. Dreg
- 57. Islamic ruler
- 59. Cheddar or provolone
- 61. Peter, Paul & Mary, e.g.
- 62. Oppression
- 64. Athens vowel
- 67. Muslim leader
- 68. Declaration
- 69. Hunting expedition
- 71. Conceited
- 73. Water growth
- 77. Dance costume
- 78. Yamaguchi, e.g.
- 81. Negative atom
- 82. Straightforward
- 83. Way out
- 84. Go swiftly
- 85. Brazen
- 86. Greek consonant
- 87. Pasta variety

DOWN

- 1. Comp
- 2. Uncalled for

- 3. Heroic poem
- 4. Maybe
- 5. Finger count
- 6. Embroidered
- 7. Prudish one
- 8. Islet
- 9. Private eye
- 10. "Go ____, young man"
- 11. Close by
- 12. Specialty
- 13. Chirp
- 15. Squalid sites
- 16. Cover protectively
- 22. Reporter's question
- 24. Charger
- 26. Riding whip
- 27. Owl's question?
- 28. Animosity
- 30. Infer
- 31. Meal course
- 32. Picket-line crosser
- 34. Rot
- 36. Andean climber
- 37. Lustrous cotton fabric
- 38. Shiny
- 39. Lacy
- 42. Showy flower
- 47. Shade of color
- 50. In motion
- 51. Reason
- 53. Skinny one
- 54. "All ___ Jazz"
- 58. Male cat
- 60. Heighten
- 63. Not mine
- 64. Bar, legally
- 65. Tan
- 66. Later
- 70. Uncle's mate
- 71. Editor's word
- 72. Buttlike formation
- 74. Big cat
- 75. Hired thug
- 76. Poker stake
- 79. CIA's former rival
- 80. "You ____, My Sunshine"
- 81. Cleo's nemesis

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- 1/2 teaspoon of smoked paprika
- 1-2 tablespoons of Alloro's Extra Virgin Olive Oil (EVOO)
- Alloro's Chipotle Aioli

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- 2 tablespoons of Alloro's EVOO
- 2 large yellow onions
- 2 tablespoons of water or vegetable stock
- Salt & pepper
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Instructions:

Heat oil in a large frying pan on low heat. Add the onions, salt & pepper. Cook on low heat until onions are golden. Add water as required. Set aside. Mix together ground meat, steak spice and paprika in a bowl. Form into 2 inch patties. Place the slider patties on a hot grill or pan sear with 1-2 teaspoons of oil. Cook on each side 3-4 minutes or until internal is 155F. Remove and place on brioche bun. Add the caramelized onions and drizzle Alloro's Chipotle Aioli. Enjoy!





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York Region improves housing options for residents

York Regional council recently received two new reports highlighting an ongoing commitment to affordable and appropriate housing choices for York Region residents.

"Quality and affordable housing provides the foundation for vibrant and healthy communities in York Region. That's why we want new housing developments to address the needs of all our residents," said York Region chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "Matching a variety of housing options to the demands of the Region's entire population helps deliver complete communities. This allows families to find housing and remain in the Region through all ages and stages of their lives."

Today's Housing Initiatives and Incentives report to council provides an update on issues including housing supply and affordability. It notes the low supply of rental accommodation is

a particular issue in York Region. "Only 11.5 per cent of our housing is rental – the lowest percentage in the GTHA – and only 1.6 per cent of that housing is currently available to rent, which is about half of what should be available in a healthy rental market," said City of Vaughan Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase, chair of planning and economic development. "By considering a range of possible initiatives, we hope to improve the availability of affordable housing for individuals and families."

A second report, Achieving New Heights Through Innovation and Stability, is the new 2017- 2020 plan for Housing York Inc., the Region's non-profit housing provider. The four-year plan reflects stakeholder consultations with residents, staff and community partners. It supports residents' needs, the growth of Housing York's property

portfolio, financial sustainability and emerging business practices through five strategic directions.

"Housing York's strategic direction sets the course for future growth and sustainability," said Markham Deputy Mayor Jack Heath, chair of Housing York Inc. "Our plan calls for innovation and creative thinking to create more af-

fordable housing options here in York Region."

Owned by The Regional Municipality of York and governed by a council-appointed board of directors, Housing York Inc. provides homes to more than 4,000 York Region residents in 2,643 units at 37 properties across York Region.

York Region receives Canada Top Employer for Young People award

The Region of York has been honoured as one of Canada's Top Employers for Young People.

The recognition comes from Canada's largest publisher of quality employment-related periodicals, Medi-acorp Canada.

"As one of the largest employers in York Region, we value the contributions made by all of our employees to our communities," said Regional Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "York Region prides itself in investing in people. We value the skills and knowledge students and recent graduates bring to York Region and we provide them with a number of opportunities to advance their professional growth."

Canada's Top Employers for Young People is a competition recognizing the employers offering the country's best workplaces and programs for young people at the beginning of their

careers. The winning employers lead the nation in attracting and retaining younger employees to their organizations.

Criteria used to evaluate employers include:

- Mentorship and training programs;
- Career development programs;
- Composition and profile of the workforce;
- Availability of co-op or work study programs;
- Tuition assistance.

"York Region is very proud to add Canada's Top Employer for Young People to our growing list of awards," said York's Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Macgregor. "The Region has been recognized numerous times as one of Canada's top employers, and by ensuring programs for continuous learning are in place for all employees, we will continue to attract and retain the very best talent."

Network helps with snow removal

Neighbourhood Network, the York Region based not-for-profit arm of Magna International, coordinates a volunteer snow removal service for eligible seniors and persons with disabilities.

The goal is to help seniors and persons with disabilities stay active in the community throughout the winter season and to connect volunteers with residents in need.

A volunteer is matched with a regis-

tered client and is expected to deliver clearing services within 24 hours when snowfall accumulation exceeds 10 centimeters (4 inches).

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FOI requests rise by 50%

By Mark Pavilons

Information on property and development issues has sparked a dramatic rise in Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA) requests to King Township.

King councillors received the staff report recently, that highlights the trend.

The MFIPPA aims to balance public information with the protection of privacy and sets out requirements for access.

Staff reported that in 2016, 36 FOI requests were received, an increase of 50% over 2015. Of those processed, 18 were from individuals and 18 were from agents, primarily

law offices.

"The significant increase in requests for 2016 is primarily driven by requests for information on property and development," according to the report from the clerk's department.

A nominal amount (\$5 per request) is charged for FOI applications.

Staff also responded to many "information requests" on a routine basis, with information provided outside the MFIPPA process.

"Unless there is a statutory requirement not to release records, routine disclosure of general records is a transparent and accepted practice."

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Artist Lucas bares her soul at exhibition

By Mark Pavilons

Helen Lucas has never been known to hold back. Her genuine honesty is one of her best traits.

The remarkable body of work by this King resident provides the backdrop for "Helen Lucas Roots to the Present."

The show runs Feb. 8 to March 5 at The Papermill Gallery on Pottery Road in Toronto. This first-ever retrospective, in partnership with the Clara Thomas Archives and Special Collections at York University, explores Lucas's work, from the 1960s through the present.

With "brutal honesty," the show is an intimate diary of her life. We all have personal tales of struggle, growth and emergence, and Lucas is not shy about sharing hers.

More than two dozen Lucas originals will be on display, along with pieces from York's archives.

Some of the "diary" pieces are from

the nine years Lucas taught art at Sheridan College. She explained that during the week, upon returning home from the college, she'd whip off sketches, often without thinking. On the weekends, she'd pick one and do a large, 20-inch-by-24-inch finished drawing.

"They are VERY honest," she said.

Past reviews mentioned they were not suitable for young children and in the late 1960s, Lucas was accused of promoting unwed mothers, since her images of women lacked wedding rings.

"Frankly, they are all beautiful," Lucas assured.

Lucas is best known for her very large floral canvases, which adorned galleries in North America and Europe until the mid-1990s.

The show's opening will be held Wednesday, Feb. 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., with remarks at 7. For more, call 416-396-2819 or RSVP to todmorden@toronto.ca



Helen Lucas



The Garden of Eve, 1989, acrylic on canvas, 152.4 x 152.4 cm, collection of the artist.

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Minister appoints review panel for York District School Board

By Mark Pavilons

Queen's Park, disturbed by allegations about the conduct of a trustee on the York District School Board, has set up a review panel.

The panel, announced by Education Minister Mitzi Hunter, will review the board's governance and equity issues.

The development was sparked by allegations that Nancy Elgie, trustee for Georgina on the board, made disrespectful comments about a black parent back in November. Calls were made for Elgie to step down and the board offered an apology, read at their Jan. 24 meeting.

"There have been significant and growing concerns from parents and community members regarding governance and equity issues in the York Region District School Board (YRDSB). These include allegations of systemic racism, concerns about the board's equity and inclusive education policies, accountability for spending on trustees' international travel, and deteriorating relationships between the trustees, the director of education and the board's

senior staff," Minister Hunter said.

"In November, I met with the board chair and director of education to discuss these concerns. During that meeting, I was not provided with the reassurance that the board had an adequate plan in place to deal with these issues, so I asked the board to submit a report outlining their plan of action by Jan. 13. Unfortunately, their proposal also fails to address these issues.

"As a result, an urgent review of the board is needed. I am appointing Patrick Case and Sue Herbert to review the governance and performance issues at the YRDSB. The reviewers will recommend improvements, particularly regarding equity, accountability and transparency, to regain public confidence in the school board. In addition, they will recommend ways to improve the working relationships at the board, including amongst trustees, between the board and the director of education, between the director of education and senior staff, and with the community. In addition, they will review whether board members and the director of education are fulfilling their legislated

duties."

The reviewers will submit a final report with recommendations for next steps by April 7.

"My colleagues and I want all students, parents, staff and community members to have confidence in our publicly funded education system, and to ensure transparent and accountable school board governance that nurtures and respects inclusive and equitable education. I am committed to supporting strong governance at the York Region District School Board — it is essential to the success and well-being of students in Ontario's schools," Hunter said.

Case is an assistant professor in the

department of political science at the University of Guelph, and he is the current chair of the board of Ontario's Human Rights Legal Support Centre. He was also trustee with the former Toronto Board of Education, from 1979 to 1985.

Herbert has had a long career in public service, and was a deputy minister in the Ontario Government from 1997 to 2008, retiring after serving as deputy minister of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, the Ministry of Education, where she represented Canada for several years at the OECD Education Directorate, and the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

LSRCA returns Chair and Vice-Chair

At their 2017 Annual General Meeting, on the heels of a keynote address from Dr. Blair Feltmate, head of the Intact Centre on Climate Adaptation at the University of Waterloo, the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) Board of Directors secured continuity by re-electing Aurora Mayor Geoffrey Dawe as Chair for a third term.

Innisfil Councillor Richard Simpson was re-elected Vice-Chair for a second term.

"While Dr. Feltmate certainly had us thinking about a number of significant impacts that climate change has in our lives and on our environment, Vice-Chair Simpson and I are pleased to be able to offer another year of service to our watershed communities," Dawe commented. "We've both gained some really valuable experience dealing with a number of the initiatives and challenges over the course of our previous terms and with the unwavering commitment

of our fellow board members, we're confident that we can continue to lead the way in making our communities more resilient to climate change impacts."

Among other business, LSRCA released its 2016 Annual Report, detailing the highlights of their achievements over the past year. Accompanying the report was a short video rendition encapsulating and celebrating the 2016 accomplishments.

"It's clear the work we're doing is having an impact," Simpson remark. "Seeing the consolidated report of our accomplishments is really inspiring and each year I'm reminded of the exceptional work of our board, staff and partners. I'm particularly impressed with our youth outreach. As our leaders of tomorrow, we are creating a generation that will continue to create new and better solutions to address environmental issues."

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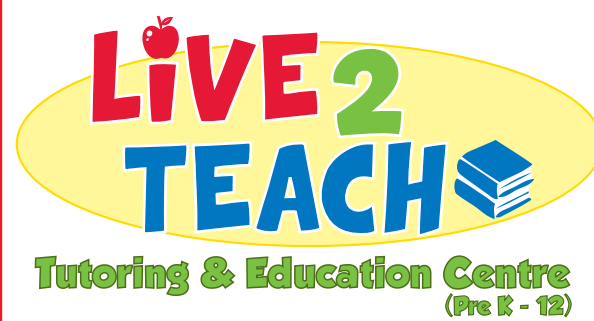


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Bolton resident wins big with Lottario

Bolton resident Ernst (Ernie) Drachenberg has a great reason to celebrate these days.

He won \$428,343 in the Jan. 21, 2017 Lottario draw.

"I go to the gym every day," he said while at the OLG Prize Centre in Toronto. "On the day that I won, I was on my way there when I decided to stop by the store and check my ticket."

He scanned his ticket at the ticket checker.

"The words 'Big Winner' appeared and at first I thought I won \$428," Drachenberg, 90, said. "I tucked my ticket away and headed to the gym. Later that day, I picked up a print out of the winning numbers and went home to check my ticket. One by one, the numbers matched up."

"I didn't want to celebrate yet and later find out the ticket wasn't a winner," he added, so the following day, he returned to the store with his wife. "To-

gether with the manager we verified my win, validated the ticket and spoke with OLG on the phone."

"I consider myself a young 90," the a married father, grandfather and great grandfather said. "I am active, love riding my bike and enjoy life every single day. In fact, I have climbed the CN Tower seven times. My first time was when I was 80 years old."

"Winning the lottery is lovely, but I do wish I was 20 years younger so I could really enjoy this money. Having said that, I have a wonderful family and it will make me very happy to see them enjoying my win. I can't wait to have a big family celebration, knowing that this money will help take care of all of us."

"Finally, I would love to come back to the Prize Centre after I win again!" he concluded.

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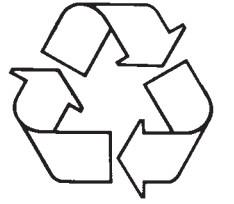
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Police to celebrate Black History Month

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Unity in the Community will be the theme of this year's celebration.

"On behalf of all members of York Regional Police, we are proud to recognize the contributions that our officers have made in our community," Chief Eric Jolliffe commented.

For more information or to RSVP, contact the Special Events Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6826, or by email at rspevents@yrp.ca

Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop

Blood Donor Clinic

The first blood donor clinic for 2017 is planned for Feb. 15 at the Trisan Centre from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Schomberg's clinics are always a roaring success so remember, "You have it in you to give!"

Schomberg Figure Skating Club

March 11, from 9:05 to 9:50 a.m., is the Annual Spring Friends and Family Skate at the Trisan — Everyone is welcome and this is a free event.

The Schomberg Skating Club is your local skating club, affiliated with Skate Canada. It has been in operation for many decades and is run entirely by parent volunteers. They employ profes-

sional Skate Canada certified coaches and offer CanSkate and StarSkate programs that develop skills for hockey players, recreational skaters and figure skaters alike. Everyone is welcome to come out and watch the skaters, as well as help the skaters and the club — where ever your talents may lie — coaching, fund-raising, administration — it all helps.

Check out their website at www.shomberskatingclub.ca

Schomberg Chiropractic Wellness Centre

The spring running/walking groups are getting prepared to start up again April 4 at 7:15.

There will be a walking program added to this group in the spring.

Anyone who would like to get a group going now and needs help is asked to contact info@schombergchiropractic.ca

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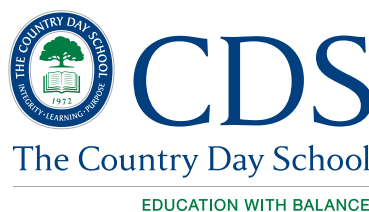
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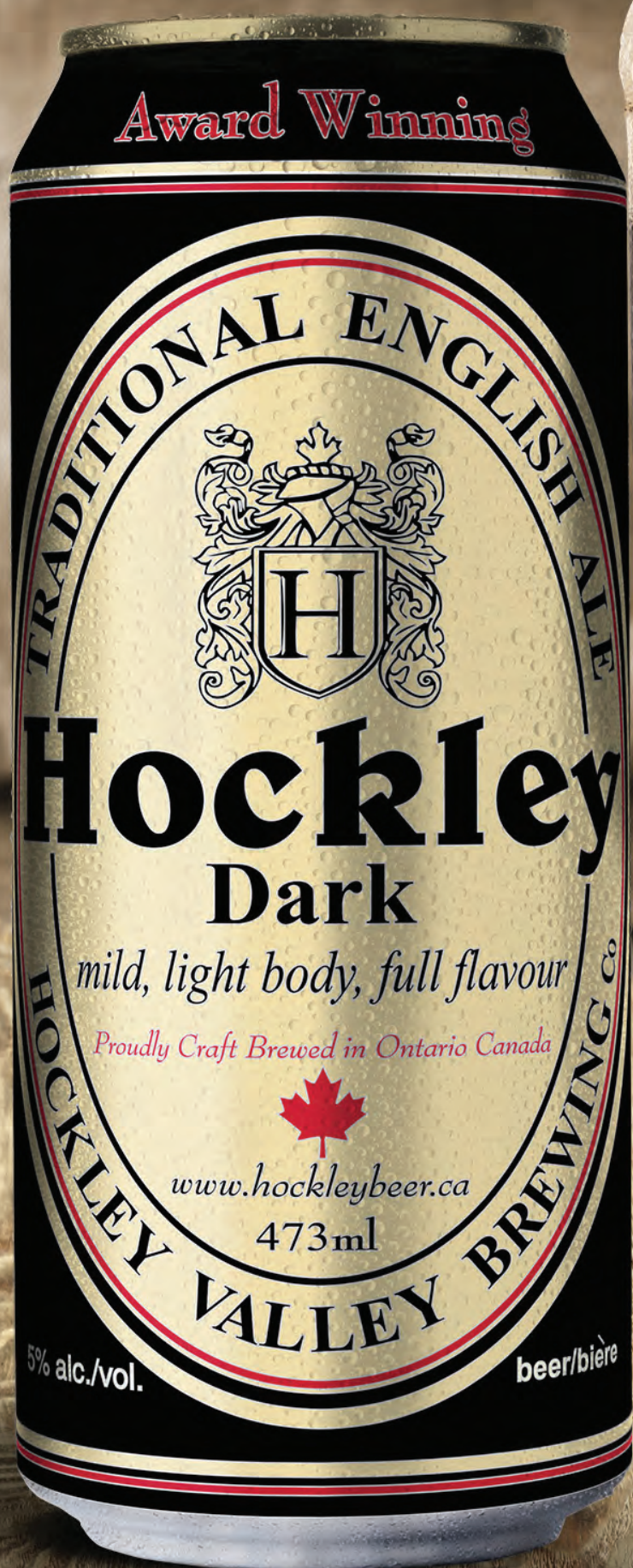
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Dufferin Marsh Committee

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You can submit your observations online at birdcount.org

For further information, please call Mary Asslestine at 905-939-7544 or maflestine@aol.com

This group is also planning their Annual Community Skate Feb. 11 at 3 p.m. in the marsh. If the ice is not safe,

it may have to be postponed to another date.

It is a great event for the entire family and there will be a bonfire, hot dogs, marshmallows, hot chocolate and coffee.

Donations to the committee are always appreciated.

For further information, please contact Mary or www.dufferinmarsh.ca

York Pines United Church

The Annual General Meeting for YPUC will be held after the Feb. 12 service.

YPUC next Book Club Meeting is Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. and they will be discussing Pierre Berton's epic Vimy. All are welcome.

St. Patrick Parish

There will be a pancake breakfast Feb. 26 after all masses. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 children.

The St. Patrick's Dinner at Pottageville Lion's Club will be March 11, from 6 p.m. to midnight. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$20 for children. For information, call Merilena at 416-505-2041.

King's Corners

King City United Church By Earle Laycock

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan spoke about Luke 6:1-16, where Jesus is criticized by those in authority who resented his teachings for "working" on the Sabbath.

By picking and eating some grain, Jesus had broken the strict letter of the law. Another transgression in their eyes was healing on the Sabbath. Jesus respected the Sabbath but saw a larger picture.

Following God's will is not confined to living within a strict set of regulations. We need to go into the world showing our love by living our faith.

With the horrible news of a shooting in Quebec, following Jesus' teaching of love is more important than ever.

Fred Jesty took a few moments to reminisce about he and wife Marilyn's 17 years in King City. They are moving to Oakville to be closer to family. Fred drew many connections between his faith and how it affected his life, including a two-week sailing cruise off the coast of Newfoundland. For every challenge, Fred said that there are solutions wait-

ing to be discovered and gave surprising examples in his life. We wish Fred and Marilyn all the best in this new chapter of their life. Thanks Marilyn and Fred, for all you have done for King City!

Rev. Evelyn announced that she will be retiring at the end of the year. Her five years at King City UC has gone quickly. She will be missed. Evelyn and I will definitely miss our many friends at King City but our door will always be open and we are not planning to be too far away.

King City is blessed to have Sandra Kirby enrich our lives with her gift of music. The Sanctuary was filled Saturday evening to hear Sandra and her collaborative pianist Dr. Oleg Samokhin provide an evening of musical inspiration. Most came early to enjoy a dinner. Thanks Sandra and Oleg for such an amazing, uplifting, performance.

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Cougars facing Hornets in PJHL first round

By Jake Courtepatte

The Schomberg Cougars will have to contend in one of the league's toughest barns in the first round of Provincial Junior Hockey League playoffs.

They will have to visit the New Tecumseh Rec Centre, one of the rowdiest arenas in the junior C league, and win there to stand any chance of defeating the Alliston Hornets.

A 6-3 loss to the Penetang Kings Friday closed out the regular season for the Cougars, clinching seventh place and a

date with the Hornets with a record of 14-27-1. Veteran Ryley Egerton notched a hat trick in the first period to give the Cougars a 3-1 lead after one, before five straight Penetang goals, including two on an empty net, sealed their fate.

Alliston, a perennial powerhouse in the former Georgian Mid-Ontario Hockey League, finished in second place in the PJHL's Carruthers division, miles ahead of the rest of the league.

The Hornets outscored the Cougars 37-16 in six games played this season,

though the Cougars got the best of them by a score of 4-3 in a mid-November tilt: one of only five Hornet losses all season.

Around the league, the eighth place Caledon Golden Hawks will be faced with a tough challenge in the Stayner Siskins, who usurped the Carruthers division throne from the Hornets this season, losing just four games.

The third place Penetang Kings will be taking on the sixth place Orillia Terriers, while the fourth place Midland Flyers take on the fifth place Huntsville Otters.

All series are a best-of-seven format.

Schomberg and Alliston open up their series tonight (Thursday) at the Trisan Centre, with puck drop set for 8:30 p.m. It then moves to New Tec Rec Friday at 7:30p.m.

The Cougars' final home game of the season took place last Thursday against the Hornets, where Alliston threw 33 shots at Vince Michelizzi in a 6-3 win.

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

Tyke Knights come close to hardware

The NobleKing Knights Tyke 4 team was one goal away from tying the championship game against the hosts at the Innisfil Tyke tournament over the weekend.

Both teams had the parents and spectators sitting on the edge of their seats from the end-to-end action the entire game.

The first period ended with no score, and was highlighted by Nikki Serna speedily backchecking Innisfil's top point producer of the tournament, and Luca Marchese shutting the door on an Innisfil penalty shot.

In the second period, NobleKing had their backs to the wall, with Innisfil taking a commanding lead. The defensive

core, lead by Emilia DeMelis and Milena Tomada, kept the game from getting out of hand.

In the third period, NobleKing's offence came alive, with Noah Feo having two beautiful end-to-end goals and Teo Contardi bringing the game to 4-3 with a bullet shot over the defenseless Innisfil keeper's glove. The remaining two minutes, with the NobleKing goalie pulled, had its share of chances, but Innisfil would be victorious.

The coaching staff would like to thank Innisfil Minor Hockey for putting on a perfectly run tournament and, most of all, the parents and kids of the NobleKing Tyke 4.



The Schomberg Juvenile Red Wings are moving on after defeating the Campbellford Colts in the first round of the OMHA playoffs.

Photo by Jake Courtepatte

Juvenile Red Wings moving on

By Jake Courtepatte

The juvenile Schomberg Red Wings continue to be one of the most dominant hockey teams in Ontario.

Always a threat in the OMHA playoffs, the Wings cruised through the Campbellford Colts in the first round of the post-season, winning the first-to-six-points series in four games, culminating on the road Sunday.

The teams split the first two games last weekend before returning to the Trisan Centre Saturday for Game 3.

One of the highest scoring teams in juvenile C hockey throughout the regular season, it was captain Brock Boyd who opened the scoring just 30 seconds in, to the delight of the large crowd.

Campbellford got into penalty trouble early, leaving Schomberg goalie Clint Reid with little action until a breakaway opportunity just past the five-minute mark. Great positioning by Reid allowed the Wings to make a quick turnaround after the save, with Derek Beirsteker going the other way on a breakaway and beating the goaltender

over his glove.

The Wings took a 3-0 lead before the end of the first period, off the stick of Jamie Babcock, who capitalized on a good bounce off the backboards from a Beirsteker shot.

They took the shutout late into the second, before Reid was finally beat on a two-on-one opportunity. That would be as close as Campbellford would come, with the Wings taking the lead in the series by a score of 5-1.

Next day's match on the road was a case of déjà vu; another 5-1 contest that sent the Wings to the next round.

Mitchell Harknett, Zach Buttersworth and Babcock each potted singles, while Daniel Giglio scored twice.

The Wings now move on to play the Norwood Hornets in the prequel to the OMHA quarter-finals. The Hornets allowed just one goal against in three games with the Newcastle Stars.

The team has reached the Ontario finals in three straight years, finalists in 2014 and 2016 and earning the OMHA title in 2015.

CDS Cyclones keep on rolling

By Jake Courtepatte

The Country Day School Cyclones are keeping on pace to record their third straight CISAA hockey championship. A late rally to tie Appleby College 3-3 Monday brought the Cyclones record to 6-1-1 in the independent league's DII division, behind only Royal St. George College's unbeaten season.

The Appleby goaltender was forced to stand on his head for most of the contest, though they took a 3-1 lead late into the second period. CDS brought the score to within one with less than a minute to go in the frame, before tying it up in the third period.

It looked like a Cyclones' power play in the final half of the third period might make the difference, but Appleby hung on for

the tie.

Country Day School's hockey program is among the best in non-contact hockey. Their only loss of the season came at the hands of Greenwood College School in mid-January, with the team running a four game unbeaten streak since.

With four games left in the regular season schedule, the toughest challenge lies just ahead for the Cyclones, who next face the 9-0-0 Royal St. George College on the road. The Cyclones 8-1 record at the end of the 2015-16 season was enough to clinch them a bye to the championship game, where they cruised through Toronto French School 8-0 to earn their second straight DII championship.

It was a rematch of the 2014-15 final, when the Cyclones came out on top of TFS 3-1.



The NobleKing Tyke 4 team consists of (back row) Coach Chris Marchese, Assistant Coach Rene Rojas, Trainer Joel Carone, (middle row) Lucas Maggiasano, Noah Feo, Bianca Di-Giovanni, Mateo Rojas, Emilia DeMelis, (front row) Nicolas Serna, Sebastian Iacobelli, Luca Marchese, Teo Contardi, Joey Carcone, Milena Tomada and Claire Ampleford.

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Very successful week in Florida for Eric Lamaze

Canada's Eric Lamaze scored his first win of the 2017 competition season, taking victory in the \$35,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round III last Thursday at the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, Florida.

He followed that up Saturday night by winning the \$130,000 CSI3* Adequan Grand Prix riding Fine Lady 5, his individual bronze medal partner at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games.

Forty-three of the world's top riders lined out for Saturday night's competition, jumping tracks set by Belgian course designer Luc Musette of Belgium. Seven posted clear rounds to advance to the all-deciding jump-off. The first three competitors had each knocked down a rail when Lamaze entered the International Arena and put the first clear round on the board in a time of 40.26 seconds. Meredith Michaels-Berbaum, who claimed a bronze medal as part of the German team in Rio, was next to challenge, and appeared to be giving Lamaze a run for his money before stopping the clock in 40.79 seconds riding Comanche 28. The final challenger, Sergio Alvarez Moya of Spain, who is making his Winter Equestrian Festival debut, also looked to be on track to catch Lamaze's time before crossing the timers in 40.80 seconds to place third riding G&C Unicstar d'Laumone.

"Every time I make a plan for her, she just seems to rise to the occasion," said Lamaze of the 14-year-old Hanoverian mare owned by Andy and Carlene Ziegler's Artisan Farms and his Torrey Pines Stable. "She's become a horse you can really rely on, and know that she will be ready when it counts. This was a difficult course, but she's done some very big classes lately. It was hard, but, for her, it was a little bit of an easier class."

Saturday's event marked Fine Lady 5's first competition of the year, having closed out the 2016 season by winning the €300,000 Rolex Top Ten Final in Geneva, Switzerland.

"I gave her a long rest after the Olympics, and started back and just did Paris and Geneva at the beginning of December," said Lamaze of Fine Lady 5's competition schedule. "I plan on riding her at the Winter Equestrian Festival here since she is already fit from Geneva. She will do quite a bit at the beginning of the circuit, and then we'll give her a rest before returning to Europe."

A total of 80 starters attempted the track set by Musette Thursday with 15 producing clear rounds to qualify for the jump-off. Lamaze found his way to victory over the shortened course, leaving all the rails in place and stopping the clock in 40.55 seconds to push U.S. Olympic team silver medalist Leslie Howard into second with a time of 41.38 riding Gentille van Spievelde.

Lamaze's winning mount Thursday was Houston, a 10-year-old grey Belgian Warmblood stallion owned by Andy and Carlene Ziegler's Artisan Farms.

"Houston is an up and coming horse that is part of the Artisan Farms team of horses," Lamaze said. "He's a horse that really came on strong towards the end of the year last year and did some great things. He's got all the talent in the world. When you have a string of horses that can go fast, like Fine Lady and Rosana du Park, he never truly had a chance to show off last year, but he was getting some great mileage at a lot of competitions. This is his time to step up, and we couldn't be happier with how he's coming along."

Houston is one of several horses that Lamaze will be showing at the international level throughout the 12-week Winter Equestrian Festival. During last year's winter event, Lamaze won a total of four Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup events riding Rosana du Park, Check Picobello Z, and Fine Lady 5. This year, Houston is the first horse to have his name on the list.

"It's a horse that we've had for about two years," said Lamaze, who divides his time between training bases in Florida and Brussels, Belgium. "I have been in many jump-offs with him, but I never really asked for speed because I didn't feel like the timing was right. Now I feel like his time has come, and it's his time now to learn it."

"Every horse develops on its own schedule and in its own time, and it's really important to have owners who understand the process and are patient," added Lamaze, who is currently ranked number eight in the world. "The Zieglers are wonderful that way, and really understand the sport. A lot of the time we invest years, and the owners invest time and money, into bringing these horses along, so it's nice when you finally get there. I plan on using Houston all along on this circuit; I think you'll see a lot of

him."

Lamaze will continue to compete on the Florida circuit for the duration of the winter season before heading back

to his training base in Belgium. Next up for Lamaze and Fine Lady 5 is the CSI3*-W Palm Beach Masters, running from Feb. 2 to 5 in Wellington.



Eric Lamaze and Houston won the \$35,000 Ruby et Violette WEF Challenge Cup Round III last Thursday at the Winter Equestrian Festival in Wellington, Florida.

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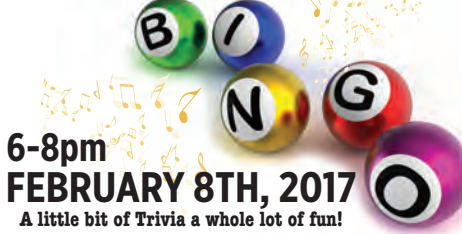
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King's Corners

From page 13

King City United Church By Rev. Evelyn McLachlan

Greetings in the name of the one who calls us into ministry, Jesus the Christ! Friday morning, gather for some interesting conversation over a cup of tea or a breakfast at Sunset Grill at 10am.

The Annual Meeting of the congregation is Feb. 5, following a shortened worship. Refreshments will be available at the back of the sanctuary. The reports are being run off as I'm typing and will be available for pick-up online. The 2017 budget is not in the report, but will be handed out Sunday.

Feb. 12, we will be welcoming to our worship the refugee family that we are helping to sponsor with All Saints Anglican Church. They have been to a number of the other sponsoring churches and usually Elia Aslan Sr., his son, Hekmat, wife Reem and their son, Elia Jr. have attended.

They do not speak English, but will have a translator or two with them, as well as Bishop George Elliott and his

wife Linda. This is very exciting for us. Bishop Elliott and I will work on how to introduce the family to the congregation. They will be staying for refreshments as well.

Those who have made prayer shawls for me to give out, I would appreciate having a lap one (square or rectangular) for the young boy and two others for the grandfather and the father (I have ones for the grandmother and mother) to give them on that day.

Thank you! I would also like to take a free-will offering that morning to go toward the work of this refugee committee to help with unforeseen expenses.

Also Feb. 12 is the monthly worship service with Elginwood Nursing Home at 2 p.m., where Mildred Manson resides.

We are in need of volunteers Feb. 19 to greet at the door, take up the offering and count it, provide refreshments and be the pulpit assistant. It is Family Day weekend, so we understand that a number of people will be away. If you are able to help that Sunday, please call Kristen at 905-833-5181 or email her kcuc@bellnet.ca

This Sunday, the scripture reading is from Luke 6: 1-16. There are three parts to this passage, although the first two have to do with working and healing on

the Sabbath. The third part is the call of the disciples after Jesus invited the first three in the scripture from this past Sunday. No work on the Sabbath means, for that day you remember you belong to God and not to a master, system or multinational corporation. The Pharisees kept the letter of the law with no worry about who was helped or hindered. Read the two stories about the healing and work on the Sabbath and see if you believe Jesus kept the Sabbath or did he truly break it? How do you keep Sabbath? Is it just Sunday, or can Sabbath be a different day? What exactly is Sabbath anyway? There will be a little something "extra" in the sermon, so don't miss it. See you on Sunday!

King Bible Church

We welcome you to join us for worship service on Feb. 5! Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series on the Churches of Revelation with "Sardis - The Dead Church."

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

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St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Welcome to February at St. Andrew's! Pastor John Mills will be with us the next three Sundays. Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school running concurrently. Join us afterwards for coffee and a chance to chat and meet new friends.

Last Sunday, we welcomed the Rev. Dr. John Viessers to our pulpit. We were challenged by learning more about John the Baptist, the older cousin of Jesus who pointed to Jesus as he "prepared the way of the Lord" and became lesser so that Jesus could become greater. In doing so, he stated that his joy was complete.

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Join us Sunday, Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. As Jeff continues his series entitled – "Being the Church." An exposition of 2 Timothy. Jeff's message this week – "A Special Utensil."

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.

Child care (for children 3 years of age and younger) is provided during the gathering. Our KidzKonnection 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.

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Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Nobleton Schomberg Pastoral Charge Board extends a warm welcome to our new minister (appointed) Carol-Ann Chapman Rodgers, effective Feb. 1.

We welcome everyone including children. Carol-Ann always has something special for children. Last Sunday, she was ready for children with an animated video called "The Bless-ed Bee," which was really on topic with Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Blessed be those that mourn for ye shall be comforted, etc.) You can view this video at <https://youtu.be/4ktJagVwNDg>

The week before, she gave out little packages with activities for the children.

The next Messy Church is Feb. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m., with lots of activities for children from two 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 are welcome. You will enjoy the evening.

Jesus rebuked the elders when they were gaffing that a poor widow had donated so little money. The story tells

us not to judge people for how much they give, because rich people may give only a small portion of what they have but this poor person gave more since she gave all that she had.

Our Joint Annual General Meeting is Feb. 26, following a service at Nobleton United and a lunch. Both Schomberg United and Nobleton United will be discussing their annual reports and their joint activities. All are welcome to attend and contribute ideas and goals for the coming year.

We are looking for good beginner guitars for our new music program. We are hoping to obtain two more guitars to bring our total to six. This will allow students to learn how to use them. There will be an opportunity for the students to perform at a community function after about six weeks of practice. Dennis Kowal, our organist, and Barry Simpson, our Facebook creator, are offering this program. If you have a guitar in your house that is no longer being used, and would be willing to either donate it or sell it at a reasonable price, please contact Barry at simpsonitservices@gmail.com

Nobleton United will be hosting our famous Pasta Dinner with meatballs (Gino DiFebo's heritage Italian recipe) Mar. 10. Meatballs are served separately, so those vegetarians among us can still enjoy the meal. The meal includes salad, buns and dessert (canned fruit, ice cream and a special crispy Italian wafer cookie called pizzelle). Tickets are \$20 per adult, and \$45 for a family (12 and under). For tickets, call Linda Olsen at 905-859-0442. The meal is organized by Gino and Sue DiFebo and Val Ball. There is only one serving, so call ASAP to reserve your tickets.

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The next seniors' luncheon at Kitchen Breendon Manor in Schomberg will be Feb. 15 at noon. Lunch will be catered and will be followed by a slide show and talk about a local couple's travels in Europe. This is part of an Outreach Program by Schomberg United. Contact Jack Campbell at 905-939-2992 if this would be your first time to attend, as the room has limited seating.

For more info, visit nobletonunitedchurch.com, our Facebook page, or call 905-859-3976. The Nobleton United Church office is normally open Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Messages are picked up regularly. We are at 6076 King Rd., north side, about six buildings west of Highway 27. We have a big parking lot and an accessible ramp at the rear of the building, chair lifts and accessible washrooms.

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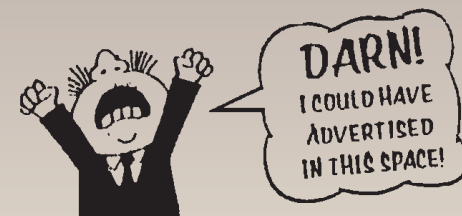
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Anglican Parish By John Arnott

Does the answer to a 600-year-old mystery lie somewhere beneath streets and houses of the quiet small town of Carbonear on Newfoundland's Avalon Peninsula?

If this mysterious object hidden for so long can be found, it could greatly impact the Christian history of the Americas, notes the St. Alban's Anglican community of Nobleton.

In spite of archaeological digs first started in 2010, so far the elusive object in question remains undiscovered. And just what is this yet undiscovered "treasure?" It's the foundations and possible buried artifacts connected to a long-lost church.

The late Dr. Alwyn Ruddock of London (England) University, an acknowledged expert on 15th century exploration of the Americas, especially John Cabot's expeditions to eastern Canada, wrote that during her 32-year research of this subject, she gained access to some 20

old documents stored in the archives of a once prominent Venetian banking house, throwing a new light on Cabot's second and last expedition to the Americas.

It seems shortly after Giovanni Caboto and his family, including three grown sons, arrived in England in 1495 from Italy to seek financial support for an expedition to the northern part of the New World, he made friends with one Fra Giovanni Antonio Carbonariis, son of a wealthy Italian banking family and an Augustinian friar who was ambassador for the Duke of Milan to the court of Henry VII. The priest organized a meeting with the King, who after much persuasion, gave Caboto (now known as John Cabot) permission to raise funds for his venture.

Thus in 1497, Cabot set sail from the port of Bristol in southwest England in his ship The Matthew, bound for North America, returning to England later that same year, having reached new lands across the sea.

The following year, Cabot again set sail for these new found lands. But this time, Fra Carbonariis, with eight other Augustinian friars, having outfitted his own ship The Dominus Nobiscum (Latin for God Is With Us) and hired a crew, accompanied Cabot's five-ship fleet. They all landed at the site where Carbonear now stands. And here, the friars set about founding a mission station, including a small church they called San Giovanni Carbonara. It probably would have been much like a log cabin, but possibly on a stone foundation.

Ruddock claimed that Cabot didn't stay long at the site, but sailed south, spending the next two years exploring the coast of North America as far as the Spanish territory. When he returned to the mission station in 1500, he found it abandoned. Here Ruddock's research ends, as does our knowledge of Car-

bonariis, the missionaries and Cabot.

Some say they were all lost at sea while returning to England while others claim they returned safely, but lived from then on in obscurity. We do know that Cabot's son Sebastian became a noted explorer.

Unfortunately much of the research of Ruddock, who died in 2005, has been lost, and what we know is based on articles she wrote in the 1960s and '70s. But Dr. Evan Jones of Bristol University, with other colleagues in Canada, Britain, Italy and Australia, have set up what they call The Cabot Project to find evidence supporting Ruddock's claims.

Now if the ruins of the little mission church do actually exist and can be found and verified, it would make San Giovanni Carbonara not only the oldest church in Canada but the oldest and only mediaeval church in the entire Western Hemisphere.

Groundhog Day

Today (Thursday), Groundhog Day, is when this animal supposedly comes out of its den and by seeing or not seeing its shadow forecasts 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 February 2nd also marks Candlemas when many Christian churches bless the candles they use. And in 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. This idea probably predates the Christian era by thousands of years.

Today our view on 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 carefully otherwise there would be serious consequences particularly for the poor; whereas 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 past and Candlemas was no longer a holiday there were fewer and fewer churchgoers to cast shadows on February 2nd so the prognosticating of weather fell to the badger, a common small burrowing animal in western Europe and whether or not it saw its shadow. But when European colonists especially from Britain brought the custom to the eastern North America badgers were few and far between thus the groundhog was assigned the job and has held it ever since.

This past Sunday January 29th the Anglican churches in the Parish of Lloydtown reconnected with the ancient Christian observance of Candlemas as at the regular Holy Communion service Groundhog Day's Christian connection was recounted during 'the Young People's Focus time', church candles blessed and the congregations 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 and houses in the Middle Ages through pioneer times into the early days of St Alban's Nobleton, Christ Church Kettleby, St Mary Magdalene's Schomberg and homes here in King Township.



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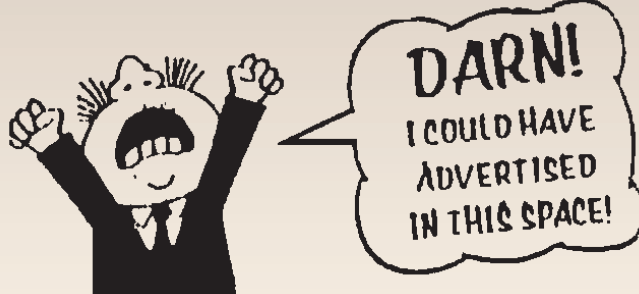
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