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Welcoming PC Leader Patrick Brown to King were candidates Caroline Mulroney and Stephen Lecce, Mayor Steve Pellegrini and John Dunlap of Moffat Dunlap Realtor. Brown and Lecce speak with Peter Boyd (right).

## Patrick Brown visits King, lauds candidates

By Mark Pavilons

The Leader of the Official Opposition has “high hopes” for PC candidates vying to become King’s next MPPs.

PC Leader Patrick Brown visited the offices of Moffat Dunlap in rural King recently, bolstering local candidates Stephen Lecce and Caroline Mulroney. Brown said he’s so proud to have such “heavyweight” representation in these talented individuals, who would make “spectacular MPPs.”

Brown has been busy lately, promoting the party’s People’s Guarantee platform.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**MUNICIPAL OFFICE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
2075 King Road

**Monday, January 8, 2018**

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

**Monday, January 22, 2018**

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

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

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

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- **Arena/Facility Operator I (4-month contract) – closes Jan. 10**
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- **Aquatics positions (various) – close Feb. 2**
- **Outdoor Program Facilitator (P/T, seasonal) – closes Mar. 5**
- **Program Instructor (P/T, seasonal contract) – closes when filled**
- **Arena Assistant (casual contract) – closes Jan. 15**

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

**REMINDERS**

**Christmas tree pickup**

Christmas trees will be picked up on Mon., Jan. 15 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**

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION  
DRAFT 2018 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN**

Council Chambers located at 2075 King Road, King City, ON

**RE: Council Meeting: Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Draft - 2018 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King Draft 2018 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the January 22, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) as of Thursday, January 18, 2018.

**RE: Council Meeting: Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Consideration of By-law for Adoption: 2018 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King adoption of the 2018 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the February 5, 2018 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) as of Thursday, January 18, 2018.

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)  
Telephone: 905-833-5321 or 1-800-688-5013, Fax: 905-833-2300



**MEET THE MAYOR & WARD COUNCILLORS**

<b>Tuesday, February 6</b> Nobleton Library 8 Sheardown Drive 6:30pm to 8:00pm	<b>Thursday, March 8</b> Schomberg Library 77 Main Street 6:30pm to 8:00pm	<b>Thursday, April 5</b> Ansorsveldt Library 18997 Dufferin Street 6:30pm to 8:00pm	<b>Tuesday, April 10</b> Council Chambers 2075 King Road 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Councillors David Boyd & Linda Pabst	Councillor Bill Cober	Councillor Avia Eek	Councillors Cleve Mortelliti & Debbie Schaefer

Informal Meet & Greet ■ Discuss Ward/Township Issues

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

Clerks/By-law Enforcement Department

Re: Sign By-law Review

(housekeeping, updating provisions for businesses, elections)

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will consider a staff report considering all comments received and present for adoption the final Township of King Sign By-law to introduce general housekeeping revisions and updates to provisions for businesses and elections, along with the respective fees, by amending the Township's Fees and Charges By-law Number 2017-101, on:

**Monday, January 8th, 2018**  
**In the Council Chambers**  
**2075 King Road, King City, ON**

Information and copies of the staff report will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2075 King Road or on the Township web-site at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) as of Thursday, January 4th, 2018.

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

**Streetlight retrofit program**

More than 2,000 streetlights in King Township will be converted from standard high-pressure sodium (HPS) types to light emitting diode (LED) ones starting this month.

Upgrading from HPS to LED streetlights will improve visibility, safety and reduce light pollution. LED lights also use significantly less power than HPS ones and align with King's Sustainability Plan.

At current hydro rates, it's estimated the cost will be paid back from reduced maintenance and power consumption in around nine years.

**Waste collection information**

Do you have questions about waste collection, recycling and composting in King Township?

Call 1-866-421-5625 or email [wasteline@gflenv.ca](mailto:wasteline@gflenv.ca).

You can also find a wealth of information at [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca) under the Environment tab at the top of the page.

**MAYOR STEVE PELLEGRINI AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL INVITE ALL RESIDENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP OF KING'S ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

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**2018 Community Report**

*BUILDING OUR COMMUNITY*

Community building is an important field of practice directed toward the creation or enhancement of community among individuals within a regional area (such as a neighborhood) or within a national context.

King Township's 2017 Community Report is available online at [2017communityreport.king.ca](http://2017communityreport.king.ca). Printed copies are also available at the municipal offices at 2075 King Rd., all library branches and arenas.

# King's new recreation complex will be envy of York Region

By Mark Pavilons

King's planned multi-faceted recreation complex will be a model, and the envy of all other York municipalities.

This model of cooperation resulted in an innovative agreement between King Township and Seneca College. The deal sees Seneca providing a 25-acre parcel on its lands at the north-west corner of Dufferin and the 15th Sideroad, on a 60-year ground lease. King will build and operate the facility.

It's called a Township-wide recreation centre and it promises to be a state-of-the-art facility.

King's Parks, Recreation & Culture department is in the initial stages of planning and designing the complex and it's looking for public feedback into what residents would like to see.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini, who worked hard to broker the deal with Seneca, said the complex will be a "foundational piece," and the partnerships and cost-sharing are simply remarkable.

"It's awesome to know we're going to get it right," he said.

Chris Fasciano, head of Parks, Rec-

reation and Culture, said the consultation process, and looking at other municipal facilities, will help them create

an innovative design.

Online and hard copy surveys were distributed throughout King user groups, committees and even schools. So far, staff have 750 pieces of input.

Current feedback from the public revealed that a swimming pool, fitness area, skating/hockey rink and fitness area are priorities.

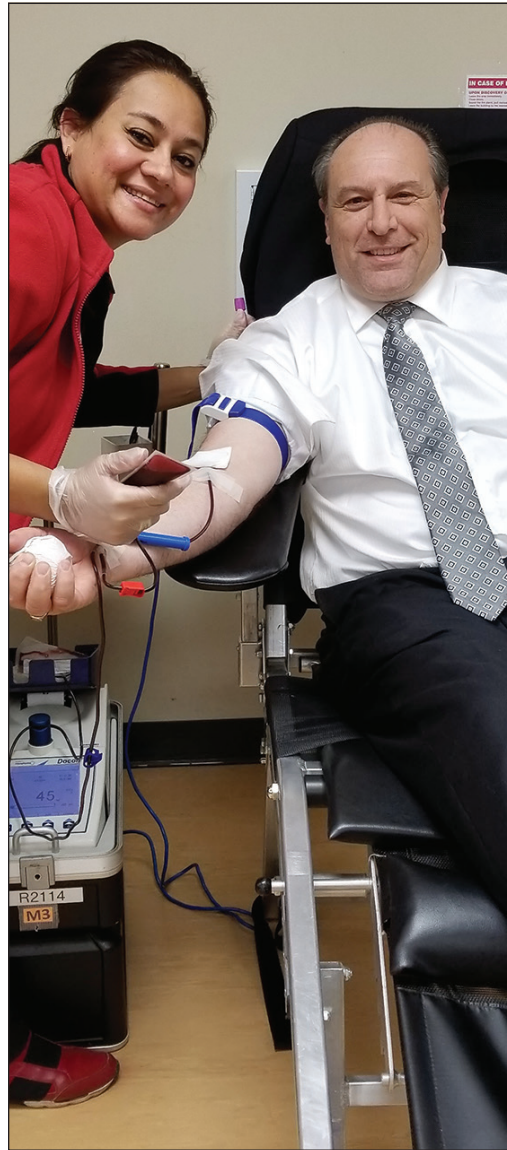
"Not surprisingly, swimming, fitness and ice usages were at the top of the list," Fasciano said in his report. "We also asked respondents to then prioritize these items. We also asked for innovative, out of the box ideas and received some creative suggestions. These included rock climbing, obstacle

courses, juice bars, indoor parks and places for students to study."

Fasciano said in moving forward, they have to establish a wish list, a needs' list and then decide what's feasible in terms of the physical building and cost.

Staff will take all the feedback and create an RFP for Prime Consulting Services. Staff will present the facilities component of the master plan update in the spring of 2018.

It was previously reported that the estimated cost of the facility is in the neighbourhood of \$30 million. However, roughly 80% of this will be covered by developer contributions.



## Mayor Pellegrini gives generously

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini makes it a point of giving the gift of life. He was one of the donors at the recent blood donor clinic at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg.

## Brown delivers message of change

From Front Page

It's a clear expression of what the PCs plan to do if elected. Brown personally stands behind this "guarantee" and its main points, which include lowering income taxes by 22.5% for the middle class; providing a 75% refund of child care expenses; cutting hydro bills by 12%; making the largest mental health commitment in provincial history, and presenting the first-ever "Trust, Integrity, and Accountability Act."

This message of change is being delivered to every corner of the province, including King. "Clearly, we need change," Brown said, adding his party is committed to bringing in that change, one that works for average families. These measures are all achievable, and actions the PCs can take right now.

Brown said they are also very committed to small business in Ontario. They've heard from business leaders and he vows to cut red tape and implement tax breaks to help them succeed.

Mulroney, who's running to replace long-serving Julia Munro in York-Simcoe, said she's been well received at the doors in the riding. She's delivering a positive message in her first foray into provincial politics.

Stephen Lecce is running to become King-Vaughan's first MPP. He, too, has been quite active in the riding meeting residents and discussing the issues. Lecce has found in speaking to King families and small businesses that tax and labour changes are on their minds. He also spoke to party faithful on hand for Brown's visit.

"It was an insightful opportunity to listen to King residents about their priorities, and reaffirm my top priority: making life affordable for our residents and delivering value for your hard earned tax dollar."

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Depending on how long you are away from your home, you need to make arrangements to ensure your dwelling is checked regularly and you may need to inform your insurer.

**When away for a short time**  
If you will be away from your home for fewer than 30 days you do not need to inform your insurer. However, you do need to arrange for a competent person to look in on your home every day or two to make sure that everything is in

good order. If a deep freeze and a broken furnace result in frozen pipes and water damage that went unnoticed for several days, your insurer could refuse to cover the costs if no one was looking in on the house.

**For longer absences**  
If you are away for more than 30 days your home is considered "unoccupied" because you plan to return. In this case you should contact your broker to determine whether you will need to inform your insurer and obtain a special permit to leave the house empty. You will still need to arrange regular checks on the property, and you might want to consider draining water pipes and installing a good security alarm.

**If the property is empty**  
A fully vacant property is one with no occupants and no contents. This may

occur if a house sale is delayed and the property remains vacant until sold. In this case you need to obtain a vacancy permit from your insurer. This permit will maintain most of your coverage, except for risks associated with vacancy such as broken water pipes, broken glass or vandalism. These permits can be obtained for up to three months.

**Traveling?**  
Personal items covered by your home, condo or tenants insurance are also covered when they are temporarily away from these locations, for example, when you are traveling. Items belonging to a dependent temporarily living outside your home to attend school, for example, are also covered. Home-business items, however, require additional coverage.

**Before you leave your dwelling unoccupied, check with your broker to be sure that you are covered.**

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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~ Frank B. Kellogg

## Really understanding our personal wants and needs

*"You can't always get what you want  
But if you try sometimes ...  
You just might find you get what you  
need!"*

**The Rolling Stones**

Human beings are constantly torn between their wants and needs. We're always trying to fill the voids, those hollow spaces in our hearts, minds and bodies.

As science unravels some of the greatest mysteries of the human mind and body, our emotions continue to mystify and confuse us. We can pluck out a single gene in our DNA, yet we can't quantify or define love or desire. We have yet to "bottle" the ingredients that make up drive and success, and we can't write a text explaining motivation or feeling "blah."

Our emotions, and what we draw from them, are both our greatest strengths and worst weaknesses.

That's humankind in a nutshell.

The new year is a time of reflection, goal-setting and contemplation.

Many of us make resolutions to improve ourselves and mitigate our deficiencies. It's a never-ending process to be sure.

While taking stock, we can identify our best and worst qualities and deal with them accordingly.

I found the last stretch of 2017 to be more hectic and stressful than 2016. I can't really pinpoint it, but I felt "off" and a little discouraged. Perhaps it does come down to the notion presented by The Rolling Stones.

In some ways, my feelings of "blah" came from global turmoil – senseless tragedies, deaths, tensions, economic upheavals ...

Even this past holiday season, I don't recall many "good news" stories. Instead, we heard about a bus crash, train derailment and suspicious deaths of a well known Toronto philanthropic couple. I also read that we hit a 10-year low in Canada for giving to charity.



**Mark Pavilons**

I have found throughout my life that despite the hurdles – and there have been many – our family has always found a way to come out with just a few bumps and bruises. There were many times when skies darkened and I felt helpless and bleak. But things tended to turn around and work out in the end.

I'm not saying there are always happy endings and I've always found that pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. But I think a lot of it is in how we face and deal with our challenges. Of course, strength, and ultimate solutions, can come from our circle of friends.

I try to find solutions to problems, and approach things in a logical, pragmatic way. When work gets me down, I take comfort in the paper I help produce each week, and the amazing people I have come to know. That remains one of my best sources of strength and accomplishment.

In the past five years, I have met so many great souls and I count a lot of them as my friends, not just work as-

sociates or acquaintances. In my business I have to walk a fine line so my judgement remains impartial. But I am human and I am a social creature.

I have gone above and beyond in many ways, so I feel more connected with this community than even my own. I have been engaged in fundraisers and have been asked to be an MC at events. I have spoken to students in schools and I freely give advice to individuals or businesses on how to promote themselves.

I try to give credit where it's due.

People have said that I'm not very critical or harsh when it comes to local politics. There are always conspiracy theorists and those who carry grudges. I've been covering municipal politics for my entire career, and I even ran for regional council in Bolton in 2010.

I have found that attacking local politicians feeds into a frenzy that is both unproductive and a waste of resources.

I've only been on the scene for the past five years and in my opinion, I have found King to be a model in many ways. Its Sustainability Plan; various department strategic documents; cohesiveness and sense of "all for one" deserve praise. Given past acclamations of councillors and the mayor, it seems the public is generally pleased, too.

Small municipalities are always being challenged to provide needed services with the limited resources they have. Again, taxpayers may not get what they want, but most often, they get what they need.

Everyone thinks they can do other

people's jobs better. We can all be better politicians; better journalists and better business people.

There is plenty of stress and uncertainty in the world today. We don't need any more on the home front.

I would suggest that we all have a look at our wants and needs as we prepare for 2018.

For me, I'm still hoping that opportunities come knocking and I'm better prepared to provide for my family. I will always be there to support my wife and children in any way possible. I've often discounted the power of positive thinking, but maybe I'll give it a try this year. I tend to get bogged down in adversity, but perhaps I should revel in finding that silver lining.

If I do it right, I just might find what I need!

### Federal tax change information session

King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte will join members of the King Chamber of Commerce for a session on the federal tax changes. It takes place Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 7-9 p.m. at the Nobleton Library on Sheardown Drive. Contact the Chamber of Commerce to register for this event.

Letter to the Editor

## Don't open unassumed roads!

The opening of roads across the East Humber River Valley must not be considered.

The environmentally sensitive Conservation Authority and Greenbelt lands would be destroyed to accommodate commuters and opening these roads, or any of the unassumed road allowances, would mean the loss of the very reason many of us have chosen to live in rural King Township.

I moved to live on Mill Road to enjoy walks in the surrounding, protected river valley made possible by the dead-ending of the 7th and the 8th Concessions. As Tony Komljanec pointed out in his letter to the editor of December 14, Mill Road has become the only north/south shortcut. I agree that since the expansion of Nobleton and Schomberg, this winding, river valley gravel road has become a nightmare morning and evening for residents. An alternative must be found that does not mean the further destruction of the Humber River Valley lands and the natural wildlife corridor that it provides.

It's easy to find efficient solutions by completing a grid on a map that, when drawn, had no consideration for the environment.

What is the point of living here if the rural character of King is destroyed? People seeking more efficient commuting should perhaps consider moving closer to the city or to existing public transit. Indeed, it will be a much more efficient public transit system that will solve all our commuting problems.

Ed Bartram



<p><b>WEBPOLL</b> www.kingweekly.com</p> <p>Results from last week's poll: <b>Do you think tractor trailers cause too many accidents?</b></p> <p>a) Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>100%</b></p> <p>b) No <input type="checkbox"/> <b>0%</b></p> <p><small>The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.</small></p>	<p><b>THIS WEEK'S QUESTION</b></p> <p><i>Did you make any New Year's resolutions?</i></p> <p>a) Yes b) No</p> <p><i>So go to the website and cast a vote!</i></p>
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**Brainteaser**

Who is bigger: Mr. Bigger, Mrs. Bigger, or their baby?

Last week's answer: When you eat a watermelon, you start on red and stop on green!

**King Township Trivia**

Harold Rose was the clerk-treasurer for King in 1937. His annual retainer of \$1,500 had to cover his salary, and the cost of renting, heating and staffing the Municipal building.

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# Local accomplishments abound over past year in King

By Mark Pavilons

Change can be slow a times. But it's important to set improvements in motion and witness local projects bearing fruit.

King Township has a lot to be proud of over the last year (2016-2017).

One of the biggest local stories is the new municipal office complex, current-

ly under construction. It's scheduled for completion in 2018.

A new community engagement tool will come online in 2018.

King has reviewed and updated various regulatory bylaws including Clean Yards and Animal Control.

The Township also launched a first appearance program for parking tickets to reduce time staff and residents

are in court.

Fifteen businesses in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg received Community Improvement Plan (CIP) grants totalling almost \$100,000 over the last three years.

King's Economic Development office launched the "Getting Down to Business Interactive Guide" to assist businesses with the processes of starting or expanding their business.

There have been some notable physical improvements as well.

Church Street in Schomberg was rebuilt.

Contracts 1 and 2 of Nobleton Phase 2 sewer design works were given out in 2017.

Proctor Road, Cook Drive and Burns Boulevard saw improvements.

Highway 27 watermain replacement was completed in 2017.

The service saw the purchase of new public education trailer. Almost 100 public education activities were held.

The historic Laskay Hall moved to King City, and will be a welcome addition to the grounds at the Heritage and

Cultural Centre.

Design and engineering work for the King City Library expansion and renovation project is under way.

The library also enjoyed an expansion of digital services including the introduction of new platforms and products.

Some local parks have been showcased, too. Both the Great Blue Heron Park in King City and Tasca Park in Nobleton were completed. Rafferty's Corners Park is being expanded.

We're heading into the consultation phase of new recreation centre, which will be the most impressive facility to date in King.

Strategic plans for Special Events and Cold Creek Conservation Area have been done.

A complete overhaul of King's Official Plan - "One King" has been done and is scheduled to be finished in early 2018.

Zoning bylaws for the urban areas of King City, Schomberg and Nobleton have also been completed.



## 2018 New Year's Baby from Schomberg

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) of Orangeville welcomed its first baby of 2018. Ashley Meyer and Matt Mazzotta of Schomberg welcomed baby girl Ava Gray Meyer at 12:44 a.m., on Jan. 1, 2018, weighing in at a healthy 8 pounds, 3 ounces. The baby is the first child for the happy parents.

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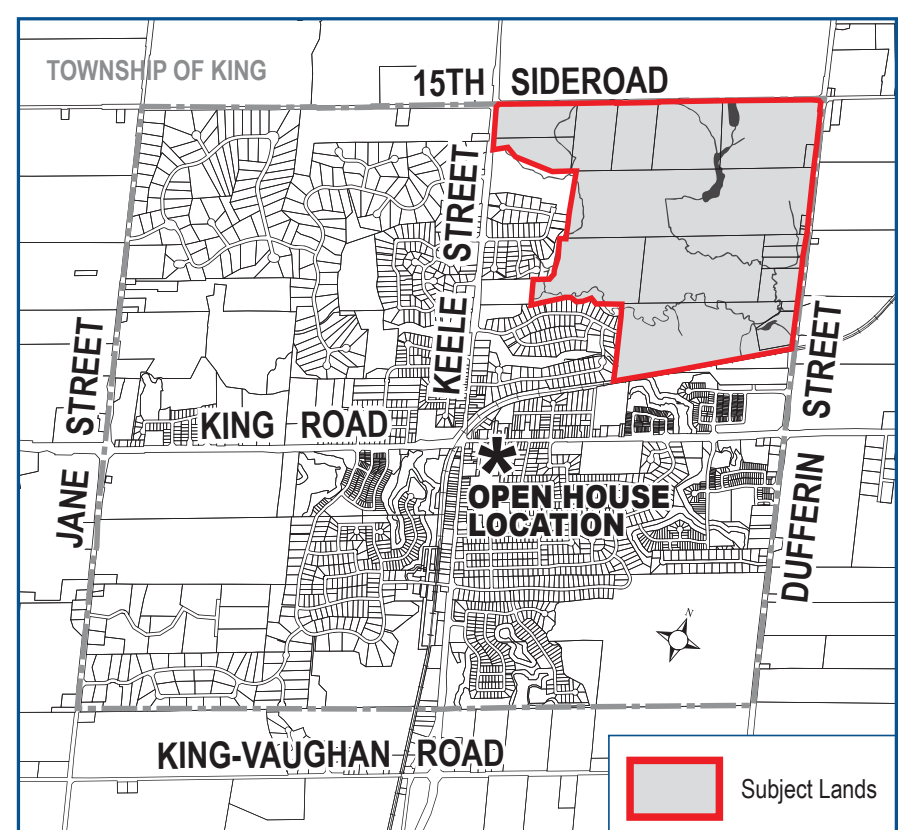
This will be an open house with no formal presentation. Residents are invited to attend at any time between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. to view displays, ask questions and provide comments on a proposed residential community development.

### Proposal Details:

The proposed new community is located in King City south of 15th Sideroad and north of the railway line between Keele and Dufferin Streets and has a combined area of approximately 205 hectares (506.5 acres).

An update to the original 2007 Functional Servicing / Development Area Study has been submitted to the Township of King, it includes a comprehensive set of studies supporting and informing the proposed development Concept Plan, which provides a guide for future development within its boundaries.

Prior to the development of the land an amendment to the Township of King Zoning By-law and the approval of Draft Plans of Subdivision shall also be required. These will be dealt with in a separate public process.



Should you have comments or questions regarding the Functional Servicing / Development Area Study, please feel free to contact:

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# Business engagement leads to revamped sign bylaw for Township

By Mark Pavilons

A revamped sign bylaw will be presented to council for its approval Jan. 8.

Since its implementation in 2013, concerns were raised by the business community and the King Chamber of Commerce. A Chamber survey and forum gathered input, and revealed most felt the bylaw was too restrictive regarding certain types of signage and methods of advertising.

Staff has been working closely with the Chamber and a working group was formed to find reasonable solutions. One of the main issues raised by the working group was that more common and emerging signage and marketing trends were being permitted in other communities.

“Overall, the Sign Bylaw has generally been successful in regulating signs within the Township,” staff noted. “Staff has been working with the bylaw since 2013 and recognizes that

some house-keeping amendments are warranted, as interpretation and clarifications have been required since the bylaw was adopted. Any proposed house-keeping modifications are to ensure that the bylaw is clear, concise and adequately regulates signage within King Township the way it was always intended to.”

Areas of improvement include relaxed restrictions to colour and periods of time for mobile signs; expanding on various types of signs, and permitted special promotion signage.

Staff agreed that additional types of signage can be allowed. All temporary signs do require a permit to comply with the bylaw.

There are challenges in dealing with strip malls with numerous tenants. Staff did concede they would allow more signs per frontage and applying a break period for the same tenant.

The updated bylaw includes a lot of attention to election signs and provisions governing their installation.

Staff also fine-tuned signs for realtors and contractors.

“This new Sign Bylaw will provide for new signage opportunities,” staff noted. “Further, this bylaw will ensure signage in the Township is enforceable and in alignment with provincial legislation ... The draft Sign Bylaw ... is a bylaw that fairly reflects revised permissions as identified through engagement with the Sign Working Group.”

Tom Allen, president of the King Chamber of Commerce, said these changes have been years in the making. While marketing now involves technology based tools, sometimes old methods are best. “A sign is still a sign,” he said.

“While our local businesses use Facebook, websites and other technology based tools, an old fashioned sign is still a significant tool in marketing a business.”

Allen talked about the business forums held in the three urban centres, which included plenty of feedback from members.

“We heard many ideas to help businesses thrive in King. One theme that was common to all three discussions was some frustration around the sign by-law, particularly in multi-tenant properties. It is one thing to express frustration, but it is more valuable to focus those thoughts into tangible ideas. With the forum comments we had a Chamber Committee work on formulating ideas that would help.”

Allen said the Chamber conducted surveys and through dialogue with Township staff, including Economic Development officer Jamie Smyth, the draft bylaw was formulated.

The key change sought by business was to make some signs that were formerly prohibited to be permitted, Allen said.

“Signs remain an important part of marketing a local business,” he concluded.

Councillor Cleve Mortelliti said he’s happy to see some of these changes.

Councillor Dave Boyd said the Township has to support the Chamber and its businesses.

Councillor Bill Cober said the intent of the original bylaw was to prevent “sign pollution,” and he’s happy the bylaw has been revamped. He also praised the Chamber’s advocacy in this issue.

## York council approves 2018 police budget

York Regional Council has approved the 2018 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.

The approved net operating budget for 2018 is \$323.5 million. The capital budget is \$22.6 million. This represents a 4.1 per cent increase over 2017.

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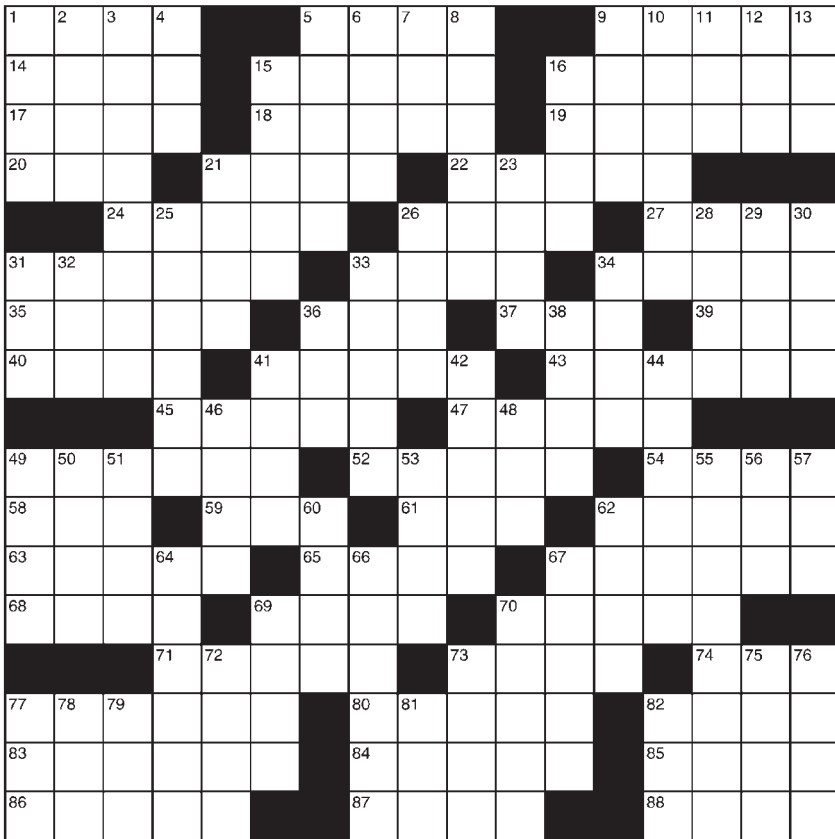
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| 14. Frog’s cousin            | 54. Liquid measure      | 5. Trick or _____!     |
| 15. Witchy old woman         | 58. Small banknote      | 6. Frost               |
| 16. Soil with mud            | 59. Utmost              | 7. Tiny crawler        |
| 17. Heal                     | 61. Cut with an axe     | 8. Put in order        |
| 18. Lariat                   | 62. Summary of beliefs  | 9. Vertically long     |
| 19. Do again                 | 63. Market              | 10. Hinder             |
| 20. “Take _____, She’s Mine” | 65. Remote              | 11. Scramble (for)     |
| 21. Partridge’s tree?        | 67. Capital of Angola   | 12. Time division      |
| 22. Brownish gray            | 68. Antler prong        | 13. Steep hemp         |
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| 26. Waist accessory          | 70. Search party        | 21. Trudge             |
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| 39. Salt                     | 84. Actor Hayes         | 32. Wall clinger       |
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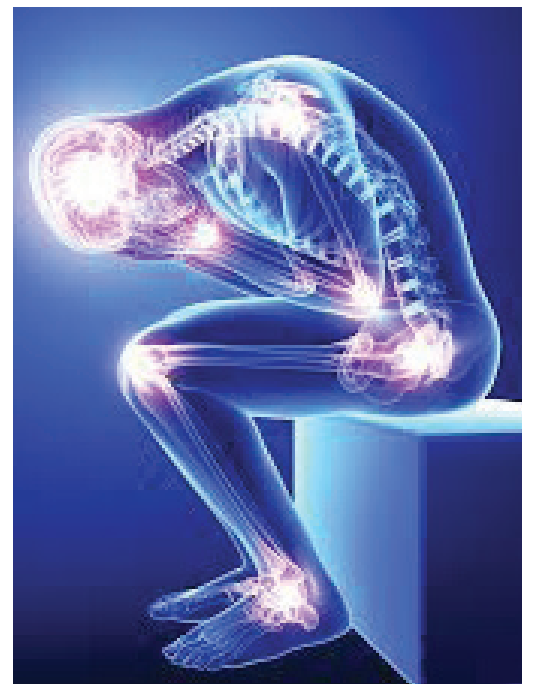
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## King Township residents embrace green vehicles

By Mark Pavilons

In yet another testament to King's green ideology, councillors and residents alike are embracing electric vehicles.

King's discerning motoring public is definitely seeing green when it comes to their preferred mode of transportation.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini has asked staff to review their plans when it comes to vehicle replacements. He's hoping the Township can move to electric vehicles.

"We need to be leaders and technology has progressed far enough that any replacement vehicle will be electric. We

were early adopters with hybrids, however, it's time to move to electric. We are provisioning our Township facilities with charging stations as well."

King Township will install car charging stations at its new municipal office and it's also asking that new developments consider installing them onsite as well.

### Tesla Model X

Kingscross resident Steven Dengler has had a long-time love affair with Tesla and the company philosophy. He was one of the first in Canada to get his hands on the Tesla Model X in the fall



of 2016. Everything about this car is "ridiculous" – in a good way.

"It's ridiculous how amazing it is," Dengler observed. It's spacious, comfortable, well designed and incredibly quiet. It's also quite nimble, and Dengler boasts that off the line, few sports cars can match its launch capabilities.

The P100D model goes from 0 to 100 km/h in a lightning fast 3.1 seconds!

The X is heavier than the popular Model S sedan and so it's not intended for long distance travel. However, the vehicle boasts an operating range of between 381 and 465 kilometres.

Dengler pointed out that the vehicle's moving parts have nothing to do with propulsion, so it's amazingly low-maintenance.

Tesla backs its vehicles with a solid 4-year, 80,000-kilometre limited warranty, and an 8-year, infinite kilometre battery and drive unit warranty.

Dengler said he doesn't worry about traveling moderate distances, noting there's a growing network of charging stations and "superchargers" dotting the landscape. He regularly drives from his home to Toronto and back, using the HOV lane to boot.

He admits the car is "really cool," and the head-turning feature is the rear falcon-wing doors.

Cooler still is the upcoming Tesla Roadster, an all-electric supercar reported to be the fastest car in the world. Tesla's website indicates this car has a top speed of 400 km/h and goes from 0

to 100 km/h in 1.9 seconds!

Dengler said he's always been a fan of the green concept and recalls his first visit to the Tesla factory in the U.S. in 2006.

There are many things about this vehicle to love – no emissions, a linear power curve, safety, space, visibility, the list goes on. Dengler, at 6'5," has plenty of room in the driver's seat and visibility is amazing, thanks to the panoramic windshield.

"It's the best vehicle I've ever owned," he said.

The all-wheel-drive Model X can accommodate seven adults and is reported to be the safest SUV on the road.

### Appeal of the BMW i8

Rural King resident Charlotte Livingston loves her BMW i8, a hybrid sports car unlike anything else on the road. The combination of an electric motor and a powerful gasoline engine provides the foundation for one of the most innovative sports cars of our time.

Livingston loves the look and feel of this racy automobile, that can accelerate from 0 to 100 km/h in 4.4 seconds.

Sliding behind the wheel, you think you're piloting a starship. Getting into the sleek machine can be a bit of a challenge, so Livingston did an online video centred on getting in and out of the i8.

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# EVs are superior in every way to regular vehicles

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The BMW i8 offers far more than aesthetics and performance. The powerful plug-in hybrid system, combined with the BMW eDrive technology and a BMW TwinPower Turbo 1.5-litre, 3-cylinder gasoline engine, brings together the benefits of an electric motor and a gasoline engine to produce an outstanding driving experience.

Charlotte and her husband George have been fans of green cars for some time. They owned the first diesel Smart car and George was one of the first to drive the Toyota Prius. He currently drives a Smart fortwo Electric Drive.

The Smart Fortwo coupe, at just 2.69 metres long, basically launched the energy-efficient market. The electric model, which is the epitome of cute, retails for roughly \$28,000 and is the perfect urban driver.

## His and Hers

Local entrepreneur Angelo Santorelli of Trisan Construction sees his family's pair of Teslas as good business sense.

They are definitely the way of the future, and are so economical to operate. Santorelli says it costs him \$12 a week. They cost literally "nothing to run" and insurance is cheaper, too.

They have owned the S sedan and X SUV for roughly two years now. He admitted it took him a while to get used to the car's range, and all of its features. But he says you just have to be organized. More and more charging stations are popping up across the GTA so there are no worries.

He frequently uses the auto pilot feature and said it's very useful, but you still have to be in control of the vehicle. You have to be patient while driving in this mode because the vehicle tends to be cautious.

He will definitely upgrade to new models when they arrive on the market. He'd love to get his hands on the first Tesla pickup truck.

## EV Society

Former King resident Wilf Steimle founded a high-tech company in 1983 and served as its president until 2014 when he sold his shares to pursue his passion for sustainable energy and electric vehicles. In 2015 he completed Al Gore's climate reality training and lives off-grid as a demonstration of his commitment to a zero-carbon footprint.

Steimle said the advantages are huge over conventional vehicles. He lauds Tesla, noting without their efforts, "we wouldn't be as far ahead."

While Tesla offers premium models, Steimle pointed out there are five cur-

rent models that come in under \$20,000 with the rebate.

Many European countries are ahead of the curve. Countries like England, Germany, Holland and Denmark have announced they plan to ban the sale of gas-power cars starting in 2025.

"The writing is on the wall," he said. "We're moving from a fossil-fuel, carbon-based economy to an electric economy."

He also pointed out that North American manufacturers will convert to electric drivetrains within the next three to eight years.

The infrastructure network of chargers is huge and growing. Battery life is also being extended. While still in its infancy, it's predicted the lifespan of an electric vehicle will be well beyond 20 years.

His five-year-old Tesla S is approaching 200,000 kilometres without a single problem.

Wilf embarked on a 14,000-kilometre coast-to-coast trip in 2016 to meet and help unite leaders of electric vehicle groups throughout the country.

It's a family affair for the Steimles. His father drives a Chev Bolt and his wife loves her Chevy Volt.

Prices will come down, and in the end, electric vehicles will benefit those in lower income groups, who spend a disproportionate amount of money on gas and maintenance.

"We need to do this (convert to EVs) for so many reasons," he said.

In 2016 he joined the board of directors of Electric Mobility Canada and serves on several committees. In the same year he accepted the role of President of the Electric Vehicle Society.

The EV Society is a leading non-governmental group that delivers province-wide owner to potential-owner engagement based on experience, knowledge, and boundless enthusiasm.

## Good-bye to gas

Passionate EV owner Keith Beckley of King is another cheerleader.

Consumers are looking for something different, he noted, and he puts EV adopters into four categories.

There are "performance junkies (this is a large percentage of Tesla drivers)." The performance of these cars is remarkable.

Green lovers and anti-oil motorists. And the "tech adopters" who love the newest technology.

"The other big force has been Tesla itself," he said. "They have created a very desirable brand. Every guy in the room at my men's hockey now wants to own one."

The trend will continue and these EVs will overtake conventional cars in the near future.

"Once the capital cost comes to parity (a few years out) the ongoing costs are going to be fractional compared to an ICE. An electric drive train (including battery) should last 1.6 million kilometres. That is game changing."

Will they change the landscape entirely? Yes.

"Think about your ICE vehicle having negative equity once EVs are widely adopted. No one will want one."

Tesla, he said "is exceptional – a clear leader who is absolutely killing the high end sedan market." The German automakers, Beckley pointed out, are the biggest electric car developers.

"Tesla is on a mission to get us off carbon. That helps command tremendous customer loyalty. It's not just another car company."

The future will only get brighter for EVs. They'll become cheaper and consumers will have many more choices.

There are only two minor issues regarding EVs, Beckley said.

The initial purchase price tends to run higher at the moment, but this will change dramatically in the next few years.

The charging infrastructure is another minor issue, but huge changes are on the horizon.

"When I got my Tesla Model S five years ago (one of the first 10 in Canada) there were only a few chargers around anywhere. Long distance travel was an adventure. Now I don't even think about it. I drove from King City to Sarnia in my wife's Model X. My wife, daughter and I are going to drive to Florida in March for free!"

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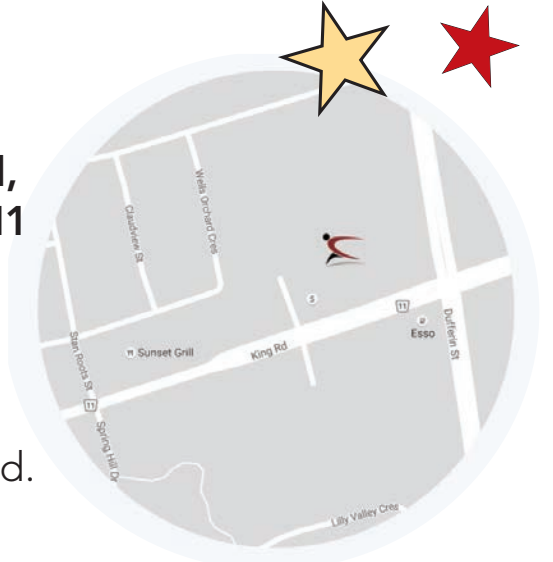
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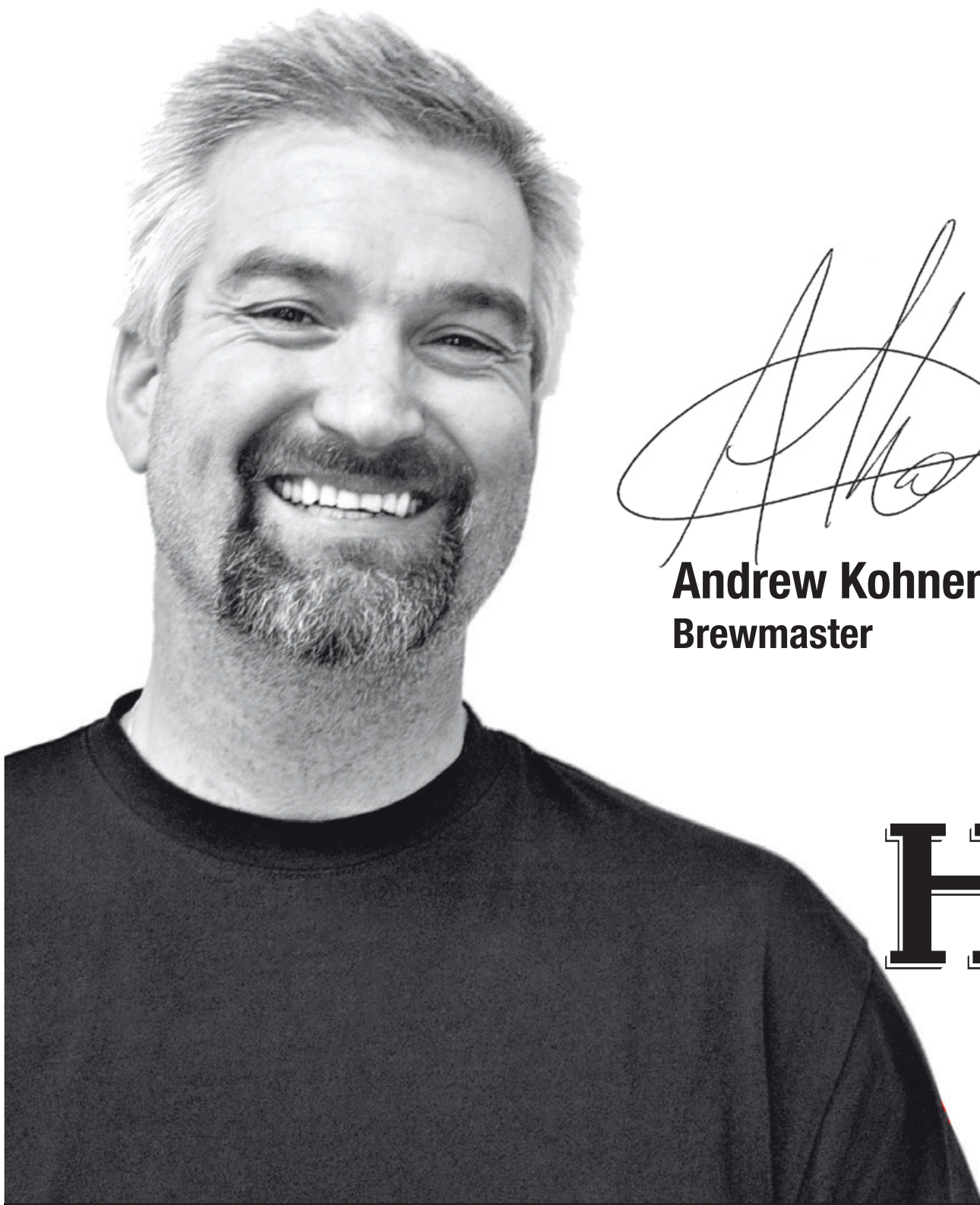


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## Cougars' comeback foiled by Kings in overtime

By Jake Courtepatte

The holiday season left the Schomberg Cougars with one point over a pair of games, one they salvaged with an impressive comeback.

The red-hot Penetang Kings were the opponent in Thursday night's road game, with points in eight-straight games dating back to a Dec. 7 regulation loss to the Cougars.

Special teams played a huge role in this one, with Penetang opening the scoring on the power play near the mid-way mark of the first, before doubling their lead on the power play before the end of the period.

A 3-0 lead just a short way into the second frame seemed to put the game out of reach for the Cougars, before mounting a three-goal comeback to force the game into overtime.

Spencer Ripley played the hero, notching his sixth, seventh, and eighth goals of the season with a natural hat trick, two of which came on the power play.

The third came with just two minutes left in regulation.

Unfortunately it was Penetang's Ben Sly that found the back of the net in extra time, just over three minutes

in to give the Kings the 4-3 win.

Despite the loss, Adriano Mamone was a force to be reckoned with between the pipes for the Cougars, stopping 39 pucks in picking up the overtime point.

### Siskins crush Cougars

Two days earlier, they took on the powerhouse Stayner Siskins, falling 8-0 to the Carruthers division's top team.

Yet the extra point earned against Penetang was crucial for the Schomberg team, who remain one point up on the Midland Flyers for fifth in division standings, though Midland holds a game in hand.

They remain three points back of the Caledon Golden Hawks, their next opponent in league action, who they host Thursday night at the Trisan Centre.

Puck drop is set for 7:30 p.m.

A busy weekend follows as they head into the final month of the regular season, visiting Midland in a crucial match-up on Friday and Stayner on Sunday.

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



Goaltender Matthe Lolli watches the play in the Schomberg end in the Cougars' 8-0 loss to the Stayner Siskins on Thursday.



The Minor Midget York-Simcoe Express put up a 1-3-0 record at the recent International Silver Stick tournament in Whitby.

## Express come up short at Silver Stick finals

By Jake Courtepatte

The best in York-Simcoe hockey battled the best in North America at last weekend's Silver Stick tournament in Whitby, putting up solid efforts but ultimately coming up short of the prestigious title.

The Express were represented at both the minor peewee and minor midget levels, each having reached the international stage after qualifying through the regional tournaments.

The minor peewee squad opened the tournament on Thursday with a tough battle against the powerhouse Vaughan Kings, succumbing to a 6-0 score before rebounding with a 4-4 tie against the league rival Whitby Wildcats in game two.

They closed the tournament against a pair of American teams, first falling to Detroit Honeybaked 3-1 before tying the Chicago Mission at three apiece.

Scouts at both the junior and pro levels lined the glass for each game of the minor midget tournament, with the best of the best just reaching their junior age level eligibility.

Missing some key names for parts of the tournament, the minor midgets faced four tough battles, three of which involved teams ranked in the top ten in their respective country.

The fourth-ranked Express opened up the tournament against the 10th-ranked Peterborough Petes, a tough match-up that saw the Petes go up late in the game in a final 4-3 score.

Evening up their record with a 5-3 win over the Florida-based Sun County Panthers in game two, York-Simcoe was knocked out of quarter-final contention with a 3-1 loss to the seventh-ranked Don Mills Flyers.

They capped off the tournament on Saturday against the Oakland Grizzlies, ranked sixth in all of USA hockey, a 3-1 loss despite the Express buzzing the Grizzlies' net for most of the third period.

## Mete helps Canada to top of Group A at World Juniors

By Jake Courtepatte

Hockey fans across the nation were given quite a scare on Monday, when Victor Mete failed to practice with Team Canada on their day off at the World Junior Hockey Championship.

Rumours began to swirl around the much-hyped tournament and the Montreal Canadiens' defenceman, a former King City resident and student at Country Day School.

Mete left Canada's final round robin game, an 8-0 drubbing of Team Denmark, in the third period, and was seen limping after the game.

With head coach Dominique Ducharme's announcement of Victor Mete's return to the team for Tuesday's game against Switzerland (results not available at press time), comes a sigh of relief, and goes to show the impact Mete has had on Team Canada.

His first assist came in the first period of Canada's first game, a win over Team Finland. A tic-tac-toe play along with Jonah Gadjovich and Drake Batherson made the score 3-1 at the time, a game that ended 4-2.

"We had a pretty strong game," said Mete. "We took it to them in the first period, set the tone, and came out with the win. We have a lot of great skaters on this team, so if we can use our speed to our advantage, we will."

"It could have been a lot more than a 4-2 game, I think."

He continued his point streak into the game the next day, a 6-0 win over Team Slovakia, setting up Jordan Kyrou in the second period.

Held off the scoresheet in a 4-3 shootout loss to Team USA on Dec. 30, a game held in front of close to 45,000 fans at New Era Field in Buffalo, Mete started the final round robin game against Denmark before being pulled for precautionary reasons.

Coach Ducharme said the injury actually occurred in the outdoor game against the United States, and pulled Mete to give him extra time to recover before the playoff rounds.

"We want him to be 100-percent, and felt he needed an extra day," said Ducharme. "That's it."

The tournament wraps up on Friday with the medal rounds.

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Phil Allan of Team Gerrits delivers his rock during the final Wednesday night Social League playoff game where they went on to win the first half Championship League Title.

Photo by Shellee Morning

## Curlers close one book, open another

By Shellee Morning

The new year that stands before us is like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. For King Curling club, the pages will be like a thrilling mystery with high impact action, but hopefully not too much self-help and or drama. There will be for certain history in the making and for some, a happy ever after.

The final chapter for the Wednesday night Social League was completed just before the Christmas break as 8 teams battled for top spot. The competition was fierce and the games were tight. As all 4 sheets were in action the thrilling mystery began with Team Gerrits up against Team Wright. Skip Roy Wright a veteran and master of the house kept it close but Skip George Gerrits who is held in high regard himself within the rings guided his team to victory by 9-6 for the championship title.

The story continued with Skipper Bryce Clark avoiding the drama to win over Team Wasylkiw in a nail biting match for the runner-up title. With just a point behind the leader (Gerrits) and going into the final game, Clark really didn't have any room for error. Taking 5 of the 8 ends, secured a well-deserved 2nd place overall.

Teams Welch and Sowerby took an adventure back and forth through a game that saw more take-outs than Pizza Pizza. Welch, who followed Team Clark in the Standings, claimed control in the early ends and cruised to a solid 8-3 finish for 3rd place in the Wednesday Social League's first half playoff round.

The Sunday Night Social League also completed their handbook to Championship curling with a very dramatic back and forth match between Team Grosse and Team Sinclair. Skip David Grosse along with (wife) Pam McKinley, Karen Mello and Domenic Baldesarra shook hands with the opposition of Skip Thomas Sinclair, Ian and Bev Donaldson and Nicholas Beck for what was anticipated to be a very tight close scoring game.

Sinclair opened the scoring with a single after one but then collected a juicy 3-point end in the 2nd. Grosse swept back for 2 in the 3rd then with minor misses by team Sinclair in ends 4 and 5, Grosse tied the game 5-5. Every rock from here on in needed to perfectly placed to escape the chance of being eliminated.

The final ends to this night's mystery round would see both teams tied going into the 8th and final frame. Sinclair with the hammer made the most of his team's support for a final rock that scored 1 and win the Championship Sunday Night Social League Champion. Brooms were tipped towards Team Grosse for their amazing comeback mid-way and applying pressure for an exciting finish.

With happy endings after the first half of the season, curlers will return to the ice with a new enthusiasm as they meet their new teams within the Social Leagues and returning mates in the entry leagues.

January 2 saw the ladies open with their second Round Robin of play. Albert Einstein quoted "Learn from yesterday, Live for Today and Hope for Tomorrow."

## York appoints members to its newly established Planning Advisory Committee

York Regional Council established and appointed 11 members to the York Region Planning Advisory Committee.

"It is with great pleasure I announce the appointment of members to York Region's Planning Advisory Committee," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "The volunteer residents appointed by York Regional Council offer a wide and diverse perspectives on planning matters, making them essential to help advise us as we plan for the future."

Membership includes York Regional council members and nine residents, including King's Carolyn Kellington.

"As we embark on a journey to comply with new provincial planning requirements it is important to incorporate feedback from the local community," said Markham Regional Councillor Joe Li, chair of the Region's Planning and Economic Development. "These individuals bring a variety of experience and expertise, and I look forward to working with them."

Members appointed to the Planning Advisory Committee will serve for a term of up to four years, to coincide with the term of Regional council. The committee's first meeting will take place during the first quarter of 2018.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## King artist Julia Tomlinson debuts on The Launch

By Mark Pavilons

Julia Tomlinson thought she could, so she did. And boy what an impact this singer-songwriter has made.

Tomlinson makes her national debut along with CTV's original music show, The Launch, Jan. 10. The soulful 23-year-old is among 30 artists chosen to perform in this ground-breaking, six-episode series.

The Launch is spearheaded by music mogul Scott Borchetta, who has already made an incredible mark on music history thanks to his role as the founder of Big Machine Records and being the man responsible for discovering Taylor Swift.

Each episode will feature five exciting musical acts from across Canada, with cameras on hand to follow their journey to the studio, where they receive invaluable guidance from A-list musical mentors, including Boy George, Alessia Cara, One Republic's Ryan Tedder, Sugarland's Jennifer Nettles, pop star Fergie, singer-songwriter Julia Michaels and more.

In the Jan. 10 premiere, Tomlinson joins four other acts. She was mentored by Canadian icon Shania Twain, who was genuinely interested in helping Tomlinson progress as an artist. Calling herself an indie pop artist influenced by jazz and R & B, Tomlinson is versatile as a prolific songwriter. She's

a purist, and it shows in the way she writes and performs.

Julia's main influences throughout her career include Sia, Amy Winehouse, and Pharrell.

Tomlinson is self-taught and has natural talent to spare. Listening to Julia sing, you get the impression she's been doing this her whole life, even though she's only concentrated on music for the past four years. She's so comfortable behind the microphone and open with her feelings that you're drawn to her message. Her covers of Winehouse's hits Rehab and Back to Black are simply amazing.

She was ecstatic just to be chosen out of more than 10,000 Canadian artists who submitted audition videos to The Launch.

She can't reveal much about the details of the show, but she noted the series focuses on all 30 of the rising stars.

Each new, original song featured weekly in The Launch will secure regular rotation on iHeartRadio stations, with the newly launched artist behind the chosen song appearing on iHeartRadio morning shows across Canada.

Viewers, Tomlinson said, will be hooked by the unique style of the very first episode. The show, she believes, has legs and will continue for some time.

Tomlinson is hoping that a lot of opportunities will arise from her appear-

ance on the show, where one song can literally change your life.

She's already left her mark, and in a very short time has racked up some impressive accomplishments. She recorded a song with Earth, Wind & Fire who provided backup vocals. She's spent long hours in the recording studio and performs at Toronto's Mod Club, The Opera House, and a multitude of private events. She's also working on releasing more original music. Her next song out is "Armageddon," so watch for it on social media.

The production aspect of music is a long, sometimes frustrating process. Tomlinson said the key is in finding the right producer and she's been lucky in that regard.

She can spend hours writing and draws inspiration from simple human emotions and life events. She wants listeners to relate to the messages in her songs.

"I just want my music to be heard and my songs to be sung," she said.

Julia considers herself to be extremely lucky and The Launch happened at just right time for her. Being surrounded by the right group of supportive family and friends makes all the difference.

Just ask her proud father Paul, whose chest swells whenever he talks about Julia's talent. He simply loves to hear her sing. Plans are in the works for a party to watch The Launch when it airs Jan. 10.

The show isn't a competition per se and it's not about winning or losing. It's about showcasing the abundance of Canadian talent, and giving our artists the shot they deserve.

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# King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Rev. Evelyn McLachlan  
& Earle Laycock

How does one say thank you after serving in ministry for 30.5 years, with the last 5.5 being with the incredible folk of King City United Church?

There is so much to say. I have been impressed by the commitment and faith of each person with this congregation. They are dedicated to sharing God's word with the wider community. Thank you for your support, kindness, love, prayers, challenges, laughter, visits, volunteering, meals, ringing bells, greeting, welcoming, planning worship, gardening, preparing budgets, being confirmation mentors, moving the communion table, making sure the auditorium was put back for the nursery school, helping with pageants, serving on Presbytery, climbing ladders, working on council, reading scripture, preparing communion, being congregational baptismal sponsors, teaching Sunday school, decorating the sanctuary, raising monies, organizing the Amazing Races, making pancakes, knitting/crocheting, singing, presiding

at worship when I was away, washing dishes, ironing the antependium, sharing leadership and so much more!

I began my ministry with Eastern Guysborough Pastoral Charge in Nova Scotia (had 5 churches!); then the Dunwich Pastoral Charge (3 churches southwest of London); then Parker Street UC in Sarnia; then Eden UC in Mississauga, and finally back to my rural roots with King City in June of 2012.

Even though I will not be part of the life and work with King City, I will still be holding all of you in prayer and leave with a heart full of gratitude for the support and kindnesses you have offered to me. There are many wonderful memories and I will never forget how both Earle and I have been ministered to by all of you.

As I ended my sermon on Sunday, may I reiterate these words as a blessing upon each of you ... may each of you be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace and wrapped in love. Thanks be to God. And all God's children said AMEN!

Do you enjoy a good book or two? We've been invited to participate in York Pines UC's book club! Their next meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at York Pines. The book to be discussed

is The Nazi Officer's Wife by Edith Hahn Beer.

The 4th annual Pasta Dinner & Concert with the musical stylings of Sandra Kirby and her brilliant accompanist, Oleg Samokhin is Saturday, Feb. 10 with dinner at 5:30 and the concert at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for the dinner/concert or just \$20 for the concert. The theme is "Come Fly With Me! Songs of Travel and Romance."

They're kicking it up a notch as there will be a video camera on the piano so that no matter where you sit, you can watch Oleg's fingers dance across the piano keys! This is one event you should plan to attend.

Do you enjoy a good breakfast and a chance to make new friends? Join us for "Tea and Talk" at King City Sunset Grill at 10 a.m. on Fridays. We are usually the group sitting just inside the entrance. You don't have to attend King City United Church to attend "Tea and Talk" (actually you don't even need to have tea).

The latest edition of the KCUC newsletter should be ready for pickup on Sunday, Jan. 7. Electronic copies will be sent out via email if you have asked our Office Administrator Kristen to add your name to the distribution list. We

are still hoping someone will volunteer to continue the newsletter now that our current editor is retiring.

King City United holds worship services every Sunday morning at 10 a.m. There is Sunday school for the young people after the children's story during worship. King City United is located at 50 Elizabeth Grove, King City. For more information, call our Office Administrator Kristen at 905-833-5181 or visit our website: www.kcuc.ca

### King Bible Church

We welcome you to join us for worship service on Jan. 7 as Pastor Mark will be beginning our new sermon series "Discipleship" with "Come and See."

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 JK-Grade 8 will be in the service for the beginning until they are invited to go downstairs.

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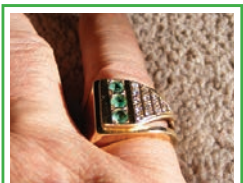
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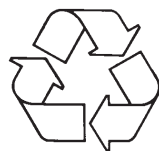
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## St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's wishes you all a very Happy New Year! May the amazing gift God gave us at Christmas be realized every day as we "See Him more clearly, follow Him more nearly, love Him more dearly, day by day."

The last Sunday in December, the Rev. Dr. Frank Kovacs preached on "Great Christian Expectations," looking at the prophecy of Christ's birth coming to fruition, and Simeon and Anna's reaction as told in Luke's Gospel chapter 2:22-40. Like them, having welcomed Jesus this Christmas, do we have a sense of peace and fulfillment, knowing God is sovereign?

Lynn Vissers will be leading us in worship for the next three Sundays in January. We welcome you to our Sun-

day Worship services at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for children up to Grade 6 runs concurrently. Join us after the service for coffee/tea and conversation.

How can we at St. Andrew's bless you? Would you like to pray with someone? Need resources on prayer? Let us know. God has promised to hear and to answer our prayers. He also has promised to never leave us!

Should you have pastoral care needs please contact Lynn Vissers, our Director of Congregational Ministries at the office or at 905-833-5762 or contact our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Paul Johnston, 705-341-7738.

We are located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. A ramp is available for accessibility. <http://www.standrews-kingcity.ca>

## All Saints Anglican Church By Diana Armitage

All Saints wishes everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful year for 2018.

Thank you to the many people who worked hard to ensure All Saints had beautiful Christmas and Advent services; to our incumbent the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green; our organist Quirino Di Giulio; the choir; the altar guild, the

young people in the pageant; the young ladies who were the three Wise Men on Christmas Eve; the stewards and all the readers and tellers. Many thanks!

Sunday morning Services continue in the chapel at 8 a.m. and in the main church at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome.



## Hortons aids Food Bank

Rita Mizzoni, Mary Buchanan and Carol Ann Trabert gathered to celebrate Tim Hortons' donation to the King Township Food Bank. The \$1,039 came from proceeds from the annual Smile Cookie campaign.

Photo by Mark Pavilons

### 708 OBITUARIES

#### HARKNETT, Eva (nee Mitchell)

After 89 years Eva passed away peacefully on Tuesday December 26, 2017 at Maple Health Centre. Predeceased by her loving husband & best friend Jack after 68 years of companionship & devotion. Sister of Bill, Joan, Ron and Frank. Mother of Judith (Rick), Rex (Mary), Gary (Ellen), & Jon (Reva). Proud Grandmother of Jacqueline (Mark), Michael, Richard, Mitchell & Great Grandmother to Sophia and Liam. Eva will be remembered as a loving person who adored her family. A special thanks goes out to the staff at Brookside Retirement Home & the loving care that was received at Maple Health Center in Eva's last year. Cremation has taken place and a private family service has been held. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Arthritis Society will be appreciated in Eva Harknett's name. Online condolences can be made at [www.thompsonfh-aruroa.com](http://www.thompsonfh-aruroa.com)

### 708 OBITUARIES

#### SMITH, Doreen Betty

(Former Village of Tottenham Librarian and Life Member of the Tottenham Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Branch 329). At Good Samaritans Seniors Complex, Alliston, on Monday, December 18th, 2017. Doreen (Marsh), in her 88th year, beloved wife of the late Doug Smith. Loving mother of Glynis (Bill) Bruce, David (Carrie), Anne (Greg) Maltby, and predeceased by her daughter Lesley and her son Larry. Fondly remembered by her 14 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of John (Ann) Marsh, Dorothy (George) Jones, Margaret Wright, and the late Leslie, and Bill. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Friday, December 22nd from 10:30 am until time of memorial service in the chapel at 11:30 am. [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com)

### 708 OBITUARIES

#### STEWART: Verland Earl

Verl Stewart in his 92nd year passed away at Simcoe Manor Beeton on Sunday December 31, 2017, his family was by his side. Son of the late Earl and Ila Stewart. Loving husband to the late Betty Noble. Dear brother of the late Clifford (Lottie), Thelma (the late Jim Porter), the late Bernice Breedon (the late Ross), Glenna Brown (the late Ray), Erla McCullough (the late Ken), Joyce and Dan Watson, Karl and Jeanette, Barry and Cheryl. Forever in the hearts of his nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Memorial Service was held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Wednesday January 3, 2018 with visiting from 1pm until time of service in the chapel at 2pm. For those who wish donations to Simcoe Manor Beeton would be appreciated by the family. [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com)

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# Nobleton Notes

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

Youth Group meets at the church on Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. Come check us out! For more details, contact our Youth Leader Taylor Scott at scottie\_taylor@yahoo.com or 289-338-2539.

A2J is a program for children in Grades 3 to 6 that runs on Friday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. They normally meet the second and fourth Friday of each month. A2J promises an evening of fun, learning, Bible lessons, crafts, snacks and more. A2J runs September through May. Everyone is welcome to join in.

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 at 905-859-0843 or visit our website at [www.stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://www.stpaulsnobleton.ca)

## Nobleton United Church By Joan Montgomery

Happy New Year!

Our regular Sunday services resume on Sunday, Jan. 7 2018 at 11:15 a.m., in the Nobleton United Church building.

In keeping, with our Christian calendar, we will celebrate the start of Epiphany, which was when Christ was made known to the world.

More than 2,000 years after the birth of Christ, we still use "epiphany" in our English language to describe a moment of great revelation. A magical moment that can be life altering for many ... whether it is a birth of a child/grandchild or a newfound knowledge or an old skill that suddenly has deeper, spiritual meaning.

It is then, in keeping with the spirit of Epiphany, Nobleton United starts a

new Community Engagement chapter. This chapter encompasses refreshing our external communications to reveal a more unified, relevant message, for our local community-at-large. Look for important "branding" changes, here and elsewhere. We hope you like what you see.

Nobleton United is located at 6076 King Road. We are that little red brick building on the north side of King Road, just west of Hwy. 27. There's lots of parking tucked behind the building and we are accessible (for persons with a variety of disabilities).

Our regular Sunday services are at 11:15 a.m. We may be reached at 905-859-3976 or by email at [nobletonunitedchurch@bellnet.ca](mailto:nobletonunitedchurch@bellnet.ca). You can also check us out online at our website ([www.nobletonunitedchurch.com](http://www.nobletonunitedchurch.com)) and/or on our Facebook page. Or, you may simply drop by. Phone or email first, so we can have the door open and the coffee ready.

## Nobleton Tennis

Nobleton Tennis Club Annual General Meeting will be Jan. 17 at the Nobleton Arena. All members are invited and encouraged to attend. See you there.

## 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 Skating Club

This is the 60th anniversary of the Nobleton Skating Club, and it is small fundraisers like this that have helped the club to make it to 60 years. We would really appreciate your support.

As well, don't ever think it's too late to skate! Though our current session of Canskate is underway, we are happy

to prorate any new memberships joining part way through the session. If you can't join now, please skate with us in January when we have a new session beginning.

Canskate, our learn to skate program, is offered on Mondays at 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. Registration is open and is available through our website, [www.nobletonskatingclub.com](http://www.nobletonskatingclub.com). Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us either via email, or at our office at 905-859-4943.

## Ladies Volleyball

We play Thursday evenings from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in Nobleton and are looking to add a few players to the roster. If you enjoy playing recreational volleyball and are looking for a social activity on Thursday nights, please call Glenda at 416-561-6016.

## Anglican Parish By John Arnott

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

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

The people of ancient Mesopotamia (now Iraq), especially the Babylonians, held their New Year's on the day following the first new moon after the Spring Equinox (March 20 or 21), which is close to the way the date for Easter is determined. This holiday called Akitu lasted several days starting with the parading of statues of their chief god Marduk through the streets followed by religious services in the main temples. It symbolized a time, thousands of

years before, when the god, victorious over chaos, cleansed and recreated the world in time for the return of spring and new life. Once the religious ceremonies were over it was time merry making and feasting.

The date of the ancient Persian celebration of New Year's - Nowruz or "new day" - influenced no doubt by the Mesopotamians, began about the same time, but the customs involved, such as the wearing of bright colours, dyeing eggs, exchanging gifts, feasting and general merry making, date to much earlier time making it according to many historians the oldest observance of New Year's yet found recorded.

Wepet Renpet or "opening of the year" is what the ancient Egyptians called New Year's. And lasting for almost a month it coincided with the annual flooding caused the Nile River in mid-July when the river blessedly spread a new layer of fertile silt brought from its upper reaches in east central Africa over the farm lands bordering its banks. This was seen by the Egyptians as a godsend as the land seemed to be reborn for the new growing season. First religious rite were held honouring and thanking the gods especially Ra the sun god. Then feasting and merry making could begin in which drinking date wine often led to mass drunkenness - so much so that during the reign of Queen Hatshepsut the only woman to become a pharaoh in the country's long history the holiday was nicknamed "the Month of Drunkenness."

For the ancient Greeks New Year's fell at the time of the summer solstice around June 21 later called midsummer (which it wasn't but rather the first day of that season) and it wasn't marked by any special celebration. In Athens city officials made sacrifices to Zeus and Athena the god and goddess they believed protected the city state. And it was the practice to have business deals concluded as they could not be carried unresolved into the new year nor could unresolved criminal trials.

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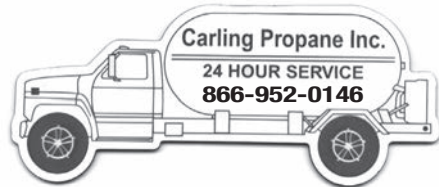
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## Nobleton Notes

### From Page 18

New Year's customs introduced 3,000 years ago during the Shang Dynasty in ancient China are still very much a part of today's Chinese New Year's festivities including special holiday family feasts. Originally in rural China the red decorations, bright lights, dragon dances, burning of bamboo sticks loud noise makers (now the task of fire crackers) were once thought to frighten away a blood thirsty creature called Nian, whose name is now the Chinese word for year. This 15-day festival filled with merriment, happy family reunions and gift giving begins on the day of the second full moon following the winter solstice (Dec. 21) making it happen sometime between Jan. 20 and Feb. 20.

Of course, Scotland's New Year's is known as Hogmanay, the name coming from Gaelic and probably Norse-Viking roots, and falls on the last day of the year and carries over into the next 2 days. It's the traditional time for Scots to exchange gifts, visit neighbours, family and friends and indulge in a festive meal. First footing is an important part of the Scottish celebration with the hope being the first person to visit the home on New Year's Days has dark

hair which is supposed to bring good luck to those living there! This visitor is treated to a piece of famous Scottish shortbread and a wee taste of the guid whiskey!

Now the year as we know it began to evolve with the Romans. They had neither months called January nor a February in their early history. The stretch of time now filled by those months was to them "a monthless winter" and their new year didn't begin until the first day of March. It was their semi-legendary emperor Numa Pompilius (a Sabine not a Roman) who is credited with having Ianuarius (classical Latin had no j) and Februarius created. Around 713 BC the beginning of the new year was switched to the calendae of Ianuarius.

The calendar year remained unchanged until 46 BC when Julius Caesar had it overhauled and the Julian Calendar came into being with the new month of July to honour its designer added. His great nephew and successor Augustus honoured himself with another new month also carved out of the existing ones.

In medieval Europe under the Julian, New Year's Day could fall on any of several dates including March 1 or 25, Easter, Sept. 1 or Christmas, depending on where one lived. This remained in effect until 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII reformed the Julian and the Gre-

gorian Calendar, the one we use today, was born.

With its implementation New Year's went back to its Roman date January 1. But not everyone changed and while in 1600 Scotland now held its Hogmanay

celebration to welcome the new year, England, Ireland and Wales and as a result England's American and Canadian colonies, still held New Year's on March 25, changing only to January 1 in 1752 just 266 years ago!



### Alloro holds food and toy drive

Alloro Fine Foods in Nobleton held its first food and toy drive. It was a great success and the donations were passed on to the King firefighters, who distribute them to various charities in the community. Donna Compagnone, owner at Alloro, said she's hoping that next year "we collect more food and toys and start a new tradition for Nobleton."

## King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

Important! Please note that our annual general meeting has been rescheduled for Friday, Jan. 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Centre. This is your opportunity to vote for the members of the board of management for 2018 as well as to learn about future activities and plans for the King City Seniors' Club. Please support your club with your attendance.

Most activities will resume the week of January 8. Check with your contact person for more information.

If you are interested in playing chess at the Centre at 10 a.m. on Friday mornings, please leave your name and number with Vic at 905-833-3510.

Our first pot luck lunch of the year will be held on Friday, Jan. 19 at 12:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a main course item or a dessert. Everyone is welcome.

Be sure to check out our website - [www.kingcityseniors.ca](http://www.kingcityseniors.ca)

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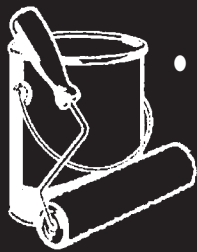
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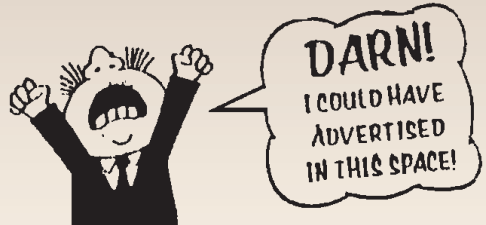
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