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## King is a winter wonderland

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## New parklands a huge bonus for King

By Mark Pavilons

The idea of establishing a new park, and saving lands from development, came as great news to King councillors recently.

King is supporting the idea of creating the East Humber Headwaters Park, located within the Oak Ridges Moraine, bounded by the 15th Sideroad, King Road, Dufferin and Bathurst.

The owners of some 208 hectares of land in this area are prepared to convey the King parcel to the Province, in exchange for lands in another municipality for development potential.

Staff noted the King parcel was being considered for

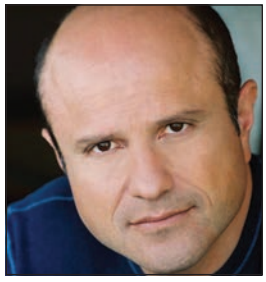

development, and an application was in progress through the 1990s. It has been on hold since 2000.

Council has always supported the Oak Ridges Moraine Act, and welcomes any chance to put lands into public ownership.

Council's support in this matter may not pave the way for success, but it may help the owner in his negotiations.

Councillor Linda Pabst is thrilled with the possibility, noting it's "almost too good to be true."

If this becomes a reality, this park would be on par with Central Park in New York City, she said.

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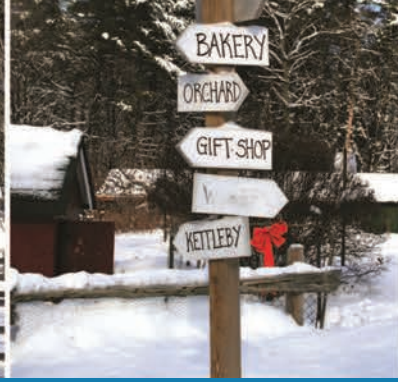


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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

**Monday, January 22, 2018**

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

**Monday, February 5, 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)

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

**Thursday, January 11, 2018**

7 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Rd.

**Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

7 pm – King Township Public Library Board

King City branch, 1970 King Rd.

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

6 pm – Committee of Adjustment

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Rd.

**Tuesday, January 30, 2018**

7 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Rd.

**Thursday, February 8, 2018**

3 pm – Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board

100 Dissette Street, Units 7 and 8, Bradford

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Summer Camp positions (various) – close Feb. 2
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- Program Instructor (P/T, seasonal contract) – closes when filled

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**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)  
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**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.

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<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> Ansnoeveldt 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

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# York Regional council approves its \$3 billion budget for 2018

York Regional council approved a \$3 billion 2018 Regional budget, the final budget of a four-year cycle coinciding with the current term of council. The 2018 budget includes a tax levy increase of 2.77 per cent, or an additional \$65 on the average residential property bill.

“As we approach the final year of this term of council, I am very pleased with the many strong investments we are making in our communities,” said York Region chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. “Through this comprehensive budget process, we will continue to advance important work and ensure York Region remains an enviable place to live, work and play.”

Highlights of the 2018 budget include:

- Planning and design of the Yonge Subway Extension into the Town of Richmond Hill – a critical link in a comprehensive transit system.
- Utilizing new technology to improve YRT/Viva rider experience, including the new mobile fare payment system, obtaining real-time service information through the YRT/Viva app and the PRESTO smart card system.
- Launching YTN Telecom Network

Inc., a corporation designed to leverage the potential of York Region’s fibre network and extend coverage into the Region’s under-served areas.

- Adding 16 new Paramedic Services staff and 22 York Regional Police staff.
- Developing an action plan to position York Region as a leader in wise water use.
- Continuing to increase access to child care for families, including children with special needs.

“The 2018 budget fulfils the work and vision set out in York Region’s fiscal strategy,” said Richmond Hill Mayor Dave Barrow, chair of Finance and Administration. “Due to sound financial management, our debt level will start to decline in 2018, demonstrating the Region’s continued commitment to reducing reliance on debt. We are achieving this while still delivering existing and new programs and services needed within our communities.”

The 2018 budget includes an updated 10-year capital plan, providing spending of \$5.9 billion to 2027, with \$810 million in 2018. Information on York Region’s 2018 budget, and an infographic, is available at [york.ca/budget](http://york.ca/budget)



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## Plans for gas bar well received

By Mark Pavilons

Plans to resurrect a gas bar in northern King came as good news to councillors recently.

The public meeting revealed that the owner of the 1.81-acre property on Highway 11 is seeking a zoning bylaw amendment to permit a drive-thru car wash, service station and convenience store. The site was used as a gas station between 1974 and 2009.

The lands are zoned commercial in King’s Official Plan. The applicant has submitted several studies and drawings, including a landscaping plan, hydrogeological report, traffic and noise studies.

As with most new developments, King insists on certain design guidelines.

Regarding road access, York Region isn’t supporting two accesses onto Highway 11. Road widening may be necessary on Highway 11 and the right-of-way will have to be conveyed to the Region.

King’s noise bylaw prohibits car wash operations between 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

King staff will review the application and all input received from commenting agencies, before coming back to council with recommendations.

John Owen, representing the applicant, said landscaping is planned and trees will be moved once the septic system is redesigned. The new Shell station will be much improved, replacing the former Beaver station that occupied the site.

Regarding noise, Owen said the new car washes are much quieter and recirculate the air instead of venting them to the outside.

Councillor Avia Eek said she’s happy to see this property repurposed and brought back to life.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

~ Frank B. Kellogg

## Putting affluence, salaries, giving in perspective

Investing is easy, I was told recently by a local entrepreneur. In other words, money makes more money.

Once affluent souls reach this level, it's much easier to stay on top of the income ladder.

The media often tosses out tidbits of our country's top wage earners, and salaries of CEOs, to shock and awe the average consumers.

High salaries for Canada's top business leaders have been traditionally high. They're sought after A-listers, not unlike athletes, musicians and actors.

"Top performers in any industry - sports, music, movies and the global business community - are compensated at historically high levels because they are in high demand globally, there are limited substitutes and they're highly mobile, making it fierce competition for the very best," said Jason Clemens, Fraser Institute executive vice-president and co-author of CEO to Worker Pay: A Broader Examination.

The study finds that despite sensational headlines about CEO salaries, top performers in many industries garner high levels of compensation, including sports and entertainment.

For example, Taylor Swift would have easily topped Canada's list of top 100 CEOs, having made US \$170 million last year. And LeBron James (\$77.2 million) and Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson (\$64.5 million) would also have ranked high on the list.

By comparison, according to the Globe and Mail's annual CEO survey in 2017 (using 2016 data), the average compensation for the top 100 CEOs in Canada was \$9.5 million. Among all Canadian CEOs included in the survey, not just the top 100, the average compensation falls to \$2.1 million.

And yet, every year in Canada some groups call on governments to introduce punitive taxes and/or limit through



Mark Pavilons

new regulations what Canadian firms can pay. These policies would damage the Canadian economy.

"It's not clear how higher taxes and increased regulations that make the country less competitive and make it harder to attract top business leaders from around the world would benefit Canada or individual firms," Clemens said.

One of the reasons these types are in demand is scarcity of talent.

With the unemployment rate in Canada at 5.9%, the lowest it's been in nearly a decade, employers are finding it difficult to recruit top talent in many professional occupations. In a recent survey from global staffing firm Robert Half, 51% of CFOs said it is challenging to identify skilled workers for current job vacancies.

As the new year dawned, another report indicated that these top paid CEOs earn more in a day than most earn in a year.

I have been critical of publicly funded agencies paying their CEOs exorbitant wages, since these are tax dollars and our bureaucracies have to be accountable.

Hydro One CEO Mayo Schmidt \$4.5 million in 2017 - roughly \$86,000 a week!

Everything in life, and economics, has to be examined in the big picture, and in balance.

The top wage-earners are likely the top spenders and givers, fueling the economy.

Some of them live right here in King Township.

Here, \$4 million homes are common and custom builds continue to dot the landscape. A new home construction of this scale employs a lot of people and services.

In King, it's not hard to find affluent business people and entrepreneurs.

I've been lucky to have met several of them. They all worked tirelessly, often 24/7 to make it to the top. They still do.

And fortunately, some are quite generous in terms of giving and supporting various charities and causes.

I support the King Township Food Bank and my family's personal cause, the St. Michael Mission Team, that travels abroad every January to help Haitian sugar cane workers and needy Dominicans. My friends in King didn't bat an eye when I asked for donations to this cause. For that I am truly thankful.

Unfortunately, this isn't the case across the country.

The amount Canadians donate to charities - as a share of their income - has hit a 10-year low and lags far be-

hind the amount Americans give, according to another study by the Fraser Institute.

The study finds that approximately one-in-five Canadian tax-filers (20.9 per cent) claimed charitable donations on their tax return in 2015, the most recent year of available data, compared to 24.5 per cent (almost one in four) of Americans.

Crucially, the total amount donated by Canadians - just 0.56 per cent of income - is the lowest amount in a decade and down from a 10-year peak of 0.78 per cent in 2006.

By comparison, American tax-filers donated 1.76 per cent of their income to registered charities in 2015, more than three times the percentage Canadians claimed.

Moreover, the average dollar amount claimed in Canada was \$1,699 compared to \$6,058 in the U.S. (in local currencies). And tellingly, the lowest average claim of any state - \$3,231 in Rhode Island - was still higher than the highest average claim of any province - \$2,581 CAD in Alberta.

I fully appreciate that with so many good causes and charities doing great work, donors are spread pretty thin. Most pick their charity and stick with it.

In my travels, I have met all types of people from all walks of life. They all share one thing in common - they're all part of the human race. We may travel in different circles, but we tend to come together for a good cause.

Here's hoping for more prosperity in 2018, and more giving!

### Editorial

## Wage act will hurt business

The Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, 2017 is now in effect. It raises Ontario's general minimum wage to \$14 per hour, and then to \$15 on Jan. 1, 2019, followed by annual increases at the rate of inflation.

While workers cheer at the pay hike, it will create some hardships. The bottom line is everything in business is a balance sheet. If you raise costs (salaries), it has to be offset by income. If income doesn't rise accordingly, the employer suffers.

Many large employers won't let this happen. They will respond by putting the brakes on hiring; cutting employee hours; perhaps even holding off on promotions and ultimately, cutting jobs.

How does the employee win in any of these scenarios?

These sweeping changes also impact municipalities, who will have to muster equal pay for part-time, temporary, casual and seasonal employees doing the same job as full-time employees. We can expect this to affect King's parks and recreation, and fire department. A municipality isn't a profit-making company, and there's only one source of income - taxpayers.

Here's the best part! To enforce these changes, the province is hiring up to 175 more employment standards officers and is launching a program to educate both employees and businesses about their rights and obligations under the Employment Standards Act, 2000. I believe these civil servants will be paid much more than \$15 per hour!

The Bank of Canada has said the minimum wage hikes across Canada could cost upwards of 60,000 jobs by 2019. How is this beneficial to the economy?

The tragedy is that this extra income will likely be eaten away by the high cost of fuel, hydro, natural gas and the increase in price of coffee and fast food.

MP, Editor

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**Did you make any New Year's resolutions?**

a) Yes  **38%**

b) No  **62%**

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I break, she falls. I break, she falls. Who am I, and who is she?

Last week's answer: The baby of the family is a "little bigger."

**King Township Trivia**

The first survey of King was conducted in 1800 by a Hessian soldier, Johann Stegman, at which time twenty people lived in the area.

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# 2018, the UN International Year of ... Our Choice

By Skid Crease

For the first time in recent history, the United Nations has not made a specific designation for the year 2018. In fact, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres issued a statement calling for global unity to overcome growing challenges:

“On New Year’s Day 2018 I am not issuing an appeal, I am issuing an alert – a red alert for our world. As we begin 2018, I call for unity. We can settle conflicts, overcome hatred and defend shared values. But we can only do that together.”

While the UN has already gone ahead

Letter to the Editor

## Disgusted by development

The following letter, to PC Leader Patrick Brown, was submitted to the King Weekly Sentinel.

I see you are proposing to raise the issue of developing Hwy. 413

As an environmentalist, wholly supporting the Greenbelt (and hopefully its expansion in the near immediate future), I am totally disgusted, to say the least about any development through Caledon and the south end of King.

The explosion of development in Vaughan, especially around Kleinburg, is nothing less than criminal. I have lived rural in King Township for over some 40 years! We used to have an abundance of wildlife ... deer, fox and really we even now rarely see or hear coyotes. Our bird life at our year round feeders is steadily dwindling.

Harking back to Kleinburg, it used to be such an attractive village, but now is deluged by incredible property development. Pierre Berton would turn over in his grave if he only knew what Kleinburg has become!

My own King Township is also in the midst of incredible property development, too – the loss of another rural community as a “bedroom community.”

Already our highways are clogged and you are proposing yet another highway connection through one of the last environmentally sensitive areas of the GTA.

For gosh sakes, get involved in collective public commuter transit and not paving our countryside with concrete and tarmac. They contribute to the ever advancing demise of our world survival.

As a long time Conservative supporter, dating back to Leslie Frost and Bill Davis, (my father was a good friend of Bill Davis) I will never support your party on this issue. As much as I dislike Kathleen Wynne and her government, I will probably have to support the Green Party and work to get their candidate elected!

I am sure our past Conservative Premiers would not be thrilled with you!

Dave Platt

and declared 2019 to be the International Year of Indigenous Languages, it appears that the designation for 2018 is left up to us. To those who seize the initiative go the spoils, so let us step up and declare 2018 to be the International Year of Environmental Literacy.

Readers should be reminded that we previously defined “environment” as being “everything that surrounds us, everything with which we interact, everything that we are – in short, everything.”

Environmental literacy, therefore, is our ability to move through the stages of awareness, knowledge, and critical thinking about “everything” to wisely put our values into action. This becomes particularly challenging in an era of “truthful hyperbole, fake news,” and a global leadership that boasts, “my nuclear button is bigger than your nuclear button!” Challenging, but even more necessary than ever.

Our 2018 is a world of extremes where one part of our world is experiencing Arctic weather bombs, hurricane force winds and historic flooding, while another part is experiencing heat waves and drought. One part of our world is giving the richest corporations historic tax breaks while another part of the world has left 5 million people in urgent need with a hundred thousand on the edge of starvation. One part of our world is predicting close to 50,000 new births in Rohingya Muslim refugee camps – that’s the population of King Township and Bolton combined – refugee camps rife with cholera and dysentery.

It is hard for us to comprehend the realities of accelerating global climate change when we are shoveling snow at -25°C. It is difficult for us to understand the cries for water, food and safety from those who have none when we are putting out our excess once a week in garbage bins, blue boxes and municipal composters. It is mind-boggling for those of us who believe in a just society to witness the rise in xenophobia and populist misogynistic nationalism in democratically elected governments.

The only cure for a world suffering from these extremes is for those who espouse positive, inclusive values to stand up and be counted, to speak up for those whose voice has been devalued,

to offer solace to those who have none. Equally important is for us to use our democratic rights, while we still have them, to elect literate well-informed, respectful candidates to public office so that they make intelligent decisions on our behalf. And that requires us to be literate and well-informed citizens.

Our children tell us that they want to be the change, a change for the better. They remind us that we should be able to tell them that everything is going to be OK, that we are taking good care of them and their world, and whether they live in King or Caledon or Syria that their future is bright.

But our children aren’t stupid. As young environmentalist Severn Suzuki reminded us at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro 25 years ago: “My dad always says, ‘You are what you do, not what you say.’ Well, what you do makes me cry at night. You grown-ups say you love us. But I challenge you, please, make your actions reflect your words.”

Perhaps then there is only one resolution to make for this New Year of

2018.

To finally accept that challenge, and to be the best we say we can be. Perhaps it is not so much a resolution, but a revolution and an evolution to environmental literacy. To a higher ground from where we begin to comprehend the incredible interconnectedness of our planet and the consequences of our actions. Considering the recent red alert from the United Nations Secretary-General and the remembered plea of a child, it is clear that the time has come for people of goodwill to defend their world together.

As the old biblical adage reminds us: As we sow, so shall we reap. Here’s hoping the 2018 harvest is a good one.

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Vince Savoia is pictured with Dr. Niki Fitzgerald and Dr. Lisa Couperthwaite from CAMH.

## Vince Savoia honoured by CAMH

A former King resident has been recognized for contributing to mental health awareness in Ontario. On Nov. 28 in Toronto, Vince Savoia, founder of the Tema Conter Memorial Trust, was celebrated as one of 150 Canadians who are making a difference in mental health by CAMH.

Impacted by a traumatic call as an EMS worker, Savoia wants to ensure all public safety workers have access to mental health support.

In 1988, Vince Savoia became a member of the first-ever Critical Incident Stress Management team at Toronto Emergency Medical Services. That same year, following a particularly difficult call, Vince found himself experiencing symptoms of PTSD. Reaching out for support was challenging, but after fighting his way to a healthier place, Vince is now using his personal experience to become a champion for mental health awareness in the public safety sector.

Today he is the long-serving executive director of the Tema Conter Memorial Trust, named after the victim of the traumatic call that changed his life. Starting as a modest charity offering scholarships to paramedic students, the trust has grown into a hub for research, education, training and peer and psychological support resources for employees of Canada's public safety organizations. In fact, it's Canada's leading provider of peer support, family assistance, education and training for emergency services, public safety, military personnel and their families.

For example, the organization's Peer and Family Assistance Line is staffed daily by an active duty or retired first responder, correctional officer, emergency communicator or member of the military trained in crisis and suicide intervention. Vince constantly finds new ways to broaden the reach of the Trust's work, engaging partners to enter the important dialogue of providing mental health support for the public safety community, while also keeping the memory of Tema Conter associated with personal change.

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**ACROSS**

- Experiment site
- Quarrel
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- Tam or beret
- Miner's quest
- Quartet with an absentee
- Having wings
- Muslim official
- Sushi fish
- Work for
- Fully mature
- Balderdash
- Deli sausage
- Monastery head
- Study steadily
- Nanook's vehicle
- Recital piece
- Refinery owner
- TV horse
- Specimen
- Prize marble
- Musical piece
- Be enough
- Chin beard
- Diplomat
- Now hear \_\_\_!
- Baseball call
- Flush
- Water server
- Broke a fast
- Salt's beverage
- Excitement
- Duck's gait
- Pharmacy offering
- Jewish teacher
- Color of emeralds
- Wear away
- Certain sports watchdog: abbr.
- Nonabundant
- For heaven's \_\_\_!
- Type of moss
- Ship's cargo space
- Inch along
- Pin's kin
- House wing
- Navigate
- Cobra's comment
- Possessive pronoun
- Add to
- Charity
- Image
- Mouse catcher
- Senate negative
- Boundless joy
- Moistureless
- Undertake

**DOWN**

- Loamy deposit
- Of a region
- \_\_\_ of the ball
- Dam up
- Laud
- Melody
- Of musical pitch
- Fishing hook part
- Mixture
- Baby computer?
- Before, to Shakespeare
- Billiard shot
- Greek market
- Communion plate
- Word on a movie ticket
- Warrant officer
- Kilt fold
- Work by Keats
- Unfavorable
- Marine hazard
- Only or soon, e.g.
- Purr's relative
- Absorbed
- Squash
- Croc's kin
- Foursome
- Tint
- Legal right
- Brownie
- Bow wood
- Recognized
- Nimbus
- Sitar music
- Watch over
- Overweight
- Window curtain
- Literary monogram
- Pen filler
- Remember
- Expurgate
- Luster
- Fast dance
- Wooden lane
- Sap-sucking insect
- Proclamation
- Sacred table
- Cranky
- Hoar
- Or \_\_\_! (threat)
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## King entrepreneur offers innovative vacuum elevators

By Mark Pavilonis

Technological innovations have a way of weaving their way into our living spaces.

Never before has owning an elevator in your home been so easy, thanks to a Kingscross specialty home builder.

Hard at Work Elevator is the GTA distributor of Pneumatic Vacuum Elevators (PVE), the most stunning plug-and-play home innovation. Powered by air, the PVE is the newest addition to any home, condo or cottage, upping the ante tremendously. It's so simple, it's amazing.

Ranging from one to three passengers, PVEs are stand-alone units that can be installed in as little as a day and a half. The elevator platform is raised

and lowered by air pressure, making the PVE efficient, green and quite beautiful. The company calls it "a work of art powered by air."

And it really is quite something.

Hard at Work owner Peter McCarthy has ordered 10 units and his crew are ready to install them in custom home builds. He will install one of these in his own home in Kingscross.

It's a transportation vehicle in a bubble, with a small footprint that can be mounted on any flat surface.

What's most impressive is what the PVE lacks – there's no need for a pit, hoistway or machinery. It basically uses suction to raise the car and air pressure to lower it gently to the ground floor. Fewer parts means minimal maintenance. It comes complete with a braking system and in the event of a power failure, the elevator cab automatically descends to the lowest level and the doors open.

Its modern and aesthetically pleasing design results in an architectural marvel with 360-degree visibility. For those with an amazing view out of any window, the PVE enhances it. As a bonus, the cab can be ordered with a seat and phone.

McCarthy said he came across the PVE when looking for a mobility option for his father-in-law. Many seniors who find stairs challenging have only two options – install a lift of some sort or sell their home and move into a bungalow, away from friends and family.

The PVE, McCarthy pointed out, is the least invasive and actually adds value to a home. It's not seen as an assistive device, but a piece of modern art.

"This is a work of art," he said. "You want to showcase it."

Elevators are part of every custom

build they do. In most cases, new builds have to be designed around the elevator shaft, but now, the plans can move ahead without the burden of added structural elements.

Hard at Work's reputation has spread and business is booming for the niche builder. McCarthy said he's a big promoter of King Township and enjoys helping people create their dream home here. His success is a boom to King, too. His builds, and clients, bring focus and attention to the municipality.

McCarthy is a big believer in answering the door when opportunity comes knocking. The toughest part is time management but he's got his sights set on even more things in 2018.

Hard at Work plans to introduce the area to fantastic outdoor teak furniture, imported from Ecuador.

McCarthy pointed out that it's easy for entrepreneurs to invest money in projects. It's time and passion that are key. He's not motivated by fortune, but creating a myriad of success stories for himself and his clients.

He pointed out that building and maintaining a solid reputation is the main motivator.

"It's extremely difficult to be successful and have a good reputation," he said. "That's important to me."

To that end, McCarthy surrounds himself with great, talented associates, employees and products. McCarthy said he owes much of his success to his partner and son-in-law Vince Oppedisano.

"Vince is the hardest working person I know and he frees up my time to expand our growing operations."

For more, visit [www.hardatwork.com](http://www.hardatwork.com) and look for some innovative things from them in 2018.



## Vince's Market expands community support

Long recognized for their commitment to local charities, Vince's Market is adding yet another layer of community support. This award-winning independent grocery chain is launching the Community Product Initiative.

Starting with the current flyer, and each one moving forward, Vince's will identify one "community product." Each store will then donate 15 per cent of total sales of that item – during the flyer period – to the community project selected by that location. Funds for each project will grow throughout 2018, and by year end, the company looks forward to making a significant contribution to four important causes.

Leading up to the launch, team members and customers of Vince's Market had the opportunity to select a charitable organization within the municipalities served by each of their four stores: Newmarket, Sharon, Uxbridge – and the recently-opened Tottenham location.

These are the Community Product Initiative recipients for 2018:

Newmarket: Doane House Hospice; Sharon: Blue Door Shelters; Tottenham: Tottenham Food Bank; Uxbridge: Uxbridge/Scugog Animal Shelter.

Vince's Market is a nationally recognized and award winning, small footprint fresh food retail chain. This privately held company employs more than 300 people in York, Durham, and Simcoe Regions, serving the communities of Sharon, Newmarket, Uxbridge and Tottenham. In 2014, their Newmarket location was awarded 2nd place in Canada for their category from the Canadian Federation of Independent Grocers. In 2017, the chain was recognized as one of "Canada's Best Managed Companies."

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# AutoShow to offer electric vehicle test drives

The Canadian International AutoShow, in keeping with its 2018 theme of The New Movement, will offer free electric vehicle test drives to anyone attending this year's show Feb. 16-25 at the downtown Metro Toronto Convention Centre, as long as they are 21 and have a valid driver's licence.

Eight manufacturers of EVs – Nissan, BMW, Fiat-Chrysler, Honda, Mercedes-Benz, Mitsubishi, Hyundai and Volvo – will display cars like the Nissan Leaf and the BMW i3 in the EVolution Zone while 10 automakers – the previous eight plus General Motors and Ford – will offer up cars for test drives in nearby special sections in both the convention centre's North and South Buildings.

As well as the Leaf and the i3, other EVs available to test will include the Chevrolet Volt and Bolt, the Outlander PHEV, the Honda Clarity, the Volvo XC40, the Hyundai IONIQ and the Ford

Focus Electric.

And you will find more than electric cars in the EVolution Zone. Have you ever thought that bombing around on a Segway might be exciting? That's a two-wheel EV you drive while standing up. Think the movie Mall Cop. And how about a Vespa electric motor scooter? Vespa will have a display there too.

"The automotive world is changing and the Canadian International AutoShow is changing with it," said AutoShow GM Jason Campbell. "You can't go to any major auto show in the world, be it in Frankfurt or Shanghai or Los Angeles, and not see large numbers of electric vehicles on display. In February, the Canadian International AutoShow will be no different."

AutoShow President Bob Redinger said that hardly a week goes by these days without an announcement of yet another major technological breakthrough in the industry. "Automakers

are embracing all the technological advances available, be they electric, hybrid, hydrogen fuel-cell or autonomous innovations and the 2018 Canadian International AutoShow will reflect this," he said.

The test drives, sponsored by Toronto Hydro, FLO (the AutoShow's official EV charging network) and the Globe and Mail will be administered by the North York Electric Vehicle Discovery Centre's Plug 'n Drive program.

The EV Discovery Centre is located at 1126 Finch Ave. West and is open every day except Monday. Visitors can hear about the history of electric transportation dating back to 1835, learn about the environmental and economic benefits of electric transportation and find out how they can even save money on insurance by driving an electric vehicle.

While the AutoShow will have a special emphasis on the new evolutionary technologies shaping the automotive industry, it will also continue – and plans to expand – its most popular feature focus displays showcasing more than 1,000 non-electric vehicles throughout the 650,000 square feet of the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

The Canadian International AutoShow is Canada's largest consumer show. What sets it apart from other auto shows is the large number of special presentations that both inform and entertain. Among them:

- Auto Exotica: Lamborghini, McLaren, Bugattis, Aston Martins and other magical marques will again form the basis of the most exotic and valuable collection of cars showcased anywhere in the country. A record \$100 million worth of exotics were on display in 2017 and 2018 is set to top that tally with additional aspirational brands scheduled to participate.

- Tuners: Tuner Battlegrounds, AutoShow edition, will see the most elite, tricked out, slammed to the ground and modified cars ever seen at the AutoShow. This online bracket-style fan-voted competition will be created and hosted by PASMAG giving Canada's top Tuner enthusiasts a chance to show their stuff at the biggest automotive showcase in the country.

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## Experiencing the Tesla 'X' factor

By Mark Pavilons

The electric vehicle (EV) has evolved into an amazing piece of sophisticated hardware and software. Think of an iPhone on steroids, on wheels!

I had the pleasure of trying out the Tesla Model X, thanks to owner Steven Dengler of King.

They say seeing is believing. Well seeing this car in action is unbelievable.

Intelligent? This is Mensa level genius. Tesla hasn't just upped the ante, they've changed the game entirely.

The Model X is the ultimate in artificial intuition. It makes driving almost effortless and more of a pleasure than a stressful chore. The vehicle makes you want to get in and drive, anywhere.

While unassuming from the exterior, the magic is on the inside. The first thing you notice is there's no ignition, no "start up" no idling vibration, no noise. Nothing, but quiet and the world of information at your fingertips via the huge centre console screen. While some may find it intimidating, it's not really distracting, despite the fact you can access everything from an oversized map, complete with all the charging stations, to your favourite music or weather.

Complete with an array of sensors, the vehicle will stay a safe distance back of the large truck ahead of you. It will warn you if you go over the speed limit and if you wander outside your lane. The dash tells you the current charge level, and how many kilometres you have before you need to top up with electricity.

Dengler's ride has all the options and bells and whistles. Only these features are all embedded in the electronic brain – there are no unnecessary and ugly knobs or buttons, just a touch screen that controls everything from the temperature of your back side to the information displayed on the dash.

The large battery is located beneath the floor, giving the X a low centre of gravity. This makes it almost stick to the road like glue, providing unbelievable traction in all kinds of road conditions.

The vehicle does come with an auto-pilot mode, but some drivers may not feel fully comfortable with this just yet.

As more electric models are being offered by manufacturers, think about choosing this smart, green alternative.




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# Arts & Entertainment

## Actor Enrico Colantoni wants to continue to inspire

By Mark Pavilons

*"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."*

— Winston Churchill

That courage has propelled actor Enrico Colantoni through a long career, one that's far from final.

The successful TV and movie actor has had a busy 2017. Instead of reflecting on "what was," Colantoni is content in "what will be." He's paid his dues over his 30-year career and now has some breathing room to concentrate on his own personal projects. While he's putting the finishing touches on his

own manuscript, the phone still rings and he darts off for another movie role or a stint at directing a TV episode.

Filming is set to start in February on *Red River*, a thriller about a military wife who contracts a mysterious infection from her GI husband, plunging her into a nightmare of darkness, blood and murder. This horror-thriller about the viral effects of the Iraq war on a Kentucky town sees Colantoni playing the "bad guy," Colonel Joseph Masi. He said it's a metaphor on the effects of PTSD on soldiers. It also stars Jason Patric and Jackson Rathbone.

Colantoni also appeared in six episodes of *Travelers*, an intelligent sci-fi thriller starring Eric McCormack (*Will and Grace*). The show is getting rave reviews both in Canada and the U.S. For those who haven't watched the show, the premise is that special operatives are sent back in time from the future, and tasked with preventing the collapse of society. These operatives are known as "travelers," and they take over the body of a 21st century individual via a transfer of consciousness. This transfer occurs moments before the person's recorded time of death.

The teams of travelers must maintain their hosts' pre-existing lives as cover while carrying out missions, dictated by their "Director" in the future, aimed at saving the world from a series of catastrophic events.

Colantoni also played Bruno Bon-signori in the five-part Canadian crime drama *Bad Blood*.

The entertainment industry is fick-

le in many ways and in the end, there is no brass ring for many actors. They simply keep creating.

Colantoni pointed out he's been on TV shows and sitcoms for 22 years and while it can be a job at times, he misses the community and family of characters that share the screen with him.

Actors are always looking ahead to the next gig.

Theatre has always had a special place in Colantoni's heart. He returned to the stage recently, doing live regional theatre at his alma mater Yale, in New Haven, Connecticut. Performing "An Enemy of the People," it was the first time in 15 years that he's done theatre and it allowed him to exercise some live drama muscles in this satirical farce of the classic Henrik Ibsen play, translated by Paul Walsh.

Colantoni found working with some old friends simply "fantastic." He thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with Reg Rogers and being a mentor to students.

Performing live on stage allowed Colantoni to "let go." He just walked out on stage, confident in the moment and just let the experience carry him away.

"It made me feel like I was an actor again," he said.

Following that, he flew out to Vancouver to direct an episode of "iZombie," developed by Rob Thomas and Diane Ruggiero-Wright. The comedy-horror is a loose adaptation of the comic book series, now in its fourth season.

Colantoni is busy writing and hopes to complete his screenplay shortly.

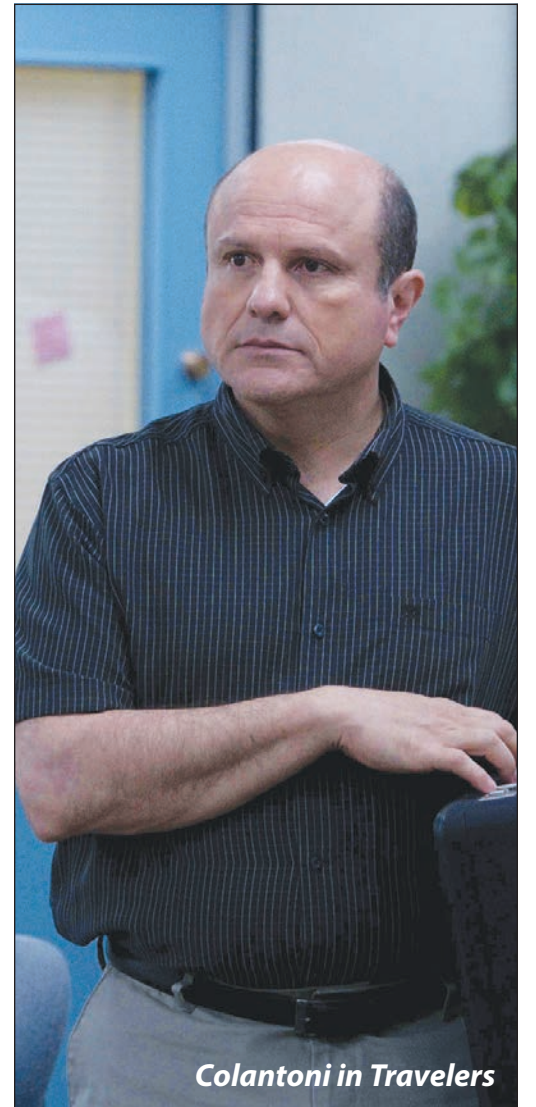
He's "up for anything," and with the success of TV reboots (*Will and Grace*, *The X-Files*), Colantoni wouldn't be surprised if there's a resurrection of some of his hit shows like *Just Shoot Me!* or *Veronica Mars*.

At 54, he's survived and thrived in the entertainment business. He attributes his longevity to the respect he's earned in the industry.

He admitted he's been "lucky in many ways," having worked during the height of the sitcom era. He fondly recalls working alongside his mentor George Segal during *Just Shoot Me!*, which ran for seven seasons, from 1997 through 2003.

Colantoni played Elliot DiMauro, a photographer for *Blush* magazine. Other notables in the series were Wendy Malick and David Spade.

Colantoni's journey has included everything from making ends meet to prime time star; from putting food on the table to following his heart. A sense of humour and razor-sharp wit contin-



Colantoni in *Travelers*

ue to propel him forward.

He's a firm believer that if you follow your heart, you will succeed. It's a mind set that has never failed him.

"Never give up," he said and "don't lose hope."

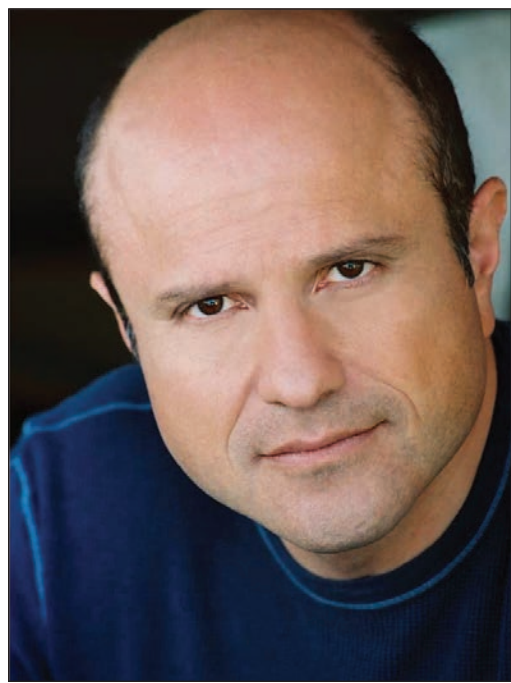
He would like to create something tangible that provides a positive message and influence on society. He plans to explore more writing, producing, teaching and volunteering.

He's also national spokesperson for the Tema Conter Memorial Trust, which assists first responders with PTSD. It was created by former King resident Vince Savoia. He worked with Tema and Peabody-award-winning Canadian director Karen Shopsowitz in the documentary, "The Other Side of the Hero" that brings to light PTSD among emergency responders.

Colantoni's heart is as big as his smile. He feigns pulling his hair out, concerned about social injustices and inequalities.

There are so many stories yet to tell. For now, it's off to the next role and next character.

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# Kathleen Mulock O'Flynn Parker lived a colourful life

By Lisa Bendall

King Township has experienced a loss with the death of Kathleen Mulock O'Flynn Parker on Nov. 9, 2017. Kathleen, or "Kay," was 102.

She lived on Keele Street near Kettleby for 50 years, almost half her life, but her ties to this region go even deeper. Kay was the granddaughter of Sir William Mulock, former Chief Justice of Ontario, whose name adorns Mulock Drive, the Mulock Village townhouse community and the Sir William Mulock Secondary School in Newmarket.

Kay was born in Toronto in 1915 to Edith May Mulock, Sir William's oldest daughter, who became a published poet and songwriter. Kay's father was Harry Herbert O'Flynn. He came from a banking family in Madoc. Kay was the couple's fourth child together but, sadly, the only one to survive early infancy. A previous daughter, a girl from Edith's first marriage, had already died in 1909 of juvenile diabetes, a disease that would be treatable today. (Edith also had two sons from her earlier marriage.)

Kay's was a privileged yet exceedingly lonely childhood. Her half-brothers were already in their teens when she was born; by the time she was nine, her parents had separated. Kay looked for-

ward to Sunday excursions with her father – they took jaunts to High Park, or to the Sunnyside Bathing Pavilion – but even those cherished times were withdrawn from her when Edith began taking her overseas to France and England for months at a time. There, Kay was put in the care of a Russian governess instead of attending school and making friends her own age.

In 1926, not long after Kay's return from one of these extended trips, Harry O'Flynn died. Kay was only 11.

These early experiences must have sparked her eventual resolve to keep close bonds with family and friends her entire adult life.

Kay spent her teen years in Toronto, attending Branksome Hall and forming meaningful friendships for perhaps the first time in her life. She remained shy and soft-spoken around strangers, however. In the photo taken for her official introduction to society – a coming-out party at the Toronto Hunt – the 18-year-old debutante sits in profile, unsmiling, eyes averted and head slightly bowed.

The social event must have been a success; Kay began dating. Soon she met Harry Hugh Alexander Parker, a young man exactly her age. In fact, they shared a birthday. Kay looked forward to seeing Harry because she felt comfortable with him. Conversation wasn't an effort. Unfortunately, there were often long gaps between dates – not due to any lack of affection or interest, but rather because Harry, the son of the Presbyterian minister at St. Andrew's Church, had to save up funds to pay for their outings.

Meanwhile, Kay was studying piano at the Toronto (today the "Royal") Conservatory of Music, practising four hours a day. She obtained her Associate diploma in 1937 and worked towards a Licentiate. Two years later, the talented young pianist gave a full recital at the Conservatory Concert Hall. The seats were packed, according to news reports, possibly due in part to the attendance of the eminent family patriarch. A review the next day was headlined: "Sir William Attends Grandchild's Recital," with Kathleen O'Flynn's name in much smaller letters in a subhead. The story contained a positive account of her performance, however.

Kay and Harry made it official in November of that same year with a wedding at St. Andrew's Church. Sir



Kay with Sir William Mulock, 1933

William walked her down the aisle and hosted a lively reception afterwards at his grand home on Jarvis Street. But the honeymoon was short. It was 1939, war had broken out, and Kay was forced to endure a lengthy separation from a loved one. Just a month after the wedding, Harry boarded a train for Halifax and shipped out with the Canadian Armed Forces to serve in England. Kay visited him once in early 1940, but Harry wouldn't come home to live again until 1942, and then only for a couple of years before heading back overseas. It was heartrending for them both.

Sir William Mulock died in 1944 at the age of 101. Edith wasn't long after; she passed away in 1950, the same year that Harry's minister father died. But by then, life was being renewed. Kay and Harry had three children, Stuart, Ian and Kathryn. Because of Harry's continuing service with the armed forces, the family lived in multiple places, including Ottawa, Kingston, England and France. Everywhere they lived, though, Kay made a home, decorating their house, cooking masterful dishes and hosting her cocktail and bridge parties. Her children remember her as a loving mother.

As retirement age loomed, Harry had his heart set on a farm. Kay had little experience with rural life. But after the couple bought their 1832 stone house on 100 acres outside of Kettleby, she quickly fell for the peaceful coun-

tryside and scenic vistas. Their children were growing up and moving on, but Kay was settling down for the first time in her life. She would never want to live anywhere else again.

Kay spent 50 happy years in her King home. Her social circle expanded as she made local friends – her poker group and her French club were particular favourites – and in-laws and grandkids were added to the family. She was liked for her clever wit and known for her generosity. She and Harry improved the property with outbuildings, landscaping and a house addition. Harry chaired Concerned Citizens of King, a group that successfully lobbied against an Ontario Hydro plan to march a power corridor through township lands.

In 1989, Harry collapsed from a cardiac arrest. He died a few days later.

Kay lived alone for 28 more years, managing the property on her own and retaining her driver's licence into her 90s. Kay seemed almost untouched by age until her mid-90s. When she did eventually need support, her caregivers grew attached and loyal as they got to know her. The qualities that defined Kay – her humour, her kindness, her deep love for those within her circle – never faded.

And she was still playing piano at age 102.

Kay leaves behind three children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



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## Cougars preparing for tough end to season schedule

By Jake Courtepatte

With only two weeks left on the PJHL schedule, the Schomberg Cougars know that every point counts.

Such was the intensity of an 8-4 win over the Midland Flyers in Junior C action on Friday, a team they have been battling for position with for most of the regular season.

"It was huge," said captain Liam Spurgeon. "We've been playing desperate hockey lately considering the standings are so tight with points. Every win is two points we desperately need."

It was Midland who came out pressing, going up 2-0 less than seven minutes into the game. Brandon Scholten

countered for the Cougars to cut the lead to one, though it was 3-1 at the end of the first period.

"We came out slow but with a good talk in the room from the coaches and myself we came out in the second and third on fire," said Spurgeon, who was also involved in his first junior scrap in the third.

After trading a pair of goals early in the second, Schomberg managed six straight unanswered goals for the remainder of the game, a fiery contest that saw a handful of penalties in both of the final two periods.

Linden Sturrock led the way with a four-point game, while Scholten and Derek Neilly each had a pair of goals.

Adriano Mimone picked up his sixth win of the season between the pipes, a game in which Spurgeon said his tender "stood on his head."

The win leaves the Cougars a crucial one point up on the Flyers for fifth in the Carruthers division, though the Flyers have one game in hand. They sit seven behind the fourth-place Caledon Golden Hawks, who they would be poised to meet in the first round if the season ended today.

With such a tight race to the finish line, and only two weeks left on the regular season schedule, Spurgeon said the team just needs to keep it "simple."

"(We need to) play as a team. Our coaches are outstanding and continue to do an amazing job, writing up plays and game plans, and if we stick to the system we will win the games that we need to win, with such a tough schedule to end the year."

"Tough" may be an understatement: after hosting the last-place Orillia Terriers at Trisan Centre on Thursday, the last four games of the regular season consist of a pair against the second-place Alliston Hornets, and one each against the third-place Penetang Kings and the Flyers.

Spurgeon's statements can certainly ring true, though, considering Schomberg took down the Kings in December and came within a goal of the Hornets in their second-to-last meeting.

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

Thursday.

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



Schomberg's Daniel Perry lets a shot go against the Caledon Golden Hawks at Caledon East Arena.

## Formenton, Mete golden at World Juniors

By Jake Courtepatte

Though Tyler Steenburgen may have scored the World Junior Hockey Championship's most memorable goal, it was King City's Alex Formenton who was the final name on the scoresheet.

A crowd of 17,544 in Buffalo was on its feet when Steenburgen broke open a 1-1 tie with under two minutes to go in regulation. Formenton potted the empty-netter, and the clincher, 36 seconds later with some nice acceleration past two Swedish defenders.

"We came so far in the last three weeks," said Formenton following the victory. "I feel like I have 22 brothers. I'm going to remember this for the rest of my life."

"As a team, we bonded so well. As a team, we had such good chemistry. The next thing you know, we're world champs."

The 18-year-old, who potted an impressive two goals and two assists in seven games in the tournament, was met with adoration from his hometown and former junior clubs alike.

"Congratulations Team Canada World Junior Champions, nice to have King City native Alex Formenton representing," said King Township mayor Steve Pellegrini in a tweet.

"Congratulations, Town of Aurora couldn't be prouder of you," sent the junior A Aurora Tigers, also earning a congratulatory nod from Tigers owner and ex-NHLer Jim Thomson.

Formenton spent one season with the Tigers in 2015-16, before his speed and size caught the eye of the major junior clubs.

The talented forward, who spent one game with the NHL's Ottawa Senators before being sent back to juniors this year for playing time, has amassed 21 points in 20 games with the London Knights this season.

Formenton was joined by defenceman Victor Mete in the victory, an ex-London Knight teammate and long-time student athlete at King's Country Day School.

Mete, who added three assists to the gold medal winning effort in the tournament, will rejoin the NHL's Montreal Canadiens on Friday after speculation he may be moved back down to the Knights.

With Formenton returning to the Knights and Mete returning to the Canadiens, only Formenton and two other gold medal winners will still be eligible for next year's World Juniors, including Aurora's Robert Thomas.



The NobleKing Knights Atom LL2 team took home silver at the Niagara Falls Al Boone Tournament in late December.

## NobleKing Atoms skate to silver in Niagara tournament

By Jake Courtepatte

The hardware just keeps rolling in for the NobleKing Knights Atom LL2 team. The Knights picked up their second tournament medal in just over a month in late December, bringing home the bronze after a hard-fought trip to the championship match.

Kicking off the tournament with a doubleheader on the first day of action, the Knights jumped out to an early lead in the division standings with a pair of victories by crowning both the Grimsby Kings 4-3 and the St. Denis Kings 2-0.

They followed up on day two with a 4-1 win over the Niagara Falls Canadians, and completed their trip to the championship with a perfect record by way of a 3-2 win over the West London Hawks.

There they met the tournament's only other 3-0 team, the Welland Tigers, where a well-played game had the Knights on the wrong end of a 2-1 score by the final buzzer.

They previously took home bronze at the Osprey Hometown Hockey Tournament in Feversham in late November.

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# Cold weather, hot house in King Curling Club action

By Shellee Morning

The cold, frigid temperatures may have forced some to remain indoors, but for the curlers of King, the minus-20 degree weather didn't block their path in returning to the sheets.

The ladies began their round 2 of the season with brand new "fresh clean" ice that quickly revealed a rather frustrating (fun to some) and challenging ice to read. The new ice was a scheduled task for maintenance that threw most curlers into the scratching and shaking of the head in trying to figure out the curl path. With shots and draws a guess, the rings of hope were more like the rings of surprise.

Scoreboards shifted between ends on all 4 sheets as teams traded points throughout and the 5 winning teams after game one were Brown, Sinclair, Curtis, Gorsline and Oakley.

The ice conditions were once again playing havoc for the Wednesday Social League as they began their second half of the season with skips frantically trying to figure things out. The paths that normally involved a curl now provided a straight and direct line with very little curl. Being mesmerized was an understatement, but rest assured in the upcoming weeks, the ice will change and we will all be back to dealing with a wonderful curl.

The early draw awarded Teams Pringle, Sinclair and Mussato with wins while Teams Gerrits and Petersen settled to a tie. Teams; Earl, Lee, Schneider and Kolb all found the win column in the late draw.

Thursday Mixed players also returned to the rings with a high octane level of enthusiasm as players greeted teammates after their deserving Christmas break. Round 2 is proving to be exciting with tight game scoring ends and with the added ½ point incentive to teams completing their 8 ends in regulation time, could be the deciding factor for the all-important playoff positions. Early draw was kind towards teams Howard, Stronach, Sidon and Clark while Steenhoek, Boynton and Sheardown won their openers and the Barber and Davis game ended in a tie.

## Ladies League

The ladies league is hosting their annual Spiel the Wine Bonspiel Feb. 3 and there are just a few spots left to participate. Anyone interested should contact Kelly Stronach 416-720-7345 or visit the club website at [www.kingcurling.com](http://www.kingcurling.com).

Two eight-end games, breakfast, lunch and prizes along with some cheese and wine tasting. This has been a great day in the past for the ladies with some good curling and a lot of fun.

With less than a month away the 2018 Winter Olympics are shaping up to becoming one of best sporting events ever. The sport of curling has opened its house to a newly entered division of mixed doubles.

One woman and one man form a team that play with only 6 rocks, the first stone being placed in allotted position on the ice depending who has hammer. The game is fast and furious with the similar style of hitting and draw making, but the strategy is far more competitive for players.

Earlier in the year King Curling invited the latest craze to curling to graze their sheets with enthusiastic members and will no doubt be holding more events in the future. As the sport of curling is grabbing more attention to people around the globe, clubs will experience a jump in membership. This is a sport where anyone from the ages of 6-86 can play at any desired level whether it is recreational or competitive. No one is ever too old to start curling.

King Curling club only has minimal spots left in this year's (night or day) league rosters and if you would like to throw rocks at the house and not be trouble for doing so, Google King Curling Club.



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# King's Corners

## King City United

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).

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](http://www.kcuc.ca)

## King Bible Church

We welcome you to join us for Worship Service on Jan. 14 as Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series "Discipleship" with Follow Me.

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.

If you have children aged 0-3 then we invite you to bring them to our beauti-

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Men we invite you to our annual Super Bowl party on Sunday, Feb. 4; game time is 6:30 pm.

The buffet meal starts at 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$15. Arrive early and bring a friend!

Contact Robert Hume or Steve Heise for any information. A sign-up sheet will be available Jan. 13.

## St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

There's a warm welcome at St. Andrew's! Our Sunday worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School for children up to Grade 6 running concurrently. Join us after the service for coffee/tea and conversation.

Lynn Vissers will continue to lead us in worship for the next two Sundays this month speaking about the Wise Men who came to worship the Christ Child. Last Sunday, the day after Epiphany, Lynn's sermon was entitled, "Seeking the King" (Matthew 2:1-12). During the Time for Youth Kathy Patterson passed around nuggets of frankincense from the Middle East and talked about

the significance of the Magis' gifts.

"Messy Church" resumes on Sunday, Jan. 21 at 5 p.m. with communal supper following. This is a family event, intergenerational and inspirational! Through Bible stories, music, art and a shared meal, we are learning more about God and His great love for us all. All are welcome. Need more information? Contact Lynn Vissers at the church, 905-833-2325.

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.

Our church office number is 905-833-2325. We are located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd. A ramp is available for accessibility. [www.standrews-kingcity.ca](http://www.standrews-kingcity.ca)

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### Family Skate

Villanova College sponsored the Family Skate night at King City arena recently. This youngster was thrilled to hit to the ice!

## King's Corners

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### All Saints Anglican Church By Diana Armitage

There will be a Lay Anointers Training Weekend from Friday, Feb. 9 (arrival 7 p.m.) to Sunday, Feb. 11 (departure 1 p.m.).

Offered by the Anglican Diocese of Toronto Bishop's Committee on Healing, the training weekend will be held at the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine Convent in Toronto. Rooms will be available in the Guest House for Friday and Saturday evening accommodation. If you are interested in becoming a lay anointer, please speak to the Rev. Elizabeth or Leah Springfield.

Sunday morning services continue at 8 a.m. in the chapel and 10:30 a.m. in the main church. If you need further information, please email the church office [allsaints3@bellnet.ca](mailto:allsaints3@bellnet.ca) or call 905 833-5432.



### Holiday Market helps Food Bank

With the support of Steve and Leah, Susanne (pictured) organized the second Annual Local Holiday Market was held at the Trisan Centre in November, with donations to the Food Bank in lieu of admission. In food and funds, the event raised \$1,327. A big shout out to Chris Somerville and Angela Rose who were kept very busy helping at the Market event. The Food Bank is grateful for these events as they not only help the budget but also remind people that the community is providing food assistance to over 200 people every month.

#### 706 BIRTHDAYS

Happy **100th** Birthday Mother!



Front row, left to right: Oscar Purkis (Great-grandson), Annette Purkis (Granddaughter), Rena, Sophie Purkis (Great-granddaughter) Back row, left to right: Jeff Purkis, Murray Gordon, Betty Gordon and Terry Gordon (Grandson)

On Friday, December 22, 2017 Rena Gordon celebrated her 100th Birthday with her family at the McKenzie Health L.T.C. Rena was born December 22, 1917 in Nobleton. She grew up in Schomberg, married Verdun Gordon in 1943 and lived in King City. They raised two children, Murray and Debbie, and left King in 2013. Rena was the middle child of five born to Edna and Lenard Baguley.

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#### 708 OBITUARIES

**Duncan, Barbara**  
Peacefully on January 4th, 2018 at the age of 85 at Mackenzie Health. Wonderful mother of Patricia Duncan (Patrick McCarney), Nancy Rice (Malcolm) and Bruce (Olga). Predeceased by son Jack Duncan. Loving Grandma of Sean, Devin, Caley, Tom, Robert, Nicolas, Lucas and Stacy. Will be greatly missed by Rod (Evelyn) Grant and extended family. A funeral will be held on Saturday January 13, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 108 Briggs Ave, Richmond Hill.

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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 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. It's not too late to join. Contact the church office at 905-859-0843 for more information.

Join us Sunday, Jan. 14 at 10 a.m. as Jeff continues his series through John. Jeff's message this week is titled "Stairway to Heaven."

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.pasoinatelyhis.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

St. Mary's

St. Mary's Valentine Dinner Dance to be held on Friday, Feb. 2. Reception 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. Live entertainment, DJ, door prizes, silent auction, open bar, antipasto, pasta, entrée, dessert & fruit. Tickets are \$100 (\$40 tax receipt). Proceeds for St. Mary's Church.

New to our parish? Welcome to all who have moved into our parish boundaries. To be a registered member of our parish is to have a sense of belonging to a Community of Faith. If you are not currently using envelopes for the regular collection and would like to be a registered member of our church, please use a pink envelope (complete name address) located in the foyer and the parish office will assign a box # to you and mail it out.

### Nobleton United Church By Joan Montgomery

Looking for a family centred activity that expands your minds, enriches your souls and fills your tummies?

Nobleton United is offering Messy Church, on Tuesday, Jan. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. This is a casual, activity-based approach to learning about scriptures that appeals to all ages. And, there's a nice simple dinner to share with family and friends (both new and old).

On the other hand, is your family get-

ting ready to watch the Olympic Games in February and need some yummy, hearty, and easy to prepare dinners?

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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. You can also check us out online at our website (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

### 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 prorrate any new memberships joining part way through the session. 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. 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

And then there were 3!

Just when this number was chosen to tell how many wise men came to honour the holy child Yeshua (Jesus) has been lost to history. We do know that no where in the New Testament, the Christian portion of the Bible, is it recorded just how many wise men made the visit.

And Matthew's gospel is the only one that mentions these men at all. Perhaps the actual number of wise men was recorded in the original Hebrew New Testament and its Greek successor as well as other early copies but these no longer exist. No doubt it was the three treasures gold, myrrh and frankincense mentioned in the Christmas story that gave rise to the number of learned kingly visitors involved. Some early biblical scholars suggest there were more than 3 possibly up to 15! But three, a more manageable number, seems to have won out!

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## King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

Important! Please note that our annual general meeting will take place on 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.

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.

Agnes (905-841-7390) or Jayne (905-853-1436) are now taking reservations for the first trip of the year. We will travel to the Showplace Dinner Theatre for an all you can eat buffet followed by a performance of "A St. Patrick's Day Kitchen Party." This will take place on Friday, March 16. The cost is \$99 per person.

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# Nobleton Notes

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Another mystery concerning this high profile visit is when did it actually take place. Many Christmas cards along with many outdoor and indoor manger tableaux/scenes show the visitors at the stable with the shepherds soon after Yeshua's birth but the New Testament tells us the great bright star guided the royal wisemen some time later to a house in Bethlehem, perhaps belonging to relatives where the Holy Family was then staying. It is said this happened 12 days later giving us the tradition of the 12 days of Christmas. Some early Christian writers have suggested this visit was up to a year later and some believed it was even 3 or 4 years later and at Joseph's carpenter shop in Nazareth!

Where the idea that the magi (learned men) were royalty started is another mystery. Once again Christmas cards and tableaux often show these 3 men wearing crowns Now they must really have been important, wealthy and at least nobles if not princes or kings considering the precious gifts and the cost of mounting a hazardous journey certainly involving a goodly number of servants, guards and other retainers from their distant homelands in the east to Roman held Israel.

Some claim the idea of "we three kings of Orient ..." originated in the early medieval period based on the line in Psalm 72 verse 11 "May all kings bow down before him." And of course there's always the nagging question did these wise kings actually exist or was the whole scenario simply added to the Christmas story by some imaginative 1st century AD Christian writer thinking to enhance the event raising it above just another ordinary birth?

This past Sunday, Jan. 7 the Anglican Parish of Loyd town (The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton, Christ Church, Kettleby and St. Mary Magdalene's, Schomberg) marked the beginning of the church season of Epiphany in which the story of the

wisemen's visit and Yeshua's baptism in the Jordan River by his cousin Yohanan (John the Baptist) many years later take centre stage.

The colour of hangings and robes in many Christian churches especially the Anglican, Lutheran and Roman Catholic during Epiphany remains the white of joy and purity from Christmas for the Octave of Epiphany (first 8 days) then changing to the green of life for the rest of the season that runs until the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday - this year Feb. 13. In the Eastern Orthodox Church white is used during this the 3rd season of the church year.

Epiphany which means "the showing" symbolizes that with the showing

of his son to Gentiles in the persons of the wisemen God shows he sent him for the benefit of all not just his Jewish followers.

Epiphany has been celebrated since the end of the 2nd century making it one of the oldest Christian celebrations. Christmas on the other hand wasn't celebrated until around 336 AD.

Today much more attention is given to Epiphany in continental Europe than in Canada, Britain or the USA where it passes almost unnoticed. In the Czech Republic children dress up as the three kings and go from door to door singing Epiphany carols hoping to receive praise and cookies. In Spain children fill their shoes with hay or grain for the

three kings' horses/camels and hope for candies and gifts in return. In Latin America children receive gifts not from Santa but these wise kings, while in France special little round flat raisin cakes are served as Epiphany treats. This custom is carried out in Quebec where mothers insert a quarter or a loonie or a toonie (a nickel a dime or a quarter in my day) in each one of 3 of these raisin cakes then mix them in with the other cakes - good luck comes to those who find a coin in their cake.

In Austria, Croatia, Germany, Greece Italy and Poland the day of Epiphany is a public holiday.

## Schomberg Should Know

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### Schomberg United Church

This Sunday, Jan. 14, our service will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church at the usual 9:30 a.m. service time. All are welcome.

The next Senior's Luncheon event will be on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at Kitchen Breendon Manor. Two kinds of homemade soup will be featured along with a hot sandwich and dessert. Musical entertainment starts at 11:30 a.m. with a guest appearance by a local Elvis tribute artist. These events are open to all seniors in the community. Get your place reserved by contacting Sheila Kelly at 905-939-2315.

Schomberg Youth Club resumes it's Friday night games and activities this week on January 12 at 7 p.m. at Schomberg Public School. Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches provide this popular (secular) program free to all area youth ages 10 to 16. Contact Jack Campbell at 905-939-2992 for more information.

Schomberg United meets at St. Mary

Magdalene, 116 Church St., at 9:30 a.m. most Sundays, but at the Kitchen Breendon Manor on the first Sunday of the month. For more info, visit nobleton-unitedchurch.com and click on the Schomberg United link, or call 905-859-3976. Messages are picked up regularly.

### Belated parade thanks

A belated thank-you for the Santa Claus Parade, A Main St. Christmas.

I apologize for this tardy thank-you but time got away from me and then Christmas happened.

I had an amazing group of volunteers on my committee, keeping people off the street during the parade, handing out the bountiful flags, driving me around in the gator, sponsored generously by Karl and Barb Davis of Green Tractor, Nobleton and generally keeping mayhem at bay, order in the land and guaranteeing that the parade started right on time and moved accordingly.

You all know who you are and I hesitate to mention names, in case I forget someone, but I would like to send a special thanks to Bill and Shiela Kelly's three beautiful granddaughters and Lesley Cesana's girls from the Schomberg Skating Club who played a big role in getting those Canadian flags out into the crowd.

Many thanks to all the participants in the parade. The range was amazing

from our illustrious fire department, banks, to our library, both of our local schools, Lions Club, hockey and figure skating clubs, etc. So many of our local organizations took part this year that many people fretted that there wouldn't be anyone to watch the parade. Well, the word was that that that was the largest crowd ever to watch the Santa Claus parade so thank-you everyone because only you and your exuberance could make it successful.

Congratulations to Rick and Sue Parker, of Canadian Wrangler, whose amazing Mother Nature portrayal, with a huge Bison, won the Float contest. The Parkers won a festive wreath, donated by Darlene Rupkeof Seasons Floral and possession of a beautiful painting by Lisa Cole. They will have the picture for a year and then next year's winner will take possession of it. Thank-you also to Mayor and Mrs. Steve Pellegrini, who acted as judges in the contest and who, I must say, were extremely good sports about it all, as they were poured into the back of the Gator to view the floats. There was lots of laughter and photo ops-so thanks again Mr. and Mrs. P.

I have to say that everyone really included Canadiana on their floats. I didn't realize how much until I looked back on the pictures. So thank-you all for running with that theme.

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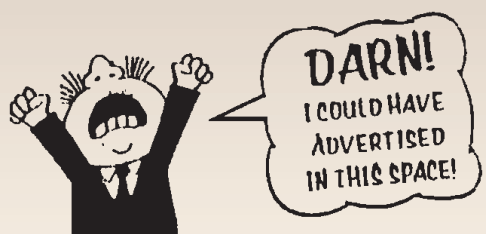
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