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Storm damage widespread

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Road

Monday, May 28, 2018

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole
Public Meeting: Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, Official Plan Amendment and Site Plan Control Application
File Numbers: OP-2018-01, Z-2018-01 and SPD-18-08
Owner: Springgreen Holdings Ltd.
Location: 10 Spring Hill Drive, King City

Monday, June 11, 2018

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, May 10, 2018

7 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee
Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Rd.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

7 pm – King Township Public Library Board
King City branch, 1970 King Rd.

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

6 pm – Committee of Adjustment
Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Rd.

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

7 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee
Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2075 King Rd.

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

1 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee
Municipal Office, 2075 King Rd.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Camp Counsellor (camps) – closes May 15**
- **Inclusion Camp Counsellor (camps) – closes May 15**
- **Camp Program Coordinator – Preschool (camps) – closes May 15**
- **Program Instructor – Tiny Tykes (PT seasonal) – closes June 1**

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



JOB OPPORTUNITY - KING TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
The Library is seeking to fill the position of **Branch Services Coordinator**. Please see the complete posting for this position our website at kinglibrary.ca for details.

BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King's website www.king.ca, click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.

Or visit on the following link

<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

PUBLIC NOTICES

The municipal offices and libraries will be closed on **Monday, May 21** for **Victoria Day**, reopening Tuesday, May 22 for regular business hours.

In case of an urgent township matter, call 905-833-5321 and the answering service will relay your call to the appropriate personnel.

King Heritage and Cultural Centre Service Disruption Notice

The King Heritage and Cultural Centre is currently undergoing exciting changes and facility renovations that will increase site accessibility and enhance the space with a permanent exhibit on the history of King Township.

Due to the construction, the site will be completely closed to the public from April 30 – May 14, 2018. During this time, if you have any inquiries please contact 905.833.2331 or kingmuseum@king.ca.

Spring Street Sweeping

Street sweeping will begin mid-May and will continue to the end of May; weather permitting. Please refrain from on street parking between 7:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. during this time.

Municipal water flushing

Ansnoeveldt, King City, Schomberg and Nobleton

In the spring and fall the Engineering and Public Works Department flushes all water mains and hydrants. As a result, residents over the course of the next few weeks may experience low pressure and/or discoloration. This process contributes to the safe, effective delivery of municipal water and **does not** affect the quality of your water in any way. Should you require further information please contact the Engineering and Public Works Department at 905-833-5321.

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of a Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment, Official Plan Amendment and Site Plan Control Application

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

Monday, May 28th, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2075 King Road, King City, to receive information and provide comments on a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, Official Plan Amendment, and Site Plan Control Application, under Section 22, 34 and 41 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

Subject Property

Location: **10 Spring Hill Drive, King City**
Applicant: **Springgreen Holdings Ltd.**
File Numbers: **OP-2018-01, Z-2018-01 and SPD-18-08**

What are the Proposed Changes

The proposed Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Control applications submitted by Malone Given Parsons Ltd. on behalf of the owner, Springgreen Holdings Ltd. under Planning Files OP-2018-01, Z-2018-01 and SPD-18-08, concern a site located on the south side of King Road and on the west of Spring Hill Drive. The property is currently utilized as a temporary construction office for the subdivision in the area and measures approximately 0.33 hectares (0.78 acres) with approximately 40 metres of frontage on King Road and 80 metres of frontage on Spring Hill Drive. The owner is proposing the development of a commercial coffee house/restaurant (2,800 square feet/ 260 square metres) with drive-thru, patio, loading space and 36 parking spaces.

The subject property is designated 'Low Density Residential 1 Area' by the King City Community Plan (OPA #54) and is zoned 'Transitional (T)' by Zoning By-law #74-53, as amended by By-law 2008-46 and also zoned 'Future Use (F)' by Zoning by-law #2017-66. The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment application is to redesignate the lands to 'Mixed Use Area' to permit the uses noted above. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to establish site specific zoning provisions that would apply to the proposed development. An application for Site Plan Control has also been submitted which details the proposed layout and design for the site.

Appeal Procedure

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of King to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or before the zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan or Zoning By-law Amendment. Written comments will become part of the public record.

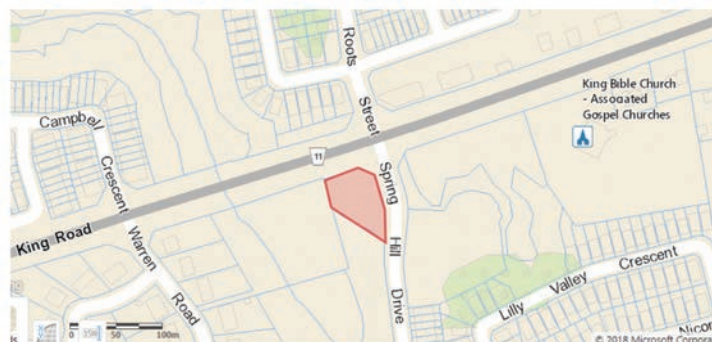
How to Stay Informed

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

Additional Information

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION and a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, Official Plan Amendment and Site Plan Control Application as well as background information, is available for inspection at the Township of King Planning Department from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on regular business days or inquiries may be directed to the Planning Department at 905-833-4067. Refer to File Z-2018-01, OP-2018-01, SPD-18-08 (10 Spring Hill Drive).

Dated at the Township of King this 8th, day of May, 2018.



Kathryn Moyle
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement
Township Clerk
Township of King
2075 King Road
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Comments and personal information (PI) are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13 as amended, and become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form, also become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information (PI), please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321.

Traffic Disruption Notice Hwy 27 and King Road

Please be advised that Hwy 27 (between Sheardown Drive and Hill Farm Road) and King Road (between Wellar Ave and Old King Road) will experience periodic traffic disruptions for the

Nobleton Victoria Day Parade

On the date of:
Monday, May 21 2018

Between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

This portion of the road will be accessible to residents in the affected area to allow for entry into their properties. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated during this time.

For more information contact Tasha Veer, Special Events & Marketing Coordinator, Parks, Recreation and Culture Department at tveer@king.ca or (905-833-5321, ext. 5223).

In the event of an emergency during the closure, please contact the above at 416-524-9129 for assistance.

Dated at the Township of King April 4, 2018



KING 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 week in King City.

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.

The first area of work will be King City. On site activity will consist of 2 crews of as many as 2 vehicles each. These vehicles will be stopping at each fixture location. Operating from a small bucket truck, the old fixture will be removed, new fixture installed and a new control node added to replace the old photocell.

The crews will then move to the communities of Nobleton and Schomberg.

Following the initial sweep of the areas, the information regarding the condition of the existing poles will be evaluated and a second sweep of the areas will be conducted to address the approved correction of existing deficiencies (pole straightening or replacement.)

All field activity is to be completed by the end of September 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this project please contact:

Frank Miceli or David Van Veen
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Candidates quick off the mark in municipal election

By Mark Pavilons

Several residents wasted no time in filing their papers for this fall's municipal election.

On the first day (May 1), four people registered.

First out of the gate were Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Ward 6 Councillor Avia Eek.

"It has been an absolute pleasure working collaboratively with council, staff and residents over the last eight years as mayor. We have accomplished much in that time but there is still more that I want to see through, such as completing the Official Plan update, constructing a new recreation facility

in King City on Seneca lands and locating a prominent commercial head office onto our prestigious employment lands.

"I believe I have provided leadership that you can trust during my tenure; my personal commitment to you is to continue to work hard at making King the best place to live, work and play!"

Two newcomers dove into the race. Mary Asselstine of Schomberg, is running for the Ward 4 council seat. Jakob Schneider is running in Ward 3.

Schneider, 25, is a life-long resident of Ward 3. He's been involved in the community from a young age through St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, the King Township Baseball association, as well as being a volunteer firefighter

with King Fire and Emergency Services. Over the last 5 years he's been a member of the King Accessibility Advisory Committee, as well as the York Federation of Agriculture where he sits as vice-president and a director for King.

"My passion for community involvement is ever growing. I have had interest in politics for as long as I can remember. The last term of office I attended roughly 60% of council meetings as a fly on the wall in the council chambers. Through this I gained knowledge required to be successful as a ward councillor.

"I am running for the Ward 3 councillor seat to support the improvement of road safety, improvement of roads and infrastructure within the ward, reliable and affordable internet and cell service, to support preserving our agricultural land and very importantly lead the Township to be fiscally responsible and allocate funds to the correct places."

Councillors David Boyd and Debbie Schaefer filed May 2 and are seeking

re-election. Councillor Cleve Mortelliti is also seeking re-election and he filed May 4.

"Nobleton and Laskay are truly special places to call home, and there is nothing that I enjoy more than being an active part in our community," Boyd said. "During the past four years we have made some great strides and improvements - working collaboratively with residents, local organizations, council and staff to advance the priorities of the Nobleton and Laskay communities. I am proud of our achievements, yet there is so much more work to be done. My commitment to you is to build on the momentum we have created together as a community - and continue to listen, interact, communicate and passionately represent the needs and concerns of our residents."

In 2014, both Mortelliti and Pellegrini were acclaimed.

Candidates require 25 signatures to endorse their candidacy. The deadline to file is Friday, July 27 at 2 p.m.

The limit for single campaign contributions has risen from \$750 to \$1,200.

Suspect sought after attempted bank robbery in King City May 2

Investigators with the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit are seeking public assistance in identifying a suspect following an armed robbery in King City.

On Wednesday, May 2, at approximately 9:30 a.m., police were called to the area of King Road and Keele Street after a man with a firearm was seen trying to get into a bank at this location. The bank was closed at the time and the suspect fled east on King Road. He may have used a vehicle to flee the area.

The suspect is described as male, 5'10" with a medium build. He was wearing blue overalls and a white mask over his mouth area

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

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Hold-Up Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6631, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-tips or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

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Shifting Gears Into Warmer Weather

Much like getting your car ready for winter, you should have a similar routine to prepare your vehicle for the warmer months.

Car Maintenance

- Tires - This is the time you will want to put your snow tires back into storage and to replace them with summer tires if you haven't already done so. If you have been using all-season tires, take this opportunity to have them rotated.
- Fluids - Cars work hard in the winter months because of the cold temperatures. This works to deplete the fluids quicker than at other times of the year, so make sure that all the fluids are topped up.
- Body - Road salt can be very hard on a car. Take the opportunity to wash your vehicle thoroughly to help avoid corrosion, while prolonging the life of your investment.
- Wipers - Replacing your windshield wipers that may have been damaged by snow and ice over the winter is important to be able to deal with spring showers. Your car

isn't the only thing that needs to be ready for this time of year. There are driving hazards to watch out for, so follow these tips to keep yourself and others safe:

Weather

Rain can pose a hazard; heavy rains can reduce visibility and driving over puddles can lead to hydroplaning. Drive cautiously over large puddles, as water can lead to reduced braking ability, and can flood your engine. The harsh winter conditions have made way for new obstacles on the road such as pot holes and debris left behind with the melting snow. Keep your eyes peeled for these new obstacles.

After being cooped up indoors all winter, people are eager to spend some time outdoors. As a motorist, it is important to be cautious and aware of your surroundings; remember you are now sharing the roads with pedestrians, cyclists and animals.

Children

Children are more likely to be out in full force enjoying the outdoors and

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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

"A newspaper is the center of a community, it's one of the tent poles of the community, and that's not going to be replaced by websites and blogs."

- Michael Connelly

Is artificial intelligence all it's cracked up to be?

"Some people worry that artificial intelligence will make us feel inferior; but then, anybody in his right mind should have an inferiority complex every time he looks at a flower."

- Alan Kay

Intelligence is defined as a capacity for learning, reasoning, understanding, and similar forms of mental activity; an aptitude in grasping truths, relationships, facts, meanings, etc. It's a manifestation of a high mental capacity.

These terms have qualities associated with advanced, living creatures.

We like to think we're the smartest critters on the planet, but history indicates otherwise. Granted, the human brain is an amazing gizmo, capable of all kinds of nifty and weird things. One could argue that you can't have intelligence without emotion, perspective and insight.

Computing intelligence - the ability to process information - lacks all of these.

And yet, artificial intelligence (AI) is all around us, albeit in less than human form. From our smart phones and self-driving vehicles, AI is critical in creating some major breakthroughs. Should we be worried?

Elon Musk, a key investor in AI, said: "I think we should be very careful about artificial intelligence. If I had to guess at what our biggest existential threat is, I'd probably say that. So we need to be very careful."

Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg is a bit more optimistic.

"Whenever I hear people saying AI is going to hurt people in the future I think, yeah, technology can generally always be used for good and bad and you need to be careful about how you



Mark Pavilons

build it ... if you're arguing against AI then you're arguing against safer cars that aren't going to have accidents, and you're arguing against being able to better diagnose people when they're sick."

There's no mistaking our fascination with this field, and exploring it further.

Sophia the Humanoid Robot visited Toronto for the Ontario Centres of Excellence's (OCE's) award-winning Discovery conference.

Industry experts, and thought leaders from Ontario and around the world came to OCE's Discovery conference to highlight and celebrate the best in innovation.

Featured at the conference this year were some of the latest developments in robotics, including global media sensation Sophia the Humanoid Robot.

Appearing for the first time in Canada, Sophia addressed the audience and

showcased her abilities to interact with humans in a profoundly personal way. She was joined on stage by her creator, Dr. David Hanson, founder and CEO of Hanson Robotics.

If you haven't seen Sophia in action, search for a video on the Internet. You may be fascinated, or a bit creeped out. I think the potential is amazing.

It will be some time before humans are sent scurrying into rabbit holes from our robot overlords. I'd recommend one of those back yard, underground bunkers, just in case!

I love science and science fiction and can't wait to see what the future brings. I do wonder why humans are always in such a hurry. I'm also perplexed by our self-aggrandizing nature, believing the human form is the ultimate in AI evolution. Do we really want our walking computers to look better than us, with perfect proportions and much nicer skin?

Some marine biologists may argue that dolphins are in fact the smartest creatures on our planet. After all, they turned their backs on terra firma and went back into the water. Most life arose from the bubbling primordial sludge and turned into more complex creatures. Many left their watery birthplace and came on land, evolving into a vast array of animals.

Archaeological evidence reveals that whales and dolphins evolved through time from four legged animals that were initially semi-aquatic, then mostly-aquatic, and finally to fully-aquatic marine mammals. They arrived roughly 12 to 15 million years ago, and evidence

suggests they're related to hippos. But I digress.

Many cetaceans have bigger, more complex brains than humans. They also have spindle cells, unique to only humans, the great apes and elephants. Many creatures have more advanced neocortexes and faster brain stem transmission.

Bottom line is they're potentially smarter than we are.

That doesn't surprise me one iota. I think the only thing that gives us a leg up is our fingers and toes, giving us physical dexterity to create and build, mix cocktails, juggle and shuffle cards.

So why then are we fixed on the human form? Why not create Flipper the Robot Dolphin, or Ronnie the Robot Elephant? They'd be much more fun!

God may have created us in his image, yet there are so many examples of biological perfection on earth that the mind boggles. From simple plants and insects, to ocean-dwelling giants, our world is brimming with actual intelligence.

Why do we need to reproduce it?

I firmly believe our fellow creatures have a lot to teach us. Many scientists would likely agree. While I'm not a big fan of giant long-horned beetles (measuring 6 inches long) or foot-long centipedes, you have to admire God's handiwork. Simply marvellous.

Will dancing robots showcase human ingenuity, or merely give cause for lofty beings to laugh at our tinkering?

Maybe we should stick to learning the basics, and raising our collective IQs before making smart machines.

Letters to the Editor

We're dumbing it down again

In one of those odd news items, in a recent newspaper was the story that UK schools are removing analogue clocks from exam rooms and replacing them with digital ones as the students cannot read analogue ones and keep asking "how long to go?"

Although perhaps amusing, it is one of the many examples of dumbing down something so that the indulged youth will not be stressed.

Perhaps as well as personal responsibility, it's time to bring back sundials.

Dennis Fitzgerald
Melbourne, Australia

ASK lauds Sentinel coverage

Arts Society King (ASK) is fortunate to receive fantastic support and recognition from King's local community newspaper, under Mark Pavilons's leadership and editorial guidance.

Over the years, he has highlighted and shared many articles and photos and stories supporting ASK and our local artists.

The King Weekly Sentinel is a well-read and most well-liked publication and tells the "story" of what is happening in King Township most accurately and beautifully.

Thank you Mark, for your continued support and coverage of local King Township events, news and stories.

Teri Hastings
Executive Director
Arts Society King



Brainteaser

A sign on the barber's door says "I shave only those who do not shave themselves." Does the barber shave himself?

Last week's answer: Cross your arms before you seize the ends of the string. Uncross your arms and it will tie a knot!

King Township Trivia

In 1913 Prohibition came to King Township (the vote was 795 for, and 403 against).

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Results from last week's poll:

Do you believe there will be lasting peace with North Korea?

Yes

No

33%

67%

a) Yes

b) No

So go to the website and cast a vote!

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

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The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per starts on designated Township roads effective Thurs., March 1, 2018 to Thurs., May 31, 2018. For further information, please visit www.king.ca or call 905-833-5321.

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Former councillor Rupke passes away

The King community lost one of its long-time residents and former councillor.

On Saturday, May 5, Jack Rupke unexpectedly passed away peacefully in his Holland Marsh home. He was 76.

Rupke received a Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal in 2010 for his charity work.

The former four-term King Township councillor and real estate received the honour for his philanthropic merits. As a member of the Valleyview Alliance Church, Rupke spent significant time in Guatemala and Costa Rica volunteering in the building of two school additions. He served as chairperson and treasurer at the Holland Marsh District Christian School. He was a Habitat for Humanity land procurement committee member and gave his time and expertise to the Holland Marsh drainage committee.

Rupke family members were among the original settlers in Ansnorveldt in 1934.

Beloved husband of Margo (nee Nieuwland). Loving dad of Dwayne, Michael, Spencer (Amanda) and Marcia (Tim) Warren. Proud Opa of Leif, Luka, Marie-Jo, Jean-Pierre, late Patricia Jane; Bryce, Jasper, Rhys and Rylan. Dear brother of Gerry (Helen), late Peter (Gerrie), David (Nancy), Linda (Pete), Joyce, Chris (Bev), late Bill and Steve (Pauline). Dear brother-in-law of late Nell (late Bill), late Ans (late John), Ditta (late Ken), late Pien (late Rennie), Dirk (Trudy), Bill (Barb), Art (Mary), late Len (Bonnie), Nettie, Betsy and Trixie (Ian).



Jack will be lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews and their families. Family and friends may be received at Skwarchuk Funeral Home, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford (1-800-209-4803) for visitation on Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial service will be held at the Westside Community Church (a.k.a. Springdale C.R.C.), 1466 5th Sideroad, Bradford on Friday, May 11 at 1 p.m.

In Jack's memory, donations may be made to the Valley View Alliance Church - Missions.

St. Patrick school celebrates 50 years of Catholic Education in Schomberg

St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School in King Township's community of Schomberg will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a Mass and open house on Monday, May 14.

The school first opened on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1968.

The anniversary mass will be celebrated in the school's gymnasium by the Most Reverend Bishop Wayne Kirkpatrick and Father Paul Hancko of St. Patrick's Parish. Following mass there will be greetings from Trustee Elizabeth Crowe; Director of Education, Ab Falconi; School Superintendent, Opiyo Oloya; Mayor Steve Pellegrini; MP Deb Schulte; and inaugural Principal, William Foran.

An open house featuring artwork and entertainment by the school's students will follow. Visitors will have an opportunity to tour the school and enjoy light refreshments. The entire school community, including current and former students and staff, parents, and friends of St. Patrick CES are invited to attend.

St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School officially opened its doors to students on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1968. Father Arthur McMahon helped to open the school, which was attended by school board members: Peter Van Dyk, Greg McGuire, Basil Hanley, Joseph Tully, and Walter Hasler. The school's first principal was local historian Bill Foran and inaugural staff included: Ms. McGoldrick, Ms. Miltenburg, Ms. Witteman, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Van Dyk, and Mme. De Bac.

When it opened, St. Patrick CES had five classrooms, a washroom, a staff lunch room, a general purpose room and an office. Since then, the school has undergone two additions and now includes 15 classrooms, a gymnasium, library and chapel. The school's location has remained unchanged at 51 Western Avenue and serves over 330 students today. It also offers a Before and After School Program provided by Centered on Children Child Care.

"I'm looking forward to gathering with our Schomberg community to mark the 50th Anniversary of St. Patrick," said current principal, Tony Tata. "I am grateful for the opportunity to share in- and help build the many traditions of St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School. The support for students and staff, and the ongoing strengthening of bonds between the school, church and community has made St. Patrick a pillar in the Schomberg community. I am excited to see what the next 50 years will bring for our school."

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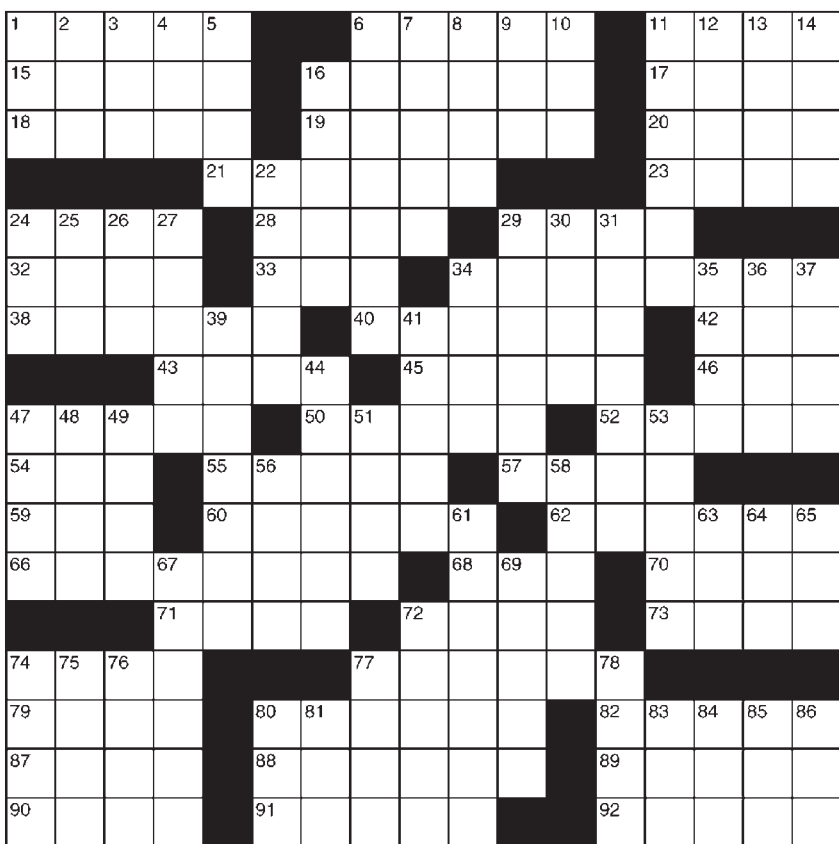
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From Thursday, May 10 to Wednesday, May 16

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Your Voice for Business in King



Sustainability is not just about the environment

By Mark Pavilons

Sustainability in King is a cherished mantra.

There are many definitions for sustainability but they all come back to people.

Sustainability and volunteers are totally integrated, according to Rick Sikorski, chair of King's Sustainability Committee. Sikorski addressed a large crowd gathered for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Night, celebrating the efforts of individuals in this community of communities.

Sikorski said his favourite definition is simply protecting the needs of the present – ensuring a high quality of life – without compromising the future. Of course, the environment is a key factor, but so are things like our social fabric, cultural identity and overall sense of community.

"It's a long-term game," he stressed, noting there aren't always notable achievements on a regular basis.

But there have been many milestones in 2017 that have contributed to our quality of life. The creation of Great Blue Heron and Tasca parks; streetscaping work in villages; zoning bylaws and even the Township's Official Plan

review are all examples of safeguarding the future.

"It's all about building identity," he said.

Sikorski pointed out that community events, like Canada Day in Kettleby, or the Victoria Day celebration in Nobleton, may seem trivial on the surface, but they're anything but. They are all opportunities for residents to come together and foster this sense of community.

Sikorski observed that the new municipal building is referred to as the "centre," which will become a hub of activity and bring people together.

He also reminded community representatives the committee offers grants for local organizations.

Successful applications contribute to one or more of the 4 Sustainability Pillars: Socio/Cultural, Economic, Environmental and Financial. If your community group is interested in applying for small Sustainable King Grant please visit www.sustainableking.ca or contact Sara Olivieri (Sustainability Coordinator) at 905-833-4080 or solvieri@king.ca.

Sikorski pointed out this spring marks the 6th anniversary of the Sustainability Plan and it's time to refresh this guiding document. We have a solid plan, but the public is encouraged to share some ideas of what they would like to see in King.

Sikorski, who's been involved in environmental work for many years, said there are a lot of reasons to be pessimistic about our Earth's future. But he's reassured when he meets people who work to restore the planet and im-

prove our quality of life.

"I've seen ordinary people, willing to confront the challenges and huge odds, to protect and restore elements of grace and beauty of this world," he said.

Sitting Bull once said: "Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children."

For more about King's Sustainability Plan, visit www.sustainableking.ca



Nobleton Family Dental celebrates

Nobleton Family Dental celebrated on Saturday with a ribbon cutting and a free community BBQ at their Nobleton location. Raffles, giveaways and ice cream made it a fun family event. Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor David Boyd joined the staff in marking the occasion with an official ribbon cutting. Shown are (l to r) Rob Payne (chamber of commerce), Ally Cioccio, Linda Coticone, Dr Diane Contino, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Councillor David Boyd, Bernadette Chiarello, Rosemary Privitera, Marina Stomatovic.

Submitted Photo

New municipal centre will be LEED standard

Sustainable King would like to share the good news about the new township municipal centre now under construction in King City.

The present municipal office plaza is an old, expensive building that is far too small for King's present and growing needs. The surplus former Holy Name Catholic School site became available and research into "Project Move" began. Engineering studies soon showed that bringing the former school up to code would be prohibitively expensive and that the best solution was to remove it and create a new purpose-built and sustainable municipal centre.

You may have heard of "Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design" (LEED), the internationally recognized rating system for commercial buildings and homes created to encourage sustainable building practices. These standards cover every aspect of a building, from the use of local materials, energy and water efficiency, lighting, insulation, air purity, to passive heating, landscaping, permeable parking lots and access to public transit, etc. Staff and a team of local residents worked hard with sustainability experts to determine the best economical solutions to include.

The result is not a "Cadillac solution," but rather it's a "solid hybrid Volvo" that will serve King well for a long, long time. King would have achieved the Platinum level of LEED had it not lost points due to the lack of public transit nearby. However, the Gold level is a significant achievement of which we should all be proud.

The plan makes the best possible use of the site by including two storeys; keeping all the existing trees and adding more; incorporating bio swales; draining to the wetlands on site and maintaining the topography. A major sustainable feature of the building will be the groundwater heat/cooling system that will not burn any fossil fuels!

The increased space will allow staff provide better customer service and much needed public use areas. These will include a larger council chamber and a multi-use gymnasium/event space. The York Regional Police will have a small detachment here to better serve and protect King.

Our new Township building is on track, on budget and scheduled for completion by the end of this year – a good news story for King!

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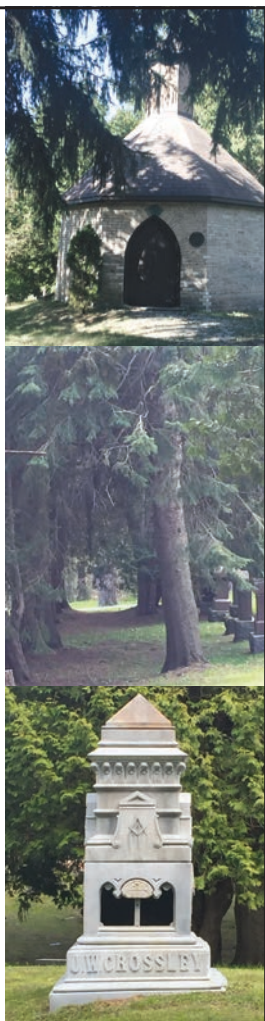
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European ban is praised

By Mark Pavilons

The move by the European Union to ban neonics has come as great news to Canadian environmentalists. They are, however, cautiously optimistic and some believe Canada will not follow suit.

The European Union plans to ban the world's most widely used insecticides in an effort to protect bees and other valuable pollinator insects.

The ban, approved by member countries recently, targets insecticide compounds known as neonicotinoids (also called neonics for short). The ban is expected to come into force by the end of the year and will prohibit outdoor use of the chemicals.

Neonics were introduced in the late 1980s as a safer alternative to older insecticides, yet research has proven it's a major problem to our environment and pollinators.

Neonics are effective at destroying the nerve cells of insects that ingest them. Most corn, soy, and wheat seeds planted today are coated with neonics. But if a bird eats the seeds, they could be at risk, EPA science shows. As the crops grow, the plants incorporate the neonics into their tissues, making them poisonous to any insect that nibbles on them. Pollen, nectar, sap, and even dead leaves contain neonics.

An international scientific assessment called Task Force on Systemic Pesticides is looking at whether the soil, streams, ponds and rivers absorb these toxins.

"Neonics are 5,000 to 10,000 times more toxic than DDT," said Jean-Marc Bonmatin of The National Centre for Scientific Research in France.

Not only have these insecticides been linked to dramatic declines in bees and other pollinators, they're also suspected in declines in many other insect species, along with insect-eating birds and bats. Even important creatures like earthworms are being damaged by neonics, a four-year investigation by the task force found.

The EU had previously banned use of neonics on flowering crops that are known to specifically attract bees, noting that an estimated three quarters of important food crops may be pollinated by bees.

The U.S. EPA is currently re-evaluating the neonicotinoid family of pes-

ticides, and temporarily halted the approval of new outdoor uses.

Canada has also limited their use. Local honey producer and bee expert Andre Flys isn't impressed with Canada's track record on the matter.

It's understandable that growers want to protect their investment. It costs a lot of money to grow a decent crop and the margins are slim.

"However, it amazes me that modern agricultural practices consider it routine to dump millions of tons of these chemicals into our countryside and believe it has no ramifications for the natural world. Why is it we run from one 'miracle' chemistry to another? We thought we learned our lessons with DDT, so now we've learned our lesson with neonicotinoids.

"What chemistry will we spend the next two decades fighting to ban? Why can't human beings develop, regulate and use these products with a more rational approach so that bans aren't necessary?"

Flys said the move by the EU is "great news," but he said "Canada will never follow what Europe has done."

Flys referred to Canada's track record as "regulatory capture," a form of government failure which occurs when a regulatory agency, created to act in the public interest, instead advances the commercial or political concerns of special interest groups that dominate the industry or sector it is charged with regulating. When regulatory capture occurs, the interests of firms or political groups are prioritized over the interests of the public, leading to a net loss for society. Government agencies suffering regulatory capture are called "captured agencies."

Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) noted the assessment of this group of insecticides is "extremely complex and multi-faceted."

The PMRA admitted that neonicotinoids are linked to harmful effects on pollinators. But they said there are other factors affecting bee health, such as loss of habitat and food sources, diseases, viruses and pests. Neonicotinoids are also used in the home, for controlling fleas on pets and protecting trees from invasive insects such as Emerald Ash borer.

The PMRA wants to continue to monitor neonicotinoids through 2018.



Residents boost McHappy Day efforts

Local residents and dignitaries did their part to help McDonald's mark McHappy Day. A portion of sales went to Ronald McDonald Houses and other local children's charities. On hand in Schomberg were (l to r) Cathy D'Alessandro of the Agricultural Society; members of the Eveson Family, including mom Becky and little Abby, Mayor Steve Pellegrini, franchise owner Rory MacKinnon and staff member.

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Local recipients part of the 2018 Portraits of Giving

By Mark Pavilons

Two well known King residents are being honoured in this year's Portraits of Giving.

Robin Priestly, of Priestly Demolition, and King Fire Chief Jim Wall are being recognized for their community contributions.

Founder of Portraits of Giving, Karen Merk, is an award-winning York Region photographer. She was personally inspired by the many business professionals in our community who donate their time and resources for the benefit of others. They inspired her to start giving back and she wondered how they could inspire others to do the same. So began the beginning of Merk Photography's Portraits of Giving initiative.

The honorees are leaders who give back for the right reasons and often do not want to be in a spotlight, but feel honoured to be celebrated. Merk developed the concept for Portrait of Giving nine years ago and continues to produce and organize the exhibit with a growing team of partners and committee members. To add another dimension to this exhibit, she invited writers like the IC Publishing team to interview the honorees and tell the stories behind their generous efforts.

"Each year we discover even more truly remarkable leaders in our community to honour," she said. "And the list continues. There are many more people to celebrate."

Robin Priestly is executive vice-president of Priestly Demolition Inc., and through their family business she has become active in the community on many levels, providing donations and

participating in everything from golf tournaments to hospital galas. She has contributed their services in-kind to organizations such as Southlake Hospital and CETA (the Care Enough To Act program led by Kenaidan Contracting Ltd.). What she enjoys most about her role is the people she gets to work with every day.

As a young girl, Robin recalls helping her father in numerous ways such as putting up donor signs for the local blood drive. She would also accompany him on regular visits to nursing homes for their bingo nights, and they would always take part in the annual town parades. Her father was their hockey coach too, and his business sponsored their team.

When Robin grew older she continued in her father's footsteps. In high school she started a club called Inter-Act which partnered students with the Aurora Rotary Club in various volunteering efforts. As a young mother, Robin undertook to coach soccer for seven years with the Aurora Soccer club, and for the past seven summers she has chaired the Tea Lake Regatta for their cottage community.

Robin feels that it is very important for people to get themselves and their families involved in initiatives that interest them and can benefit others. There are many organizations, small and large, needing volunteers to help them carry out their cause. In our ever-evolving society of online communication and social media, sometimes the true art of volunteering can be lost. Getting out and spending time with kids, the elderly, and animals in need, can be extremely rewarding and nur-

turing to the soul.

Robin has also served on the board of directors for the Ontario Association of Demolition Contractors and the King Chamber of Commerce. Since 2012 she has participated in the Road Hockey to Conquer Cancer fundraiser for Princess Margaret Hospital, and in 2017, she repelled down City Hall in Toronto for Make a Wish Foundation.

Robin doesn't necessarily consider what she does as giving back; it is simply being community-minded. She feels tremendously privileged for the opportunity, the knowledge, and experience gained by being a part of countless amazing businesses and causes in York Region and the GTA.

Not certain of what the future holds, Robin does know volunteering will always be a part of what she does. As she moves through different phases in her life, tapping into what fuels her passions and expanding interests will help to navigate her philanthropic path.

"Getting out and spending time with kids, the elderly, and animals in need, can be extremely rewarding and nurturing to the soul," she said.

After more than 22 years as a firefighter, Jim Wall began working for the Township of King in 2008 as their first full-time Deputy Fire Chief. Then chief Bryan Burbidge warmly welcomed him to the team with a formal presentation to the municipal council. Prior to Jim's arrival that day, Bryan had packed the council chambers with Jim's wife, daughter, and the King Township firefighters. At that moment, Jim realized he had made the right decision to accept his new position to serve the residents of King. It felt like coming home.

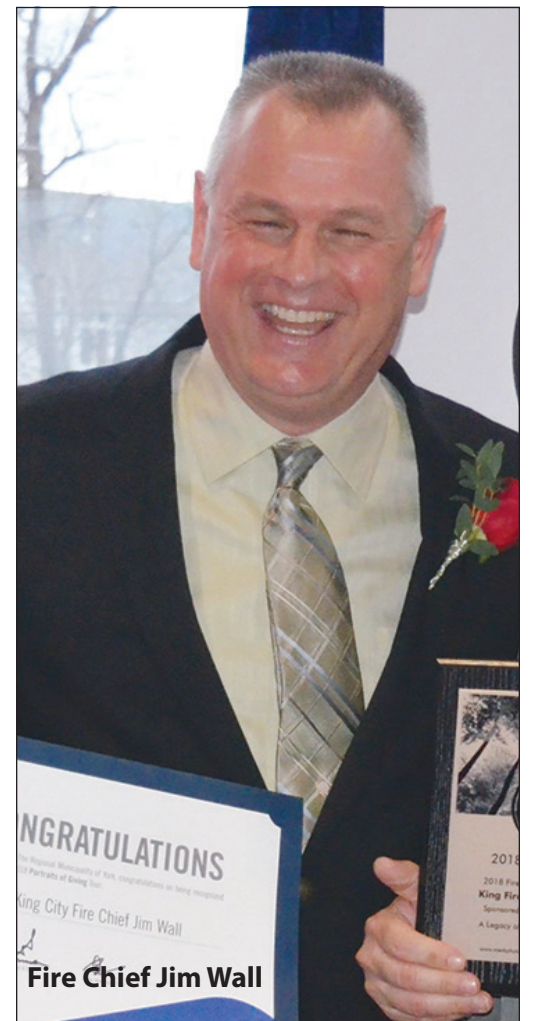
Jim strongly believes in the following philosophy: remember where you came from (the past), where you are (the present), and always where you are going (the future). Staying grounded has helped Jim appreciate the amazing experiences during his fantastic journey.

King Fire and Emergency Services are actively reversing the stigma around what was known as traditional priorities; today's have been realigned accordingly. The first priority now is education (getting out in the community, meeting residents, and being proactive); the second is enforcement (with respect to fire and safety codes), and the third is suppression (the failsafe). Fire services' primary function continues to be protecting residents and their property, with core services focusing around education and fire prevention.

In 2011, Jim was the recipient of the Paul Jackson Award. This was created by both Paul's family and the fire service in 2009 after Paul, a training officer, passed away in June 2008. This award is given annually to a fire department staff member who exemplifies the values, dedication, and commitment that Paul Jackson demonstrated.

Over the years, Jim has met many generous people who exemplify the gift of giving. He's confident that we all have a huge capacity to give more than what we think is possible.

Jim recalls an invaluable message that the late fire chief Bruce Jessop often imparted to him and others: your family always comes first; your job is second, and the fire department is third.



Maintaining this work-life balance enables firefighters to get involved and reassures aspiring firefighters that it's attainable. Jim encourages all citizens to become engaged in their community, knowing they won't regret it.

The wellbeing for seniors in his community is another cause that resonates with Jim. There is a new safety initiative involving a product called the Guide Light. When firefighters are on in-service inspections they have been installing these lights. More education and engagement in this area, and others, is planned for the future.

"We all have a huge capacity to give more than what we think is possible. Get involved in your community; you won't regret it," Wall said.

The Portraits of Giving display is touring York Region. It will be at the Aurora Town Hall from May 7 to 18, before heading to Vaughan City Hall, May 22 to June 3. It travels to Markham, Georgina, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Stouffville and East Gwillimbury before coming home. It will be on display at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre on King Road from Nov. 24 to Dec. 15.

King Heritage and Cultural Centre partners with Nobleton WI

The Nobleton Women's Institute, in partnership with the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, invite everyone to join them on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre. A tour will be offered, along with an information session regarding the Centre's future plans and projects. For information call the Centre at 905-833-2331 or email kingmuseum@king.ca. Refreshments will be provided following the presentations. All King Township residents are encouraged to attend.

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Society celebrates its 60th

The Nobleton & King City Garden Club celebrated its 60th anniversary April 23 (1958-2018). A delicious cake decorated by Judy Onorato was enjoyed by all. Co-Presidents Kelly Lavis (L) and Lucille King had the honours of cutting the cake. Memorabilia, slide show and photo albums were on display as well as flower arrangements in celebration of Diamond Jubilee.

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Museum renovations to cost \$300,000

By Mark Pavilons

The interior school room at the King Museum is getting some much needed attention.

King council approved staff recommendations for renovations at the facility, to the tune of \$300,000.

The Township received a large grant through the Canada Cultural Space Fund, via Canadian Heritage, to renovate the school room space. As part of the grant, this room will be converted to exhibit space for multi-purpose exhibits, as well as parts of the permanent exhibit on the history of King Township. The grant also includes the provision for a lift or elevator to make the space accessible.

When staff set the original \$225,000 budget for the work, there were several unknowns regarding the structure. When work began, there were issues with structural elements, including framing and the sub-floor. There's also no insulation in any of the walls. These will add \$75,000 to cost, to bring it to the \$300,000 mark.

The project will be funded from a combination of the grant (\$98,0505), the Fawcett Bequest Fund (\$90,000 to \$116,000) and King's operating budget (\$89,000 to \$111,950).

Staff said the renovation will be a "tremendous benefit to the already versatile site." The renovated school room will take the burden off the exhibit hall.

Hopes are the work will be wrapped up by September.



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Walker inspires, encourages teens who give back

By Mark Pavilons

The importance of volunteering hasn't gone unnoticed.

In fact, it's celebrated.

Marking the 10th Give Back Awards, this year's winners donated almost 6,000 hours of community service in their four years of high school.

The Give Back Awards, led by Neighbourhood Network, were showcased by Magna International, during National Volunteer Week. These students, who received a cash prize from Magna, "demonstrated an outstanding dedication to community involvement."

Philanthropist, volunteer and celebrity Joan Kelley Walker spoke to recipients this year, offering her insights.

Joan's charitable efforts have continued to assist organizations and communities around the globe. She's the recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal for her charitable work over the past 16 years as an ambassador for World Vision and has worked closely alongside Mercy Ships, generously donating to their cause.

Though she's known for her pop-culture reality show appearances on The Real Housewives of Toronto, Joan's volunteering ventures are in fact remarkable. She continues to assist wherever she is able and urges others to give

back, dream big, volunteer, and donate – no matter how large or small the contribution may be.

"This is a huge deal, there are many people cheering on your success and waiting to see what your futures hold. This is a really great starting point. From here, you can do anything," Walker told the crowd as one of the keynote speakers.

"This room represents countless hours of hard work and dedication, all in an effort to make an impact. To make a difference, to make the world a better place."

Walker relayed the story of 15-year-old Faith Dickinson of Peterborough. She is the founder of "Cuddles for cancer, which makes blankets for people who need comfort. Faith has been awarded the Diana Award named after Princess Diana and she has been invited to the Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Megan Markle.

"So you never know where these things will lead and it's incredible for young people like yourselves to be recognized in this way," Walker said.

"As you all know, in volunteerism, as in life, everything and everyone matters, any gestures, big or small make a big impact. There is power in volunteerism that has the potential to create change in the world for the good of our society. It also spreads a message to future generations that reaching out to others through humanitarian causes and volunteerism creates a better world."

She asked the audience to think about what motivates them to volunteer.

"For me, volunteering is human compassion at the highest level. It doesn't matter how you volunteer. Some people write a cheque, others are in the trenches doing hard work, others are planning and strategizing. Whatever gift you have, whatever gift you share, it matters. Big or small, it still comes from the same place of compassion and giving that serves others."

Walker said volunteering can be as simple as being mindful, asking people how they are doing and just being polite.

Walker said a great example of the power of students creating change occurred following the Florida school shooting. Students and teens stood up for what they believed in.



"It isn't easy to stand up against the system and political leaders, but never was the voice of students heard so loudly and their message so clearly conveyed on a world stage. People were watching, observing, and forming their own opinions. In some cases changing their opinions. I don't want to be political at all but the point is that because students were clearly asking for something they created a voice for themselves. I applaud that. There may not be change immediately but you have to start somewhere, to create a window."

Walker cited another example of compassion following the Humboldt bus tragedy.

"Look at the outpouring of compassion and support there has been for the families, teammates, the Broncos team itself, the town. So many people could relate to it that it created far reaching compassion from strangers all over the world. The Broncos president said 'love and care and compassion are stronger than ever before.' I think, that is one positive thing to come out of an otherwise dismal situation."

Walker said she was honoured to be one of very few members of the public, non-government and non-NGO, to be invited to the United Nations conference on the status of women in New York City.

"I was there as a representative/ambassador of World Vision Canada. One of my greatest take-aways from

that conference is that there are many incredibly smart, dedicated people working tirelessly to help others. Many volunteers and NGOs are trying to find the best way to work together, not independently. It makes sense to share knowledge, experience, data, strategies, etc.

"That approach works for volunteerism at all levels, not just at the UN. It certainly works here in our community, too."

The concept/theme for this year's national volunteer week was "celebrate the value of volunteering." While volunteering is seen as a selfless act, a form of service, many volunteers will tell you that you get more than you give.

"Whatever your motivation, I always encourage people to have goals. Any goals, life goals, goals that may change. You can choose your own path and create your own way.

"Setting a goal and deciding on steps to get there creates an intention which creates energy and focus to work towards your goal.

"I encourage everyone to seek out mentors and leaders that you admire. Ask questions, gain insight, then, in turn mentor others and share your knowledge.

"I've had the fortune to volunteer and do charity work in many countries around the world and here at home. I can't even tell you how much those experiences fill up my soul."



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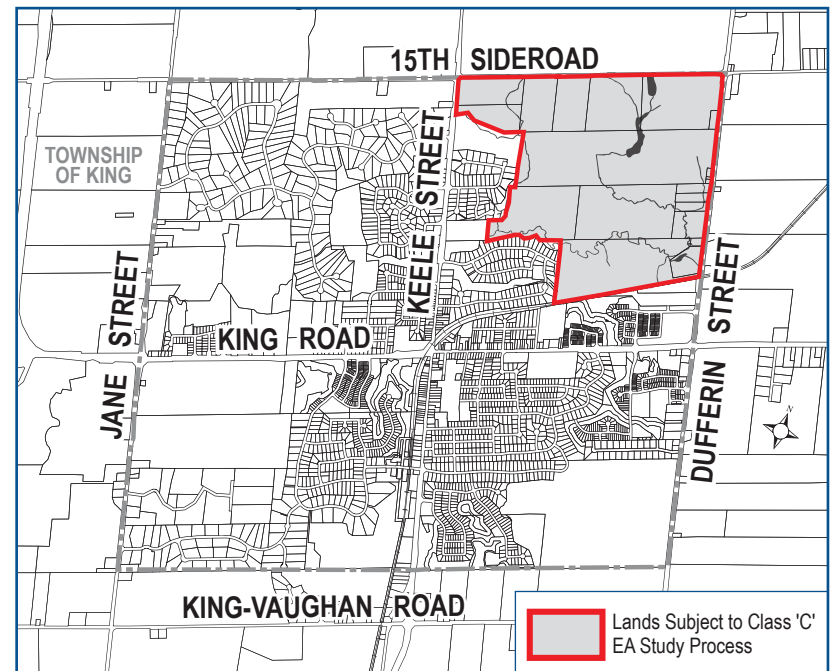
The King City East Landowners Group and the Township of King have completed a Schedule "C" Class Environmental Assessment to determine a location for a road crossing of Eaton Hall Creek in the King City East area (see map). This EA built upon the Township's Transportation Master Plan process (completed in 2014) and was integrated with the Township's land use planning practices as required by the Province, Region and Township.

A Schedule "C" Environmental Study Report has been prepared for this project. The Report describes the problem, assessment of alternatives and the preferred solution, as well as the details of the public and agency consultation program conducted during the Study.

This Notice places the Environmental Study Report on public record for review and is available for public review online at www.king.ca and at the following locations during normal business hours:

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The public review period will commence on May 8, 2018. Interested persons should provide written comments on the proposal to the Landowners Group and Township representatives listed below within 30 days of the beginning of the review period.

Mr. Mike Cole, Engineer, Planning Department
King Township, 2075 King Road, King City, Ontario, L7B 1A1
Telephone: (905) 833-5321 or at mcole@king.ca

Ms. Joan MacIntyre, Planning - Malone Given Parsons Ltd.
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Telephone: (905) 513-0170 or at JMacIntyre@mgp.ca

If concerns cannot be resolved through discussions with the King City East Landowners Group and the Township of King, a person may request that the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change issue a Part II Order to this project. A Part II Order request must be received by the Minister at the addresses below no later than June 7, 2018. A copy of the request must also be sent to Ms. Joan MacIntyre and Mr. Mike Cole at the addresses indicated above.

Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
77 Wellesley Street West, 11th Floor, Ferguson Block
Toronto, Ontario M7A 2T5

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change
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This Notice issued May 8, 2018.



King community yard sale

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United Way pools resources and ramps up its efforts

By Mark Pavilons

Helping our fellow men and women knows no boundaries. In the end, it's all about "us."

That was the message delivered to King councillors recently, by Daniele Zanotti, president and CEO of the United Way of Greater Toronto.

He pointed out that year over year, King asserts itself as a giving community. He recalls reaching out to Mayor Steve Pellegrini several years ago and the Township challenged the United Way to raise more funds locally.

King is among United Way's top municipal campaigns, winner of the Spirit Award. Last year thanks to employees, King raised almost \$9,000, a 26.3% increase over the previous year.

Zanotti quoted the mayor when he said "sometimes, you have to go big to get really, really small."

The agency, three years after the merger of York and Toronto, it has now merged with Peel, to become the United Way Greater Toronto.

Zanotti pointed out the social pres-



United Way Greater Toronto

ures facing residents in communities – poverty, struggle to meet basic needs, access to employment.

A recent "The Opportunity Equation" in GTA validates what experts already knew

- Income inequality – the silent local and global community killer is spreading.

- Middle income neighbourhoods across the GTA are being replaced by either low or high income neighbourhoods.

While Toronto remains the income inequality capital of Canada, the "neighbourhood polarization" is spreading into the 905 area.

Zanotti said that back in 1980, no neighbourhoods in York Region were low income. Today – 16% of neighbourhoods in York Region are low income. And in Peel, most dramatically and drastically, a full 52% (a majority of neighbourhoods) are low income.

"This is why, together, our regional United Way is better positioned to fight local poverty – in all its forms."

A record investment of \$88 million was announced a few months ago for York and Toronto. Zanotti said in York Region alone, the United Way has increased its financial investment by close to 5%.

Now, they're supporting 47 agencies, delivering hundreds of programs across the region including anchor partner agencies like Community Living York South, 360 Kids, Family Services York Region and Carefirst.

They continue to support Big Brothers Big Sisters York Region, Canadian Mental Health Association-York Region, and Yellow Brick House.

Thanks to a record campaign, a

multi-year transformational gift from Magna, there's new funding available to support an array of programs for seniors, food banks, Variety Village and more. In addition, almost \$750,000 in funding across the region is earmarked for youth, focussing on supporting multiple barriers to employment.

"We have strengthened our dynamic presence at key local tables like the Human Services Planning Board – working together on a made in York Region Community Benefits Framework that can benefit local communities where large infrastructure projects are taking place."

Zanotti noted they just completed "iCount," in partnership with the Region of York, with over 200 volunteers from across the region walking the streets, talking to peoples and families, gathering data to inform its work and programs aimed at reducing, preventing and ending homelessness in York Region.

"This is why together our regional United Way is better positioned to fight local poverty in all its forms," he concluded.

Mayor Pellegrini noted he took part in a recent workshop where participants had to follow a strict budget, as many families do. It was "eye-opening" he said and learning about the long list of services was informative.

"Thank you for what you do," he told Zanotti.

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Township revamps rules prior to fall election

By Mark Pavilons

King Township will be enforcing some new rules governing the use of corporate resources during this year's municipal election campaign.

Staff reviewed the existing policies that were updated for the 2010 election.

Staff noted the bulk of the policy remains unchanged, but certain parts were updated.

Sitting members of council are required to continue representing their constituents, but the use of Township facilities and resources are not to be used for campaign activity or the display of election material.

Councillors and all candidates can't use facilities, equipment, supplies, services or other Township resources for election campaigning.

Staff are also banned from posting or distributing campaign material. Staff are also prohibited from working on a campaign or canvassing during working hours.

"Staff are expected to take extra care during an election period to ensure that they behave in a manner that residents, members of council and potential candidates for election see as impartial, fair, and unbiased."

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Free child care will save families money, Province says

Ontario is making full-day licenced child care free for preschool children from the age of two-and-a-half until they are eligible to start kindergarten, beginning in 2020. Free preschool child care will save families an estimated \$17,000 per child, allow parents to go back to work when they choose and help give children the best start in life.

Ontario's new investment of \$2.2 billion over three years will expand access to affordable child care for families in our riding, in York Region and across the province, ease the financial burden families are facing in our changing economy, and deliver free licensed child care for children from the age of two-and-a-half until kindergarten, beginning in 2020.

Early learning has been demon-

strated to improve a child's academic performance throughout their lives. Improved access to child care gives parents, especially women, more choice about when they return to work and will help Ontario close the gender wage gap. This historic change to the way child care is delivered in the province follows advice economist Dr. Gordon Cleveland put forward in his report *Affordable For All: Making Licensed Child Care Affordable in Ontario*, and is informed by an extensive in-person and online consultation process with thousands of parents, educators and child care professionals across Ontario.

Making full-day child care free for families with preschool-aged children is part of the government's plan to support care, create opportunity

and make life more affordable during this period of rapid economic change. The plan includes free prescription drugs for everyone under 25, and 65 or over, through the biggest expansion of medicare in a generation, free tuition for hundreds of thousands of students, a higher minimum wage and better working conditions and easier access to affordable child care.

"Investing in free childcare for our pre-school aged children gives families across York Region more financial security and peace of mind. Households will save an estimated \$17,000 per child while giving parents the freedom to choose when to return to work. Accessible, high quality childcare also gives our children a great start in life," said Dr. Helena Jaczek, MPP Oak Ridges-Markham.

"Free child care for preschool aged children is an incredible support for Ontario children and families. This historic commitment will save Ontario families thousands of dollars annually and give parents peace of mind. Ontario is committed to creating a high quality child care system that is accessible and affordable for all families. This major investment will build on the progress we've made with a made-in-Ontario solution that supports children and families. It's a historic investment that will benefit Ontario kids for generations," added Indira Naidoo-Harris, Minister of Education and Minister Responsible for Early Years and Child Care.

Ontario is making an overall new investment of \$2.2 billion over three years in child care, which includes over \$930 million in 2020-21 to make licensed preschool child care free for kids from the age of 2.5 until they are eligible for kindergarten, beginning in September 2020.

As part of the overall investment, Ontario is increasing operating funding across the child care system by an additional \$162.5 million over three years to increase access to licensed child care, support fee reductions, and reduce or eliminate fee-subsidy wait lists.

This investment includes \$90 million in 2018-19 to support continued expansion of child care for children ages 0 to 4 years, including \$53 million to create approximately 4,200 fee subsidies and \$26 million to establish base funding for home child care.

A two-year, \$30 million innovation fund will seek solutions to chronic issues in child care, including ways to extend child care hours to ease anxiety and stress for parents who work long hours, shifts or are in precarious work situations.

Since 2012-13, the number of licensed child care spaces in Ontario has grown to more than 406,000 – a 38 per cent increase.

As of Sept. 1, 2016, licensed child care centres and home child care agencies may no longer charge parents fees to have their child placed on a wait list.



Vassallo marks his 90th birthday

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Veteran PCs support Mulroney

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Greens protest exclusion

Green Party supporters from far and wide attended a protest in Toronto, in the face of the exclusion of the party (and Leader Mike Schreiner) and others from the first televised leaders' debate. Greens wore green tape on their mouths to symbolize the muting of their party platform and opinion from a public that really needs to understand the choices before them. Here, former Green candidate in King Ann Raney was among those in attendance.

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Physical Literacy Summit preaches movement as education

By Jake Courtepatte

With all the electronic distractions for the youth of today, York Region is hoping to remind this generation to stay active.

The third annual York Physical Literacy Summit, put on by Activate Aurora and titled "Creating Physically Literate Children and Youth," brought teachers, coaches, and parents from across the district to King's Seneca College campus on Friday for a day of active education.

Aurora Mayor Geoff Dawe said it was "so important to get our kids active, and moving."

"Not only are we looking to get them moving, but teach them how and why it's so important to stay active," said Dawe. "Through parents, through the school, kids should have the opportunity to learn how to stay active."

The single-day summit had keynote speakers from across the physical literacy landscape, including Dean Kriellaars, a professor at the University of Manitoba and described as the "guru of physical literacy."

Dawe praised Kriellaars concept of "free-range children", and bringing back the freedom that children of the past had to roam.

"What an excellent concept," said Dawe. "We've reduced the amount of

space that kids have dramatically in the last number of years, and though I'm probably preaching to the choir, we need to bring that space back."

King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini said he had a close connection with such projects, having gotten his start in politics in 1980 in the recreation sector.

"People don't realize how big King is," said Pellegrini. "There are so many trails, and areas to explore, that there's always an opportunity to stay active."

He advocated how important it is for youth to "get involved" in their community.

"There is always a new way to get moving."

Kriellaars said that although the concept of physical literacy has a long way to go in Canada, Ontario is a leader in that \$30-million has been budgeted for the project, the first province to do so. York Region was one of the first to receive funding.

He said that having the support of the region's mayors – Dawe and Pellegrini in attendance – is "vital" to keep the project moving.

"Having the support of local politicians is how we keep making changes in the community," said Kriellaars.

The summit was rescheduled from an October 2017 date, when it was cancelled due to a strike at Seneca.



Mayor Steve Pellegrini was one of the speakers at the recent Physical Literacy Summit, held at King's Seneca College. The event was aimed at promoting physical activity among youth.

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Villanova alumnus Rutherford taken second in the CFL draft

By Jake Courtepatte

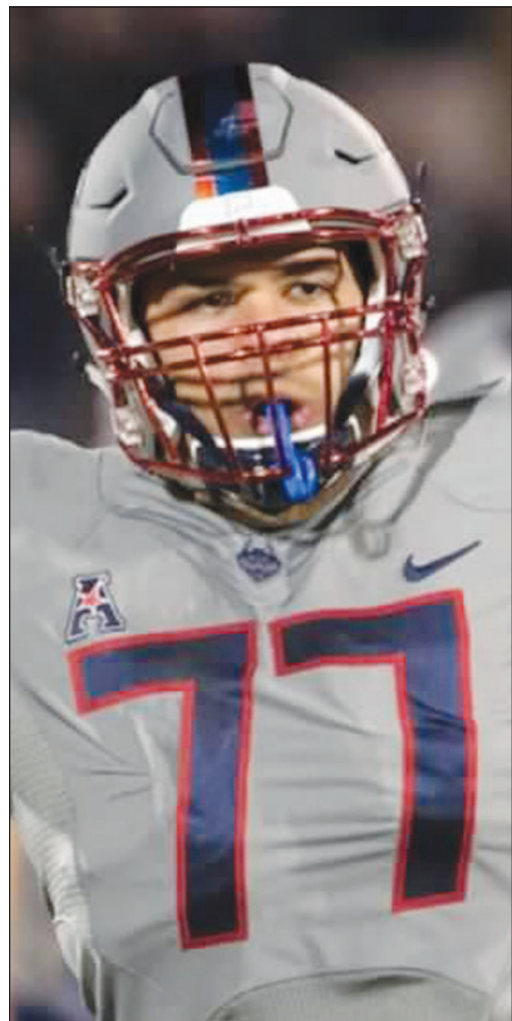
The Canadian Football League is about to get so Villanova flavour.

Ex-Knight offensive lineman Trey Rutherford, with hopes of an NFL start still in his future, will at the very least have a home in three-down football.

Rutherford, who suited up for the Knights in 2011 as well as the Markham Raiders, was taken second overall in last week's CFL entry draft by the Montreal Alouettes.

"I see it as an opportunity to kind of establish myself right away," the 23-year-old said. "I think if I can have a long-standing career in the CFL and potentially start, that's my goal."

"That's my goal, to go into camp with the mind set that I'm going to start and start a long career there. That's where I want to be," added the native of Markham, who was ranked fourth overall by the CFL's central scouting bureau.



Montreal, who originally had the first pick in the draft, traded down and acquired the six-foot-five, 315-pound Rutherford to guard their front line.

When he left Villanova five years ago for Kent, Connecticut to continue his football career, Rutherford left as the top-ranked Canadian linesman.

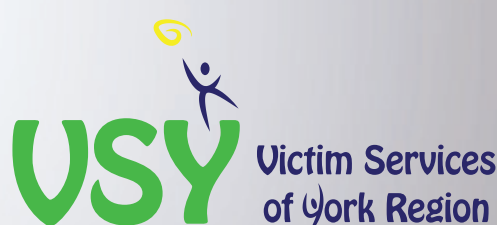
Als general manager Kavis Reed said in a statement that Rutherford will be "a very good CFL player for a long time."

"This young man was the highest-rated offensive lineman (not NFL bound)," Reed said. "He wanted to pursue an opportunity to go to the NCAA. When you see a young man with that kind of initiative, that kind of focus and dedication, commitment ... he's a young man that has a plan."

Rutherford said the whole experience has felt "amazing."

"It hasn't quite sunk in yet. I'm just sitting here with all my family and friends. It's pretty amazing to say the least. As long as I'm with a team that wants me, that's all that matters."

The third offensive lineman in four years, Rutherford said both the Buffalo Bills and Denver Broncos of the NFL have also expressed interest in him.



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The event will feature Country Singer/Songwriter Beverley Mahood as the MC for the evening, and special guest judge – Philanthropist and Star of The Real Housewives of Toronto - Joan Kelley Walker, along with York Region Police Chief Eric Jolliffe and TV Personality Dennis Flanagan.

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Local seniors are looking forward to Schomberg United's next Seniors' Lunch on Tuesday, May 15 at noon for an "Indoor Picnic" with BBQ

hamburgers, salads, cake, ice cream, homemade fruits sauce. Musician Brian Wright will entertain old favourites. He sings, plays keyboard and accordion. Call Sheila Kelly at 905-939-2315, as these lunches are popular.

Coffee with the Minister will be held the last Thursday of the month. The next one is on Thursday, May 31, at the Kitchen Breedon Manor, at 2-3 p.m., in the main floor lounge.

Our minister, Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman and Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth, the Anglican minister in Schomberg and Kettleby, are planning a field trip on Friday June 1 to L'Arche Daybreak in Richmond Hill. L'Arche is a non-denominational, interfaith community that welcomes people from all spiritual traditions, men and women with intellectual disabilities and the assistants who live, work and learn with them. The plan is that a group of people would eat dinner together and then join the service at Day-spring Chapel with the L'Arche people. If you would like to be part of this group, please speak to Carol-Ann.

If you are interested in reading some sermons that our minister Car-

ol-Ann Chapman has given, please visit our website and click on the "Message from our Minister" button.

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

Schomberg Skating Club

Register for spring skating with the Schomberg Skating Club! We have joined with the Nobleton Skating Club to offer spring skating programs through May 30. Classes are available on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning at Nobleton Arena and moving to the Trisan Centre after April 23.

Our club and our professional coaches will help your skater develop the skills they need to progress into figure skating, hockey, ringette or speed skating. Or, if all they need is basics, we can help with that, too!

Please visit our website at www.schombergskating.club.ca for more details and to register online.

St. Patrick's School

This year St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School will celebrate its 50th anniversary. In preparation, school principal Tony Tata is reaching out to the community in an effort to collect photographs from years gone by, spanning from the first year the school opened (1968) to 2016. We



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are hoping to collect pictures of the graduating Grade 8 classes, staff and administrators, the school building and premises, and pictures of events (Communion, Confirmation, dances, etc.). If you or someone you know has pictures you can share for this milestone event, please contact the school at 905-939-7753. We can scan the photos and return them to you or preferably have you provide them to us electronically.

Additionally, we are reaching out to the community for any individuals or businesses interested in purchasing advertising space in the commemorative program being created. Please contact Rosella Mongelli at rmongelli@rogers.com.

King Library

Local Naturopath, Dr. Mallory Re-intalher, invites everyone to her presentation entitled "Sleep Eight, Feel Great" at Nobleton Public Library on Wednesday, May 16 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Get ready for a good night's sleep, as she dives into the reasons for restless nights, common bad habits that may be affecting your sleep, and how to overcome them using natural treatments.

Schomberg United plant & bake sale

The good people of the Schomberg United Church invite everyone to their annual plant, bake and craft sale on Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This happens at St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church, 116 Church St., Schomberg, where the Schomberg United Church holds its services.

This sale will offer crafters including home-made soaps, pottery, Avon, fabric and jewellery items, tried and true garden plants and lots of home-made baking! For further information, please call Kim at 905-939-2992.

KCSS reunion

There is a big reunion in the works for the students of the '60s who attended KCSS. This will happen at Black Forest Garden Centre (15445 Keele St., 1 km. south of Aurora Side Road) on Saturday, June 16, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

If you'd like to volunteer in any way, please email kcscbacktothesixtiesreunion@gmail.com

Schomberg Horticultural Society Plant Sale

The horticultural society will hold a plant sale Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the community hall on Main Street.

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Presbyterian Church BBQ

It is that time of year again! It is time to enjoy barbecued chicken at Schomberg Presbyterian Church, as a break from the Schomberg Spring Fair on Saturday, May 26.

You will find our delicious chicken dinners complete with a roll, potato and coleslaw salads. Homemade pie, cookies, muffins and drinks will be available.

The BBQ takes place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the church. We will be selling complete chicken dinners (both quarter and half chickens) or just the chicken sold separately if you choose.

Chicken may be pre-ordered. Please call 905-939-2277 before Saturday. Payment in advance please.

Dufferin Marsh guided walk

The Dufferin Marsh Committee invites everyone to join them for a guided walk to hear the frogs. Mary Asselstine is leading this walk and asks that you meet at the shelter on on Dr. Kay in the Dufferin Marsh on Thursday, May 17 at 8:15 p.m. Please visit their website of call Mary at 905-939-7544.

York Pines United Church

YPUC is holding plant sale on Saturday, May 12 – Mother's Day weekend, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pick up a beautiful hanging basket for mom, grandma or even yourself! Choose from impatiens, begonias, geraniums or mixed baskets – \$15 each or 2 for \$26. Come early for the best selection.

Yoga in Spirit with Stacey Hollings has returned to YPUC on most Tuesdays. Classes run from 7 to 8:30 p.m. May 22, 29, June 5 and 12. Newcomers are always welcome.

Construction begins on Highway 427 expansion

Ontario has begun construction on the expansion of Highway 427 through York Region, to help improve traffic flow, create jobs and support economic growth.

Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Transportation, and Steven Del Duca, MPP for Vaughan, were in Vaughan to break ground on the Highway 427 expansion. The highway will be extended by 6.6 kilometres from Highway 7 to Major Mackenzie Drive, and widened to 8 lanes from Finch Avenue to Highway 7.

Once completed in 2021, High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes with electronic tolling will also be installed on Highway 427 in both directions from south of Highway 409 to north of Rutherford Road – approximately 15.5 kilometres. No existing general purpose lanes will be removed to accommodate HOT lanes.

Ontario is investing \$616 million in the expansion of Highway 427 in Vaughan. HOT lanes encourage people to carpool, help manage congestion and provide more options to travellers.

The average daily traffic on Highway 427 between Finch Avenue and Highway 407 ETR is expected to grow from approximately 115,000 vehicles per day to more than 137,000 by 2021.

In 2017-18, Ontario is committing more than \$2.5 billion to repair and expand provincial highways and bridges across the province.

"Our highway infrastructure is vital to Ontario's economy. Expanding Highway 427 will help keep people and businesses in York and Peel Region moving. Less time spent in traffic, means people have more time to do the things that are important to them – our government is committed to helping businesses and families in their daily lives," said McGarry.

"As a 31-year resident of Vaughan, I know how important the Highway 427 expansion is to this rapidly-growing community. This extension of the highway to Major Mackenzie Drive will save precious time for many local commuters who deserve to spend less time stuck in traffic and more time with family and friends," noted Vaughan MPP Steven Del Duca.

"The Regional Municipality of York is currently home to 1.2 million residents and is expected to grow to 1.8 million people and 900,000 jobs by 2041. To meet the growing and diverse needs of our current and future residents, it is important we have the necessary infrastructure in place. Once complete, the Highway 427 expansion will provide relief to our Regional road network, enhance the traveller experience and support our growing economy," added York chair Wayne Emerson.

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Breakthrough Treatment For Sciatica

Do you experience lower back pain, pain in the buttocks or leg that is worse when sitting, hip pain, burning or tingling down the leg, weakness, numbness, or difficulty moving the leg or foot, a constant pain on one side of the buttocks and/or a shooting pain that makes it difficult to stand up? You may be suffering with a condition known as sciatica.

Sciatica is defined as compression of a spinal nerve root in the lower back, often owing to degeneration of an intervertebral disc.

Sciatica most commonly occurs when a herniated disc, bone spur on the spine or narrowing of the spine (spinal stenosis) compresses part of the nerve. This causes inflammation, pain and often some numbness in the affected leg.

You go to the drug store or to your doctor and get pills to help relieve your symptoms. But you find the symptoms keep returning. Alternatively, the doctor may refer you to a specialist who may tell you that surgery is needed or is an option for you.

However, many people are hesitant to have surgery given its invasive nature. It is important to know that although surgery is sometimes necessary, it is considered a last resort in most cases.

Also, you may have heard that there are serious health risks associated with chronic use (or overuse) of medications that include damage to the liver, kidneys and gut.

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"This new, natural, safe and highly effective approach has helped many sufferers improve their lives dramatically".

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New grant helps employers of apprentices

The Ontario government recently announced a new grant available for employers who support the Apprenticeship Program in an effort to improve completion rates and participation. An employer can now receive up to \$19,200 for each employee who completes the program.

The changes were announced in a Nov. 16 letter by Deb Matthews, Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Development, in which the government stated its plans to replace the Apprenticeship Training Tax Credit with a new Graduated Apprenticeship Grant for Employers (GAGE) as well as changes to Employer Completion Bonus.

Now in effect, employers registering a new apprentice will be automatically assessed for eligibility for the new grant. The grant amount increases over time as the apprentice moves through to completion.

GAGE will include a bonus for employers hiring and training apprentices from underrepresented groups including women, Indigenous peoples, Francophones, people with disabilities, newcomers and visible minorities.

Under the new GAGE program, upon full completion of the program by an employee, an eligible employer would receive a total of \$16,700 up to \$19,200 if the employee is from an underrepresented group.

For more, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/graduated-apprenticeship-grant-employers> fall.

Councillor Avia Eek said it's great that this facility is already generating income for the municipality.

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**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

Thank you to those who attended the workshop on Sunday, May 6. It was great that those present were able to come to agreement on some decisions which will guide our path forward.

Tea and Talk meets at 10 on Fridays at the Sunset Grill (1700 King Road, King City). Join for some conversation and a great cup of coffee, tea or even hot chocolate.

Saturday, May 12 is a yard cleanup date (rain date May 26) so bring your rakes and gloves and help us to tidy up the grounds now that spring has arrived.

If you love the wonderful ringing of the bells, come out next Sunday, May 13. Sandra Kirby (conductor) and the bell choir will be blessing us with a selection during morning worship. Definitely something to look forward to!

Worship is 10 a.m. Sunday morning and Sunday school takes place at the same time.

If you have any questions you can contact the Church office at 905-833-

5181.

King Bible Church

We welcome you to join us for worship service on May 13 as we will be having a special service in honour of our Moms! Pastor Mark will be preaching.

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 beautiful and safe nursery facilities which are located on the lower level.

Vacation Bible School 2018. We invite your kids to a super week at "Hero Central" where they will discover the qualities that will make them truly heroic in God!

VBS will be the week of August 13-17. Morning only program will be from 9-12 (\$20 per child) and full day option with afternoon electives will be from 9-4 (\$75 per child). Payment can be made

by mailing a cheque or stopping by the King Bible Church Office (Tuesday to Thursday from 9:30-3). You can mail or email your registration form or bring it to the office.

Space is limited for the full day option so please register early to reserve your spot. Please indicate on the registration form morning only or full day.

We welcome children who have completed JK through Grade 7 (2017-2018). We look forward to another fun week with your children!

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Lynn Vissers will be leading us again in worship this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Children, school-aged up to Grade 6, will leave the sanctuary for Sunday School after our Youth Time. A nursery is available. Following the service, all are welcome to stay for refreshments.

Last Sunday we looked at Luke 24:13-35 where two people were walking home on the road to Emmaus from Jerusalem after Christ's crucifixion and the risen Christ came and walked with them. In their profound grief, helplessness and fear, they didn't recognize Jesus until they invited Him to come home with

them. We were asked, "are we stuck on that road to Emmaus, caught up in confusion, dismay and sorrow or just wandering along blinded by many distractions?" We get to really see Jesus, when we invite Him "home" to break bread with Him and let Him talk with us.

Our next Messy Church will be May 27 at 5 p.m. So mark your calendars and plan on coming to this fun-filled inter-generational family time with supper following at 6 p.m.

Coffee and Conversation led by Lynn for men and ladies continues on Tuesday mornings in the church office at 10-11 a.m. and Soup's On for working ladies is on Tuesdays at 6-7 p.m. These are wonderful opportunities to be together in small groups, learning from God's word. Interested in coming to one? Let us know. We'd love to have you.

Prayer Walks are now taking place during the week day mornings. Jesus said, "For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20) God is there with us! Check out these Bible verses: Jeremiah 33:3, Psalm 17:6, Joshua 1:5, Hebrews 13:5. Let Kathy Patterson know if you're up for a Prayer Walk or want to meet for coffee, 905-833-0391.

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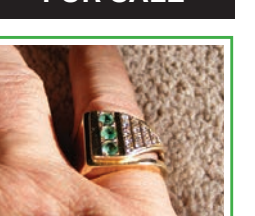
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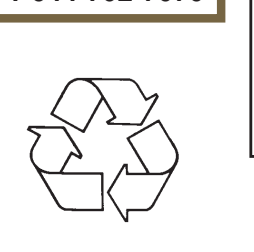
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Rupke, Jack

On Saturday, May 5th, 2018, in his 77th year, Jack unexpectedly passed away peacefully in his Holland Marsh home. Beloved husband of Margo (nee Nieuwland). Loving dad of Dwayne, Michael, Spencer (Amanda) and Marcia (Tim) Warren. Proud Opa of Leif, Luka, Marie-Jo, Jean-Pierre, late Patricia Jane; Bryce, Jasper, Rhys and Rylan. Dear brother of Gerry (Helen), late Peter (Gerrie), David (Nancy), Linda (Pete), Joyce, Chris (Bev), late Bill and Steve (Pauline). Dear brother-in-law of late Nell (late Bill), late Ans (late John), Ditta (late Ken), late Pien (late Rennie), Dirk (Trudy), Bill (Barb), Art (Mary), late Len (Bonnie), Nettie, Betsy and Trixie (Ian). Jack will be lovingly remembered by his many nieces and nephews and their families. Family and friends will be received at SKWARDCHUK FUNERAL HOME, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford (1-800-209-4803) for visitation on Thursday, May 10, 2018 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Memorial Service will be held at the Westside Community Church (a.k.a. Springdale C.R.C.), 1466 5th Sideroad, Bradford on Friday, May 11, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. In Jack's memory, donations may be made to the Valley View Alliance Church - Missions.
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Left us too soon, on May 2nd, 2018 in his 65th year. Dwight was a gentle giant with a heart of gold. Dwight will be dearly missed by the love of his life, Cathy, his sister Allison (Garry) MacDonald, the extended Tremblay, Sparrow and Dagg families and many friends. Dwight was predeceased by his father Alfred, mother Marjorie and sister Daphne (Ron) Tout. Born in Sturgeon Falls, Dwight grew up in and loved Northern Ontario. He parlayed a degree in biology from the University of Toronto into a very successful career in heavy equipment sales, capping off his career as a highly respected entrepreneur. Dwight was a man of so many interests. He was a book-a-day reader and, if you could get him chatting, he would wow you with his encyclopedic knowledge of history. A lover of the road, whether on his Harley or in their 442, Dwight along with Cathy spent many enjoyable hours on the open road. Dwight had quite the creative streak, honing his talents with food, glass, metal and woodworking. We will always remember his insatiable thirst for knowledge and his strong, silent supportive character. A Celebration of Dwight's Life will be held at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club, 125 Nobleton Lakes Drive, Nobleton, Ontario, LOG 1N0 on Monday, May 14th, 2018 from 4-7 pm. If so desired, donations in memory of Dwight may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation, heartandstroke.ca. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, 905-936-3477.
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All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage

Gardening Ministry – Last Saturday a group of green thumbed parishioners, led by Richard Spencer, his wife Camille and son Sean, planted hostas in our newly prepared Hosta Prayer Garden beside the chapel at All Saints. Have a look as you walk south on Keele Street. Turn up the path on the north side of the chapel. When finished it will be an appealing quiet place for meditation.

Words to live by. In this late Easter season bible readings are all about love. The parable of the vine was the Gospel story last Sunday. And Rev. Elizabeth connected it to the commandments to love: “The source of this love is Jesus abiding in the love of the Father and which flows from the Father to the Son and into the vine. Jesus is the vine and those who are part of the vine – the branches – they also are then connected with that love ... Love one another as I have loved you,” Rev. Elizabeth reminded us of Christ’s ultimate commandment.

The finest expression of love is lay-

ing down one’s life for one’s friends – which Jesus did. And we are friends of Jesus. He told his disciples they are no longer students but equals, which is what friend means in Greek. “The focus of Jesus’s attention is first on abiding in the relationship with him, and then of allowing it to be the source for loving our friends, friends of Jesus. Loving one another is the essence of abiding in the vine,” she concluded.

Anglican Parish
By John Arnott

The Spring Cream Tea, held annually in early May at Christ Church, Kettleby was once again a great success in spite of a few hydro problems causing at one point kettles to be boiled on a campfire stove. But this wasn’t the first time in the church’s 127 year that the tea had to be thusly made. And being served in real china cups with saucers added wonderfully to the gentility of the occasion. Delicious traditional buttered scones served with clotted cream or jam were much enjoyed. And blips in the hydro service were taken in stride.

Many thanks to all who made this event such a resounding success.

Bouquets of red roses for Lancaster

white roses for York and pink Tudor roses were much in evidence this past Sunday, May 6 as St. Mary Magdalene’s Anglican Church in Schomberg marked somewhat belatedly St. George’s Day during the regular Holy Communion service (St. George being patron saint of England).

This young man, a Roman soldier born in Syria of Greek heritage, was martyred around 303 AD during the persecution of Christians by the Roman Emperor Diocletian. Saint Alban, patron of Nobleton’s Anglican church and also a Roman soldier, was martyred just 2 years later during the same persecution. St. George is buried in Lydda (Lod in modern Israel).

And did those feet in ancient times walk upon England’s mountains green? And was the holy lamb of God on England’s pleasant seen? This was sung, accompanied by guest organist Alexandra Spencer during the St. George observance. This poem based hymn (1808) by English poet William Blake with music by English composer Sir Hubert Parry (1916) and seen by some as England’s national anthem comes from an ancient legend telling that Joseph of Arimathea, a well to do merchant trader and ship owner from Judea, was

actually the Virgin Mary’s uncle. One of his commercial enterprises was importing tin ore as well as copper ore from Roman held Cornwall in southwest Britannia, which when mixed with copper produces the alloy bronze.

And on at least one of these voyages to Roman Britannia Joseph, it is said, brought his great nephew the teenage Yeshua (Jesus) with him. It is also claimed they may have travelled as far inland as Glastonbury, which would become one of the holiest Christian sites in Britain, home of the famed Glastonbury Abbey now a magnificent ruin.

Holy Communion services are regularly held Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Christ Church, Kettleby, and at 11:15 a.m. in St. Mary Magdalene’s in Schomberg. This coming Sunday, May 13, the services will be Morning Prayer with Geoff Peat at 9:30 a.m. in Kettleby and Stephen Cress at 11:15 a.m. in Schomberg. Parish priest Rev. Sheila Ashworth will be away on a much earned and belated winter furlough.

The 5th in the series of 6 “Revive” meetings will be held at St. Mary Magdalene’s in Schomberg on Tuesday evening May 15 starting at 7 p.m. with the last of the Revive sessions a week later May 22, same place and same time.

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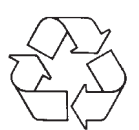
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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's Church

The Community Youth Group gathers every Thursday night at the church from 7-9 p.m. (unless there is a special activity planned). Come join in the fun. Check here for details, or contact our Youth Leader, Taylor Scott at scottie_tay@yahoo.ca or 905-859-0843.

A2J is a program for kids in Grades 3 to 6. It's an evening of Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, self-confidence building and lots of fun. A2J meets on the second and fourth Fridays at 7 p.m. It's not too late to join. Contact the church office at 905-859-0843 for more information.

We warmly welcome you to join us Sunday, May 6 at 10 a.m. as we celebrate St. Paul's 60th anniversary as a congregation. There will be a lunch after worship. Please contact Bev Baker at 905-859-5325 if you are able to join us so that sufficient food will be prepared for all those attending. Jeff's message is entitled, "Think Like A Missionary."

We offer ministry to children aged 0 to 11 during worship. Following the service we have a great time catching up with each other over coffee and goodies.

Jeff's messages are posted at www.passionatelyhis.com each week. They are also on Facebook Live and are available on the church's Facebook page (@stpaulsnobleton) for viewing.

For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office or visit our website at

St. Mary's Church

The St. Mary's CWL is presenting its Homemade Sausage & Pasta Night, with door prizes and a raffle. It will be held Friday, May 11, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the church hall, downstairs. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$7 for children (2 to 12 years of age) Under 2 years free. Proceeds to go to St. Mary's Building Fund & St. Mary CWL activities.

June 2 is the Corpus Christi Feast/Procession at SP Church 5 p.m. mass and then June 3 at SM Church, 9:45 a.m. mass.

Nobleton United By Nancy Hopkinson

This Sunday is Mother's Day. Come at 11:15 a.m., receive a flower, hear reflections by 5 mothers in the Bible and listen to various people tell stories of their mothers and how they affected their faith.

Daycare will be available this Sunday and on Sunday June 10, thanks to Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman's daughter, Jessica Rodgers, who has a diploma in social work and runs a Before and After School program.

Schomberg United is having a Plant, Bake and Craft Sale on Sat. May 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene Church.

Local seniors are looking forward to Schomberg United's next Seniors' Lunch on Tuesday, May 15 at noon for an "Indoor Picnic" with BBQ hamburgers, salads, cake, ice cream, homemade fruit sauce. Musician Brian Wright will

entertain with old favourites. He sings, plays keyboard and accordion. Call Sheila Kelly at 905-939-2315, as these lunches are popular.

Our next Messy Church is on Tuesday, May 15, at 5 to 7 p.m. The theme is the story of Ruth, an Old Testament hero. Some of the activities will involve making flour from grains of wheat, using drinking straws of different lengths to make musical sounds, making a hand print using paint, weaving, and of course, decorating some cookies in the shape of hands. Story time is at 6 pm, and we eat at 6:15 p.m. This includes a meal: raw veggies and dip, fresh fruit and something hot from the oven. There is no charge for this. For more info, call me (Nancy) at 905-859-0761.

Our minister, Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman and Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth, the Anglican minister in Schomberg and Kettleby, are inviting their congregations and anyone else who might be interested on Friday June 1 to L'Arche Daybreak in Richmond Hill. L'Arche is a non-denominational, interfaith community that welcomes people from all spiritual traditions, men and women with intellectual disabilities and the assistants who live, work and learn with them. The plan is that a group of people would eat dinner together and then join the service at Dayspring Chapel with the L'Arche people. If you would like to be part of this group, please speak to Carol-Ann.

If you would like to meet our minister casually, come to Nobleton's Tim Hortons on Wednesday mid-morning. She plans to be there, if she is not needed elsewhere.

Our worship services are at 11:15 a.m. Sundays at 6076 King Rd., Noble-

ton. For more info, visit nobletonunit-edchurch.com, our Facebook page, or call 905-859-3976. The church office is normally open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Messages are picked up regularly. Nobleton United is north of the King Rd., about 6 buildings west of Hwy 27. We have a big parking lot at the rear, an accessible ramp, chair lifts and accessible washrooms. We warmly welcome everyone, old and young.

Nobleton Women's Institute

The Nobleton Women's Institute, in partnership with the King Heritage and Cultural Centre, invite everyone to join them on Thursday, May 24 at 7 p.m. at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre (2920 King Road, King City). A tour will be offered, along with an information session regarding the Centre's future plans and projects. For information call the Centre at 905-833-2331 or email kingmuseum@king.ca. Refreshments will be provided following the presentations. All King Township residents are encouraged to attend.

Nobleton Lions

The Pet Value Walk for Dog Guides is planned for Sunday, May 27. This walk helps provide funding for six different specialty streams including Canine Vision Dogs, Hearing Ear Dogs, and Service Dogs to help challenged Canadians overcome a variety of impairments. Check out www.walkfordogguides.com for much more information.

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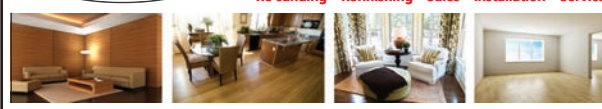
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Horticulture
By John Arnott

With the last vestiges of snow and ice gone from the conservation bush near my home here in New Tecumseth the forest floor has come to life with new growth. Walking up through the bush last week a carpet of the bright yellow dandelion-like flowers of colts-foot caught my eye. These cheerful looking members of the aster family are probably the first wild flowering plants to bloom in the spring and are a favourite of honeybees

Named tussilago by botanists, from the Latin tussis meaning cough and ago to act on, this perennial native to much of Europe and Western Asia was introduced into North America by European settlers who used it to make a syrup or

tea to treat coughs and colds. In pioneer times it was called coughwort. It's better known today as colts-foot because its leaves somewhat resemble the hooves of colts. Whimsically it's sometimes called son-before-father because it flowers before its leaves develop. You'll find it growing along roadsides, and on vacant land that has been disturbed. I see it most along the walking trails in the bush. It spreads by seeds but most dramatically by tough slender underground white stem-roots called rhizomes and left to its own devices it soon forms a large patch.

I despaired that with the winter long logging operation still on going in the conservation bush adjacent to my home here in Tecumseth Pines near Tottenham they wouldn't be there to welcome me as I walked out in the bush with my little Boston terrier Victory. Then yesterday I spotted small slender white

spikes cupped in green sheaths poking up through the remains of last fall's fallen leaves in the loamy soil of the soon to be shaded areas of the woods.

Now unfortunately much of their favourite habitat has been torn up then hard packed down by the massive logging tractors and trucks and piles of unwanted tree branches stripped from the pine trunks have been left littering the ground in many places effectively smothering the plants struggling up through the quickly thawing soil. Not to mention the loss of the many pines that provided summer shade keeping the ground moist.

These little delicate harbingers of spring are bloodroots and by the time you read this note the flowers will have risen above their gallant protecting sheaths and opened to form splashes of white all across the forest floor. where they have managed to survive.

Called sanguinaria based the Latin word sanguis meaning blood, canadensis Latin for "of or from Canada," these perennials native to Eastern North America were called according to Bill Casselman in his great book "Canadian Garden Words," poughkone by the First Nations Algonkian speakers, which became Englished, as Bill says, into puccoon (both words come from the Algonkian word pak meaning blood).

The fragile bloodroot petals fall soon after pollination and a single pointed seed capsule forms. By then the protecting sheaths have opened into round multi-lobed leaves which grow larger once the fragile bright white petals have gone and persist until mid-summer when they die down leaving no trace of the plants at all. If you have a damp place in your garden with loamy

soil. The plants grow under 6 in./15 cm high and the yellow centred daisy like flowers are short lived but well worth the effort to grow them.

There is also an expensive but longer flowering double bloodroot variety, in which hybridizing has caused the stamens to become petal like, available at larger year round garden centres.

While part of the poppy family bloodroots are the only species in their genus.

These plants spread slowly by shallow buried rhizomes and over time they will form patches or colonies of plants. It's the red-orange sap that oozes from the rhizomes when broken that give the plants their common name.

First Nations used this sap not only as a dye but also as an emetic and to treat respiratory problems. They also used it to treat skin ailments and sometimes mixed with other ingredients as a face paint.

The bloodroot has toxic properties which can cause injury so any use for medicinal purposes is best left in the hands a skilled herbalists.

King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

Reminder – Our next pot luck lunch will be held tomorrow (Friday, May 18). Our guest will be Kat McLellan, who will provide a talk/workshop on container planting and vegetable gardening just in time to get you started. Attendees are asked to bring a main course or a dessert. Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m.

A trip is planned for Thursday, June 7 to see Fiddler on the Roof at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope. Included in the day's activities: a visit to the Marie Dressler home, Canada's first woman Academy Award winner; time to browse the quaint shops on Main Street; a delicious lunch. The cost is \$125 per person. Bookings must be in early so contact Agnes at 905-841-7390 or Jayne at 905-853-1436. There is also a sign-up sheet at the Centre.

The Mennonite trip has been rescheduled with a different tour operator. It will now take place on Thursday, July 12. Included in the trip: Pootcorners Alpaca farm; lunch at Anna Mae's; buggy ride tour; St. Jacob's Farmers Market.

Cost is \$80 per person. Watch for details in the next newsletter or on our website. Sign up by calling Agnes at 905-841-7390 or Jayne at 905-853-1436. There is also a sign-up sheet at the Centre.

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