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## CCKT members join protest to stop Bill 66

By Bruce Craig

Several CCKT members travelled to Ajax Jan. 12 to participate in a Bill 66 information workshop and to participate in a peaceful protest rally in front of the office of MPP Rod Phillips, Minister of Environment.

The Ontario government's Bill 66 puts drinking water, the Oak Ridges Moraine, and the entire Greenbelt at risk. Bill 66 undermines and opens up several provincial acts including the Clean Water Protection Act and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. Roughly 70% of King Township is on the Moraine.

Each municipality may opt in or opt out of passing an

"Open-for-Business Bylaw" that could lead to new employment development on protected Greenbelt or Moraine lands. Bill 66 states that no public consultation is required and no public notice is required before the bylaw is passed. And any right of appeal is removed.

CCKT is deeply concerned about the risks to prime farmland, source water protection zones and the sensitive environmental and headwaters area of the Oak Ridges Moraine posed by Bill 66. CCKT strongly advocates that Bill 66 be opposed and that the sound, progressive planning policies found in the Greenbelt Plan, the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and the Clean Water Protection Act be maintained.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

**Monday, January 28, 2019**

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

**Monday, February 11, 2019**

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

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

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- Construction Inspector (6-month contract) – closes January 25
- Project Manager – Municipal Infrastructure & Waste Management – closes January 25
- Lead Hand – Arenas – closes January 25
- Arena/Facility Operator I (maternity leave contract) – closes January 25
- Summer Students – various positions available
- Summer Camp Positions (various) – closes Feb. 15
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT seasonal) – closes Feb. 15
- Summer Aquatics Positions (various) – closes February 15
- Arena/Facility Operator I (contract) – closes when filled
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For more information on the Sustainable King REFRESH contact Sara Olivieri, Sustainability Coordinator: (905)833-4080 or [sustainability@king.ca](mailto:sustainability@king.ca)

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**



**Meet the Mayor & Ward Councillors**

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**Tuesday, February 5**

Schomberg Library  
77 Main St.  
6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Councillor Bill Cober

**Wednesday, March 20**

Nobleton Library  
8 Sheardown Dr.  
6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Councillors David Boyd & Jakob Schneider

**Thursday, April 4**

Ansnerveid Library  
18997 Dufferin St.  
6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Councillor Avia Eek

**Tuesday, April 16**

Township of King Municipal Centre  
2585 King Rd.  
6:30pm - 8:00pm  
Councillors Debbie Schaefer & Jordan Cescolini

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Special Council, Closed Session Meetings will be held on:

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and

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2019 – 9:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.**

at

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1. The purpose of this special meeting is to accommodate a necessary Council Meeting regarding the following:
  - (i) Council Orientation / Education Session
2. Motion to move into Closed Session pursuant to Part 5, Section 39 of the Procedural By-law Number 2018-60 to consider the items as set out in the Agenda.
  - (i) Part 5, Section 39, Subsection 39.3(a): Purpose of Education or Training the Members  
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## Donation bins being modified in King Township

By Mark Pavilons

Following the death of a Toronto woman, who became trapped inside a clothing donation bin, King Township is looking at the four bins in this community.

Township staff noted there are four of the bins located at the Trisan Centre (2), the Nobleton Arena and King City Arena.

Staff have been in contact with Diabetes Canada. They are in the process of modifying existing bins to make them safer. They have indicated they will modify King's bins within the next two weeks. In the meantime, staff have placed signs on the bins alerting people to the potential danger of reaching in to retrieve clothing and that they will soon be modified.

Approximately 4,000 Diabetes Canada clothing donation bins across Canada are being retrofitted or modified in an effort to prevent injury or death to those misusing or trying to gain entry to its clothing donation bins. The most effective way for Diabetes Canada to

modify these bins is to do it at each donation bin location; all modifications are expected to be completed by today (Jan. 18).

Diabetes Canada announced its intention to modify its clothing donation bins on Jan. 4.

Funds raised through clothing donation bins have played a key role in supporting Diabetes Canada activities for more than 20 years. The organization relies on the generosity of Canadians who donate clothing and small household donations through these bins and via home pick up service in its work to support 11 million Canadians with diabetes or prediabetes. Such donations represent nearly 25 per cent of total revenues (2017), providing essential funding for research and advocacy activities, camps for children with Type 1 diabetes and resources for health-care professionals.

Those wishing to donate clothing or small household goods through home pick up, please visit <https://declutter.diabetes.ca/>



## Procyon looking for volunteers

It may be the dead of winter right now, but the better weather will be here before you know it. Each spring, due to no fault of their own, wildlife will become injured or orphaned.

In preparation for this busy season, Procyon Wildlife Centre is looking for volunteers.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a volunteer, please visit our website at <https://www.procyonwildlife.com/become-a-volunteer/>

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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

## Embrace the idea of living inside our own heads

Plato once wrote that human behaviour flows from three main areas – desire, emotion and knowledge.

And Aristotle espoused that all human actions arise from one or more of these qualities – chance, nature, habit, reason, passion, desire or compulsion.

These are very innate human qualities, which are often difficult to quantify or measure. Only knowledge can be accurately measured.

From this, we can agree that humans are led by our emotions, more so than knowledge, logic or common sense. How purely basic of us!

I've come to realize in my advancing years that the more knowledge I accumulate, the greater the importance for some simple, fundamental things – human contact.

My wife pointed this out to me recently as we try to remain positive about 2019, and set some achievable goals. Couples and families are meant to function as a team, a cohesive unit. From the very beginning, human beings were never meant to be on our own. Even our early ancestors huddled together and wandered the earth in small groups.

When we get frustrated, set back, feel depressed or even despair, we tend to withdraw, to curl up into the proverbial fetal position on our living room floor. While there's some comfort in this position, it's not very productive.



Mark Pavilons

Neither, as I've been told, is hiding within the circuits of my iPad or getting lost on the Information Highway.

There is strength in numbers – that has always been the case. We are reminded, time and again, to cherish and even strengthen our human bonds, with our family, friends, acquaintances and co-workers.

We are tough nuts at times, we homo sapiens. Part of the problem, from where I sit, is that we are encased in rather

complicated shells. Our 3-4 pounds of grey matter, or more accurately, our pinkish-grey matter, is tucked neatly into our skulls. From this solid cave, we do everything, almost like controlling a robot, drone or avatar. Sometimes I feel like I'm so limited by this biped contraption of flesh and bones that I'd love to eject and be free.

Psychologists talk about empathy and sympathy and the fact is, since our essence is so well protected in our heads, we simply don't have the power to be true empaths. We have enough trouble living with our own neurons and synapses that we can't even think outside our own box.

The ultimate catch-22 – we need to be connected to others, yet we can't fully attain it.

Pessimists would argue that this very natural biological fact is our biggest hurdle. We're like snowflakes and no one can totally figure out another human being. We are unique, almost to our own demise.

John Steinbeck agreed, when he said that "no man really knows about other human beings. The best he can do is to suppose that they are like himself."

So here's what we've learned to do as a species. We gather, team up, even sit in circle and share ideas, opinions, stories and emotions. We never connect on a psychic or sub-atomic level, but we rejoice in our similarities and toss these about like colourful rubber balls, watching them bounce willy nilly.

Margaret Heffernan argued that in order to foster good ideas and true innovation, you need human contact, interaction, debate, even conflict and argument. Funny that the road to solution is paved with friction!

Billy Graham said each one of us is "under construction" from the cradle to the grave.

Enough about our weaknesses.

We criticize our ancestors and past societies for their political incorrectness and lack of awareness. For decades we've been teaching our young to be independent, assertive, strong, aware, intelligent and steadfast in their focus and single-mindedness. But in the context

of true cooperation and empathy, aren't these all counterproductive? Shouldn't we elevate the teaching of things like social skills, teamwork, human connection, love, kindness, reliance?

Jacques Cousteau said that if we were driven by logic alone, the future would be bleak indeed. Faith, hope and working together are key, he said.

If you really think about it, people need motivation to do anything. And that often comes from external forces and other human beings.

We didn't get here over night. Humans spent the last 250,000 years learning how to get along, often with horrific results. It took us so many eons of death, disease, starvation, hunger and man-made disasters to get a handle on how to behave. Heck, we only really got the knack of it in the 50 years with advances in human rights! And now, the guidelines change weekly with each new idea, survey and politically correct message.

We have a strong tendency to enforce the rules, for ourselves and others. In some ways, that's a good thing, otherwise we wouldn't have a structured, democratic society. But it's not so great in our personal lives. Every inclination makes us want to buck the system, be assertive, be free and be on our own, and yet it's the ultimate dilemma because we can't do any of these.

It's the consummate inner debate, us with ourselves. We live inside our heads 24/7. I think this is one of the main reasons we seek out social interaction and modern distractions. I'd go bonkers without others to converse with, while some people prefer their own company and seclusion.

Humans are both complicated and simple. We are driven by our emotions; forced to behave in a certain way; live within the rules of society; encouraged get along with others in our own way.

We can't change our spots, but we can revel in our differences. We can never leave our bodies and mingle with other minds and souls.

But if we can, from time to time, slip on another person's shoes, it might help our gait.

### Letter to the Editor

## Small donations add up

I was sorry to learn the Salvation Army Kettle campaign fell short by \$5.3-million in December 2018, particularly since the Army's efforts are non-denominational in nature and provide help where help is needed.

I checked the Army's website for details of the 128th Red Kettle Campaign, which started Nov. 19, 2108.

"With a national \$21-million fundraising goal, the Christmas Kettle Campaign enables local Salvation Army units to provide practical assistance to individuals and families in 400 communities across Canada. Contributions also allow The Salvation Army to continue operating its life-changing programs, such as substance abuse recovery, housing supports, job and skills training, and budgeting and education classes, which help people find a way out of poverty, permanently. Every donation to a Christmas kettle remains in the community in which it was given, in order to help local people in need. Last year, The Salvation Army helped over 1.7 million people, including providing 3.2 million free meals, 7,300 emergency beds each night, and assisting 269,000 with Christmas food hampers and toys."

Those goals sound worthy of support, but the Army is also there to help when the unexpected arises.

Years ago, there was a fire on the second floor of a long-term care facility dedicated to veterans of the Second World War. We used to go there to visit a couple of residents. When we learned of the fire, we loaded up a back-pack, then circumvented all the emergency vehicles by parking elsewhere, before finding a way in through the back of the property. The scene was organized chaos. Staff had wheeled or carried elderly and disabled residents to a safe zone, but the fire had occurred well before breakfast time, so no one had eaten.

We took thermoses and some food to the facility, but the need was obviously much greater. We watched with grateful relief as members of the Salvation Army began to arrive with trays of coffee and muffins to serve to residents, demonstrating the Army's usual brand of humble, kind generosity. They spoke quietly and soothingly to the residents as they helped them to coffee and muffins. The Army's participation must have been a relief to over-whelmed care staff who were doing their best to make residents comfortable during a crisis, but those residents had served during WWII, so they understood. That image remains stark in my mind.

Small donations might be anonymous, but they can add up, so there is no such thing as an insignificant donation, and they ought to come from the heart. These days, need seems to be greater than ever.

If you can help, it's never too late to make a donation.

Vicki Hotte

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Results from last week's poll:  
**Has the lack of snow put a damper on your winter activities?**

a) Yes  25%

b) No  75%

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

*Do you think the shutdown of the U.S. federal government is justified?*

a) Yes  
b) No

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

**NOW, REALLY WATCH THIS TIME!**

### Brain teaser

If the day before yesterday Tim was 18 years old and next year he will be 21 years old, what is the date today?

Last week's answer: You cry when you cut an onion!

## King Township Trivia

*Hammertown was named after the sound of the blacksmith's hammer hitting the anvil.*

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# Bill 66 undermines environmental protection

I know that most people who live in King Township care about protecting the environment. They care about clean drinking water, strong self-sufficient communities and effective public involvement in government decisions that affect them.

Bill 66 (Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act), being proposed by the provincial government, opens the door to undermine all of these things. Under the pretext of supporting business and job creation, this bill grants municipalities the option to designate lands for employment purposes anywhere, ignoring the requirements of the Greenbelt Act, the Oak Ridges Moraine Act, the Clean Water Act, the Lake Simcoe Protection Act, the Planning Act and the Places to Grow Act, without any requirement or recourse for public input or appeal.

So what is the provincial government trying to do?

Providing employment – So let's examine this more closely. I live in Schomberg. This is a tight-knit community of residential neighbourhoods

## Letter to the Editor

and commercial and light industrial businesses that provide services and jobs. It is functionally walkable and provides opportunities for both outdoor and indoor recreation. It meets many of the requirements for a "sustainable" community. Included in the Village of Schomberg is a large area east of Highway 27 designated as employment lands. Much of this land has been left vacant for years. In fact every community in the GTA, through public consultation and the desire to build strong communities, has already designated employment lands – there is no shortage. Effort needs to be made to develop the existing employment lands where services and infrastructure are already provided or planned for and where there is a local employment pool.

Cutting red tape – The government is trying to streamline the development process by cutting red tape. I don't know about you, but the acts that

safe-guard our drinking water, protect our right to effective public consultation and protect agricultural land and important environmental services and areas, do not seem like red tape to me.

Downloading the development process to the municipalities – On the surface it looks like the provincial government is giving municipalities more authority, and in some respects they are. However, it also gives municipalities more burdens and responsibilities. Let's say the Township decides to designate industrial lands adjacent to the 400. Makes sense, until they are required to take on the burden of building and maintaining services and infrastructure and start getting complaints about increased traffic, noise and pollution. Bill 66 forgoes all checks and balances and promotes only a single consideration in the planning process. Where is the vision? And if something goes wrong or there is public back-lash, the Province gets to wash their hands of it.

I have to ask this question. Who is the provincial government listening

to? The only people who benefit from this legislation are developers, who own large chunks of land throughout the GTA, and big business. I doubt if many of the jobs created would go to existing local residents. There may be some tax benefit but will that be offset by the new costs. In the end it will push our villages closer to bedroom communities and farther from the sustainable communities that we want.

Are you concerned? Not everyone has time to get involved in large picture planning considerations like this one, but there are a few things you can do. Contact your councillor Mine is Bill Cober (bcober@king.ca), the Mayor Steve Pellegrini (spellegrini@king.ca) or the Township CEO Susan Plamondon (splamondon@king.ca). And you can contact your MPP Stephen Lecce (stephen.lecce@pc.ola.org). Ask questions. Let them know what you think. For more information or to sign a petition you can go to environmentaldefence.ca.

Mary Asselstine



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2. fireplace/fireplace inserts
3. chimneys.

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- ❖ Have your heating system and chimneys inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified service technician.
- ❖ Ensure all outside heating vents are not blocked.
- ❖ Ensure woodstoves, fireplaces and fireplace inserts are installed by a qualified technician according to manufacturer's instructions.
- ❖ Always use a fire screen around the fireplace.
- ❖ Allow ashes from your woodstove or fireplace to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Keep the container outside.



All homes with a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage must have a working carbon monoxide alarm installed outside all sleeping areas.

Statistics for Ontario between 2010-2014. Provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management

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Letter to the Editor

# Bill 66 opens the door

I don't believe it is coincidence that Doug Ford is spearheading Bill 66 at this time.

The creation of the Greenbelt resulted in a dramatic rise in development within the rural settlement areas of the GTA. For the past 10 years the growth has been colossal in these communities and most have lost all semblance of what they used to be. In most cases municipalities bought into this growth by allowing developers virtually a free rein, blinded by the mirage of development funds that never came close to paying for the infrastructure necessary to absorb that kind of development.

And now, as most of these communities have been swamped with new homes there is little land left within the official settlement areas for developers to build upon. So what are these poor "builders of dreams" to do?

Well, a pragmatic move would be to meet with our esteemed premier and convince him that if allowed to encroach onto environmentally protected land throughout the GTA, they would be able to provide plenty of affordable housing.

You have to ask what is considered affordable and why these developers never considered providing this option when they were filling these rural communities with multi-million dollar mansions. Ah, but circumstances have changed and the millennials cannot or ever will be able to afford these mansions so it's back to the drawing board. Time for modest town homes and condominiums on the peripheries of our major towns and cities. And in the GTA that means land generally designated as Greenbelt or the Oak Ridges Moraine and in many cases is land that is already owned by these developers

who purchased the land on speculation many years ago.

Both these developers and Ford know there would be a great reaction from the public if the Province simply allowed housing on environmentally designated land so they came up with a couple of clever tactics.

First, they came up with a perfect red herring and declared that the land could be developed if the developer indicated that his development would create new jobs. However, no details were forthcoming as to what kind of jobs they would be and what would happen if those jobs never materialized. Secondly, Ford has put the onus upon the individual municipality to permit the development. In doing so he has made the members of a municipality's council the sole decision makers to allow encroachment onto environmentally protected land.

Ford has opened the door for the possibility of corruption on the part of some councillors. He has indicated that if a majority of municipal councillors agree to a proposed development, the Province will automatically approve it. Once agreed, no appeal by the public will be permitted.

With the deep pockets of developers and the resources they have at hand it will be quite feasible for them to attempt and succeed in coercing a majority of councillors to approve said development. I guess we can look forward to the return of pork barrel politics!

In the short time Ford has been premier he has shown himself to be unscrupulous. Politics aside, I think his lust for power will eventually confirm his total lack of integrity.

Mike Shackelford

## Museum hosts exhibit of family heirlooms

From Jan. 14 to Feb. 28 at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, an exhibit highlights those family heirlooms or unique conversation pieces that tell a story about life and family history.

At the opening reception it will be time for the artifacts to speak. On Jan. 20, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre, community members who have loaned a personal object for display will have the chance to give a brief explanation on the significance of this item to their personal history. Touching and sentimental or weird and wacky, these stories are sure to be intriguing!

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16. Singing voice	55. Supple	6. Pummel	60. Be against
17. Corrupt	56. Waste allowance	7. Pay (up)	62. Prayer closer
18. Prepare copy	57. Congestive sound	8. Wrongful act	64. Quick
19. Very very	58. Put to work	9. Notable period	65. Baby insect
20. Cut molars	59. Days gone by	10. Uncalled for	66. Assault
21. Paramedic's purpose	61. Signal	11. "___ to Billy Joe"	67. Soothing medicine
22. Group of eight	63. Indian village	12. Mongrel dog	68. Provided at no cost
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24. Bandleader Weems	70. Rascal	14. Ownership paper	71. Big book
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## York Region to receive funding for transportation

By Mark Pavilons

Ontario's government is helping 107 municipalities across the province expand or improve their public transit systems with Ontario's gas tax program.

Funding for York Region will help enhance and expand transit systems.

Jeff Yurek, Minister of Transportation, along with King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, announced the funding last week.

"We are investing in public transit to make it a more convenient travel option and attract more riders," said Minister Jeff Yurek. "More public transit will cut through gridlock and get people moving."

This year, the province is investing \$364 million in gas tax funding to 107 municipalities providing public transit service to 144 communities across Ontario. These communities represent over 92 per cent of Ontario's total population.

In York Region, the government of Ontario is granting an additional \$16.7 million of investment into the local transit systems, resulting in funds to upgrade transit infrastructure, increase accessibility, purchase transit vehicles, add more routes, and extend hours of service.

"Thanks to our government's significant investment, residents of Vaughan and King Township will be served by an improved and more reliable public transit system, which will help them cut down on their commute times and allow them to spend more time with their loved ones," said Lecce, who's also Deputy Government House Leader, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier and Minister of Infrastructure.

Funding for Ontario's gas tax program is determined by the number of litres of gasoline sold in the province. The program provides municipalities with two cents per litre of provincial gas tax revenues. Municipalities receiving gas tax funding must use these

funds towards their public transit capital and/or operating expenditures, at their own discretion.

The share that each municipality receives under Ontario's gas tax program is based on a formula of 70 per cent ridership and 30 per cent population. These funds serve both the needs of large and small municipal transit systems.

Municipalities that contribute financially to public transit services are eligible for funding. Municipalities not currently providing transit can become eligible for funding if they start up fully-accessible transit services.

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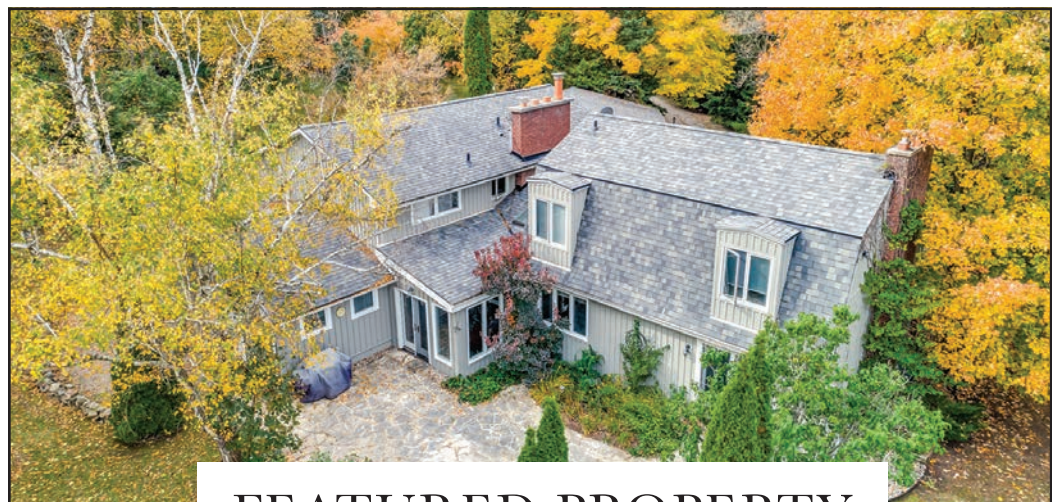
ing transit infrastructure, increasing accessibility, purchasing transit vehicles, adding more routes and extending hours of service.

According to Allan Evelyn, King's treasurer and director of finance, the first five years (2014-2018) of gas tax allocation were outlined within the Municipal Funding Agreement for the Transfer of Federal Gas Tax Funds.

"In April 2018, we received communication from AMO advising that the Government of Canada has yet to confirm gas tax allocations for 2019-2023, but criteria for determination of the allocation would be influenced by population growth between 2011 and 2016, per 2016 Census population data."

The recent announcement, he pointed out, relates to separate and targeted funding in support of transit initiatives. The Region of York, as the sole transit delivery agent in York Region, is the only recipient in York of the announced transit funding.

Municipalities also receive funds through gasoline taxes and Evelyn said he expects the general announcement regarding base line Gas Tax Funding will follow shortly, and this recent announcement is not the total extend of funds forthcoming.



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## Byelection for Vaughan trustee

At the January 10 Board Meeting, trustees of the York Region District School Board accepted the resignation of Anna DeBartolo as trustee for Vaughan Wards 1 and 2. The board will fill the vacant trustee position through a by-election.

Anna DeBartolo, who served the Board for 15 years, resigned for personal reasons and is requesting privacy at this time.

Trustees directed staff members to communicate with the Clerk's Department at the City of Vaughan to initiate a by-election. More information, including timelines and polling locations, will be made available through the City of Vaughan. The board website will be updated as information becomes available.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Littlejohn takes jazz listeners on a soulful journey

By Mark Pavilons

A King resident helps you escape the cold and journey to the Big Easy from the comfort of your own home.

Snowball resident Ronnie Littlejohn is host of The Gumbo Kitchen on Jazz FM 91. He offers a musical journey down to his favorite city, New Orleans,

Louisiana. It's a place he's visited at least once a year for the past 15 years.

The show explores the local jazz, swampy funk, second line brass bands. Add a dash of soul and gospel, with a pinch of New Orleans rhythm and blues and you've got a delicious savory gumbo! Tune in Saturday nights from 7-8 p.m. for your fix of

some cajun cooking.

The singer-songwriter has a long history in the Canadian music scene.

He fronts one of Canada's premier jazz/funk/soul bands Planet Earth, touted as one of the vanguards of funk revival since 1999. He also leads his Montreal group The Funk Embassy. He has shared the stage with some of the finest including Maceo Parker, Betty Lavette, War, Russ Little, Kevin Breit, Donna Grantis, Guido Basso, Ben Riley,

members of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, along with special appearances with Alex Lifeson, Lee Oskar, Holly Cole, Jackie Richardson, Doug Riley, Kevin Turcotte and others.

His musical influences go back to the classic sounds of New Orleans. Littlejohn is a self-trained vocalist who began singing at the age of five to old 45s. His eclectic taste in music has added considerably to that collection over the years.



## Jump, give and wail to Borealis Big Band

By Mark Pavilons

People's hunger and passion for various forms of music are constantly increasing.

Music-lovers' tastes are as varied as snowflakes.

The Borealis Big Band recently completed its first remarkable season with its third sold-out performance and they're set to entertain in King.

To start the 2019 season, they will be playing at the Holland Marsh Wineries on Sunday, Feb. 10, just prior to Valentine's Day. The show runs 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 and include hors d'oeuvres, beverages and a small art display.

Borealis began in the fall of 2017 under the musical direction of Gord Shephard and was organized by several people including King City resident Phil Thomson (trombone). February 10 will mark the band's first appearance in King Township and they're excited to perform.

Carl Finkle, Susan Guido and Thomson founded the group and knew each other through the Newmarket Citizens Band. They also founded the North of Dixie band originally.

They needed a really good bandleader and approached Gord Shephard who agreed to lead the band and make decisions on the selection of music. This selection, "is a key element in what sets our band apart." For a glimpse, visit their website at [www.borealisbigband.com](http://www.borealisbigband.com).

The overall objective of the band is to foster a "creative and challenging environment for both the musicians and the audience."

And the public response has been amazing.

Thomson said he believes the band is popular for their choice of music, the format for their performances, which is dinner theatre style. They also encourage dancing, and in the Artistica Ballroom Dance Studio has been big supporters right from the beginning thanks to Finkle, who has done an excellent job promoting the band.

Borealis plays a wide variety of big band music from traditional arrangements like Louis Prima's "Jump Jive and Wail" and "Sing, Sing, Sing," to more modern arrangements like Tower of Power - "What is Hip" and Big Phat Band's Gordon Goodwin "the Jazz Police," to swinging tunes like "It Might As Well Be Spring" and "Sway" to Latin songs such as "Afro Blue and Chachanita."

They also feature singer Steve Falk who, besides being the life of the party, handles a wide variety of styles singing tunes like "Knock on Wood" to James Brown's "Papa's Got a Brand New Bag." He even did some Christmas songs in their previous holiday performance.

See 'Borealis' on Page 11

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# Borealis loves performing

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Thomson's love of music began early, when his mom encouraged him to play piano when he was just five years old. "I liked it so much I even majored in music at university but got diverted for 40 years by a successful career in business.

"It wasn't until about 11 years ago that friends suggested I should start playing again that I got my trombone out and started playing in the Newmarket Citizens Band and the Markham Concert band and by playing piano in the After Hours Big Band and Vintage

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For more, email borealisbigband@gmail.com or call 905-717-3319.



## Olde Mill Gallery showcases artists

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Dan's studio is in Caledon East. He likes to work with Wild Apple, Maple, Cherry, Sumac and Juniper, and various other species found on his family owned property in King.

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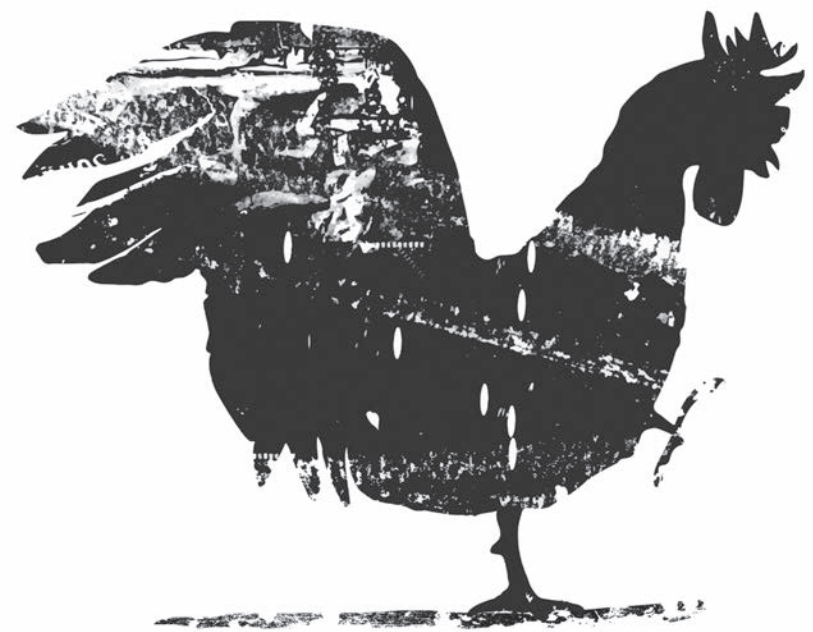
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John Liggett (Head of The Country Day School), Ron Mitchell, Sara Olivieri (King's Sustainability Coordinator), Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Grade 1 students Hannah and Francesco.

## The Mayor's Monarch Pledge

By Susan Beharriell

Not many of us are thinking about Monarch butterflies at the moment, but last spring the Grade 1 students at Country Day School in King City were concentrating very hard on these beautiful insects. They learned that 20 years ago more than a billion monarch butterflies migrated each fall from Canada and the USA to spend their winters in the high alpine forests of Mexico. By 2014, those numbers dropped dramatically and only 35 million made the journey! The magnificent monarchs are in serious trouble!

The good news is that community leaders from all three countries have begun taking action to help bring monarchs back from the brink through an initiative named the Mayors' Monarch Pledge. Created by the U.S. National Wildlife Federation, the program has expanded to become a tri-national program, promoted in Canada by the David Suzuki Foundation.

Through the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, more than 100 communities have committed to creating monarch habitat and engaging their residents in educational and conservation projects.

The students became involved and wrote a letter to King's mayor and council expressing their concern for the Monarchs and desire to keep them safe. They asked King to pledge to join in the effort. Council and staff researched the commitment and found that it would be very beneficial for monarchs, other pollinators and the people of King. In

fact, being a Bee City, King was already taking many of the simple action items required!

Mayor Pellegrini and council enthusiastically took the pledge in the fall of 2018 and advised the Grade 1 students. Imagine being a Grade 1 student and learning that you too have made a positive difference in the government of your own community! What a great civic lesson to learn – City Hall can work for you and your community!

Furthermore, the Grade 1 students were so happy that mayor and council acted on their request that they invited Mayor Pellegrini to a special Monarch Assembly on Jan. 8 at The Country Day School and presented him with a beautiful gift that each student in the class contributed to creating.

You will be learning more about the actions King and you can take in the Bee City and Mayors' Monarch Pledge initiatives during the annual King Loves Spring events this coming spring. For more info about what you can do at your own home, school and business, please visit the following:

<https://davidsuzuki.org/take-action/act-locally/butterflyway/mayors-monarch-pledge/>

We congratulate these young students, their teachers, The Country Day School and council for taking this initiative to help all these pollinators.

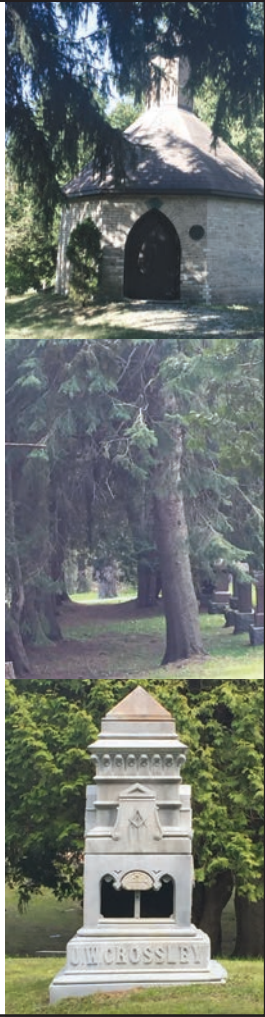
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## King reiterates stance on cannabis retail

By Mark Pavilons

King has no intention of allowing cannabis retail stores in the municipality. Council made its stance clear and will notify the Alcohol and Gaming Commission that it "strongly opposes retail sale of cannabis within the Township of King" and chooses to "opt-out" of permitting retail sales. Planning department staff were also asked to review the legislation and evaluate potential zoning bylaw provisions to reinforce council's decision.

Council, and particularly Mayor Steve Pellegrini, have been adamant that there's no way King will allow retail cannabis stores here. They made their views known in August and September, after receiving word from Queen's Park that retail outlets will be permitted starting April 1, 2019.

Bill 36, the Cannabis License Act, 2018, allows municipalities to pass a resolution to prohibit retail stores. Municipalities can, however, rescind their motions and lift the prohibition. If they do so, it can't be reversed again.

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# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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## Schomberg Lions Club

On Saturday Jan. 19, the Schomberg Lions will be serving up pancakes at the annual Mayor's breakfast at the Trisan Centre, 25 Dr. Dillane. This event is free to the community from 9 to 11 a.m. Please check us out at [www.schomberg-lions.ca](http://www.schomberg-lions.ca).

Our meetings are held on the first and third Monday of the month. Make a new year's resolution to serve your community.

## Special event

The Schomberg Book Club, in partnership with the King Township Public Library, is hosting a special presenta-

tion by Ann Berman, entitled "George Berman - Father and Holocaust Survivor."

George, who lives here in Schomberg, himself, a Holocaust survivor, and who lost his parents in Auschwitz, has told their, and his, story for many years. Now his daughter, a long-time resident of Newton Robinson, is continuing the legacy.

The talk will be held at the Schomberg Public Library on Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. It's free to attend. Seating is limited so be sure to arrive early.

## Rich Hill United Church

Rich Hill United Church is a picturesque, rural church located at 1276 Sideroad 10 (at the north-west corner of the 2nd Line and the 10th Sideroad, Tecumseth).

These folks are known for their great church dinners and they have another one coming up on Saturday, Feb. 2 with sittings at 5 and 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults; children aged 6-10 years are \$6 and under 6 years are free.

Please contact Eileen for tickets at 905-880-0026.

## Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

For the next two Sundays, Schomberg United will be meeting at St. Mary Magdalene, lower level for accessibility. The congregation is invited to remain seated when hymns are being sung. Last week, Schomberg United heard the Joyful Spirits sing "Child of Mine." This piece has been sung a few times at Nobleton United during baptisms, but this time, since Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman was talking about the baptism of Jesus by John in the Jordan River (Matthew 3: 1-17) she thought that the Schomberg congregation should hear it. Rev. Carol-Ann will be focussed on the Book of Matthew for the next few months.

Rev. Carol-Ann invites everyone to coffee and casual conversation at the Kitchen-Breedon Manor on Thursday, Jan. 31 in the main floor living room.

Schomberg's United Church Women will be meeting on Monday, Feb. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Kitchen-Breedon Manor. All women are welcome!

Do you like to read? Linda Jessop is Schomberg's contact person for the United Church Observer magazine subscription. It is only \$25 for very enlightening articles. Call her ASAP at 905-939-2069.

The United Church of Canada has rearranged how the work of the wider church is done. Each church used to send a rep to "Presbytery" to meet with other churches and learn from each other. There were 91 Presbyteries. There are no longer any Presbyteries, but the whole country has been divided up into only 16 regions. We are now joining with churches from Toronto all the way to Georgian Bay and Huntsville to be Shining Waters Region 10. As a result, each church is encouraged to form clusters with other nearby churches in order to share ideas and maybe join together to plan special events.

Schomberg United 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](http://nobletonunitedchurch.com) and click on the Schomberg United link, or call 905-859-3976. Messages are picked up regularly.

# King Township Food Bank centres are open Saturday

This Saturday, Jan. 19, the three Distribution Centres are open from 9-11 a.m. to serve Food Bank registrants. If you need help, please call ahead 905-806-1125 or [ktfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:ktfoodbank@gmail.com) so food can be shipped to the appropriate centre in the right quantity for you.

Again, the monthly distribution will have donated produce from Hillside Gardens, along with extra treats from Tim Hortons Schomberg and Dorio's Kettleby Italian Bakery.

Also this coming Saturday, there will be a Pop Up Clothing Giveaway, featuring winter clothing. It will run from 12-2, allowing time for volunteers to put away Distribution and set up Clothing.

Visit [www.ktfb.ca](http://www.ktfb.ca) for the latest news and updates, including Distribution Dates, that are always the third Saturday of the month. For February, the date is Saturday, Feb. 16.

Through the generosity of the community, this totally volunteer organization has moved into 2019 with a comfortable surplus. It's good to have that cushion, since the extent of the increase in need is always unpredictable. For 2018, numbers moved up again; fortunately donations, sponsorships, and third party events covered that increase with some to spare.

Currently the number of people served hovers around 200. The volunteers work hard and are generous with their time, gas, supplies and expertise so that 94% of donated dollars go to kitchen tables all over the Township.

However, the Food Bank would welcome capable and experienced assistance with marketing, which has a fairly broad scope. Programs are in place, but there is a need for help, especially with desktop abilities and some creative genius. Email [ktfoodbank@gmail.com](mailto:ktfoodbank@gmail.com) if you'd like to start a conversation.

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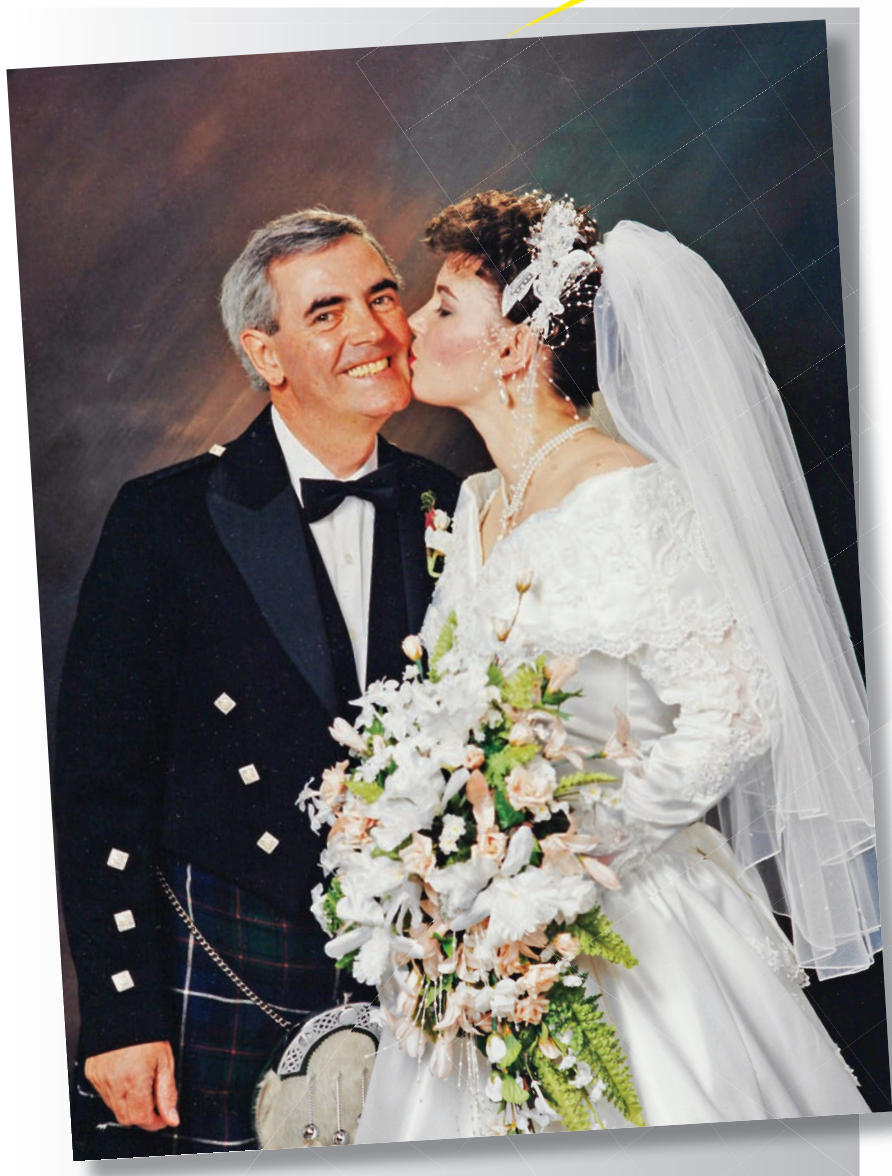
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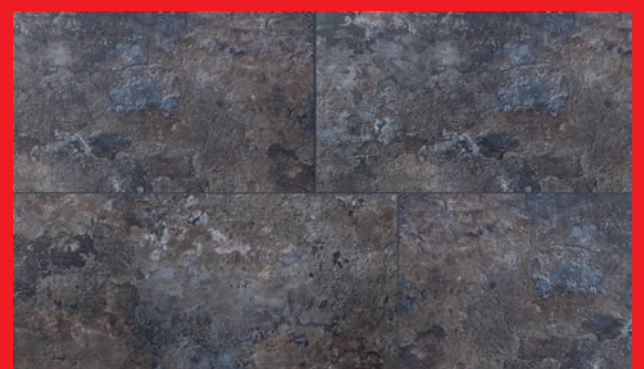
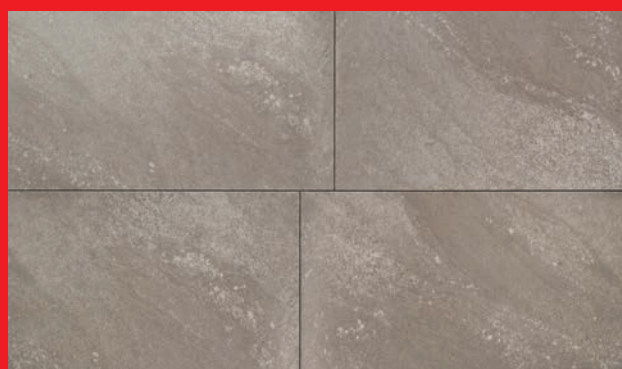
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## Schomberg Cougars tamed by Flyers in overtime

By Jake Courtepatte

A back-and-forth affair had the Schomberg Cougars fall one goal shy of the Midland Flyers on Saturday, but pick up a valuable late-season point.

The Provincial Junior Hockey League clubs met at the North Simcoe Rec Complex for their penultimate meeting this season, where Schomberg came out on the wrong end of a 4-3 score despite throwing a whopping 47 shots on the Midland net.

After a scoreless first period, Brandon Scholten made quick work of the second's opening draw on the power-play by scoring for the Cougars just five seconds in.

Alexander Cordeiro took advantage of a late power play, on one of 21 Schomberg shots in the first period, while Midland's Lyle Archer put one past Schomberg keeper Graham Dynes to make it a one-goal game heading into the final frame.

The special teams trend continued for Schomberg in the third, with Scholten potting another on the man advantage, though a pair of quick Midland goals sent the game to overtime.

Midland's Casey Stevens gave his team the extra point just under a minute into extra time.

Scholten was named the second star of the game for his efforts.

Despite the loss, the offensive onslaught was a strong return to form for the Cougars, who gave up 44 shots

to the Caledon Golden Hawks in a 5-2 loss at Trisan Centre on Thursday.

With the Schomberg McDonald's team on hand to drop the puck for Ronald McDonald night, the game's redeeming quality for the Cougars was the first goal of the season for defenceman Matthew Wadge, who buried one past the Caledon keeper to open the scoring in the first.

Owen Heilemann had Schomberg's only other tally on the power play, while Graham Dynes was doing work between the Schomberg pipes in making 39 stops.

With just two weeks left on the PJHL schedule, Schomberg sits just one point back of the Huntsville Otters for seventh in the Carruthers division, with two games in hand.

Midland, who sits eleven up on Schomberg with seven games to go, will pay their final visit to Trisan Centre on Thursday for a 7:30 p.m. puck drop.

Midland holds a slight lead in an otherwise tight season series, winners of three of their five meetings with one game playing to a tie.

The Cougars then visit the Orillia Terriers (16-14-1-2) on Saturday.

Schomberg has four more home games at the Trisan Centre on the schedule, concluding with hosting duties of the Alliston Hornets on Jan. 31, a possible preview of a first round match-up.

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



Schomberg captain Josh Morrison (right) lines up against Caledon captain Matt Magliozzi with Schomberg McDonald's owner Rory McKinnon and general manager Vanessa for the Cougars' Ronald McDonald Night at Trisan Centre on Thursday.

## Mitchell Penning breaks a 21-year ski hill record

Grade 6 Kettleby Public School student, Mitchell Penning, is a dual sport winter athlete, competing in both downhill ski racing and ski jumping.

He trains for ski jumping with the NYSEF team based in Lake Placid, New York. Travelling to Andover, New Hampshire for the first competition of winter, he was mentored this past weekend by former Olympian Jay Rand and coach Larry Stone of Eddie the Eagle fame.

Mitchell placed first in the Under 12 Category and broke a hill record that had stood since 1998. He also placed a respectable 5th place in the Under 14 Category on Andover's largest hill.

Mitchell lists his highlights of the weekend as the gold medal with a chocolate bar along with a number of wins in Fortnite along the way! His hope is to see Calgary save their ski jumps so he can jump there with our national team in the future.



## Skaters excel at regionals

The King City Skating Club is very proud of their Special Olympic skaters. At the area regional competition the skaters obtained the following results.

Chelsea Ricci-Martire placed 8th in Level 2 Ladies FreeSkate; 2nd in Level 1 Solo Dance, and 1st in Introductory Interpretive.

Sean McRae in Level 2 Men's FreeSkate placed 3rd; and Peter Borland in Level 2 Men's FreeSkate placed 1st, and Level 2 Men's Introductory Solo Dance, 2nd.

The club is especially proud of Peter for he was chosen to go to Sault St. Marie and represent the club at the Provincial Games Feb. 1 and 2.

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Skip George Gerrits from King Curling, Gary Vautier from Muskoka Curling club along with Bryce Clarke and Al Courneya both from King Curling went undefeated for the Men's Championship title at the 30,000 Islands Men's Invitational held in Parry Sound.

**Curlers go big in championship events**

By Shellee Morning

Wayne Gretzky once said: "Only one thing is ever guaranteed, that you will definitely not achieve the goal if you don't take the shot." This is so true and every athlete including curlers across the nation push their limits in every game they play in order to become better athletes, better people.

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Skip George Gerrits, Second Bryce Clark and Al Courneya as Lead all from King Curling and friend Gary Vautier of South Muskoka Curling club as Vice went undefeated in 7 games for the Championship title at 30,000 Islands Men's Invitational in Parry Sound.

After winning both games on Thursday and upsetting the (expected) reigning champions, Team Gerrits continued their winning streak into Friday that automatically put them into the championship round. With 3 back-to-back games on Saturday, the gruelling pace was obviously fuelled by adrenaline as the Gerrits squad had control from the opening end of the final game. The 10-3 decision ended with handshakes after 6 ends to earn the title. Skip Gerrits said that the whole team played very well, and with 7 games played only 1 game took the full 8 ends to reach victory.

King is also proud to announce that the club was well represented at the 86th annual Ladies Spiel held at the Fairmont Chateau in Montebello, Quebec.

Skip Kathleen Gorsline, Vice Marnie Deathe, 2nd Christine Warner and Beth Egan as Lead won the ladies title in their debut performance at the spiel.

King curling congratulates both the men's and ladies teams on their great curling and Championship wins!

**Club curling**

This past week club curlers returned to the rink with a new found energy and enthusiasm that swept throughout the clubs leagues for the second half of the season. From now until March, teams will be strategizing game play before the 2018-19 playoffs begin for the title of league champion.

The current leaders in the competitive team entry leagues are closely monitoring those that are in the chase and as it's easier to lose than to win, the teams in top spot will have to earn every point they can in order to remain at the top. A simple miss by an inch and losing the game can change a team's standing dramatically, which just proves the parity amongst the clubs curlers and the calibre the club now holds.

See 'Teams' on Page 19

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# Teams jostle for position

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## Ladies Team Entry League

As the ladies returned to action this week, so did the desire to win. After round 1 a total 10 points separated the teams from top to bottom. After 3 games in round 2, 6 of the 10 ten teams hold a 2-1-0 record, with a 5 point difference from top to bottom. Any given game from here on in can change the teams' status and all important position for playoffs.

Team Abbots turned in a solid performance closing in on the gap of first place Team Brown. The win moved Abbots into a 3-way tie for 2nd place. Team Bones found the win column over team Sinclair, to sit in 3rd place while Team Morning swept to victory over Team Jessop. Teams Howard and Oakley played 8 ends for the tie. Fresh ice resulted in new curl paths that presented a few challenges for some while others took advantage of early mistakes capitalizing the scoreboard.

## Mixed Team Entry

The competitive allure is so evident in this league that Thursday night curling bequeaths an on-edge, exhilarating, and all out go-big or go-home attitude. The top 10 teams are so close in the standing, you can almost feel them breathing down the back of your neck. If you want to be a contender, the shot making and risk taking is now ex-

pected each week in each game.

Current league leader Team Barber returned from the Christmas break resuming their meticulous ownership of the rings for a healthy decision over Team Boynton. Skip Richard Quick was all of that in their "quick" winning verdict over Team Davis while Teams Brown versus Smith and Campbell versus Sheardown all settled for a tie.

The late draw games were just as exciting with 2015-16 league champion Team Broad collecting a solid win over Team Steenhoek. The hurry hard calls were not only heard but "felt" by everyone down at ice level during the Sidon/Pelland game. After 8 ends of play where both teams played a tense but exciting back and forth end-for-end style of play, a tie game was the final outcome. Gerrits and Clark played through a nail biting round but after precision draws and well placed guards Team Gerrits swept towards victory.

Team Morning and Team Robinson played their typical fun inspired match that saw both teams share in laughter, a few mistakes and as well, some great shot making. The game needed to play to the final end to reach its decision and after a nice tap-up to the button by Morning's vice; John Frans and setting up the house for a multiple score, the victory went to Morning.

The standings for this league is the coffee shop talk these days as the games become all the more exciting and individual performances are reaching an all-time high.



Skip Kathleen Gorsline, Marnie Deathe, Christine Warner and Beth Eagan all members of the King Curling Club proudly hold their Ladies Championship title trophy they recently won in Montebello, Quebec.

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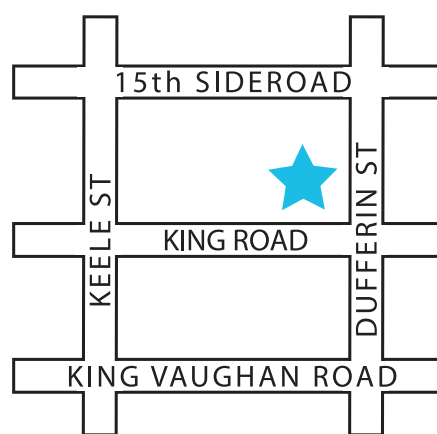


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# King's Corners

### King City United By Sheryl Sinka

It is with sadness we received news of the passing of our own beloved Jean Kirby at 101 years of age on Jan. 7. The Visitations are at Marshall Funeral Home, Richmond Hill on Friday, Feb. 1 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The worship service to Celebrate the Life of Jean will be held in the Chapel at Marshall Funeral Home on Saturday, Feb. 2 at 11 a.m.

Rev. Bruce inspired us with words this January encouraging us to "get caught up in God's act of giving and to spread the light." Let us try to live out our purpose and reflect the light of Christ and the gospel to the world carrying God's messages of hope and love to all. This Sunday past we contemplated the sacrament of baptism and were reminded that while it signifies the death of our old selves, our rebirth gives us the opportunity of everlasting life and salvation through Jesus Christ.

The women's prayer group has resumed on Tuesday mornings from 9 to 10. at the Residences of Springhill, the Condo community at 80 Burns Blvd. on

the south side of King Sideroad in the small dining room on the main floor. Departure time is optional but please try to arrive just before 9. Prayer is powerful and whether it is illness, anxiety or life situations for yourself or someone else, consider adding your voice to this ministry. For more information contact Deana at 905-833-5375 or Kathy at 905-833-0391.

Tea and talk meets on Friday mornings at the Sunset Grill (1700 King Rd.) at 10 a.m. All are welcome to come out and join in a cup of coffee or tea and some conversation.

If you have any questions please contact the church office: 905-833-5181.

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The adults will be starting their new study "Gospel Shaped Mercy."

The junior highs (Grades 6-8) will be completing our "Freedom Ride" series. Legacy Kids will be beginning a new fun series!

You can find us at King Bible Church, 1555 King Rd. King City (at King Rd. & Dufferin), 905-833-5104, www.kingbiblechurch.com, info@kingbiblechurch.com

### St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's shares the love of Jesus in the community and beyond!

We'd love to have you drop in to worship with us this new year. Join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. when we welcome back Henna Kim. Besides having pastored before, she is an artist and we look forward to what she and our Lynn Vissers, who also is an artist, might have in store for us! Sunday school for school-aged children up to 12 years runs concurrently and a nursery is available. Following the service, everyone is invited to stay for coffee.

Last Sunday we enjoyed having Alvin Kim, his wife Esther and their children with us again. His sermon was entitled "Christ-centred Community Building," something we as Christians are encouraged to do based on our scripture reading from Colossians 3:12-17.

The Women's Prayer Circle is held on Tuesday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. at 80 Burns Blvd. Please call Kathy Patterson, 905-833-0391 for more information and to discuss possible other venues and times. Philippians 4:6

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Peacefully at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, Alliston, on Tuesday January 8th, 2019. Barbara (Edwards) in her 83rd year, beloved wife of Doug Brooks. Loving mother of Diane (Jerry), Lynda (Scott), Doug (Christine), Steve (Barb) and the late Vicky. Sadly missed by her 8 grandchildren, and her 4 great-grandchildren. Dear sister of Marina, the late Joan and the late Arthur. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, 905-935-3477 on Saturday January 12th, 2019 at 1:00 pm for a Celebration of Barb's Life. Donations in Barb's memory to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation, 200 Fletcher Crescent, Alliston, ON L9R 1W7, would be appreciated by the family. [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com)

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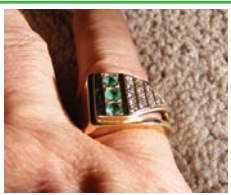
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Soup and Conversation for “the after work gals” is on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. at the church office, led by Lynn Vissers.

Messy Church will be the 4th Sunday of the month – Jan. 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. This is for families! A time together where we learn more about God’s love for us through storytelling, music, being creative making art and then at 6 p.m. enjoying a communal supper together. We hope you can join us. Call Lynn Vissers for more information.

Mark your calendars! Our annual Congregational meeting is February 24 after our church service. A light lunch will be provided.

St. Andrew’s is pleased to be able to offer Pastor Niyazi Bilgen and his wife Irada of the Greater Grace Fellowship, a meeting space to continue leading their Bible Study on Sunday evenings from 5 to 7 p.m. All are welcome.

For pastoral care needs contact Lynn Vissers, Director of Congregational Ministries at the office 905-833-2325 or contact our Interim Moderator,

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**All Saints Anglican Church  
By Patrick Gossage**

Raffle winners from our Country Christmas Market, on Dec. 1 – First Prize: Mirvish Theatre Tickets/ Gourmet Basket – Marilyn Cartmill; Second Prize: Wine Basket – Diane Simmonds; Winners of other donated raffle items: Gary Battaglia, Jill Robbins, John Little, Michelle Donnelly, Paola Serato, Natasha Cartmill, Donna Logue, Tyler Cartmill, Joan Stevens, Tina Rakovsky. Congratulations to all winners and to the organizers of a very successful market.

Words to live by – Our beloved parishioner and former incumbent, retired Bishop George Elliott presided at the 10:30 service last Sunday and preached on the celebration of the baptism of Jesus. The Gospel passage from Luke 3 recounts how that day the heavens opened and “... the Holy Spirit descended in a bodily form, as a dove, upon him, and a voice came

out of heaven, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.”

Bishop George asked us to remember think about the promises made at our own baptism. Before asking us all to repeat our baptismal vows, he referred us to the Baptismal Covenant in the Prayer Book and took us through the five most demanding commitments that were made by us or for us. We are asked to promise to join the fellowship of worship and prayer; to repent and seek forgiveness when we fell into sin; to proclaim the good news of Christ by word and action; to love our neighbors, even if they are really “despicable;” to strive for justice and peace in a world where there is so much injustice and where millions are fleeing their homes.

The most important words, Bishop George said, are in our answer when we take the vows “I will with God’s help.” Accepting his help, God will say to us “this is my son or daughter in whom I am well pleased.”

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**708 OBITUARIES**



**Jean Kirby**  
(née Hadwen)

Just into her 102nd year, and after a short illness, gracefully and quietly left this life while her son was by her side.  
Born on the Hadwen farm in Teston to Gertrude Hadwen (née Wilson) and Jesse Hadwen, she was the eldest in the family, surviving her brothers & sister: Wilbert (d. 2007), Irene (d. 2018), Lorne & Leslie (d. 1923), Eric (d. 1966), James “Jimmy” (d. 1941)  
Jean married a local man from Kirby Sideroad, near the Hamlet of Hope, Harold “King” Kirby in 1949 and they built a house on King Street in King City, raising son Wayne and daughter Sandra. Both Jean and King contributed to the community all of their lives, working locally, enjoying a wide circle of relatives, long-time & new friends.  
Wayne and Sandra give grateful thanks to: Dr. Joseph Gergis of King City, who would sit down and take our mother’s hand before sincerely inquiring how she was; the management and staff of Hollandview Trail Retirement, Aurora where she spent the last one and a half years being cared for by a wonderful team; and Southlake Regional Hospital who cared for mom during her last five days with such professionalism and compassion.  
Friends may call at the MARSHALL FUNERAL HOME, 10366 Yonge Street, Richmond Hill for visitation Friday February 1; 2-4 or 7-9 p.m. with celebration of life service in the chapel Saturday February 2, 11:00 a.m.  
If wished, donations may be made to Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket or King City United Church.

*Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Ps.73:23-24*

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**Gordon, Rena**  
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## Nobleton Notes

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

The Community Youth Group meets most Thursdays at the church from 7-9 p.m. Come join in the fun. Follow our Instagram account, "4.12.youth.group," to stay up to date on current events. Check this space for details, or contact our church office at 905-859-0843. A2J, our program for kids in Grades 3 to 6, will meet on Friday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.

LifeConnect Groups are small gatherings for friendship, study and prayer. We have several other LifeConnect Groups that meet throughout the week, including a Men's Life Connect Group that will begin meeting again on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 10.

We are blessed at St. Paul's to have diligent librarians that have worked for years on creating an amazing library with new books being added weekly.

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The first and third Tuesday of the month we have a group of people that get together at 1 p.m. to do quilting. The second and fourth Tuesday of the month, the focus is on knitting. You are welcome to join us.

This Sunday, Jeff continues his way through the book of John. This week's message is entitled "In Plain Sight," taking a closer look at John 9.13-34. We offer ministry to children aged 0 to 11 during worship. Following the service we have a great time sharing refreshments and socializing with each other.

Jeff's messages are posted at [www.passionatelyhis.com](http://www.passionatelyhis.com) each week. They are also on Facebook Live and are available on the church's Facebook page (@stpaulsnobleton) and YouTube page (search St. Paul's Church, Nobleton), or [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) for viewing.

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

improved website at [www.stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://www.stpaulsnobleton.ca).

### St. Mary's Church

**New Parishioners** – If you wish to be a registered member of St. Mary's or St. Patrick's parish, please take a registration form located in the lobby of the Church and fill out the required information. You may drop it off at the parish office. Once registered, a box of Collection Envelopes will be assigned to you, which can be picked up the following weekend from the back table in the Church foyer. Income tax receipts \$20 minimum are issued for your financial contributions. Pre-authorized giving plan is also available (form located in the lobby). Call the office to ask us about it!

**Visiting the Ailing & Homebound** – Parishioners who wish to be visited by our pastor on the 1st Friday of the month for sacraments, please contact the parish office.

**Letters of Recommendation** – For those being asked to act as godparents for Baptism, sponsors for Confirmation, etc., letters of recommendation are issued only to active parishioners who have been registered for at least 2 years at St. Mary's or St. Patrick's Parish.

**Heralds of the Gospel Rosary and Talk** – Location: St. Mary's Mission, 190 MacTaggart Dr., Nobleton, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. (except Holidays).

Please check the Schedule of Events for dates set out in the weekly bulletin @ the church.

**Nobleton United Church**  
By Nancy Hopkinson

Our regular Sunday services are at

11:15 a.m. We do a lot of singing. Last week we sang 5 hymns led by our pianist Dennis Kowal and two songs with a music video, "Out of the Deep Unordered Water" and "Holy Spirit" (Francesca Battistelli). Music raises our spirits. Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman introduced the Book of Matthew, after Linda Olsen had read Matthew 3: 1-17. We will be focussed on the Book of Matthew for a couple of months.

The next Messy Church is on Tuesday, Jan. 22, 5 to 7 p.m. and dinner is included. There is no charge for this fun time with young families. There are various optional crafts related to the theme each month. This month's theme is "Who is the Holy Spirit?" and involves fruits of the spirit (loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled).

One of the stations always involves decorating shortbread cookies shaped in the theme of the day. In this case, the cookies are shaped as different pieces of fruit. The story time at 6 p.m. is interactive. We eat at 6:15 p.m. Make sure that clothes are washable, because some of the activities are messy! For more info, call Nancy at 905-859-0761. View our Facebook photo page for Messy Church.

The United Church of Canada has rearranged how the work of the wider church is done. Each church used to send a rep to "Presbytery" to meet with other churches and learn from each other. There were 91 Presbyteries. There are no longer any Presbyteries, but the whole country has been divided up into only 16 Regions. We are now joining with churches from Toronto all the way to Georgian Bay and Huntsville to be Shining Waters Region 10.

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## King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

Tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 18 at 12:30 p.m., our first pot luck lunch for the year will take place. Attendees are asked to contribute either a main course dish or a dessert. Come out and catch up with your friends over a delicious lunch.

Movie Night returns on Wednesday, Feb. 6. The feature film is a golden oldie – "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" (2012). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 7 p.m. Starring in the film: Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Celia Imrie and Bill Nighly. Admission by donation.

The Travel Club will host its annual Destinations Party on Wednesday, Feb. 13 starting at 2 p.m. More information to follow.

Updated information can be found at our website – [www.kingcityseniors.ca](http://www.kingcityseniors.ca)

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As a result, each church is encouraged to form clusters with other nearby churches in order to share ideas and maybe join together to plan special events.

Would you like to meet Rev. Carol-Ann in an informal setting? She usually goes to Nobleton's Tim Hortons on Wednesday mornings around 10 a.m. Or you can arrange an appointment with her at her office at our church.

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, 6076 King Rd., 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.

**New Year's Levees  
By John Arnott**

Having arrived early the impeccably dressed count walked briskly through the exquisitely beautiful Hall of Mirrors in the magnificent Palace of Versailles just outside Paris and now stood impatiently waiting while the guard on duty checked his credentials and then knocked gently but firmly on the ornate door of the king's sleeping chamber.

And hearing an authoritative Entrez ushered the slightly irritated nobleman into the huge sumptuous bedroom of Louis XIV King of France. His Majesty, with the help of 2 valets, was still dressing behind his dressing screen but urged count, his trusted secretary, to begin outlining the day's proceed-

ings. Soon others arrived to give their reports.

This daily carried out ritual was known as a levee or rising (from the Latin levare to the French lever meaning to rise or raise) and in its longer form la levee du soleil or the rising of the sun due to the early hour. Co-incidentally Louis XIV was nicknamed the Sun King.

This custom spread to other royal courts in Europe with King Charles II, who as a teenager had spent much time in exile in France, introducing it into Britain in the late 1600s.

The French brought the practice into Canada around 1646 when the first official governor of New France, Charles Hualt de Montmagny held the first North American levee in the Chateau St. Louis, the governor's residence, in Quebec City where the iconic Hotel Chateau Frontenac now stands. If it ever was a daily occurrence in New France that didn't last. Soon it was only held a few times a year when it was a time for the leading citizens and clergy to visit the governor's residence (Government House) to hear news from the old country, renew their loyalty to the crown and hear plans the governor wanted to make known or hear about. A social time followed where cheeses and wine from Europe along with homemade preserves and plates of venison were served. As wine, before the advent of Madeira, didn't carry well on long sea voyages from the Old World, any that had turned cloudy or a bit sour was warmed with nutmeg and cinnamon added to make it more palatable. This mulled wine was nicknamed "sang du caribou" - caribou blood.

Thus some few years later on March 25, New Year's Day of the times, as custom now demanded, several French soldiers, some in neatly patched well

used uniforms, mixed with a group of buckskin clad fur traders crowded into the common room of a fort cum trading post standing with its rough log walls and pine flooring close to the shores of Lake Ontario on the present day grounds of Toronto's Canadian National Exhibition, to toast the fort's governor and reaffirm their allegiance to king as well as country. They heard news from Quebec and France and learned what was in the works for the new year. And in the case of the fur traders, hopefully have their licences to continue their trade renewed in the king's name. Of course a meal along with quaffs of wine and hard liquor followed with the party soon turning boisterous to say the least, as was the case at other Canadian forts on this date during "the Ancien Regime."

While in Europe levees gradually faded out, in Canada even after the British takeover they continued to be held however were limited to just 1 day that being Jan. 1 the new, New Year's day.

The British found that their whiskeys carried much better on long sea voyages than wine so they used them (and later rum) to add to cream or milk (usually goat) into which egg had been beaten along with traditional spices to make a concoction called "Moose Milk," more commonly known today as eggnog, which could be served cold or warmed.

The New Year Levee, with its roots in our proud French and British colonial past, is today almost a completely Canadian institution (as is eggnog). Not so long ago it was only male citizens and ranking military personnel who attended although women were invited to any evening levee events.

But since World War II with women becoming much more recognized

and prominent in government, business, the military, the RCMP and other police forces they along with their male counterparts, ordinary families and children now come to greet and be greeted by the king's/queen's personal representatives in Ottawa and each province/territory, mayors, reeves and the military also hold New Year levees, but now not always on the first day of the year.

In colonial times a levee could start as early in the morning as 4:30 a.m. with soldiers hurrying to the square in front of the governor's house to fire a royal salute, however, 8 a.m. was generally the start time as it still is in Prince Edward Island. Today most levees begin around 11 a.m. and continue into the early afternoon.

The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes that Anglican, Lutheran and Roman Catholic bishops and archbishops hold New Year's Levees.

And of course having met greeted and been greeted the levee host one is invited to take partake of the refreshments provided.

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