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## King Township's preliminary budget projects a small increase in taxes

By Mark Pavilons

After being told by councillors to trim some staff expenses, King's treasurer is charged with bringing forward a responsible, and affordable 2019 budget.

If the preliminary budget is any indication, taxpayers should be spared surprises and substantial increases this year.

Treasurer Allan Evelyn presented the draft 2019 budget, which, for the first time, includes a four-year forecast and cost projections. This, councillors said, helps give them a longer-term perspective on the big tax picture.

The operating and capital budgets, according to Evelyn, set the foundation for building and maintaining a sustainable fiscal framework that also invests in municipal infrastructure.

Evelyn noted they are operating as efficiently "as we can" and eliminating redundancies across all departments.

The preliminary estimates show a net increase of 2.8%, or a blended 2.6% hike. For a home assessed at \$833,400, that means an additional \$176.89 in taxes per year. King has to wait for word on final York Region and school board budgets to finalize the figures. As it stands, King's portion of that increase is \$63.73.

As in the past, council directed the treasurer to draft budgets that maintain service levels, ensure adequate resources (people, financial and capital), plan construction strategically and levy "responsible" tax impacts.

Looking ahead, staff believe net increases in the neighbourhood of 2.9% will continue through 2022. The draft 2019-2022 capital budgets include 138 projects worth \$125.7 million. Over the term of council, the proposed capital program will support new construction and rehabilitation of buildings, new fleet requirements, roads, bridges, parks and recreation and the new library.

Evelyn noted that capital assets are expensive, so shoring up King's reserves is vital.

In preparation for the term ahead, staff created the 2017 and 2018 budgets with an eye on future infrastructure investments.

As King City and Nobleton begin to reach capacity, it's critical that incremental sources of taxation revenue directly linked to assessment growth be aligned to support tangible capital assets.

This, Evelyn pointed out, will ensure that King is able to maintain service levels as the population grows, while managing impacts on tax rates in a "predictable and responsible manner."

The treasurer pointed out that every property in King will see different tax impacts. It's based on the annual change in phased-in assessment value, relative to the growth rate. As well, assessments come from MPAC every

four years and the next one will arrive in 2020. That, in itself, will have an impact on tax bills.

Residents do carry the bulk of the tax burden in small municipalities like King, given the relative lack of industrial and commercial assessment.

Frugality seems to be the key this year. Staff have asked for the equivalent of 17.8 full-time positions over the next four years. These relate directly to service level pressures that demand additional staffing.

Councillor Bill Cober praised staff and the robust discussions held in preparing this year's budget. He appreciates the long-term forecasts and capital investments to improve the quality of life for residents. However, Cober asked staff to consider holding off on staff increases and perhaps postpone it until 2020. He'd prefer to see any added costs staggered.

Councillor Jakob Schneider said some of the "basics" in the budget need to be looked at. He also asked that big ticket items be reviewed.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said it's all about priorities. Councillors have been told, loud and clear, by residents that roads need to be improved. He did point out staff is keeping the tax increases near the rate of inflation.

In the 2019 operating budget, staff have based their projections on assumptions, that include an assessment growth of 4%; a reduction in the residential tax rate; the impact of a collective bargaining agreement this March and an arbitrary zero increase in the base budget.

Major projects impacting the coming budgets include the multi-purpose recreation complex; King City library and seniors' complex; sewer work in Nobleton and road improvements.

Council has set certain priorities for staff and those include maintaining investment in infrastructure, delivering projects on time and on budget, improving rural roads, acquiring and disposing of municipal property. It was also suggested that King review its inventory of surplus lands and consider selling them off. Other taxpayer-centric priorities include customer service at the Township, community engagement, the completion of the Official Plan and more.

Final budgets will be delivered to council March 18.



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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

**Monday, March 18, 2019**

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole  
Public Meeting: Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Draft Plan of Subdivision and Condominium File Numbers: OP-2018-03, Z-2018-07, 19T-18-K05, and 19CDM-18-06  
Applicant: Stateview Homes (High Crown Estate) Inc.  
Location(s): Part Lot 55 and 56, Registered Plan 85; Lots 1 and 2, Registered Plan 360, and Part Lot 7, Concession 3, 13151, 13165, 13175, 13193, 13211 Keele Street, King City

**Monday, April 1, 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)

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**  
6 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee  
Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019**  
6 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**  
6 pm – King Township Public Library Board Meeting  
Schomberg Branch: 77 Main Street

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**  
6 pm – Committee of Adjustment  
Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019**  
6 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee  
Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Planner II – closes March 8
- Arena/Facility Operator I (12-month contract) – closes March 8
- Arena Assistant I (casual contract) – closes when filled
- Parks Maintenance Worker (6-month contract) – closes when filled
- Parks Seasonal Worker (seasonal) – closes when filled
- Parks Seasonal Worker – Afternoon Shift (seasonal) – closes when filled
- Crossing Guard (contract) – closes when filled

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

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Or visit on the following link  
<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

**REMINDERS**

**Half-load restrictions**

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per starts on designated Township roads effective Fri., March 1, 2019 to Fri., May 31, 2019 per our By-law 2010-141. For further information, please visit [half loads](#) or call 905-833-5321.



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COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM  
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2019  
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Non-profit community organizations which provide or develop recreation, cultural or social opportunities within the Township of King are advised that applications for Grants from the Township of King for 2019 must be completed and submitted to the Township by **Monday, April 1st, 2019**.

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca), or please contact:

Kathryn Moyle Telephone: (905)833-5321  
Director of Clerks/By-law Enforcement Fax: (905)833-2300  
Township Clerk E-mail: [kmoyle@king.ca](mailto:kmoyle@king.ca)  
Township of King  
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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**KING**

Seeking nominations for  
**VOLUNTEER AWARDS**  
Closes Tuesday, March 12

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT**  
Thursday, April 25, 2019

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Council of the Township of King are now accepting nominations for awards to recognize volunteer contributions and achievements in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Special Recognition: Non-Resident of King
- Senior Citizen Award of Merit
- Special Recognition
- Lifetime Achievement
- Youth Award of Merit

Nominations for Volunteer Awards must be submitted on the nomination form obtained from the Clerks Department and will be received by the undersigned until **4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 12th, 2019**. The nomination form and further information regarding the criteria for each category is available at the Township office or on the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca), under the "What's New" tab.

Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on **Thursday, April 25th, 2019**.

Kathryn Moyle, Director of Clerks & By-law Enforcement  
Township Clerk  
E-mail: [kmoyle@king.ca](mailto:kmoyle@king.ca)

**NOTICE OF MEETINGS  
2019 - 2022 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN**

Council Chambers located at 2585 King Road, King City, ON

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION – DRAFT 2019 – 2022 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN**

**RE:** Council Meeting: **Monday, March 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**  
Consideration of By-law for Adoption: 2019 - 2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King adoption of the 2019 - 2022 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the March 18, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Offices at 2585 King Road or on the Township web-site at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) as of Thursday, March 14, 2019.

For further information regarding the 2019 Budget please visit the Township's website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) or contact: Allan Evelyn, Director of Finance and Treasurer, [aevelyn@king.ca](mailto:aevelyn@king.ca) Telephone: 905-833-5321 or 1-800-688-5013, Fax: 905-833-2300

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# King benefits greatly from YRP presence

By Mark Pavilons

King Township is the safest municipality in York Region.

Not only is King a safe haven, but it's about to receive an on-the-street injection of officers, thanks to a commitment by York Regional Police.

Following a modern day mantra of the "economics of policing," YRP is constantly looking for efficiencies and better ways to serve. And one of them comes in the form of a new substation in King's municipal centre.

Superintendent Mike Slack made his annual presentation to King council recently, highlighting the force's law enforcement measures and crime trends.

Slack pointed out the population is growing across York, including King, leading to an increase in costs. YRP has to work smarter and set priorities to meet the needs of the public.

He pointed out a lot of money in this year's budget is being spend on officer training for the new cannabis enforcement measures, following the legalization of marijuana. YRP benefits from a new training facility and a new station is slated to open in 2021.

The new substation in King "is fantastic for us," he said, as it cuts down on response times in the community considerably. The new office, and rotation



of officers, will keep them in King longer. Officers will begin joining the King office steadily through April, when the complement is expected to reach 24 constables and four sergeants.

Recruiting is still a major challenge, he pointed out. YRP also looks to the community to help set priorities. That, along with officer input and crime trend analysis, gives them a clear picture of where to apply their resources.

In King, officers spend roughly 35% of their time on citizen-generated assistance calls and 41% for proactive work in the community. Roughly 20% of officers' time is spent on paperwork, while another 3% involves community engagement.

Slack pointed out King is the safest community, but we've experienced a 4.1% increase in crime over the past few years.

The number one calls in King centre around motor vehicle accidents. In 2018, there were some 770 collisions that resulted in 39 people being injured, and one fatality. They were fairly spread out across the township.

There are very few "real crimes" in King, he pointed out, noting they investigated some 627 crimes last year. Officers handed out more than 8,000 traffic tickets which police see as a deterrent, a method to keep road fatalities down.

In 2018, officers responded to just over 100 domestic disputes, or two per week. Thefts and assaults followed.

Slack pointed out there are some new

tools in YRP's arsenal. There are some mobile speed devices attached to poles that record occurrences, giving police an idea of the types of infractions, times of day, etc.

One of the challenges in King is the large number of commuters so in many cases patterns are not consistent.

YRP analyzes averages over several years to come up with trends and causes. Following too close is the leading cause of collisions at 25%, followed by failing to yield the right of way. Improper turns accounted for 12% of collisions. Only 5% of occurrences are attributed to driving too fast for the conditions, and only 1% involved speeding.

Some of the speeding infractions may surprise residents. In one area, with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h, the majority of drivers average 58 km/h. A 50 km/h zone revealed the majority of drivers are doing 79 km/h and one was clocked at 161 km/h!

York Regional Police have five main goals for 2019 - enhancing response to mental health issues; enhancing efforts to curb impaired driving; using an evidence-based approach to improving traffic safety; using intelligence to speed up break-in investigations and enhancing their ability to respond to financial crimes.

Police response has been swift and consistent, he pointed out. Through regular cooperation with local councillors and residents' calls and emails through the website, offices respond to each and every one.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini encourages residents to visit yrp.ca and file reports or concerns online.

Slack pointed out that it's not only important to be safe in our community, but to feel safe as well.

## Car thefts rise

Investigators with the York Regional Police Auto/Cargo Theft Unit are providing crime prevention tips after more than 80 vehicles of a specific make and model have been stolen in York Region.

Over the past year, York Regional Police has been investigating the theft of 81 Lexus and Toyota sport utility vehicles (SUV) from residential driveways. The majority of these thefts have occurred between midnight and 6 a.m.

The targeted vehicles include newer model Lexus RX350, Lexus GX460, Toyota 4Runner and Toyota Highlanders. These vehicles are in high demand overseas and after they are stolen, they're placed into shipping containers and for the most part, sent to North Africa.

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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

## Our market economy is nearing the abyss

We in the west enjoy many benefits that come with a free market economy and democratic system.

But it's fragile, this relationship we have with our system.

Like the legendary Gumby, a lot of things in our society today have been stretched too far.

The market economy is one of them.

The original principles of economics as we know it today is pretty simple. The three main ones are scarcity, efficiency and sovereignty.

Some will argue these are not economic concepts at all, but centre around human behaviour. That's true to an extent.

The system all depends on self-interest and that's where I find it can go astray.

For consumers, we're looking out for number one - ourselves. We need and want certain things and we want the best prices possible. Our wants, unlike our needs, are limitless, but our ability to pay is not.

Another "law" of economics is competition. This is the idea that in a competitive market, the most efficient companies and products last, while others fall by the wayside. This, however, doesn't work in a monopoly, and we have a few of those - power generation, the auto industry, big oil and big Crown corporations.

We average citizens hope that enough goods/services are produced at the lowest possible prices to meet the demand. I still do not understand gas prices at the pump; the ease at which government agencies approve routine increases in natural gas and telecommunications rates. Double-digit increases seem to be the norm, despite an economy with single-digit inflation. The capping of Hydro One CEO's salary at \$1.5 million, from a previous high of \$2.77 million, is little consolation, not to mention ridiculous.



Mark Pavilons

What also puts a monkey wrench in the system is land, labour and capital.

We have claimed ownership of Mother Earth, something that has caused humankind nothing but grief over the centuries. We not only claim the parameters of land, but its contents - the soil and natural resources that lie deep beneath it. Oil, coal, forests and water belong to everyone, don't they? Once every last drop of oil is sucked from the underground reservoirs where are we left?

As ravenous consumers, however, we demand things made from petroleum products - gas, asphalt, wax, tar and plastic. As we all know, more and more things are being made of plastic, from car parts and cell phone cases to shampoo, umbrellas and clothing. Every time I think about what we're doing to the planet, I long for loin cloths and togas!

Our system also relies heavily on capital - from infrastructure and factories, to access to funding. While it may be

difficult for some families to meet the stress test for their mortgages, large corporations and governments have access to virtually unlimited amounts of cash.

Most of us are familiar with how our system works - we work to survive and buy things. You may be surprised as just how close we are to communism or socialism. Both systems have merits.

The communist theory, originally espoused by Karl Marx, promotes economic equality through the elimination of private property. In this system, the needs of society trump individual wants and needs. The government plans the nation's economic goals and leads all economic activity.

Sounds pretty good to me. If our government wants to return my investment on my home, and let me live there for the rest of my life tax-free, I'm down with that.

Most of us embrace property ownership. The state (federal, provincial and municipal governments), local conservation authorities and power utilities can force you to share, transform, devalue and give up your property.

Garth Turner, when he was MP, formed a property rights coalition; mounted a conference in Ottawa; launched a petition, and lobbied his colleagues. The right to own property was included among a proposed set of changes to the Charter.

It all went to a national referendum in 1992, called the Charlottetown Accord, and the majority (54%) voted against it. Of course, this deal also called for an elected Senate and added rights for Quebec.

Canadians don't have enshrined property rights, so the government can

take it from us under certain, albeit rare, circumstances.

A socialist system is sort of a compromise, where the government controls major resources and capital (mines, mills, air, rail, etc.) and individuals may own smaller businesses. The Nordic model is proof this can work.

Here's a major dilemma in our system. In a free enterprise system, prices are set in the market. But who determined that \$1 million is the standard rate for a detached home in the GTA? Who decided that gas should be over \$1 per litre? This throws the whole supply and demand theory out the window. I don't want to pay either of those amounts, because they are neither fair nor the lowest price possible.

Our governments are bloated, debt-ridden corporations that cut social necessities when budgets don't add up.

Another indication of our system's inherent weakness is the widening gap between rich and poor. The fortunes of the world's billionaires grew by 12 per cent - or \$3.3 billion a day - last year, while the 3.8 billion people who make up the poorest half of humanity saw their wealth fall, according to an Oxfam report.

In Canada, billionaire wealth grew by almost \$20 billion between March 2017 and March 2018. Oxfam estimates that would have been enough to make universal child care affordable and accessible to all Canadian families.

Yet tax rates for the wealthiest remain relatively low. The working class is quickly being squeezed out of the economic picture.

Personal debt is at an all-time high. Job security is a thing of the past.

Free market? I beg to differ.

### Letter to the Editor

## Thanks from Christmas Drive

A little late in posting but it's been a difficult start to the year. I just want to say thank you to everyone who donated to the Nobleton Christmas Drive this year, and to all the wonderful support in the community.

I'd like to start by thanking the Nobleton Lions Club, Nobleton Tim Hortons, King Chamber of Commerce, Township of King for the Christmas tree lighting in Nobleton, Showa, Kingscrafts, Dr. Diane Contino Nobleton Dental, Mrs. Bible, Hayhoe Family, Mrs. Doris Ripley, Tiffany Moraes at the King Learning Center, Susan Phillips, Marsha, Stephanie, Sandra for helping with shopping and phone calls.

A very special thank you to Jim Wall and the King fire department for all their hard work and continued support. I don't know how we would do this without you.

On a personal note I'd like to thank my husband Kevin, my daughter Brooke and my dear friend Peggy for all their love and support over the years, for all their help even when things get crazy they're always there to calm me down, and believe me things get crazy.

Thank you for all the love and support of the community - it's been a wonderful 24 years and as they say it takes a village and as I always say a wonderful village we have. I feel blessed to be in this community - you can't imagine the parents faces when they see all the wonderful things and treasures for their children during the holidays and throughout the year. I am so very grateful and it's been a pleasure doing the Christmas Drive with this community for 24 years.

Again thank you for everything from the bottom of my heart you have no idea how many families we've been able to help over the years with your continued support.

Mimi Buchanan/Lyons  
Nobleton Christmas Drive



### Brain teaser

You roll a 5-sided pencil on the table. What is the chance that one side ends up straight on top?

Last week's answer: The horse was traveling in a circle so its outer legs covered a larger distance than its inner legs.



### King Township Trivia

Robert Redditt was the carriage maker for 40 years in the village of Eversley.

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Results from last week's poll:  
**Are you aware that York-Simcoe has a new MP?**

a) Yes  **82%**

b) No  **18%**

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

*Do you think the SNC Lavalin controversy will hurt the Liberal government?*

a) Yes  
b) No

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# Please make curbside pickup more convenient

By Dr. Dina Sur

“Nor rain, nor storm, nor dark of night?”

That statement clearly still belongs to members of the press to which I belonged from 1962. Trying to apply this statement to putting garbage out on the curb at 7 a.m. in the winter, and on ice, is no easy task.

Firstly, it is still dark and for seniors it is a dangerous matter, with the risk of breaking bones and all. Yes, I should have retired 15 years ago, and yes, I should have chosen sunny and warm Florida as the snowbirds do, but I got involved with autism research when the ratio reached one in 160 and it is now one in 38 and still escalating (CDC).

So, here I am still in Canada, in a tiny, friendly town far from my former home in Toronto where the population is over two million and there is hustle, bustle and stress everywhere. Don't get me wrong, I am overjoyed I chose this small town in King, but I did not sign up for slipping and sliding with salt and bags of garbage in the dark-on ice.

Where I lived in Toronto garbage was picked up twice a day, and even in winter it is a whole different ball game when it is after noon, there might be snow and some ice but you can see where you are going. Here, I am, having done two trips for the salt from the bag outside the front door laying salt down as I walk the length of the driveway to the curb. It sure does not look so long when I drive it. Yes, indeed, I fell in love with the quiet town of Schomberg. Yes, indeed, gone are the crowds and the constant rush of traffic.

Everyone has spoken to me in Schomberg and that's amazing for a To-

rontonian to experience. Everyone has been super kind.

I memorize “no limit” on the green bin content, no limit on the blue box content and garbage is two bags every other week. Except, every category goes in dark green or black garbage bags, and now I cannot remember which is for the green and which is for the blue, so I stop to feel the bags. Green would have soft stuff, blue not so soft. And I forgot to get the tags for any extra bags that contain items not fit for green or blue containers. Oops, today is not garbage bag day, so these go back in the garage!

Another concern is I left the blue boxes in the former garage when I moved. Why? Well, 4,000 books and paintings and artifacts seemed to have been more important, until this morning of course. Only one green bin, so I analyze again and pile the two on top of the green bin. No actual blue boxes, and although the contents of my three bags are all blue box items, who would know this when they are all in thick black garbage bags as required by the rules of my new town. What to do? I really do not want bags to be rejected and I have to do this exercise all over again. It is also, bitterly cold. So, I decide to risk the two bags on top of the green bin, and put back the other bags in the garage until I get some blue boxes. I make a mental note that it really does not matter how unlimited green bins and blue box contents are as they are all put in black garbage bags-no one can see what is inside. This cannot be good for the gentlemen who collect the garbage – they just have to trust the code is right-green or blue. Speaking of see-through garbage bags, a woman asked another why Toronto insists on

see-through bags for garbage and the other answered that with see-through bags no one can hide the dead body inside.

Sorry, for the Toronto humour. So, I will be sure to get tags next week as there is going to be enough extra garbage bags. It is just another thing money can do – get the damn garbage picked up. Do you think some money

might just influence the pick-up deadline be moved from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m., maybe even noon?

Be kind to the seniors.

*After retiring from York University, the author has been involved in research and the writing of textbooks, that have been published and used in academic curricula. She is presently completing a text book on Radicalization.*

Letter to the Editor

## Policies won't benefit the people

The actions of the Ford government since its election victory have shown it to be a government totally bereft of policies that will benefit the people of Ontario.

Let me correct that statement. It should read, “benefit most of the people of Ontario,” for there is indeed a small component of our population actually benefiting from the Conservative's largesse: The upper income earners, business leaders and in particular, developers of various stripes.

I guess, in retrospect, we all should have pushed harder prior to the election to have the Progressive Conservatives clarify their platform before voting these numbskulls into power: I think that part of the electorate that actually voted for them was so focussed on getting rid of Kathleen Wynne and her Liberals that it blindly allowed this wildly ill-informed and reactionary party to gain power.

Using the tired mantra of “Ontario is open for business” and spouting dubious figures as to the actual debt it had inherited, this government has proceeded to poo poo facts concerning global warming, to end cap and trade legislation and has refused to mandate genuine carbon taxation. And finally, it has had the nerve to attack any form of environmental protection we may have had, all in the name of promoting business opportunities for special interest groups.

It's ironic that this party has the word “progressive” in its name; “progressive” and “conservative” are a contradiction in terms and this is being exhibited consistently by this government. As it jumps from one disaster to another, we are witnessing a group of inexperienced and, frankly, not too bright individuals intent on destroying anything that smells to them of Liberal red tape. Unfortunately, in their haste to do so they are causing irreparable damage to many segments of our society.

What this government needs to do is to slow down, think things through clearly and consider how their actions will benefit all the people of Ontario. If it doesn't, it is guaranteed to be a one-term government.

Mike Shackelford



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Sun/Clouds High -7C° Low -16C° - Wind W 18k	Mainly Sunny High -1C° Low -14C° - Wind SW 11k	Sunny High -1C° Low -6C° 1-3cm Wind E 16k	Snow High 5C° Low -2C° ~1mm/1-3cm Wind SE 30k	Clouds/Sun High 0C° Low -9C° - Wind W 23k	Mainly Sunny High -1C° Low -11C° - Wind NW 22k	Snow High 1C° Low -4C° ~5cm Wind E 32k



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Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, Deputy Government House Leader, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier and Minister of Infrastructure, speaks to children and parents from across Vaughan and King Township at his annual Family Day Community Skate, held at the Maple Community Centre in Vaughan.

## MPP addresses issues at family event

With hundreds of residents in attendance, among them many young families, MPP Stephen Lecce highlighted the provincial government's actions to help put more money back into the pockets of everyday people.

As part of its efforts to make life more affordable for middle class families, Stephen has worked hard to support initiatives taken by the provincial government, such as cutting the cost of gas at the pumps by 5 cents a litre. The government has also taken great strides to reducing the cost of living by eliminating the ineffective and regressive cap-and-trade carbon tax, which means a reduction to costs such as home heating and the hydro bill.

With its focus on young families, the provincial government also recently announced that GO ridership for children under 12 years old will be free starting March 9, further reducing costs to parents.

The provincial government is also taking specific steps to aid students and their families who make great sacrifices to pursue post-secondary education. For them, every dollar counts. In order to make sure all students and their families can get ahead, the government, for the first time in Ontario's history, is lowering tuition fees for all students by 10%. Students across Vaughan and King Township will benefit from a reduction in tuition fees ranging on average between \$330 to upwards of \$1,000 depending on their program, whether they attend Seneca College in King, commute locally to York University, or study away from home at any other publicly-assisted college and university in Ontario.

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**ACROSS**

- Rascal
- Piece of silverware
- Sculpture or dance
- Rub to a shine
- Chore-doer's trip
- Pigeon's comment
- Slow, in music
- Scant
- Monkey suit
- Letter after ess
- Insignia
- Elk
- Pastoral poem
- Supplied
- Emulate Nancy Kerrigan
- Brunch, e.g.
- Pigment
- Analyze grammatically
- Bullets
- Pen fluid
- Decline
- Male offspring
- Over
- Intense rage
- Warm fabric
- Easily embarrassed
- Nobleman
- Bikini part
- Repeated sound
- "Brave \_\_\_ World"
- Buck's mate
- Map abbrs.
- Seed covering
- Residence
- Not specific
- Baby's father
- Radio receiver
- Grave
- Void
- Oppressively hot
- Outline
- Cobra's cousin
- Shakespearean fuss
- Simpleton
- Cochise, e.g.
- Ostrichlike bird
- Make slick
- Lendl's game
- Seed vessel
- Lights out
- Expert
- Fraternity letter
- Provided at no cost
- Not written
- Scrap
- Discerned
- Busy
- Carpenter's tool
- Poison
- Devout
- Logo
- "Puff the Magic \_\_\_"
- Annual reference book
- Little finger
- That thing's
- Poor grades
- Pour forth
- Barbecue selection
- Vine frame
- Ancient container
- Bread unit
- Caption
- Fat
- Indoor ray deliverer
- Dangerous gas
- Rust
- Bigger
- Roe fish
- Villain's expression
- Power element
- Throughout the time of
- Think
- Purchase
- Black magic
- Overseas
- Imprint
- Soil additive
- Earth
- Barter
- Boo
- Skin condition
- Seagoing vessel
- Vermin
- Darjeeling or pekoe
- Black-eyed \_\_\_
- Connecting word

**DOWN**

- Petty dispute
- Secret writing
- Wings
- Playing marble

**Solution on page 20**

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"One of the worst."



**Kathleen MacPhee**  
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## Council allows the demolition of home in Kettleby

By Mark Pavilons

In a tug-of-war between heritage value and individual property owners' rights, the taxpayer won out.

King councillors decided to allow the demolition of a Kettleby home, making way for a fitting replacement – an addition to this historic gem of a hamlet.

The tough decision sided with the property owners, the Youngs, who plan to rebuild their vintage home at 446 Kettleby Road, turning it in to their retirement home. They contend the new home will maintain Kettleby's historic charm.

Councillors went against staff recommendations, which not only suggested refusing the demolition, but intending to designate the property under the Ontario Heritage Act.

The Youngs want to tear down the existing structure, which currently contains a 1 1/2 storey 1860s dwelling, with a two-storey rear addition built in 1990.

The home is currently listed on the

Township's heritage registry. Under the rules, the owners must request a demolition permit from the Township, which has 60 days to respond. King can, and did, request a Heritage Impact Assessment, an important tool that enables staff and the Heritage Advisory Committee to assess properties for their heritage value.

The plans to tear down the home caused a bit of tension in the hamlet and several residents believe it's an important part of Kettleby's history that should be retained.

Resident Kathy Cartan, who opposed the demolition, came forward at the Feb. 25 council meeting, asking that her property be designated, as a sign of her personal commitment to local heritage. Her home, at 435 Kettleby Road, was once home to the village blacksmith. She said it was only fair for her to make this request and place the same limits on herself that she asks of other homeowners.

Heritage designation, she stressed,

does not hurt a property's value. Cultural values, she argued, is not about economics. She believes it's important to preserve Kettleby's streetscape.

Designation guides alterations and expansions to buildings and does not prohibit them outright. This process allows the Township to ensure modifications to buildings complement heritage attributes and won't adversely impact cultural heritage values. Designation also doesn't include interior spaces.

The designation of a property places it under protection and allows for careful consideration of any proposed alterations, additions, changes or plans that may have an impact on the heritage attributes.

The HAC, after evaluating the property, believed the property meets the criteria for designation, and urged the structure be maintained.

It's described as a Loyalist cottage style home and the committee contends the building was likely built by Martin Lockhart, carriage maker, or Oliver St. John Smith, a carpenter, in the 1860s. There is a direct association with the theme of tradespeople operating a small factory shop at their residence, which is typical of the 19th century practice.

Elaine Robertson, former chair of the HAC, pointed out this home was built in 1868, the first year of Confederation. "It is one of very few, still existing, examples of a working class house of that period in our area," she said.

"Once the streetscape is changed, by removing a house through demolition, the historic significance, and along with it, Kettleby's uniqueness, will be compromised, and indeed, gone forever."

She told councillors that the idea should be to honour our heritage and not tear it down.

Jeremy Young, a 52-year resident with strong family roots in King, fully understands heritage and has done his part with this, and another property in the area.

He had a Heritage Impact Assessment carried out by renowned expert Su Murdoch, who found no compelling argument to keep the home. She also felt there was little to warrant designation. In her lengthy and detailed analysis, she pointed out that so many alterations have been made to the house that it's lost its important architectural components.

Murdoch said there is some associative value found in the former use of the property by tradesmen. But relating this theme doesn't rely on the continued existence of this "evolved" 1860s dwelling.

When originally built, the modest dwelling was typical of the style and construction method being used in those days. But Murdoch said the house never had a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit.

"As it stands in its evolved and renovated condition, this 1860s dwelling has become a remnant or shell of its original state," she wrote.

While she admitted that the historic character of Kettleby warrants careful consideration of future development, this proposed plan fills that need. The Youngs' drawings show a modern interpretation of Georgian Revival styling. The Youngs are planning a reasonable design on the existing foundation, in keeping the Kettleby's character. Heritage, he said, is such a hot topic that perspective has been lost.

The Kettleby Design Guidelines contain principles that encourage the preservation of the character of the village.

Murdoch wrote that the proposed dwelling has good potential for "integrating into the historic streetscape ... Although not historically authentic ... the overall composition is vintage ... in character with the historic village setting."

"446 just doesn't have the heritage value," Young said, adding individual property owner rights must be considered and protected.

Councillor Avia Eek called Jones's concept drawing "gorgeous."

Mark Hall, a veteran architect, planner and heritage consultant, said designation of 446 is not warranted and its value is "weak." He's been through the house personally and believes the owner's plans fit and are appropriate, and make a positive contribution to Kettleby.

Resident Rick Sikorski said King's heritage and built landscape should be protected. He did observe that staff recommended pursuing historic designation, which is a process in itself that involves evaluation, etc.

Bruce Craig, speaking on behalf of Concerned Citizens of King Township, noted this matter has made him appreciate contextual value. He urged for a deeper discussion on heritage and streetscaping, to allow people to come together and share ideas. He suggested the Township look at a special streetscape plan and policies that suit every community.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer said she's received many calls and letters on the issue, the majority of which indicate history and heritage is very important to residents. There's a value in respecting our history, she said, adding most want 446 preserved and it comes down to owners' rights. The HAC, she said, looked at this home purely from a heritage point of view.

Councillor Bill Cober lauded Cartan for making a "significant choice," and he supports a homeowners' right to choose. He doesn't think the demolition of 446 will significantly change the landscape. He's satisfied that if the new design includes a vintage style, which can be worked out during the site plan phase, it will work and fit.

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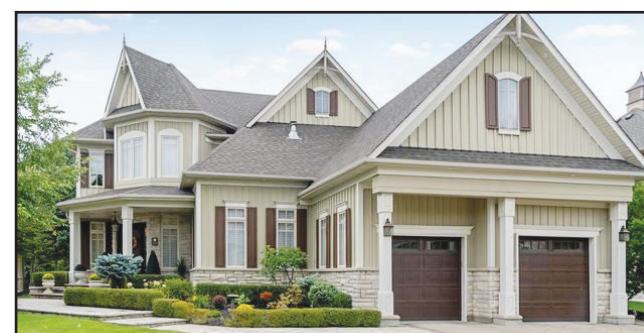
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Stephen McCCasey bungalow with large gracious principal rooms. Kitchen w/walk-out to terrace & outdoor fireplace. Library. Wine cellar. Gym. Mature landscaping with infinity pool, beautiful perennial gardens on quiet cul-de-sac. \$4,480,000 Kim Nichols\* and Khalen Meredith\*\*



### Welcoming King City Home

This four bedroom home, located on a park-like property, features a beautifully renovated open concept main floor with fantastic architectural details and bright southern exposure. \$1,688,000. Melissa Mackenzie\*



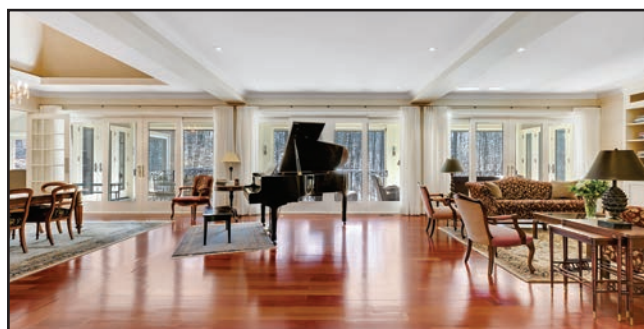
### King Valley

Crafted with timeless style, this 4 bedroom home features high end finishes with extensive built-in custom cabinetry, walnut flooring, soaring ceilings, leaded glass French doors and cast stone mantels. Located in the prestigious gated community of King Valley Estates which offers resort style living in a tranquil setting with beautiful gardens and mature trees. Kim Nichols\*



### Rural New Tecumseth

10 acres just north of Hwy 9. 3+2 bedroom ranch bungalow. This home features a sun filled great room, spacious walk-out basement and large windows that highlight fantastic views. A very mature property with a pond and outbuilding. \$1,200,000. Melissa Mackenzie\* & Marcia Walter\*\*



### 5 Minutes to King GO Station

Custom home on 5 acres in King. Outstanding kitchen with stone fireplace, main floor master, 5 bedrooms, 6 bathrooms, many walk-outs, 5 mins. from GO station. \$3,880,000. Khalen Meredith\*\* and Marcia Walter\*\*



45 Acres of Beauty and Privacy in King Township Gated tree lined drive leading to extremely well-built and maintained 5000+ sq. ft. bungalow with in-law suite. Two triple car garages, barn with workshop and stalls, squash court, paddocks, pond, forest. \$4,950,000. Marcia Walter\*\*



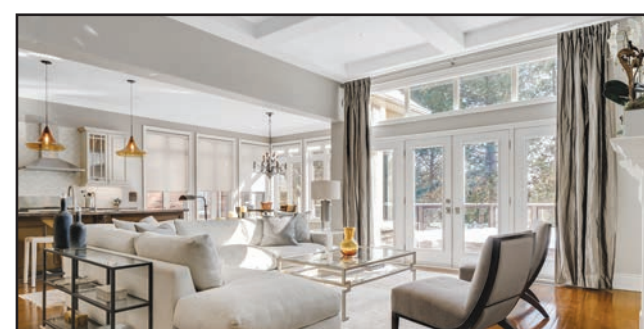
### East Humber in King City

Exceptionally well maintained by original owners with many renovations throughout. 1/2 acre lot backing onto green space & East Humber River. Excellent floor plan. 4 bdms, 3 baths. \$1,999,800. Khalen Meredith\*\*



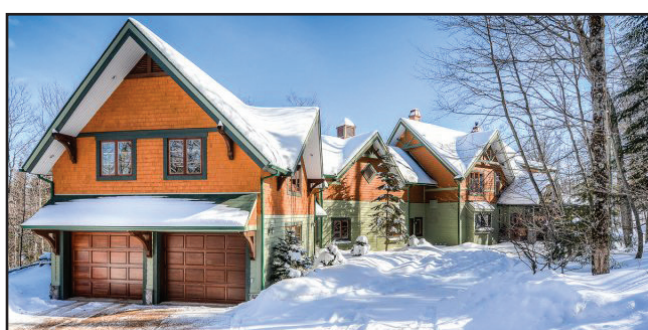
### Vacant Land in King

Just under 250 Acres of land including a 40 acre lake. Fronting on both Keele Street and Dufferin Street. \$10,000,000. Marcia Walter\*\*



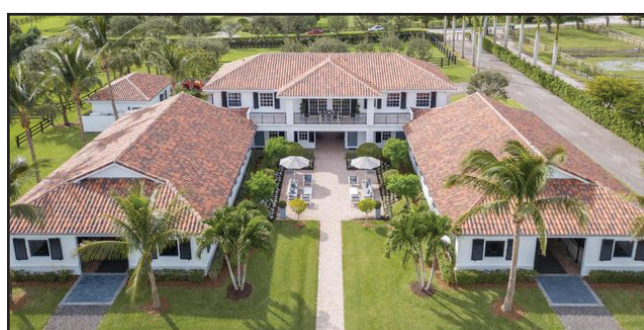
### Stylish Bungalow

Open concept 3+1 bdrm bungalow situated in private enclave in King Twp. Soaring ceilings, decorative detail, & lrg windows that let in an abundance of light are a few of the many features of this home. Beautiful fin bsmt w/gym, study & great entertaining space. \$1,695,000. Kim Nichols\*



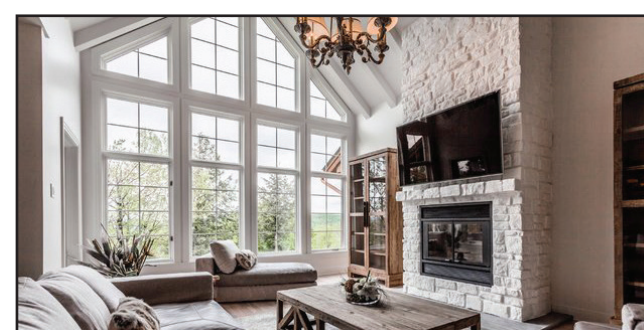
### Mt. Tremblant, Quebec

6 Bedrooms, 4 Baths, 4,900 sq. ft. \$2,200,000. EV ID: CA-00257Q



### Wellington, Florida

5 Bedrooms, 6 Baths, 2,800 sq. ft. 5 Acres, \$6,495,000. EV ID: E-002GA6t



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## Plans gear up for Southlake's annual fundraiser

Registration is now open for the 2019 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake, the largest annual fundraiser for Southlake Regional Health Centre.

This family-friendly event will take place on Sunday, April 28, with funds raised supporting the most urgently-needed tools and equipment not funded by the government. This includes more advanced technology and replacements for equipment that has reached the end of life, items that Southlake's physicians, nurses and staff depend on to ensure our communities receive the leading-edge care they rely on from Southlake.

The Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake is a 5K timed road race down Davis Drive, a premier route that passes under the iconic Southlake bridge and directly past the regional health centre that serves more than 1.5 million people across York Region, South Simcoe and Dufferin Counties, and even as far north as Muskoka. Speed corals make this event great for all ages and skill levels, allowing participants to run, jog or walk the route.

Participants include community members, past patients, family and friends of patients, as well as Southlake's staff, physicians and volunteers. Last year's event sold out at 1,500 registered participants, and even higher numbers are expected for the 2019 event.

"Everyone who participates has their own story," says Susan Mullin, president and CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation. "We see families and workplaces that form a team to celebrate the tremen-

dous care of a family member, friend or colleague. Others run or walk in memory of a loved one. No matter their story, each of our participants is supporting their families, friends and neighbours by helping Southlake deliver the best possible patient care, close to home."

All registered participants will receive a free technical T-shirt, race kit, race bib, finishing medal, finish line photo, free parking, and unlimited access to the Athlete's Village. Participants will also enjoy musical entertainment at the event, and a Kid Zone with a bouncy castle and face painting.

Early bird registration savings are available until March 1st. For more

event information or to register today, visit [www.runforsouthlake.ca](http://www.runforsouthlake.ca).

Since the inception of Southlake Foundation in 1980, over \$100 million dollars has been raised in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre. Working with members of the community, hundreds of volunteers, the Southlake Family and our incredible donors, Southlake Foundation will continue to support life-saving medical equipment, infrastructure upgrades and expansions, patient programs and staff education, all for the goal of providing leading-edge care for patients and families, close to home.

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## SodaStream fills a need and keeps us green

By Mark Pavilons

Canadians love the environment. They also love soda.

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From shoreline line cleanups and advocacy initiatives, Canadians are serious about cutting waste and they understand that the time for action is now. "We are all stepping up in so many ways to fight plastic, and these acts should be shared to inspire others," added Nickerson.

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# Ottawa taking action on climate change

By Deb Schulte  
MP King-Vaughan

With our children's future and Ontario's economy at stake, all levels of government, our businesses and individuals must do their part to reduce the emissions that are warming our planet and causing devastating effects.

Last October, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change rang alarm bells and reported that our planet will reach a critical threshold of warming as early as 2030. The scientific community overwhelmingly agrees. The impact of this change will be devastating: extreme drought, wildfires, floods and food shortages for millions of people around the world.

Here in Ontario we are already experiencing more frequent and more severe weather events. These events driven by climate change are increasingly costly to clean up and devastating to the lives of Canadians. Insurance costs are rising rapidly and now average \$1.8B a year, up from \$400M less than 10 years ago. All levels of government are having to undertake costly infrastructure upgrades to deal with negative impacts, like flooding and wind damage. With warming, northward migrating diseases like Lyme disease place new burdens on an already strained health care system, our agricultural businesses increasingly face changes to precipitation levels, and our forestry companies

experience dramatic negative effects from fires and pest infestations.

These impacts are hitting your pocket book. Climate change is already costing you money, and those costs will continue to rise if we do nothing.

In 2016, the federal government, together with the provinces and territories, indigenous leaders, businesses, NGOs and experts, developed a comprehensive national climate plan. Almost all provinces and territories signed on to the plan to reduce carbon emissions and transition to a clean growth economy. Since then some provinces have pulled back from their commitments, including Ontario. As a result, the federal government is applying a price on pollution to ensure all regions of Canada do their part to reduce emissions.

Starting in April, the federal government will put a price on pollution through the energy we use, like gas and heating. All of the funds received will be returned in the province from which it is collected. Putting a price on pollution will encourage people and businesses to make cleaner choices and drive investments in energy efficiency.

That makes good business sense: last year, the four provinces with a price on pollution had the fastest growing economies.

Our government understands that not all Canadians may be able to make significant changes or cover the increased costs at the pump or when heat-

ing their homes. This is why the federal government is providing an annual Climate Action Incentive to offset the financial impact.

The Climate Action Incentive will offset the cost of pricing pollution. For example, an average family of four in Ontario will receive \$307 through the Climate Action Incentive when they file their taxes this year. Moreover, Ontarians can save more money if they choose clean solutions like public transit, fuel efficient vehicles, or energy efficient technology in their homes, such as smart thermostats. The more energy efficient you become, the more money you will save.

Funds received from the price on pollution will also be used to support small- and medium-sized businesses

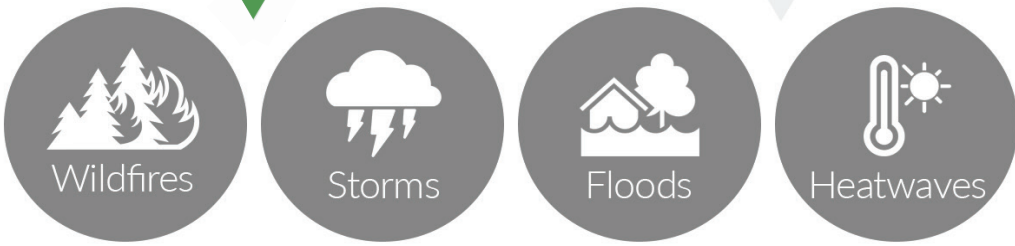
and municipalities to become more energy efficient and save money, in addition to supporting other initiatives that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions in Ontario.

Putting a price on pollution is only one part of the plan to reduce emissions. We have made critical investments to give Canadians cleaner choices, including: upgrading our public transit systems, like expanding GO Transit service along the Barrie Corridor; providing more electric-vehicle fast charging stations throughout southern Ontario, including in Vaughan; expanding home energy efficiency programs, to help us save money on our energy bills; and providing historic investments in renewable energy.

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CLIMATE CHANGE COSTS US BILLIONS

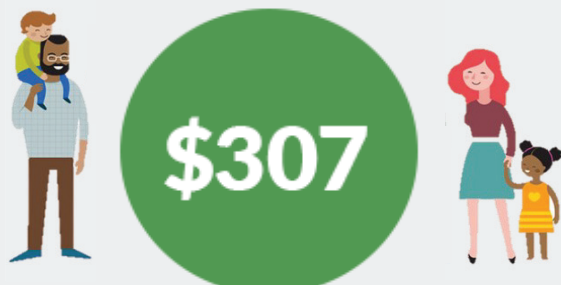
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# MPP Lecce supports York's women and men in uniform

By Mark Pavilons

A new provincial bill, aimed at enhancing police oversight, has drawn praise from far and wide.

The provincial government introduced new legislation, entitled the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019. If passed, this legislation will fix the previous government's Bill 175, which treated police with suspicion and made it increasingly difficult for them to do their jobs.

"Every morning, men and women across this province, especially our brave YRP officers, put on a uniform and go to work in the service of our community. They provide the safety and security that our communities and families rely on and deserve," said Stephen Lecce, King-Vaughan MPP, Deputy Government House Leader, and Parliamentary Assistant to the Premier and Minister of Infrastructure. "While we don't always hear their success celebrated on the news, we take great comfort knowing the police are responding to emergencies and preventing crime

in Vaughan and King. Often times this work entails risk, and it certainly involves difficult decisions. But we rely on the police to keep us safe. Now they can rely on their government to have their back."

The Act would streamline the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) investigation process, which would have persisted under the previous Bill 175 and forced many police officers to labour under months- or years-long investigations.

"Bill 175 was the most anti-police piece of legislation in Canadian history," said Sylvia Jones, Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services. "It was a disaster. It actively undermined policing efforts. And it undermined public confidence and trust in the work police do."

If passed, the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act will enhance police oversight in Ontario by creating one window for public complaints, reducing delays in the investigation process, and ensuring more accountability.

"When we were elected one of our first orders of business was to pause implementation of Bill 175, so that we could fix it in a way that continues to ensure oversight – but does so in a way that is balanced, respectful and fair," said Attorney General and York-Simcoe MPP Caroline Mulroney. "Our legislation, if passed, will focus investigative resources where they are needed, on criminal activity, within a police oversight system that will ultimately help build safer communities on a shared foundation of restored trust and accountability."

By treating police fairly, the Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act will ensure the police, the government, and the people of Ontario remain partners in creating a more secure province.

"Not every example of police courage and service is as high profile as the response to the North York van attack or the Danforth shooting. What those officers have in common with the everyday heroes who serve and protect us is that they deserve our gratitude and respect - not our suspicion and scorn," said Jones. "That's why our government for the people is providing police with the tools, resources and support they need to keep our communities safe, stand up for victims and hold offenders accountable for their crimes."

Police associations are pleased with the announcement.

"The work OPPA members do every day keeps the people of our province safe. Unfortunately, challenges in the current legislation make it more difficult for the police to do their jobs. The changes proposed by the government today intend to empower police across Ontario to ensure community safety. We look forward to reviewing details of the Bill and participating in the legislative process," said Rob Jamieson, president and CEO, Ontario Provincial Police Association.

"Over the past three years, the Police Association of Ontario (PAO) has been focused on advocating for the thoughtful modernization of the Police Services Act with both the former and current provincial governments. The PAO has maintained that Ontario's front-line sworn and civilian police personnel require the appropriate

tools and adequate funding to keep our communities safe, and we have remained clear that we support effective oversight, accountability, and transparency to build the public's trust in our profession. Ontario's front-line police personnel ... are hopeful that this new Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act will serve to restore fairness and respect for professional policing, make oversight more effective, and improve governance, training, and transparency. The PAO is committed to working with the provincial government to ensure Ontario continues to be a safe place to live, work, and visit," noted Bruce Chapman, president, Police Association of Ontario.

"The Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police has long advocated for significant changes to the Police Services Act in order to assist us in the efficient and effective management of police services that enhance public and officer safety. We believe there are items in this new legislation that are welcome and look forward to continuing to work with the government and stakeholders, knowing that community safety is our absolute priority," added Kimberley Greenwood, president, Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and Chief, Barrie Police Service.

First Nations policing provisions laid out in the Police Services Act, 2018, would be adopted providing First Nations communities with greater choice in how their policing services are delivered.

The amendments to the Police Services Act (1990) – the legislation currently in force – that add new community safety and well-being planning provisions and came into force on Jan. 1, 2019, would continue to be in force with a new provision requiring the participation of the local police service in the development of the plan.

The Missing Persons Act, 2018, and Forensic Laboratories Act, 2018, and the majority of the previous amendments to the Coroners Act would remain as passed in the Safer Ontario Act, 2018.

The new police oversight legislation would respond to Justice Tulloch's recommendations in the Report of the Independent Police Oversight Review.

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# Art sale at Olde Mill aids humanitarian mission

The artists at the Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe in Schomberg welcomed a new addition.

Original works by local artists are for sale, with proceeds going to aid a humanitarian mission to Rwanda by a university student.

Money raised will support University of Western student Alexandria Hesketh-Pavilons, who will be doing volunteer mission work in Kigali, Rwanda through the university's interdisciplinary experiential learning course. She will engage in 5 weeks of active and interactive community service, working with Rwandan youth. She will be an "ambassador" of not only Western University, but of Canada.

Up for bidding is an original acrylic on canvas painting by Austrian-Canadian artist Ernestine Tahedl.

Tahedl was born in Austria and received a Master's Degree from the Vienna University of Applied Arts. She immigrated to Canada and was elected a member of the Royal Canadian Academy of Arts in 1977 and of the Ontario Society of Artists in 1984. She received the Governor General's Canada 125th Anniversary Medal in 1993.

Also for sale is a unique original

painting by renowned floral artist Helen Lucas. This is a departure from her florals and is an original acrylic on wood frame piece.

Lucas originals are quite valuable and sought after. This is unlike anything else in her collection.

Visit the gallery to view the pieces March 16, 17 and 23, 24.

On March 16, from 12 to 2 p.m. Lexie will be on hand to discuss her volunteer efforts. As well, Tahedl will also pay a visit to the gallery to meet with art-lovers.

Meet the artists and enjoy shopping locally at the Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe at 357 Main Street in Schomberg. You will discover one of a kind pieces of art including jewellery, paintings, scarves, greeting cards, wood turned bowls and vases as well as small tables and stools. The Olde Mill Gallery & Shoppe values and supports local artists.

Located right beside the Scruffy Duck, the gallery is open Thursdays to Sundays from 12 to 6 p.m.

Email mpavilons@rogers.com if interested or to make an offer. To read more about Lexie's volunteer efforts visit her gofundme page at <https://www.gofundme.com/help-local-volunteer-help-others-in-rwanda>





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## Federal plan will drive innovation

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The shift to a cleaner future is already under way – companies around the world are finding ways to both use less energy and pollute less. They know that it saves them money and makes them more competitive.

Our plan will drive innovation, growth and ensure that Canadian businesses are not only competitive, but leaders in the emerging global low-carbon economy. Bold action on climate change is expected to add at least \$26 trillion to the global economy by 2030, along with 65 million new jobs.

The federal government wants to ensure Canada is well placed to seize that opportunity for the benefit of families, communities and businesses while providing a clean and sustainable future for our children.

Tax filing season is now upon us. As the Parliamentary Secretary to National Revenue, I wanted to be sure to bring to your attention the new Climate Action Incentive, so that residents of my riding of King-Vaughan can get money back in their pockets while helping to fight climate change.

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# Caledon teen battling rare illness seeks treatment in U.S.

By Joshua Santos

A GoFundMe has been launched to help a Caledon teenager battling with a rare and complex illness.

Jarred Fosbury, 16, was diagnosed with Hyperadrenergic Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS) with mild Ehlers Danlos Syndrome.

"It's been very difficult," said his mother, Kimberly Fosbury. "It's been a lot of ER trips, a lot of doctor's appointments, a lot of anxiety and stress, not knowing what's happening. We just got the diagnosis at the end of the first week of February

Jarred was experiencing symptoms over the past seven and a half months. He had tachycardia – rapid heart rate and bradycardia – low heart rate. He has headaches, nausea, extreme fatigue, tingling and numbness in his face and limbs, joint pain, blurred vision, weight loss, muscle twitching, an inability to regulate body temperature and hot hand and cold hand.

"This condition has been very debilitating for Jarred," said Fosbury. "He has spent most of the past seven months in bed, unable to go to school, visit or hang out with friends, or go to the dentist and other such appointments. This illness has taken a real toll on our entire family as well."

Her husband called a POTS specialist in Hamilton and they won't even see him until he turns 18, which prompt their decision to go south of the border.

The GoFundMe campaign has a goal of \$25,000. Fosbury said funds will be used to cover some of Jarred's treatment costs.

"It's very overwhelming," said Fosbury, emotionally. "It's amazing that so many people care about him and so many people want to help him and they just want him to get better."

"What really touches me is when I see some of Jarred's friends; they're high school kids and donating \$25 or \$50 and it's very touching."

She said people suggested the idea of her starting an online campaign after she contacted MPP Sylvia Jones's office for help.

"They were supposed to send me some paperwork to apply to OHIP," said



Fosbury. "I haven't received anything yet and the timelines are tight. I contacted my health insurance company and they don't cover anything out of country. Then I went to the bank, to get a loan and the best they can do for me was to increase my credit limit on my credit card."

"As much as I don't want to ask people for money, my son has been suffering for eight months and he needs treatment and this is the only way we can do it."

Jarred's mood differs each day. Fosbury said he had a few bad days, with a lot of tachycardia, migraines, headaches, nausea and was unable to eat.

He would however have days where he has a few more hours of sleep, headache isn't as bad and is able to do some online courses.

"There are times when he can walk to the car to go to a doctor's appointment, there are other times where has to be carried and use a wheelchair."

The family tries to keep a record of all of his symptoms to detect any triggers, but it's all random. They plan to travel during March Break to see a specialist, but that may be postponed until July.

"It's a bit of a waiting game right now," said Fosbury. "I don't expect it there will be an issue but I'm a teach-

er and I have march break. If we were to get everything in, they're going to treat him twice a day, but they need to start on the seventh, and because of his illness he can't fly. I anticipate it's going to be a very difficult trip down."

She said her husband may have to drive with her son and then she will meet with them after she takes an airplane down.

The family is trying to have Jarred attend the Neurologic Wellness Institute in Wood Dale, Ill., USA.

On the GoFundMe page, Dr. George Michalopoulos said there would be no guarantees but he thought he could help. He had some success with similar patients. Fosbury felt positive after talking with him. She heard of him by watching some testimonials on YouTube.

"There was a young girl, the same age as Jarred who sounded very, very similar and two months after treatment, she was back to playing competitive soccer," said Fosbury.

She didn't want her son to be bedridden and wait two years if she can help it. She went to different websites, did a lot of research and started looking on YouTube ever since POTS was suggested.

She searched up Michalopoulos' credentials and information on the clinic. She then called and left messages with six practitioners in Ontario to get their opinions before investing into the American health centre.

"One in London and one just outside Waterloo got back to me and actually talked to me on the phone for quite a while and asked a lot of questions," said Fosbury. "They both said given Jarred's type of POTS and severity of POTS, that this was the man to go see, Dr. Michalopoulos."

Fosbury said Jarred's symptoms started appearing in July, 2018. Jarred woke up early one morning not feeling well. He tried going to sleep but couldn't. When he tried getting out of bed, his heart felt like it stopped for a few seconds, then started beating hard and fast.

"He thought he was having a heart attack, so he called 911," said Fosbury. "His limbs and his lips started to seize

so he moaned and kicked his bed post to wake us up. By the time I flew out of bed and down the hall, my husband already had Jarred propped up against him, but was unable to keep his hand on Jarred's chest as his heart was beating so hard and so fast. The paramedics didn't want to take him to the hospital because they said it was just a panic attack and that he was fine. We insisted, so they took him to the smaller hospital to the north of us where they monitored him, did bloodwork, and sent him home after a few hours."

She said Jarred's heart would skip beats, double beat and then race high.

After attending the Hospital for Sick Children, the family was referred to a pediatric cardiologist. They were then referred to an endocrinologist, Dr. Verbeeten who proposed a diagnosis of POTS.

"The problem is Jarred's kind of POTS," said Fosbury. "A lot of people with POTS are functional. It's only about 25 per cent that are debilitated like Jarred. He's also in a very small group where his particular type of POTS, his heartrate also drops too low because cardiologist said a lot of times the treatment is beta blockers, but because his heart rate drops too low, they can't give him beta blockers. So essentially, there's nothing they can do for him."

They would see their family doctor, a pediatrician, a pediatric cardiologist, neurologist, endocrinologist, two psychiatrists, a psychologist and two naturopathic doctors. The doctors will then consult with each other and concluded POTS.

Fosbury was told it's one of those illness that they don't come to a diagnosis until they ruled everything else out.

"Jarred just wants his life back," said Fosbury. "He wants to be able to go to school and see his friends. One thing I miss more than anything is his singing. He has a beautiful, rich singing voice, and from the time he was 11 months old, his vocal chords never stopped. If he wasn't talking, he was singing. Now, he can't do either for long. He gets out of breath, his chest gets tight, and he has an episode. Jarred wants to sing and play his guitar again."

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# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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## Horticultural Society

For the first meeting of this new year, the Schomberg Horticultural Society is delighted to welcome our special guest speaker who will prove we are just as current and relevant as can be.

Mark Depelham's timely topic is "Cannabis: the Controversial Plant."

Please join us on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Schomberg Community Hall on Main Street. You will have a chance to speak with Mark afterwards while enjoying some light refreshments. New members are enthusiastically welcomed.

astically welcomed.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tues. of the month from March to June and September to October. Individual membership is \$20 per year and family membership is \$25. Everyone is welcome.

## Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

On Sunday, March 10, the congregation will gather at 116 Church St. (St. Mary Magdalene Church) at 9:30 a.m. for the worship service. The church has decided to use the lower level since it is accessible from the rear of the church. Enjoy coffee and goodies afterwards.

On Tuesday, March 12 at 11:30 a.m., on the main floor of the Kitchen Bree-

don Manor, the entertainment for the Seniors' Luncheon to celebrate St. Patrick's Day will be first: Music with Gerry Duffy, the owner of the Scottish Nook, on Main St., in Schomberg. Gerry plays acoustic guitar and sings Scottish and Irish folk favourites. This will be followed by a roast beef lunch downstairs at 12:30 p.m. Please contact Sheila Kelly at 905-939-2315 if you want to join us. Donations are accepted to help cover costs.

On Sunday, March 17, at 9:30 a.m., the worship service will be led by King City's Sandra Kirby. Sandra's enthusiasm and her lovely trained singing voice will make this a very special Sunday.

The Joyful Spirits will be restarting their practices on Wednesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. at Nobleton United. We are ac-

panied by a guitarist and a pianist. If you like to sing or have another instrument that you play, we would welcome you as well. We will be preparing "Down by the Riverside" arranged by Jay Althouse for the Schomberg Church Anniversary on Sunday, April 28.

Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman will be running a four-part Lenten Series called "The Final Week" on Tuesday, March 19, 26, Thursday, April 4 and Tuesday, April 9. This would be for 1 hour (10-11 a.m.), followed by refreshments at 116 Church St, Schomberg. All are welcome. The group will look at people, places and decisions that culminated in the Easter that we celebrate each year.

Schomberg United meets at St. Mary Magdalene, 116 Church St., at 9:30 a.m. most Sundays, but at the Kitchen Bree-don 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.



## Kay Dental opens in Schomberg

Councillor Bill Cober helped with the official ribbon cutting duties at Kay Dental Care, located in Schomberg. Dr. Alborz Hormoz and Dr. Elvis Filo joined him in celebrating the opening. For more, visit [www.kaydentalcare.ca](http://www.kaydentalcare.ca)

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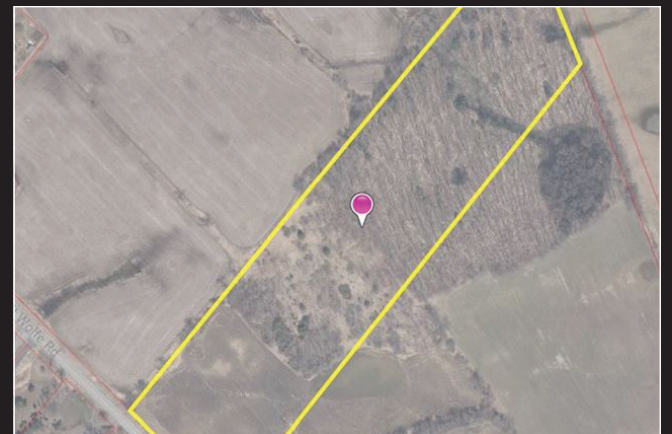
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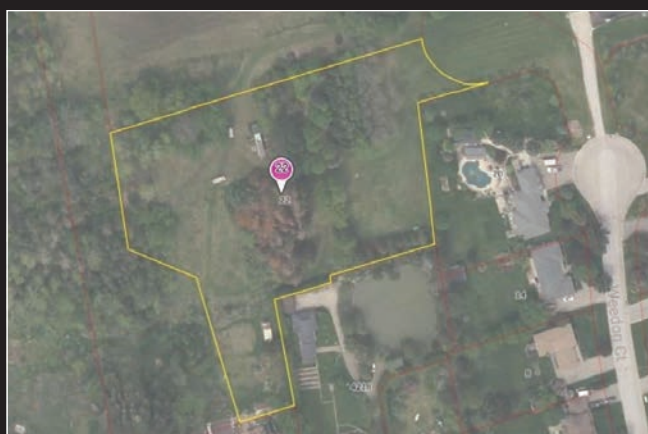
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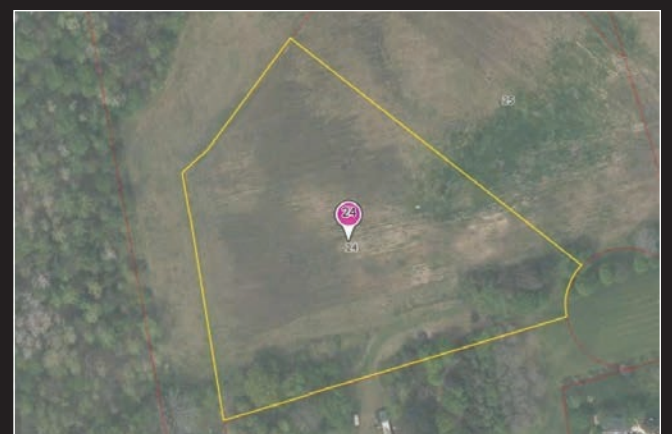
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## King City Lions win back-to-back York Region titles

By Jake Courtepatte

The Lions' roar never faulted. For only the third time in history, and the second time since the program started back up only a few years ago, the varsity hockey King City Lions are the York Region Athletic Association champions.

The Lions entered the post-season as the second-ranked team in the top-tiered division, finishing with a record of 4-1-1, two points back of St. Theresa of Lisieux.

As fate would have it, the two would match up in the championship series after each swept through their best-of-three semifinals. The Lions disposed of St. Brother Andre with 6-4 and 4-3 scores to reach their second final in as many years.

Carter Diceman played the role of most valuable player in securing the game-winning goal for the Lions in a 3-2 final, tipping in a shot from the point from Anthony Critelli. Lucas Ceccarelli and Pearce Baker also found the back of the net for the winning squad.

Anthony Santaguida was spectacular between the pipes in only allowing a pair of St. Theresa goals, while the Lions allowed only five total throughout the playoffs.

Both teams will hit the road later this month for the OFSAA championship: King City will sit in the AA division as a school with under 1,000 students, while St. Theresa will move to



The King City Lions took home the YRAA Tier 1 championship with a 3-2 win over St. Theresa of Lisieux on Thursday.

the AAA division with a population of 1,000-plus.

The Lions returned home with a silver medal from last year's OFSAA battle in Collingwood, finishing second in their pool before bending to Holy Trinity 7-3 in the championship game.

Lions head coach Brad Matwijec sees his group of veterans leading a similar charge to the final game.

"In last year's championship game

we were gassed going in with our best defender out," said Matwijec, pointing out the subtraction of Baker for the final tournament, who had decided to play junior A in his junior year. "As a Grade 12 player this year, he has fully committed to our program and has led a strong group of defenders.

"Add to this excellent goaltending and forwards who work as hard as defenders, you can see that this team is built to win in big games. I would not bet against this group of young men."

This year's incarnation of the province's top tournament will run March 18-22 in Kincardine.



The Country Day School Saints captured the CISAA Division 2 title with a 4-2 win over Greenwood College on Monday.

## CDS Saints win CISAA championship

By Jake Courtepatte

The Country Day School Saints are at the top of the prep school hockey pyramid.

The varsity squad captured the championship of the CISAA's non-contact tier one division on Monday, marking a fitting end to a stellar season.

Bouncing back from a pair of losses to close out the regular season, the Saints played host to Crestwood Preparatory College on Friday at the Aurora Rec Complex in the league semifinal, where they booked their championship ticket thanks to a 3-1 win.

They then met Greenwood College School in Monday's final, pitting the division's top two teams in a winner-take-all scenario.

"Greenwood fans packed the crowd chanting and cheering loud," said Coach David Drake of the road match-up. "CDS got off to a slow start and our goalie (Liam Falconer) kept us in the game making several big stops."

Steven Li eventually broke the goose egg with a shorthanded goal for the Saints, before Quinn Binnie fought off a Greenwood defender to double the Saints' lead.

Oliver Carleton potted a rebound that would prove to be the game winner, with CDS holding off the comeback when Greenwood pulled the goalie with the score at 3-2.

Fittingly, team captain Brian Turner closed out the season with an empty net goal for a final score of 4-2.

The Saints finished with a final record of 5-3-1 in the regular season, and 7-3-1 in total.

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Skip Claire Murphy, Vice Nancy Morrison, Susan Serra 2nd, and Joan Montgomery as Lead were crowned Section A winners of Mini Majors Women's League.

## Mini Major championships

By Shellee Morning

The Woman's Mini Majors League consists of 16 curling Clubs located throughout the GTA. The league was established in 1984 to promote learning the skills of each curling position (Skip, Vice, Second, Lead). The season consists of four games and each curler rotates to a different curling position each game.

The top three teams from the four sections qualify for the Championship Day Finals at the end of four games. Each club hosts one game. King Curling entered two teams in Section A in our inaugural season with the Mini Majors League. King competed against teams from Chinguacousy CC located in Brampton, York CC located in Newmarket and Richmond Hill CC.

Congratulations to the King 1 team of Claire Murphy, Nancy Morrison, Susan Serra and Joan Montgomery, who were the Section A winners and qualified for the Championship Day Finals! The other section winners were Tam Heather CC, High Park CC and Mississauga CC.

The King 2 team members were Sylvia Mulder, Vivian DeFaveri and Brenda Clarke and relied on spares to round

out a four-member team. King 2 did not place in the top three but had solid performances in all games. King 2 had the highest point total in a game in Section A. The team earned 18.75 total points for their 11-3 win against York 2.

Championship Day Finals were held at Annandale Curling Club in Ajax Feb. 27. King 1 curled against Donalda Curling Club, North York in the morning and St. George Curling Club, Etobicoke in the afternoon.

After a 7-3 loss to Donalda in their first game, King 1 was determined to make a comeback and score a win against St. George. St. George was leading 6-4 in the 7th end. King 1 rallied in the 8th end. St. George with shot rock and tucked behind one of three King 1 rocks in the house. Vice Nancy Morrison placed her broom and Skip Claire Murphy delivered the hammer rock. Susan Serra (Second) and Joan Montgomery (Lead) swept the rock for a precision tap back shot to secure a 3 point end. King 1 won the game 7-6. A remarkable end and a stellar performance for a novice team on Championship Day.

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# Local bonspiel champs

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King club news

Thank you to the women who have participated this year (either on a team or as a spare) in King Curling's first year in the Mini Majors League: Sylvia Mulder, Vivian DeFaveri, Brenda Clarke, Nancy Morrison, Susan Serra, Joan Montgomery, Claire Murphy, Cindy Rode, Tannis Sherwood, Beth Egan, Linda Bullock

Thank you to Julie Oakley (coach) and Debby Johansson (club rep) for volunteering their time to organize the two teams and practices. King Curling is looking forward to continued success in the 2019-2020 season.

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner took place this past weekend to salute the club's many volunteers. King Curling is operated 100% by its volunteers and with a record membership of over 370 members, it is proud to say that over 25% are volunteers. After a tag format game and dinner, club president Dan Steenhoek delivered a very inspiring and heartfelt thank you to all volunteers. He congratulated everyone that offered their valuable time in order to help the club with its success and welcomes new volunteers for the coming season.

King Curling was well represented this past weekend at the Annual Alliston Mixed Bonspiel with George Gerrits, Ann Gerrits, Chris Welch and Chris McKey-Welch. Skip George Gerrits led the squad through 2 games winning both and winning every end except one. Their solid performance captured 1st place overall.



Chris Welch, Christine McKey-Welch, George Gerrits and Ann Gerrits of the King Curling Club captured 1st place overall at the Annual Alliston Mixed Bonspiel with a near perfect performance winning both games and every end except 1.

## York 9 FC unveils its full schedule

By Jake Courtepatte

The dates are set for the inaugural Canadian Premier League schedule, and for York 9 FC fans, they will have to be patient.

The CPL and York 9 FC unveiled the full 2019 schedule last week, which sees the York Region squad play its first three games on the road before finally hosting its first ever match at the York Lions stadium.

Both York 9 and Hamilton's Forge FC will host the other in their stadium's premier match-ups, dubbed the "905 derby," a term used to describe rival games in close geographical proximity.

"It's great that both clubs are opening against each other, our rivals," said coach Brennan. "It'll be great for the fans, the players, it really is. And we'll want to win both (games), too."

The York squad will head to Hamilton for a historic match on April 27, the first on the league schedule in its first season of play. York 9 FC will continue their road swing with a trip to Calgary to face Cavalry FC on May 4, before ending against Langford, British Columbia's Pacific FC.

The inaugural home match is set for May 25 to host the Hamilton squad.

"It's always special winning a derby game," said Brennan, who has seen his fair share in his playing days around the globe. "In Europe, I played in a lot of derby matches, where the opposition was in the same town, so I love the rivalry here, since Hamilton is not far from where we are. It's a great rivalry. These are the big games that you want to be involved in, the passionate games."

Each Canadian Premier League club will play 28 regular season games; 14 home, 14 away, split over two halves of the 2019 season. All seven clubs will compete in a single table; three points will be awarded for victory, one point for a draw, zero points for a loss.

The winner of the spring season will be the team with the most points at the end of Canada Day (July 1). The winner of the fall season will be the team with the most points on Oct. 19 following the table reset on July 2.

As an aside, May's home opener will not be York 9's first match on their home pitch, as they play host to the Quebec-based A.S. Blainville in the Canadian Championship table three days prior, bringing a packed schedule of action to the first week of York 9's initial season.

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**King City United  
By Sheryl Sinka**

This Sunday past was Transfiguration Sunday and worship allowed us to consider the times in our lives where, like the disciples and like Jesus, we have been significantly affected by an event or even a visual experience. Capturing that moment for so many of us involves grabbing a camera or phone camera and snapping a digital image. Rev Bruce reminded us that those moments are truly captured inside of us and held in our hearts and memories.

Be open for the beauty of God which is all around us, wait for it in quiet moments, watch for it with eyes open, expect and trust that it will happen for God is always present.

Please Join us for worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. where we explore the word of God and connect with others in a welcoming environment. There is a fellowship time following worship for those who wish to stay.

There are still tickets available through the church office for The An-

nual Irish Dinner on Friday, March 15 with a delicious dinner of Irish stew, mashed potatoes and dessert. The Miller School of Irish Dancing will be performing for the enjoyment of the diners as well as musical entertainment from the Olde Tyme Connection Band

The women's prayer group, which meets at the Residences of Springhill at 80 Burns Blvd., has resumed on Tuesday mornings. The Condo community is on the south side of King Road and meetings are in the small dining room on the main floor. Departure time is optional but please try to arrive just before 9 so as to be let in.

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 905-833-5375 or Kathy 905-833-0391. Please arrive by 9 so that you can be let in. We will keep you updated if the prayer meetings resume.

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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Please join us on Sunday, March 10 as Pastor Mark continues our series "Encountering God Through Spiritual Practices" with Corporate Confession.

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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

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"Legacy" nights are our family Bible Study nights.

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We meet every Tuesday from 6:45-8 p.m.

We will be taking a break this week for March Break.

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

**St. Andrew's  
By Kathy Patterson**

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The Women's Prayer Circle will be meeting at 80 Burns Blvd., this Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. Contact Kathy Patterson, 905-833-0391 for more information.

Sunday evenings a Bible Study takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. in the lounge at St. Andrew's. Contact Niyazi Bilgen for more information at 416-878-8499. All are welcome.

Please note! Sunday, March 10 is the beginning of Lent. It is also the beginning of Daylight Saving Time when we "spring forward" by one hour.

This year, St. Andrew's has decided that during Lent, up to and including Easter Sunday, we are going on a Lenten Journey of sharing our larger church space with the HanWool Presbyterian Church, King City. We will start a half hour earlier (10 a.m.) making time for the HanWool congregation to have their service at 11:30 a.m.

For pastoral care needs while Lynn is on Study Leave over the next week, contact Kathy Patterson, 905-833-0391 or contact our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Paul Johnston, 705-341-7738. We are located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks

north of the King Rd. www.standrews-kingcity.ca

**All Saints Anglican Church  
By Patrick Gossage**

Tubing with All Saints youth – a group from the church, a few friends, parents and Grace Martin our Sunday school teacher, drove to Barrie's Snow Valley Friday evening for a great evening of tubing. Eight or so kids in tubes can hang on to each other and roar down the slopes. Lots of fun, snow and bonding. Other trips will be planned. All Saints is very kid friendly.

Rummage, rummage - Needed for King's biggest and best Rummage Sale – Our rummage extravaganza is being organized for Saturday, April 27 and we encourage everyone to contribute items of all kinds that are clean and in good condition – including books and cd! We also welcome jewelry, silver pieces, kitchen items, and clothing. We need volunteer salespeople for the Saturday, and general help. If you have young people who need community hours this is a perfect opportunity. Drop off items at the church any Tuesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. No electron-

ics please, or baby or large furniture or helmets. To volunteer call Diana at 905-859-3965.

Words to live by – The Gospel last Sunday was Luke 9's story of the transfiguration of Christ, and God's affirmation that he was the Messiah by saying: "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth asked: "What do we say of ourselves to affirm we are made in the image of God? Jesus is fully God and fully man. God dwells in us, too. We can be examples of God's love in the world. We are not human beings on a spiritual journey, but spiritual brings on a human journey." She asked how we respond to the love of God in our lives at All Saints. She said we would have an opportunity to tell our story of how we share our time and talents both in church activities and in the community in the months to come as we embark on our "narrative budget."

"Everything you do counts," she said. Small notebooks were passed out so we all could start counting up the time we give freely and willingly. As Lent begins, next Sunday a Volunteer Tree will be put up so we all can put

our time down on leaves which we can then attach to its branches. These gifts will be tallied and presented monthly. A good way to star Lent: know how we are giving instead of focusing on what we are giving up.

**Horticulture  
By John Arnott**

You know for sure spring is certainly just around the corner when you hear Nobleton -King City Horticultural Society/garden club is holding its first meeting. And that important fact takes place on Monday evening March 25 starting at 8 p.m. in the Nobleton Community Hall on Old King Rd. just in from Hwy. 27 at the north end of the arena complex. Let's meet a bit earlier, say 7:30 p.m. Sign up as a new member if you want or re-new an old membership.

There'll be time to mingle with fellow gardeners to share gardening experiences, expertise and problems over a cup of tea/coffee/juice and treats before hearing an always informative and interesting speaker and presentation. Mark Monday, March 25 – see you then!

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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, meet the second and fourth Friday of the month at 7 p.m.

LifeConnect Groups are small gatherings for friendship, study and prayer. We have several LifeConnect Groups that meet throughout the week, one of which meets every Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m. This evening (March 7), our Pastoral Intern, Edward Yoo, will present the second part of a two-week study on Genesis 1-2 entitled, "The Beginning." We also have a Men's Life Connect Group that meets at the church on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Please

feel free to contact the church office and we can give you further details.

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. This is a true gold mine if you are a reader.

St. Paul's has almost 20 students away studying at colleges and universities. As has been done for many years, the students will receive a Final Exam Care Package which include all kinds of healthy snacks, cookies, chocolate, teas, notes and surprises. Each of these packages is personally mailed or delivered. Everyone is encouraged to contribute by means of a box that we have set up in the lobby until March 24.

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. Last year alone we were able to donate 28 quilts for refugees, plus many knitted items. All handcrafted items are donated to various mission projects. Consider joining us.

This Sunday, Jeff will lead us in

worship at 10 a.m. We offer ministry to children aged 0 to 11 during worship. Following the service we always enjoy some delicious refreshments. Come and join us. You will be glad you did!

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

## St. Mary's Church

Heralds of the Gospel and Spiritual Talk, location: St Mary's Mission, 190 MacTaggart Dr., Nobleton, Mondays at 7:30 p.m. (except holidays).

Enrolment ceremony, for 2019 registered confirmation candidates at all masses. St. Mary's Mission/St. Patrick's Parish - attend one only. Saturday, March 2 at 5 p.m. or Sunday, March 3 at 8 a.m. at St. Mary's Church and at St. Patrick's at 11 a.m.

Prepare for the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is on March 6. Lent lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays). The three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and alms giving. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (one primary meal and 2 lesser meals and abstinence from meat. All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

## Nobleton United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Our regular Sunday services are at 11:15 a.m. Children are welcome at any of our services. The second Sunday of

every month (so this Sunday, March 10) will have a special activity for children to do after the Christ candle is lit.

On Sunday, March 17, at 9:30 a.m., the worship service will be led by King City's Sandra Kirby. Sandra's enthusiasm and her professional singing voice will make this a very special Sunday.

The next Messy Church at Church is Sunday, March 24 at 11:15 a.m. in place of the regular worship service. We will gather in the Sanctuary for "Messy Communion" and songs and then go downstairs for various optional crafts related to Communion. One of the crafts is always decorating cookies in the theme. At 12:15 we will have lunch together. For more info, call Nancy at 905-859-0761. View our Facebook photo page for Messy Church.

The Joyful Spirits will be restarting their practices on Wednesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. The singers are accompanied by a guitarist and a pianist. If you have another instrument that you play, we would welcome you as well. We will be learning "Down by the Riverside," arranged by Jay Althouse for the Schomberg Anniversary on Sunday, April 28.

Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman will be running a four part Lenten Series called "The Final Week" on Tuesday, March 19, 26, Thursday, April 4 and Tuesday, April 9 This would be for 1 hour (10-11 am) followed by refreshments at 116 Church St, Schomberg. All are welcome. The group will look at people, places and decisions that culminated in the Easter that we celebrate each year.

For Palm Sunday, April 14, we are planning on having a shortened family-oriented service followed by an Easter Egg hunt.

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## King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

Our annual pancake supper will be held on Tuesday, March 12. There will be two sittings - 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Obtain your tickets by calling Mary at 905-833-0448, Vic at 905-833-3510 or Carol at 905-833-3324.

Correction - Please note that the date for the June trip as printed in the newsletter should read Thursday, June 27.

The next pot luck lunch will be held on Friday, March 15 starting at 12:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring either a main course item or a dessert.

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

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**Nobleton Lions Club**

If you would be willing to help, please contact our church office at 905-859-3976.

On April 19, at 11 a.m., there will be a Good Friday service.

Last Friday's Pasta Dinner was another wonderful social evening, with friends, pasta, meatballs, Caesar salad, fruit, ice cream and pizzelle crispy cookie, and lots of door prizes. Many thanks to the many hands that helped to make this event happen; the set up crew, the kitchen staff, servers, the clean up crew, and the donors of the door prizes. It was a joyous event.

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.

**Garden Club**

A visual and auditory experience of plants awaits visitors to the next garden club meeting in Nobleton. Subtle plant and flower energy expressed in music and a beautiful slide presentation. It takes place Monday, March 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Nobleton Community Hall on Old King Road. New members and guest are always welcomed!

If you need more information visit <http://www.gardenontario.org/site.php/nobletonking> or email, [nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com).

The Nobleton Lions have a busy spring season planned, starting with the Annual Lions Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20 at the Pottageville pavilion. This event is put on by the 3 Lions Clubs in King Township. Plan to arrive early, say 9:30 a.m. The Hunt starts at 10 a.m. sharp and is usually over in very short order! Hot chocolate and coffee is supplied, and this event is free to all. If you need more info, contact Bob at 416-522-9675

Following that will be a new venture. The Club is hosting a night of Texas Hold'em Poker on April 26, right here in town at St. Mary's Church, and the club gratefully acknowledges the support of the Church and the Knights of Columbus. A maximum of 100 tickets will be sold at \$100 each, which covers a multi-course Italian style dinner with open bar, and the buy-in for the game. Dinner will be served at 7 and the game starts at 8. For tickets call Steve at 416-803-6310 or visit Jim at KARS automotive on King Road west of Hwy. 27, or at 905-859-5277.

May 26 is the date for the Pet Value Walk for Dog Guides, supporting the seven different specialty streams of support dogs. More details are available at [www.walkfordogguides.com](http://www.walkfordogguides.com), and on the Nobleton Lions website, or please contact Jim at 905-859-5216.

Last, but certainly not least, is the Lions Annual Fund Raiser Charity Golf Tournament on June 2, close to home at Nobleton Lakes Golf Course. Watch for in this paper, or call Jim at KARS.

Check out our website at [www.nobletonlions.com](http://www.nobletonlions.com)

The Lions Club is seeking new members at this time. If you are interested in helping your community become a

better place to live while having lots of fun, please call Bob Phillips at 416-522-9675.

**Nobleton Tennis Club**

Come and join us for some summer fun! Nobleton Tennis Club offers a variety of programs for both adults and youth. We are offering learn to play for both adult and youth.

We have Adult intercounty teams - mixed A and mixed C as well as Ladies A and B. We also have a youth inter-county team and inter club play.

The club offers weekly drop-in clinics to help improve your strokes and overall tennis game and weekly cardio tennis to help improve your tennis fitness. Private coaching can also be arranged.

This year we will be offering 2 weeks of youth summer camps - July 15 to 19 and 22 to 26. Register for camp early as spots fill quickly. Registration opens March 1 for both summer camp and summer membership with the club. Register at [nobletontennisclub.com](http://nobletontennisclub.com).

We welcome you! Opening day is Saturday, May 4 at 11 a.m.

**Women's Volleyball**

Anyone interested in playing volleyball on Thursday nights from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic School, please call Glenda Douglas at 416-561-6016. Players are needed.

**Anglican Parish  
By John Arnott**

"Esto mihi in Deum, Protectorem et in locum refugii ut salvum me facias" - be thou unto me a God, a protector, a place of refuge to save me for thou art my strength and my refuge."

And for your namesake you will lead me and nourish me: On you Lord I have hoped. Let me never be confounded: Deliver me in your justice and save me - "In justitia tua libera me in eripeme."

This beautiful chant its heritage symbolized here by being partly in the original Latin going into 16th century AD English and ending in the English of 2019, with a Latin insert repeating the last line, is still sometimes used in Anglican, Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches to mark Quinquagesima meaning the 50th day before Easter. And is traditionally celebrated on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday; this year on Sunday, March 3 just past although the St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes that this doesn't quite add up to 50 days.

There are 4 "gesima" observances going back to the early days of the western (Rome) Christian Church, the first 2 being seldom heard of anymore. Septuagesima Sunday, meaning 70 days before Easter still marks the beginning of carnival season in many Christian countries particularly Brazil and the islands in the West Indies like Trinidad-Tobago, finishing up on Shrove Tuesday.

Of course the most important gesima is Lent, still called Quadragesima outside the English-speaking world and meaning 40 days before Easter and a time with the focus on Yeshua's sacrifice to gain for his followers love eternal and everlasting life.

The word Lent has no religious meaning at all. Its roots are in the pre-Christian Anglo Saxon word "lencten," from which we get length and lengthen and refers to the increasing amount of daylight time that comes as we get closer to spring. In fact lencten is what the Anglo Saxons in Britain called spring!

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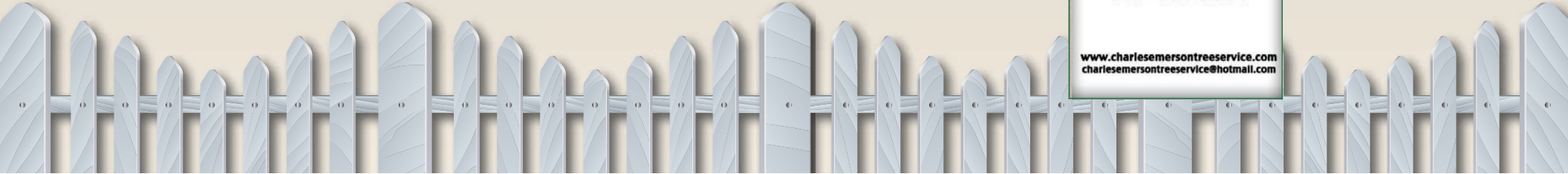
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