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Major fires cause extensive damage

By Mark Pavilons

Two separate fires caused extensive damage to businesses in King Township.

Early Monday morning, a large industrial fire was reported at Aerospace Metal Finishing at 71 Proctor Road in Schomberg. The call came in at 5:20 a.m.

Other businesses near the building were evacuated as a precaution, since Aerospace uses various chemicals.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks personnel were on site to monitor the situation for any potential impacts to water and/or air quality. The Township is working closely with ministry staff and will provide updates as they become available.

The Trisan Centre was closed Monday and Tuesday, and all programs cancelled. Roads re-opened late Monday night and air quality was given the green light.

York Regional Police and roughly 45 firefighters responded to the blaze.

Firefighters from King Township, Bradford West Gwillimbury, and New Tecumseth responded to the fire. There were no reported injuries.

A large structure was destroyed at a rural business in King early Sunday morning.

The fire destroyed a massive building at ATV Farms, on Bathurst, on the border of King and East Gwillimbury.

According to Fire Chief Jim Wall, crews from East Gwillimbury Emergency Services were first on the scene,

followed by local crews from three stations in King.

The cause of the fire is unknown and there were no significant injuries.

The building housed food produce and equipment. ATV Farms is one of Canada's largest growers, packers, shippers and exporters of carrots, onions, red and green cabbage, beets, and parsnips.

The Ontario Fire Marshal is investigating the cause of the fire.

This fire has far-reaching impacts, for this family run business, for the workers employed at this facility, and also the farmers who rely on this packing/shipping facility to move product locally, nationally, and internationally, according to Councillor Avia Eek. She noted a collaborative agreement was reached with Bradford and District Produce, another packing plant, which will enable ATV Farms to meet their fresh produce contract commitments with their farmers and with their buyers.

"While the fire consumed the office and packing plant itself, the storages that contained local farmers' fresh produce, waiting to be washed, graded and packaged, was not affected by the fire," she said.

"The agricultural community is a resilient one, and collaborations, as mentioned above, demonstrate just how connected we are to one another.

"I will assist in whatever capacity I am able in my role as councillor, and as a farmer, to help this economic driver within the agricultural community, rebuild."

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

Monday, January 13, 2020

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, January 27, 2020

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, December 12, 2019

3 pm – Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board Development and Engineering Services, Boardroom, 305 Barrie Street, Bradford

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

6 pm – King Township Public Library Board Meeting
Nobleton Branch 8 Sheardown Drive

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

6 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee
Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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- Fitness Instructor – Zumba - closes when filled
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT, seasonal) - closes when filled
- Program Instructor (PT seasonal contract) - closes when filled

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BID NOTICES

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REMINDERS

The municipal offices at 2585 King Road will close for the holidays at 4:30 p.m. Mon., Dec. 23, 2019 and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Thurs., Jan. 2, 2020.

If you have an urgent matter requiring attention during the closure, please call the Township's answering service at 905-833-5321 and your call will be forwarded to the appropriate personnel.



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Season's Greetings

On behalf of Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Members of Council we wish all of our residents and their families warm wishes for this Holiday Season.



PUBLIC NOTICES



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

NOTICE OF MEETINGS - REVISED

2020 WATER & WASTEWATER RATES and BY-LAW, DRAFT 2020-2022 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN

Council Chambers located at: King Township Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City, ON

RE: Presentation of 2020 Water & Wastewater Rates: **Monday, December 2, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.**
(Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, January 13th, 2020)

The Township of King 2020 Water and Wastewater Rates Report will be presented at the December 2, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the Monday, January 13th, 2020 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment.

RE: Council Working Session: **Monday, December 2, 2019 DEFERRED to January 13, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**
Presentation of Draft 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plan
Location: *King Township Municipal Centre – 2585 King Road, King City*

The Township of King's preliminary assumptions, feedback received to date, context and strategic directions relating to the Draft 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plans will be discussed at a Working Session on Monday, January 13, 2020. Interested parties are invited to attend to listen in on discussions relating to the DRAFT 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plans.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, December 2, 2019 DEFERRED to January 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**
Draft – 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King's Draft 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the January 13, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road, King City or on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 9, 2020.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, January 13, 2020 DEFERRED to January 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**
Consideration of By-law for Adoption: 2020-2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King adoption of the 2020 Operating Budget & Business Plan and 2020-2022 Amended Capital Budgets, will be tabled at the January 27, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road, King City or on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 23, 2020.

For further information regarding the 2020-2022 Budget & Business Plan, please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: Allan Evelyn, Director of Finance and Treasurer, aevelyn@king.ca

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

2020 Waste Calendar

King Township's 2020 waste calendar is almost here. It's scheduled to be delivered this month by Canada Post. Please note, if you are on Canada Post's 'no flyers' list, you can pick up a copy at the Municipal Centre, King Township library branches or any one of King's arenas. Or you can access it at www.king.ca.



Waste Collection Calendar 2020

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Increase in water rates necessary for cost-recovery

By Mark Pavilons

Water rates are going up again in King in 2020, and some residents aren't too happy about it.

A staff presentation at council Dec. 2 revealed the rate hikes coming in the new year are the result of a multi-year phased increase by the Region of York. Municipalities are being encouraged to make their water and wastewater services pay for themselves. Mandates from the Province have added to the burden, which is being passed on to homeowners.

King residents will see their blended water rates rise by \$146.86 next year, or \$12.23 per month. While this is a roughly 9.3% hike, it's a case of being financially responsible, saving for the future and being proactive.

For average homeowners, their annual total bill will rise from \$1,577 this year, to \$1,723.90 in 2020.

Treasurer Allan Evelyn helped put this in perspective with some comparisons. The blended rate of roughly \$4.15 per cubic metre is equivalent to a little over 13, 10-minute showers, which works out to 32 cents per shower.

Evelyn noted these are reasonable costs for the services provided and recovering costs is not discretionary, it's necessary.

Key drivers, according to Evelyn, are provincial mandates and a directive that municipalities ensure that appropriate infrastructure and management of their systems are in place.

As well, York Region's water and wastewater plan, released in 2015, set the water rates at 9% annually through 2020. A smaller municipality like King, with fewer residents, feels the impact much more than urban areas. Of King's total population, roughly

19,000 urban residents are on municipal water.

Compounding the situation locally is the fact King's water and wastewater reserves are in the hole by \$3.5 million. Recent spending included replacement of water mains in Schomberg, upgrades to pumping stations and repairs to sewers in Nobleton.

King's water rate includes both fixed and variable components, which include a base charge and a tiered one based on usage. The majority of residents are at the lowest tiered level.

Evelyn noted to help with cost-recovery next year and beyond, the Township will look at managing its assets and continue to identify operating efficiencies. He said they have to balance costs with pressures on taxpayers.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini also helped put things in perspective. Most rural homeowners would love to be on municipal water, but they have to rely on wells and septic systems. Using his own home as an example, the mayor said his costs, in terms of usage, well maintenance, filters, water softener and any repairs, are more than \$2,400 a year, well above the average water/sewer rates. On top of this, his water isn't necessarily guaranteed to be safe to drink.

While no residents attended the council meeting to make a presentation, Nancy Hopkinson of Nobleton submitted a letter to council to voice her displeasure.

"The huge increase in the cost of water and wastewater for the average King resident is unfair," she said.

She wondered whether developers are paying their fair share when using Township water. She also wanted to know how meters and hydrants are monitored and why there's a two-tiered

system in place.

Regarding the spending in Nobleton, she said those sewers have been "problematic."

"The crews are forever popping up and down these manholes on my street and the problems never seem to get fixed. Shouldn't the Township of King be suing the contractors who installed these obviously faulty sanitary sewers in the first place? How much money overall has been spent on trying to fix the problems with these sewers from

their installation date?"

"The water rates proposed for the village residents are way too high. The residents seem to be subsidizing the developers and this is not fair. Developers need to pay their fair share. The bulk water rates should be increased significantly and developers should pay for their water usage.

"The Township should be able to account for every drop of water that York Region supplies and each user should pay its fair share," she wrote.



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KING CITY	55-Skate 10:30-11:20am Public Skate 1:00-2:20pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	Public Skate 1:00-2:20pm	Parent & Tot 10:00-11:20am Family Stick & Puck 12:00-12:50pm	Public Skate 1:00-2:20pm Youth Shiny 2:30-3:20pm		55-Skate 10:30-11:20am Public Skate 1:00-2:20pm
NOBLETON	Parent & Tot 10:00-11:20am	Public Skate 11:30am-12:50pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	Adult (18+) Shiny 12:00-12:50pm Youth Shiny 4:00-4:50pm	Family Stick & Puck 11:30am-12:50pm Public Skate 1:00-2:20pm		Parent & Tot 10:00-11:20am Youth Shiny 2:00-2:50pm
TRISAN CENTRE	Adult Shiny 11:30am-12:50pm	Public Skate 10:30-11:50am	CLOSED	Public Skate 1:30-2:50 Youth Shiny 3:00-3:50 pm				Adult Shiny 11:30-12:50 Youth Shiny 1:00-1:50pm

ARENA	DEC 31, 2019	JAN. 1, 2020	JAN. 2, 2020	JAN. 3, 2020	JAN. 4, 2020	JAN. 5, 2020
KING CITY	CLOSED	CLOSED	Figure Skating Drop-in 11:00-11:50am Parent & Tot 12:00-12:20pm Youth Shiny 2:00-2:50pm	Family Stick & Puck 12:00-12:50pm	Public Skate 7:00-8:20pm Youth Shiny 8:30-9:20pm	
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Dec 30, 1-2:20pm


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Dec 24, 11:30am-12:50pm
Dec 28, 1pm-2:20pm
Jan 2, 2pm-3:20pm
Jan 4, 6:10pm-7:30pm

TRISAN CENTRE
Dec 24, 10:30am-11:50pm
Dec 26, 1:30pm-2:50pm
Jan 3, 1pm-2:20pm



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PUBLIC NOTICES



TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT

Give us your feedback and help us create a SLOWER, SAFER KING

- The Township of King is commencing a traffic calming project.
- Our goal is a slower, safer King.
- King is seeking community input on traffic calming throughout the township
- The focus of this program is on school zones and residential streets at locations where excessive speeding is prevalent, particularly in neighbourhoods with high numbers of cyclists and/or pedestrians share the road. It is not about reducing congestion, reducing trucks or eliminating cut-through traffic.
- Traffic calming is creating a safer roadside environment by reducing speeds and encouraging responsible driver behavior.
- Council has prioritized traffic calming and **we need your help** to identify hotspots and to provide tangible solutions and feedback.
- The information you provide will help shape and guide a new traffic calming policy for King Township.
- We have created several opportunities for feedback and we welcome your input to help shape our community vision of a slower, safer KING.
- Visit speaking.king.ca to learn more about traffic calming, take a survey and use a map feature to place pins where you think traffic calming measures would be most effective. You also get to choose which type of traffic calming measures you would like to see installed. The survey will remain open until March, 2020.



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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

We all share the blame for climate change

Human beings are experts at turning a blind eye to really important issues.

We're quite proficient at ignoring facts, twisting truths, spinning and even altering our own perception.

Climate change is nothing new and yet we're still not frantically ringing the alarm bells. Or is that we're just not listening?

Maybe average citizens – consumers – are just too self-centred and concentrated on living pay cheque to pay cheque. Maybe we're fixated on modern conveniences, smart tech, automobiles and Black Friday sales.

As one of the strongest collective forces on the planet, consumers are also quite good at filling their needs, despite the costs. With such economic might at our fingertips, why is it that consumers haven't done anything about climate change?

With a click of a mouse, or tap of our cards, we can use our collective muscle to sway public spending power away from carbon wasting, polluting products and companies. But our selfish need is overwhelming.

King is known for its knowledge and advocacy for the environment. Council, like many others, declared a climate emergency and have set some targets to reduce power consumption at municipal facilities and embrace environmentally friendly methods.

Council was chastised for fiddling with the target numbers recently, but the intent and political will seems to be there.

That's all well and good, but the public – all of the public – has to run with the solar-powered football. We have to make the final touchdown or all of these efforts are in vain.

How can we save the world when a significant portion of our population ignores the science, with their ears jammed by airbuds?

We also need to lead by example. We can't espouse conservation, protection and reduction if we're driving around in massive gas-guzzling SUVs or European



Mark Pavilons

sports cars. There are more Maseratis in King than there are Teslas. We can't criticize the Township for its reduction goals when we're enjoying our heated garages and indoor swimming pools.

A grim report released by the United Nations Environment Program revealed that our current pace of global greenhouse gas emission has us reaching as much of a global temperature increase as 3.9 degrees Celsius (almost 7 degrees Fahrenheit) by 2100.

The report states that global greenhouse gas emissions would have to be cut by 7.6 per cent annually for the next decade to meet the 1.5 degree Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) warming goal set by the Paris Climate Accord.

"Every year of delay beyond 2020 brings a need for faster cuts, which become increasingly expensive, unlikely and impractical," the report's authors state. "Delays will also quickly put the 1.5C goal out of reach."

Greenhouse gases like carbon dioxide and methane released into the atmosphere (through the production and transport of fossil fuels) trap heat in

Earth's atmosphere and dramatically change our climate. In the last decade, global greenhouse gas emissions have risen by about 1.5 per cent each year on average.

Are we listening as we head to the overcrowded shopping malls and spend like drunken sailors?

For anyone over 40, they should be fully aware that grim signs have been before us for decades.

King's own Dr. Hans Martin worked with the Canadian government on analyzing "acid rain" back in the 1980s. I remember when it made all the headlines and like today, people talked about it for years. Did we think this was a one-off or a fluke?

Acidic precipitation has elevated levels of hydrogen ions (low pH). It can have harmful effects on plants, aquatic animals and infrastructure. Acid rain is caused by emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide, which react with the water molecules in the atmosphere to produce acids.

Some governments have made efforts since the 1970s to reduce the release of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide into the atmosphere with positive results. Acid rain has been shown to have adverse impacts on forests, freshwaters and soils, killing insect and aquatic life-forms, causing paint to peel, corrosion of steel structures such as bridges, and weathering of stone buildings and statues as well as having impacts on human health.

More than a century ago, Robert Angus Smith in 1852 was the first to show the relationship between acid rain and atmospheric pollution in England.

In the late 1960s scientists began widely observing and studying the phenomenon.

How about that infamous hole in the

ozone layer that made the news in the late '70s and early '80s? Should we be concerned?

The main cause of ozone depletion and the "hole" is manufactured chemicals, especially manufactured halocarbon refrigerants, solvents, propellants and foam-blowing agents (chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), HCFCs, halons), referred to as ozone-depleting substances (ODS).

Ozone depletion and the ozone hole have generated worldwide concern over increased cancer risks and other negative effects. The ozone layer prevents most harmful UV wavelengths of ultraviolet light (UV light) from passing through the Earth's atmosphere. These wavelengths cause skin cancer, sunburn and cataracts, which were projected to increase dramatically as a result of thinning ozone, as well as harming plants and animals. These concerns led to the adoption of the Montreal Protocol in 1987, which bans the production of CFCs, halons and other ozone-depleting chemicals.

The ban came into effect in 1989 and ozone levels stabilized by the mid-1990s and began to recover in the 2000s. Recovery is projected to continue over the next century, and the ozone hole is expected to reach pre-1980 levels by around 2075. The Montreal Protocol is considered the most successful international environmental agreement to date.

The bottom line is there's no denying we've destroyed much of our environment through our own selfishness. The pursuit of the all-mighty dollar has led us down this path.

We're a smart bunch, we humans. Smart enough to rally around a problem and offer concrete solutions.

So where are the throngs of concerned consumers?

Letter to the Editor

Tree bylaw is necessary

We moved from Richmond Hill to King City 5 years ago. The biggest difference between the two cities is the space, the green land. We enjoyed walking on various trails, watching kids running at the bigger backyard, neighbors shaded in shades, close but far from being seen.

We were surprised that our Township did not have a tree bylaw like Richmond Hill and other surrounding cities. We worried the natural resources would be impacted without those mature trees until early in the year, we noticed that tree bylaw was on the table of our council meeting. We were so glad to see we would line up with our neighbor cities to prevent the trees, hundreds of years of age, from being cut without a good reason. Unfortunately, the tree bylaw is now off the table again for a while.

We are so disappointed. We love our trees. We love our natural surroundings. I hope that we, mankind, can do something to protect our Mother Earth from losing her lungs.

We never thought the tree bylaw would be killed. We always took for granted that it would pass because there is no reason not having it as our neighbor cities. If there is anything we can do to bring this topic back to the table, please let us know.

Grace



Brainteaser



The police found a dead man shot in a car. The windows were raised, the doors were locked, and the keys were inside. There were no holes anywhere on the car. How is this possible?

Last week's answer: Only one, "I was going to St. Ives."

King Township Trivia

The Humber River was designated a cultural and ecologically significant watershed by the Canadian Heritage Rivers System in 1999.

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Results from last week's poll:
Are you in the Christmas spirit yet?

a) Yes **33%**

b) No **67%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Should the government give in to teachers' demands?

a) Yes
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KRA disturbed by LPAT hearing procedures

By David R Donnelly
For Kingscross
Ratepayers Association

Commentary

Donnelly Law represented the Kingscross Ratepayers Association (KRA) in the hearing in respect of Bushland Heights Limited v. King (Township), which commenced Nov. 5, and ended on Nov. 20.

We write with our opinion regarding the disturbing outcome of the case under the new Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Specifically, KRA was denied the opportunity to call its expert witnesses and cross-examine the experts of Bushland Heights, the Township of King and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA). KRA's investment of thousands of dollars in experts was sent down the drain. We argued that the Tribunal's invocation of Rule 8.3 (dismissing KRA's issues) was a denial of the principles of procedural fairness.

Simply, it was our submission that Rule 8.3 is absurd. It creates classes or tiers of parties, without statutory authority. In essence, it creates a favoured class of party before the Tribunal for developers, a second class of party status for municipalities, and a final third class of party for residents, environmentalists, First Nations, the TRCA and other Conservation Authorities, and others. Rule 8.3 prohibits anyone but the Appellant from raising or introducing new issues on an Issues List:

A party, who is not an Appellant in a

proceeding, but is conferred party status by the Tribunal, may not raise or introduce new issues in the proceeding (emphasis added).

When the Rule is applied in a case where a developer appeals a decision (or non-decision) of council, only the Appellant (being the developer) may establish "issues" for a hearing. This is extremely prejudicial. Developers never have issues with their own development, which is common sense.

So-called non-Appellant parties e.g. KRA, TRCA, also must shelter under an issue brought by an Appellant (developer). This means that every hearing commenced by a developer's appeal will have no Issues! This is a tragic loss of the public's right to defend good planning and the environment.

In addition, Rule 8.3 removes the independent status of non-Appellant parties e.g. KRA, TRCA if the matter has been resolved e.g. settled, or if directed by the Tribunal.

Two serious issues arise:

1. A settlement between a municipality and developer effectively cancels a hearing for residents, even if they spent considerable dollars on experts for full party status.

2. The Tribunal is given power to end a contested hearing without evidence.

In these scenarios, only a developer has a right to set issues and conduct a hearing.

On Nov. 14, the Tribunal further advised KRA at the outset of the proceeding that it would be invoking Rule 12.1

of the Rules. In effect KRA and TRCA were being denied party status.

Counsel for the Township of King (T. Halinski) and TRCA (T. Duncan) agreed with KRA counsel that the misinterpretation of Rules 8.3 and 12.1 raised serious procedural fairness concerns. The Township and TRCA supported KRA's request for a contested hearing and opposed the Tribunal's proposal to convene a settlement hearing with the possibility of a contested hearing after some evidence had been heard. The Tribunal ignored these arguments.

The tragedy of the case is that through cross-examination, KRA was able to prove that:

1. Alarmingly, the Township staff permitted a density far exceeding the current Official Plan (1 unit/ha vs. 8.7 units/ha), when under cross-examination they stated the density could be accommodated elsewhere.

2. Every planning witness admitted that the Bushlands subdivision is a low-density, land consumptive, tran-

sit unsupportive development i.e. urban sprawl, with no regard to climate change.

3. There is no basis for allowing Bushlands to disturb 64% of the site with heavy grading and retaining walls (the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan ("ORMCP") allows only 50%).

4. There is no basis for allowing 33% paved and hard surfaces e.g. driveways, rooftops, roads, etc., when the ORMCP policy allows only 20%.

Taken together, the decision to effectively cancel the hearing is a blow to KRA, the Oak Ridges Moraine and the public's right to a fair hearing. The Township and TRCA agreed, but did not have the courage to object to the Tribunal's process as grounds to seek a new hearing. This case could set a dangerous precedent – essentially freezing out conservation authorities, municipalities, First Nations and residents at further hearings.

According to KRA, the decision to proceed this way should be appealed.

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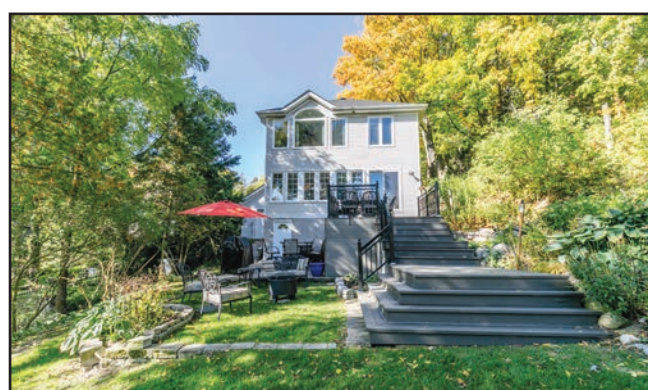
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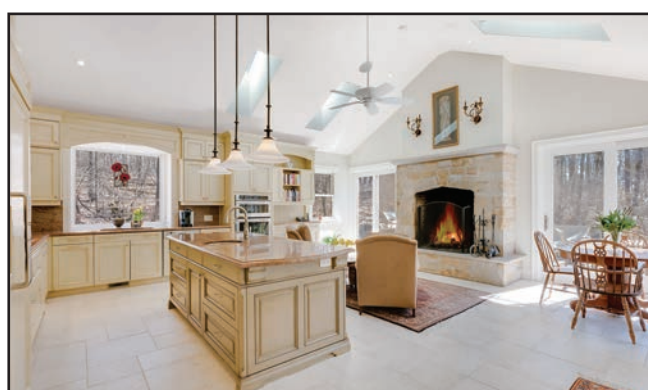
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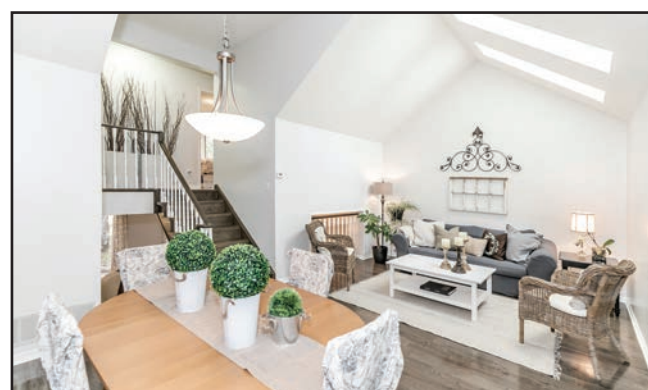
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King adopts corporate energy plan; targets still in sight

By Mark Pavilons

King Township has approved its ambitious corporate energy management and conservation plan, complying with provincial regulations.

But the move to set the corporate target at 35% reduction through 2030 was seen by the public as a step backwards, and a retreat from council's previously set goal of 45%.

King CAO Dan Kostopoulos stressed the Township has not abandoned its overall goal of 45% but the new rate applies only to corporate operations. Other tools and strategies, coupled with a new Climate Change Plan coming in 2020 will set the stage and keep the 45% target in sight.

King passed the plan during its final meeting of the year Dec. 2, time to meet the deadline from Queen's Park. The plan surfaced Nov. 18 but went back to staff for some minor tweaking and changes before returning last week.

The delay Nov. 18 came from councillors, who didn't want the aggressive energy targets to negatively impact services to residents.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini was adamant that the plan not interfere with recreational activities, in particular the availability of summer ice surfaces. Councillor Bill Cober agreed, noting he won't accept service level cuts. He said if King has to backtrack on its 45% reduction goal, so be it.

Staff altered some of the wording to make the targets more "aspirations" than concrete numbers. They also came up with the 35% figure for the corporate GHG emission reductions.

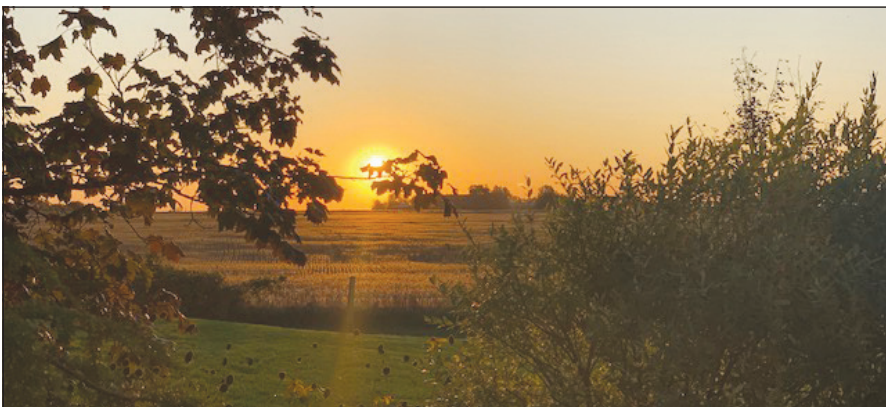
Chris Fasciano, director of parks, recreation and culture, pointed out in the staff report the 45% is the over-arching target and can be achieved through a number of efforts. The 35% target at the corporate level can be achieved through efficiencies within Township facilities, both in day-to-day operations

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and extending the life cycles of the buildings. A green fleet strategy will be developed to usher in technologically advanced vehicles. Internal incentives and promoting energy responsibility to staff will also help in this regard.

Members of the public didn't accept this line of thinking, and spoke out in force against dropping the number.

A King City resident said we're a green community and we have to be leaders. He recommended some internal changes to curb the use of lights at the municipal centre, especially keeping them on late at night.

Dr. Hans Martin has spent most of his life studying climate change and he said the signs have been evident for decades. Concentrations of CO2 have never been higher or accelerating more quickly than they are today. He believes curbing services such as summer ice use is worth it.

Ann Raney said this move by council has "set us all back." She quoted UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who spoke at COP25, warning the world we're on a path of no return and we can't stick our heads in the sand. "If we don't urgently change our way of life, we jeopardize life itself," he said. "That means important decisions must be made now."

Saving energy saves money in the long-term Raney said, noting while the science is obvious, what's lacking is the political will. Hundreds of cities around the world are committed to reaching targets by 2030 and "King has an opportunity to set the standard."

Bruce Craig urged councillors to stay the course and retain the 45% target. "We can get there," he said, noting King residents are quite blessed and sheltered. But the fact remains that

Canada is warming twice as fast as the rest of the world and the past four summers have been the hottest on record. If we don't meet the 2030 targets, an "irreversible chain of events will be set in motion."

"What King does matters; any action matters," he said.

Resident Keith Beckley said we have 11 years or so to reach the goal and technology is moving forward very fast. Efficiencies are coming and the advancements will help us reach the 45%, which he believes is not that ambitious.

An Aurora resident said King is has a fantastic reputation in York and other municipalities look to them for leadership. Lowering the target will set a terrible precedent, she remarked.

Nobleton resident Nancy Hopkinson submitted a letter prior to Monday night's council meeting, asking that the 45% target not be lowered.

"Climate change is important and this was shown by the voters at the ballot box during the federal election.

"The world is warming and we must do our part to prevent it warming even more.

"Many of the steps that King Township has already done are commendable. We admire the work at the Trisan Centre with its solar panels on the edges of the parking lot. We admire the geothermal heating of the new municipal building. We need King Township to keep moving forward on great initiatives like those.

"We need to have public consultations. Cancelling programs does not have to be the way.

"We need to consider projects outside the box."

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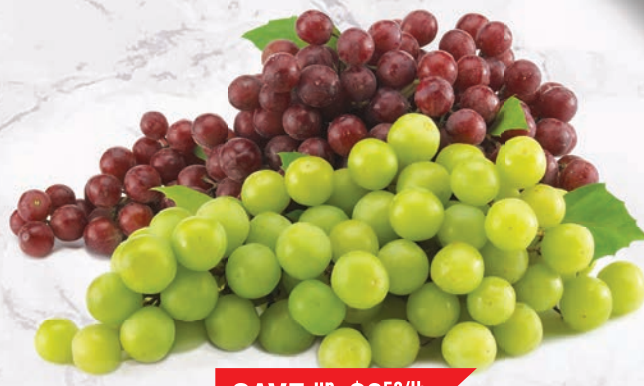
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FROZEN 2 (G) FRI, TUE 4:10, 4:40, 6:45, 7:10, 9:45; SAT-SUN 11:00AM, 11:30AM, 1:35, 2:05, 4:10, 4:40, 6:45, 7:10, 9:45; MON, WED 6:45, 7:10, 9:05; THU 7:10, 9:45
KNIVES OUT (PG) FRI, TUE 4:15, 7:15, 9:30, 10:15; SAT-SUN 2:30, 5:30, 8:30, 9:30; MON, WED 7:15, 9:30, 10:15; THU 7:05, 10:15
PLAYMOBIL: THE MOVIE (G) SAT-SUN 10:15AM, 12:05
JUMANJI: NEXT LEVEL 3D (TBC) FRI, TUE 4:00, 7:00, 9:55; SAT-SUN 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55; MON, WED 7:00, 9:55
JUMANJI: NEXT LEVEL (TBC) FRI, TUE 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:20; SAT-SUN 10:40AM, 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:20; TUE, WED 6:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:20; THU 7:00, 10:05
STAR WARS: THE RISE OF SKYWALKER 3D (TBC) THU 6:00, 9:30
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Art piece 'Memory's Gate' installed in hamlet of Laskay

The hamlet of Laskay is more beautiful after the recent unveiling of a piece of public art.

Memory's Gate, done by a group of artists named A Culture of Small, is located at the corner of Weston Road and Old Church Road.

"Although it's hard to improve on the beauty of Laskay, the new artwork is a fantastic way of bridging the past, the present and the future," said Ward 2 Councillor David Boyd. "On behalf of council, I'd like to thank everyone who made the project possible."

The project was initiated by the Laskay Hall Volunteer Committee, which also contributed financial support for the project from fundraising events at Laskay Hall.

The Laskay Public Art project began back in the summer of 2018 when King Township issued a call to artists for the conceptual design and creation of a piece of public art to be installed within the hamlet.

Through this process, a small committee of Township residents was put together to evaluate each artist submission and to select a work of art that they felt would best represent the hamlet's unique culture and historical significance.

After a significant vetting and evaluation process, the committee selected a design concept named Memory's Gate.

The piece was inspired by the poem "Musings at Memory's Gate" that was included in the Laskay Women's Institute 60th Anniversary Portfolio (1968). Written by King City Reverend Martin Jenkinson in 1953, the poem speaks to the theme of community connectivity across generations.

The intention was to provide a public art piece that incorporates elements of Laskay's intangible heritage (the poem) and physical heritage (the landscape as framed by the gate) while creating a new place for gathering and thoughtful remembrance.

Memory's Gate is a weathered steel archway with original text from the poem laser-cut into it, which visually frames a cantilevered wooden bench perched on the large granite rock from Laskay Hall. The wooden bench also features wood-burned text from the poem.

The public park in Laskay was also recently updated with new playground equipment and a shade structure.

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Country Toy Tea raises thousands for shelters

The 15th annual Country Toy Tea marked its milestone by raising more than \$25,000 for local shelters – and collecting over 1,000 toys in the process. Hosted by Linda Brown, Leslie Ewing, Molly Fitzpatrick, Amanda Langston, Lori Masse, Andrea Marshall, Kim Nichols, Stacie Stanton, Judy Totten and Andrea Webb, this year’s one-day event supported Blue Door Shelters – Leeder Place Family Shelter, 360 Kids, Sandgate Women’s Shelter, The Rose of Sharon, Women’s Centre of York Region, and York Centre for Youth & Family. Businesses helping to ensure the success of this year’s event included The Artsy Baker, COBS Bread (Aurora), Longo’s Supermarket, Nature’s Emporium, Summer Fresh, Tim Hortons, Catered by the McEwan Group, Hurst Bakery, Maunder’s Food Shop & Catering, Starbucks Coffee Company, The Roost Café, Bloomsbury Design, Continental Cosmetics, Five Faves, Hawk’s Nest Jewelry Studio, injoy boutique, Jaxx and Marbles, Lindo F Fur, Spot On Beauty, Canadian Tire, Drake Custom Designs, Formula Brands Inc., Hemen Jewellers, James Dimitri Hair Atelier, Legs and Lace, Snapdragon Designs, and Tara Mcgrath Photography. The event included student elves, performances from the Country Day School Junior Choir, and a visit from Santa himself.

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Praise all around for support for A Main Street Christmas

By Charles Cooper

As the chair of the Schomberg Village Association I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to make this year's A Main Street Christmas such a wonderful event. It only lasts for one day, but the background work takes much longer!

Whether you're organizing a parade or appearing in one, working with the police to ensure that everyone's safe or working a gate, putting up decorations or helping Santa settle into his seat, or whether you're working for an hour or all day long I want you to know that we're extremely grateful for your contribution!

The support of business owners, property owners and residents on Main Street and in the surrounding neighbourhoods is greatly appreciated. We know it's an inconvenience to have your streets blocked off and filled with crowds - and we thank you for your ongoing support.

A large public event such as A Main Street Christmas cannot be presented without considerable costs, and through our sponsorship program, our local businesses are the backbone of our finances. We are extremely grateful and humbled by the financial support of our business community and we strongly encourage you to support them when you're making purchases.

The Farmers' Parade of Lights was amazing as always. The Schomberg Village Association is grateful for the relationship we've had with the farming community over the years, and especially for the time and effort they take to ensure a Main Street was goes out with a bang, every year better than the last! Thank you!

We'd like to thank the Township for providing the Christmas Market tent next to the Community Hall this year, as the Hall itself was out of commission due to repairs. We'd also like to thank the Parks, Recreation and Culture and Road departments for the work they did, particularly in keeping the roads as clean as possible with the repeated snows in the week just prior to A Main Street Christmas.

We would also like to recognize York Region Police for their guidance and presence, and St. John Ambulance and Schomberg firefighters for their support every year.

And of course, a special thank you to everyone who took part in the in the day by coming out, enjoying the day, walking the street, taking part in the activities, enjoying the entertainment, visiting the Christmas market, and shopping at our local stores. We do this for you!

If you'd like to become a part of next year's A Main Street Christmas, reach out to me here on Facebook either by leaving a message on the Schomberg Village Association page, or by sending an email to amscontact@gmail.com.



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Annual Chamber event ensures a merry Christmas

By Mark Pavilons

More children in King will have reasons to smile this Christmas.

Members of the community and the King Chamber of Commerce answered the call last week at the annual Christmas lunch and toy drive. Toys collected at the event will be distributed by King Fire and Emergency Services, and volunteers at Christmas in King (CiK).

Chamber president Angelo Santorelli called the lunch a “family gathering” where local entrepreneurs come together for a great cause and show their support for the community.

Santorelli praised the collaboration between the Chamber and the Township of King, which had a contingent of councillors and staff on hand to lend their support. He also thanked Chamber board members who always jump in and support any project or event.

King’s CAO Dan Kostopoulos said during his eight months with the Township, he’s seen so many great examples of collaboration, which keep the munic-

ipality on track and driving forward.

CiK has taken over the reins of the former Nobleton Christmas Drive, championed for more than 20 years by Mimi Minialoff-Lyons.

Fire Chief Jim Wall noted despite the change and evolution, work will continue as always. He said he spent countless hours speaking with Minialoff-Lyons over the past summer, stressing she leaves the cause in great hands and has gone above and beyond to help her community over the decades.

“It’s all in good hands,” he said, assuring the crowd the toys will get to King residents this holiday season.

Wall also read a letter submitted by Minialoff-Lyons, in which she praised KFES for the work they’ve done.

“I just want to send a heartfelt thanks to each and everyone of you that’s part of the King Chamber of Commerce. As individuals, and as companies you have gone above and beyond to help these families that are in need.

“Over the years we have collected so many wonderful toys, gift cards, and



cheque donations that are over and above anything I could have imagined. Every year when we come back from the luncheon to sort the toys I’m always full of tears in appreciation for your kind hearts and your generous spirits. You know Christmas is all about giving, and it is the children who really enjoy this holiday the most. But to be a parent in a situation where you can’t provide for your own family as far as toys, snowsuits, and clothing I can’t imagine the difficult task that would be.

“Over the years you have made this possible for parents to be able to breathe a little bit easier knowing their children will have wonderful toys for

the holidays. I’m not sure if you’ll ever understand what your generosity does for these families and the relief that it brings the parents.

“So as this has been a very difficult decision for me to retire I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything that you have done for the Nobleton Christmas drive and your communities. There really are no words, to express my gratitude and how much I will miss working with all of you.”

Santorelli stressed to the audience that most of us are blessed living and working in King and so we should all give back.

The truth about ‘Xmas’

Contrary to popular belief, “Xmas” is not really a short-form for Christmas. Some see it as disrespectful, but in fact, the origins date back to the roots of Christianity. It can be considered one of the earliest forms of Christograms, and the Chi-Rho symbol (a capital P and sideways X) appeared after Rome legalized Christianity under Constantine I. The X comes from the first letter of Christ (Christos) in Greek. So using the term Xmas is perfectly fine.



Advertorial

Ten Principles for Living in Retirement

Like everyone, you hope for a comfortable retirement. That’s why you should put money away for your retirement. But once you reach retirement, which financial and investment strategies should you follow to help yourself enjoy the lifestyle you’ve envisioned?

You may want to consider these 10 principles to serve as a roadmap on your journey toward retirement:

- 1. Map out your goals.** Although the word “retirement” means something different to each person, everyone shares the need to enter retirement with a strategy in place. Accordingly, you’ll find it helpful to write down what you want to do in retirement. Then you can determine how you’ll pay for it. As a starting point, list all your income sources (such as your RRSP and other savings) and your expenses (such as mortgage, utilities, food and travel).
- 2. Plan for a long and fulfilling retirement.** You could spend decades in retirement. Keep this type of longevity in mind when you create investment strategies for your retirement.
- 3. Start smart with your spending.** Obviously, you don’t want to outlive your resources, but withdrawing too much in the early years or retirement could put you in a difficult position down the road.
- 4. Inflation doesn’t retire.** If you spend 25 years in retirement, prices could more than double, assuming a three percent annual inflation rate. Investments with growth potential can help fight inflation. That’s why you might find it’s important to own equity investments, even in retirement.
- 5. Prepare for the unexpected.** Unexpected financial issues relating to your family or health can crop up during your retirement years. To prepare for them, make sure you have set aside adequate “cash” reserves. If the market has a few bad years early in retirement, you can withdraw money from cash and short-term securities rather than your investment principal.
- 6. Don’t “reach” for yield.** To boost your cash flow, you might think about investing in high-yield bonds or in stocks that promise abnormally high dividends. Try to resist this temptation – you can find other, more prudent investment strategies for adding to your income during your retirement years.
- 7. Maintain a healthy portfolio.** Health-care costs are a major concern for retirees. Take steps, such as exercising and maintaining a healthy diet, to keep yourself in good shape. At the same time, strive to maintain adequate health insurance.
- 8. Keep retirement from being taxing.** Many retirees have investments in both registered and non-registered accounts. There should be a strategy in place to withdraw from these accounts in a tax-efficient manner. To manage your tax situation effectively, consult with a tax advisor*.
- 9. Define your legacy.** Work with a qualified legal advisor to make sure your estate plans and the appropriate documents and arrangements – beneficiaries, will, power of attorney, etc. – are up to date. A proper estate plan can help ensure your wishes are carried out exactly as you intended.
- 10. Remember your annual check-up.** Consult with your financial advisor at least once a year to make sure your investment strategies are still on track.

As you near retirement, or if you’ve just retired, put these principles to work. It will take some time – but it’s worth the effort.

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Residents critical of new target

From Page 8

Kingscross resident Rosalind Elson, in a letter to council, pointed out the best scientific minds across the globe came up with the target of a 45% reduction in GHG by 2030. "We have to believe it. These scientists do not stand to make money from this decision nor have they any secret agenda. It is a fact that 45% is the target we must have."

She admitted it will be difficult to achieve.

"It is going to hurt. We have to change our way of living. Now we have to pay the bills."

She said too much lip service is being paid to the idea of caring about climate change and too little leadership is being shown in taking steps to mitigate the effects that climate change is already having upon the world.

She urged council not to retreat from the courageous stand it took in June to attempt to achieve a 45% reduction in GHG by 2030.

She didn't agree with council concerns about the loss of services. "The loss of summer ice is negligible compared to the cost to be paid by our children if we do not act."

Fasciano reminded councillors and the public to think of this in context, especially when considering goals and targets. The energy plan is but a piece of the corporate strategy, not the whole puzzle. Staff will still bring forward the Climate Change Plan in the new year, which, combined with future changes, will help us reach the ultimate target.

He admitted none of the municipalities know the full context of the provincial mandate quite yet and there are a lot of unknowns. The Township has to be credible and set some realistic targets.

Facilities and their usage will continue to be monitored.

Approving the energy plan doesn't mean the work ends, rather it's a start. King, he stressed, has been looking at energy efficiency for years and many small steps have helped improved things already. The plan gives staff and council a new lens to apply on the day-to-day operations.

One measure already in the works is the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. The Township has applied for government funding to install these devices.

Fasciano said staff will work with residents to identify opportunities in the future as we move forward.

Councillor Bill Cober admitted this is "a new journey for us," adding they will definitely embrace new technologies as they arrive. The plan provides a path for the Township to follow, but it's an ongoing process.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer was the lone opposition to the staff recommendations, siding with residents.

She said council needs to send the message that they want to be bold. No one is exactly sure how to achieve the goal, but over time "we'll figure it out."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said everything requires a balance and some measures will result in a heavy financial impact. King has many "green" policies on the books already. As far as enticing developers to build net zero emission buildings, they're happy to do so, but it means even more intensification.

He wants to consult with all stakeholders, especially community groups, before making big decisions on services. The little steps, he said, "will get us there."

Councillor David Boyd said we all have to bear a bit of the responsibility and residents have to do their part in reducing emissions. This plan, he said, represents a "huge impact" and it sends a message and clear direction to staff.

Councillor Jordan Cescolini said he's happy with the 35% corporate target and working towards the ultimate goal of 45%

The Township is required under legislation to update its plan, previously completed in 2013. The updated plan was presented to committee in June, and it included an "aspirational target" of 45% reduction of GHG emissions by 2030.

Also in June, council declared a "climate emergency," setting the target for reductions from all initiatives to 45%.

Staff reported that the energy management plan is only one tool to help achieve this goal.

The plan guides King's efforts for reducing energy relating to facilities, streetlights and its vehicle fleet. It sets goals and benchmarks to allow staff to measure improvements over time.

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Hockey Helps the Homeless surpasses lofty \$200K goal

Hockey and good deeds: is there any combination more Canadian?

Business owners, family, and puck enthusiasts alike took to the rinks at Markham's Angus Glen and Centennial Community Centres recently to take part in the York Region Hockey Helps the Homeless tournament, raising around a whopping \$260,000 to help those in need.

The 10-team round robin tournament saw both amateurs and ex-professionals alike join forces for a friendly weekend of hockey, including the likes of Nik Antropov, Raffi Torres, and Owen Nolan.

Nolan, a veteran of 18 NHL seasons, joined Team Alair Homes, who raised an incredible \$21,559 for the cause, with players from Aurora, King, Newmarket, Barrie, Peterborough, and North York.

"A huge thank you to our team members, especially Christopher Smeech who was the tournament's top fundraiser bringing in \$13,238," said Alair Homes Partner Ryan Johnson.

All in all, the total amount raised blew past the tournament's goal of \$200,000, raised before the tournament from an initial goal of \$175,000.

A grand total of 246 players, 27 pros, nearly 100 volunteers, 40 sponsors, and over 2,200 donors added up to a successful weekend.

"When HHTH started with the first tournament in York Region 24 years ago, nobody knew how big an impact this little tournament could potentially have in this community," said Hockey Helps the Homeless

Director Scott Page. "We are firm believers that if you have the right people come together, you can make a difference when you connect them with that common thread."

Money raised for this year's tournament in York Region will go to supporting 360 Kids, an organization that has been supporting at risk and homeless youth in York Region between the ages of 16 and 26 for the past 29 years.

They provide a full range of support services to youth including emergency and transitional housing, basic needs like food and clothing, personal support, outreach to schools, gang prevention and intervention, counselling, and education upgrading all designed to help youth get back on their feet.

"We can't only build our way out of homelessness," said 360 Kids CEO Clovis Grant. "Innovative partnerships like ours with Hockey Helps the Homeless gives kids a supportive housing option that's effective and less costly."

The initiative is part of 360 Kids' Transitions' program, which aims to provide affordable, furnished subsidized rental opportunities to give youth the ability to continue to go to school or work.

York Region is at a crucial cross point in youth homelessness: though there are nearly 300 homeless youth looking for a safe space to spend the night in the region, according to Grant, there are just 41 emergency shelter beds available among all of York Region.



More than 250 players took part in the Hockey Helps the Homeless tournament in Markham recently, raising over \$260,000 in funds.



Knights in quarter-finals

The NobleKing Knights LL1 peewee team participated in the Cumberland Dukes Tournament in Ottawa the weekend of Nov. 22-24. The team had a successful round robin despite losing their opening game on day one. They battled back on day two, winning their games 4-1 vs Lakeshore and 4-2 vs the host, Cumberland Dukes, to narrowly qualify for the next round of the 16 team tournament. On day three, the Knights lost a hard-fought, early morning battle in the quarter finals to the eventual tournament winners, Onaping Falls Huskies.

Coaches:

We want to hear from you! Send us your game reports, tournament results, etc. for Baseball, Football, Soccer, Equestrian, Cycling Aquatics, Martial Arts, and anything else sports-related that's going on in your community.

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McQuarrie delivers angle raise take-out for the win

By Shellee Morning

The Thursday morning Recreational League and the Thursday Afternoon Ladies came together for their first joint Mini-spiel of the season.

Thirty-two players (16 from each league) participated in a 2 game 6-end contest that included lunch between games. The calibre of curling in this event is top rated with challenging draws to the button and intricate angle hits and raises.

Scores were 10 points for the win, 5 pts. for a tie and 1 pt. for each end won as well as ¼ pt. for each rock that counted in the score. The scoring was recorded for each player for both games so the highest scoring player was awarded for top position.

Among the hurry hard callers and the thunderous whack of granite impact, were the applauding sounds of cheer.

Skip Merv McQuarrie earned the

“Shot of the Day” with his final rock in the last end of his first game when he executed an angle raise take-out for the steal and collect the win. Then, just to prove that his shot wasn’t a fluke or a lucky break, McQuarrie again on his last rock of the final end in his second game made a double raise take-out for the tie. A definite TSN moment, that would have made the highlight reel and, the top ten curling shots.

The highest point curlers of the day were Kathleen Gorsline for Skip position, Claire Murphy for Vice, Linda Bullock for Second and Louise Cook for the Lead position.

Thanks to Anne Jessop and Noelle Andrews for their valuable time in the kitchen as well as the many members that donated the food and treats for the day. Everyone came home with a prize and look forward to the repeat event in March.

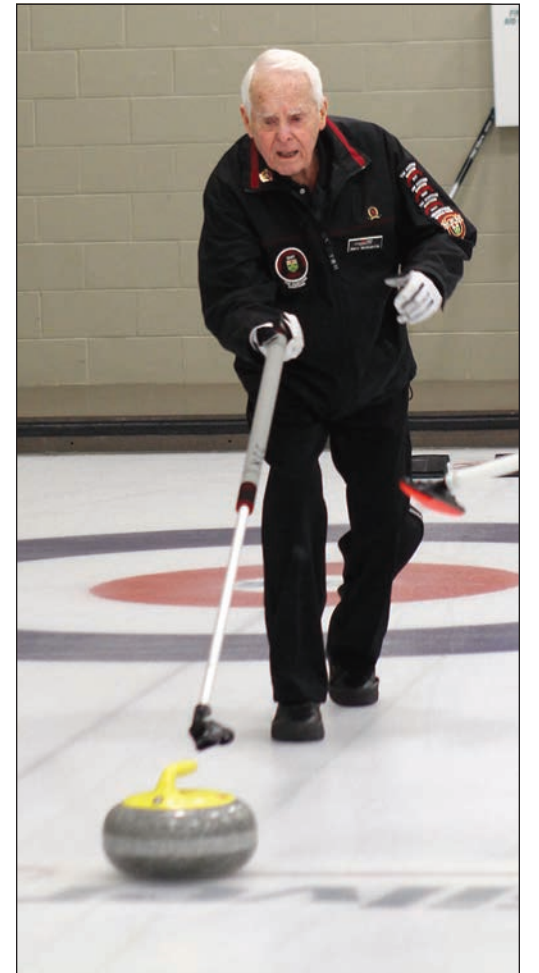
Around the house

Once again King Curling is well represented in the women’s Mini Major League Section A which includes 2 teams each from King, York, and Chinguacousy. Twelve other clubs within the GTA formulate the 4 Sections Mini Majors League.

King 1 consists of Joan Montgomery, Claire Murphy, Cindy Rode-Perkins and Brenda Clarke. King 2 includes Nancy Morrison, Vivian DeFaveri, Beth Egan and Christine Warner. The Mini Majors League is designed for curlers with less than 10 years of curling experience and primary position of Lead or Second. The goal or “spirit of the league” is to allow beginner to intermediate curlers experience all positions on a team to gain knowledge and the understanding of strategies of the skills of each position. Games are scheduled once per month where players rotate their position from the last.

Last week’s action featured King 1 (Murphy, Montgomery, Rode-Perkins and Clark) against York 1 where the ladies held onto a 6-5 win securing a first place position in the standings. King 2 (Morrison, DeFaveri, Egan and Warner) were up against Ching 2 where the girls easily won their contest 11-2 to sit in 4th place overall. Debby Johansson, Convenor for Section A says “these ladies are a dedicated group who “shake off the nerves” to curl in a new position in a new club each game.” She also adds that “great on ice communication is just one of their many strengths and who are superb ambassadors of the club.”

The Doubles league got into action once again this week and with the shot making of the game increasingly getting more and more precise continues to enable the league’s calibre of growth. With only 2 players per team and only 5 rocks thrown, anything can happen, especially if the curler cannot find “their” draw weight. (Traditionally in doubles



Skip Merv McQuarrie delivers an Angle raise take-out during the day leagues joint Mini-Spiel. McQuarrie’s last rock in the last end for the steal to win the game earned him “The Shot of the Day.”

Photo by Shellee Morning

curling, the draw to the button is the most frequent of throws made). The league consists of 7 seven teams in the roster with 1 team holding a bye each week.

This past week’s scoreboard awarded Teams Swackhammer/Curtis, Morning/Inglis, and Honey/Honey with the win.

Sunday Social League is enjoying a full draw of enthusiastic curlers as they begin their 2nd round-robin schedule. With the league that proves to be all about fun, also proves to be in the high scoring realm as its counterparts. This week’s winning scores belonged to Teams Gagliardi 9-6, Pizzacarola 8-4, and McKinley 7-2 while Teams Grosse and Heise swept to a 8-8 tie.

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Climate Change Plan coming

From Page 15

More avenues will arise from the development of the Climate Change Plan, which will explore a broader spectrum approach to provide the entire community with overarching goals for future reductions in both energy consumption and GHG emissions.

This plan could include things like tree plantings, wetland restoration, trail development, electric vehicle charging stations and pushing for net-zero buildings.

Meeting the target will be challenging.

“To achieve the 45% reduction in Green House Gases (GHG) ... the Township must reduce or otherwise offset its current levels by 630,000 kg.”

Staff pointed out to put this in perspective, King’s overall emissions in 2018 were 1.3 million kg., with 600,000 kgs. coming from the fleet alone.

“Due to this, a strong focus for the next 3-5 years will be transitioning our fleet to alternative fuels such as electric and compressed natural gas. This conversion will have the greatest reduction impact with the least financial impact,” staff reported.

They suggested that future projects could focus on conversion of mechanical systems, building envelope improvements, solar panel installations, etc.

Staff did stress that in order to achieve the 45% reduction, financial support will be required.

These financial implications are “significant” and staff will ask for additional funds to be included in the 2020-2022 operating budgets.

“Any incremental funding for energy management related projects will be re-evaluated based on reductions recognized as part of a three-year initial phase and the remaining level of reduction needed to reach the 2030 target.”



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Teachers protest outside MPP’s office

Teachers from King City Secondary School, joined by some area French board teachers, joined the one-day strike action last week. The group was seen protesting in front of the King City constituency office of Education Minister and King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce.

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**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

If you are looking for some fun on Saturday, come on out to King City United Church to have lunch with Santa! Saturday, Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be homemade soup and bread for lunch as well as a cookie walk bake table and gingerbread auction! Lots of fun and cheer for the whole family. Please call 905-833-5181 for information.

Sunday, Dec. 15 is the third Sunday of Advent where the focus will be joy. Please join us for the 10 a.m. worship.

Sermons are available on our website kcuc.net

The women's prayer group, which meets at the Residences of Springhill at 80 Burns Blvd., gathers 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 at 905-833-5375.

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 at 905-833-5181.

Website at kcuc.net. Sermons are available on our website. Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

King Bible Church

We invite you to join us on Sunday, Dec. 15 as Pastor Mark Nowell will be continuing our series "God With Us" with Joy.

Please take advantage of our excellent children's ministry. Our Sunday morning Celebration Zone provides age-appropriate programs for children aged 4 to Grade 8. Our children's program is staffed by screened volunteers who care about your kids! The children in Grades 1-8 will join their parents for the beginning of the service until they are invited to go downstairs. The children in kindergarten can go

directly to their class at the start of the service.

If you have children aged 0-3 then we invite you to bring them to our beautiful and safe nursery facilities which are located on the lower level.

Caregivers will meet you there.

Our "Legacy" nights are our family Bible study nights. We will provide Nursery care for children 0-3.

Our children (JK-Grade 5), Junior High (Grades 6-8) & Senior High (Grades 9-12) classes will meet downstairs.

Our adults will meet upstairs. Our program runs from 6:45 to 8 p.m.

Gift making workshop is on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 11 to 3 p.m.

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

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

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

Our worship service is at 10:30 a.m. with Sunday school for school-aged children up to age 12. All are welcome.

The Rev. Konnie Vissers will be with us this Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent.

The "40 days of prayer program - Create, Renew, Restore" based on Psalm 51:10-12 is completed. This program has been a blessing to all who participated. For further information about the program and the importance of prayer collectively and individually, speak to Lynn Vissers.

The Women's Prayer Circle meets at 80 Burns Blvd., Tuesday mornings at 9 to 10 a.m.

What a wonderful way to start your day! (Philippians 4: 6 & 7) Need more information? Contact Kathy Patterson at 905-833-0391.

The last Youth Group before Christmas Break will be Friday, Dec. 20, 7:30-9 p.m.

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Sunday evenings Pastor Niyazi Bilgen with The Greater Grace Fellowship leads a Bible Study starting at 5 p.m. in the lounge. Refreshments follow and all are welcome. Call 416-878-8499.

The Christmas in King, King City Lodge, and Tree of Warmth donations for Evangel Hall (Toronto) donations are being collected this week for their distribution dates. Contact Kathy Patterson.

We hope you can come to St. Andrew's Christmas Potluck and program this year! It's this Saturday, Dec. 14 at 5 p.m. for a 5:30 p.m. start.

Mark your calendars! You are invited to our Family Christmas Eve Candlelight service, held at 7 p.m. All are welcome!

For pastoral care contact Lynn Vissers (office: 905-833-2325) or the 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

The joy of a true Christmas – Raise your voices with our choir and special guests singers tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 13 at our magical evening of Lessons and Carols at 7 p.m. Then make sure you plan to attend one of the several other special Christmas services at All Saints as we celebrate the season of hope and rebirth. On Sunday the 15th at the 10:30 service our youth group gives its annual different and often entertaining Christmas presentation. Christmas Eve December 24th, we offer two services, one at 5 p.m. and a sung Eucharist at 9 p.m. Christmas morning there is a service at 10 p.m. in our historic chapel. All are welcome. All Saints will make sure you bring real meaning and spiritual depth to your Christmas celebrations.

Words to live by – Last Sunday's Gospel from Matthew 3 told of John the Baptist who "first recognizes what we have all been so anxiously waiting for."

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth preached: "He is the voice 'crying in the wilderness,' Jesus is the word that communicates through the pure air of the silent wilderness."

John was a firebrand and a prophet –

someone who can interpret what God is doing in present time.

"We so need prophets today," she said. Then she quoted the French philosopher Teilhard de Chardin "We are not humans on a spiritual journey, but spiritual beings on a human journey."

She said Advent should take us alone on a sacred inner spiritual journey. To sift and sort what is clutter preventing us from letting God break into our hearts. "Being the best of who we are requires some spiritual heavy lifting," she said. "We must make space to meditate – to go to a wilderness uninhabited by conflicts of images and desires."

Here we find truth. Time slows until there is only stillness – a living and loving stillness. The word becomes our flesh and becomes incarnate in us. We must take an hour to patiently in solitude enter into relationship with God through Jesus. From this we can pray God will use us to be his gift to a broken world."

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When someone we love passes away, We ache but we go on. Our dear departed would want us to heal, After they are gone. Grief is a normal way to mend, The anguish and pain in our hearts, We need the time to remember and time to mourn, Before the recovery starts. Let's draw together to recuperate, As we go through this period of sorrow, Let's help each other with tender care, To find a brighter tomorrow.

~ Clarence Boyd

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In loving memory of our Dear Mom and Nana who passed away September 1, 1999. As I sit in heaven and watch you everyday, I try to let you know with signs, I never went away. I hear you when you're laughing, And watch you as you sleep, I even place my arms around you, To calm you as you weep. I see you wish the days away, Praying to have me home. I try to send you signs, So you know you're not alone. Don't feel guilty that you have life that was denied to me, Heaven is truly beautiful, Just you wait and see. So live your life, Laugh again, enjoy yourself, be free, Then I know with every breath you take, You'll be taking one for me. Lovingly remembered by: Linda, Brenda, Larry, Susie, Debbie, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

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In loving memory of our Dear Dad, Papa and beloved husband of the late Edna. The day you left and gained your wings, Our hearts just broke in two. We wished you could have stayed with us, But heaven needed you. You left us with the memories, And we love you dearly still, No matter how much time goes by, You know we always will. You were a very special person, With kindness in your heart, And the love we had together, Grows stronger now that we're apart. We know we cannot bring you back, Although we wish it everyday, A piece of us went with you, The day you went away. Always loved and remembered by: Linda, Brenda, Debra, Grandchildren & Great-Grandchildren

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Nobleton Notes

By **Angie Maccarone**
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As always, our doors are open to everyone to sit back or join in our annual Carol Sing this Sunday, Dec. 15, at 7 p.m. This evening is always such an amazing highlight where we see so many of the talents that we have among us. This is an evening that will inspire you to really take Christmas to a deeper level.

Christmas services will take place on December 24 at 6:30 p.m. (for kids) and 8 p.m., and on Dec. 25 at 10 a.m., when we'll share Communion together in a more intimate celebration of the birth of Jesus. Each service is different, and you are welcome at any or all of them.

This Sunday, Jeff will continue focusing on the Advent Season. Advent in the dictionary is described as "the arrival of a notable person, thing, or event." As the stores are full to the brim of items to celebrate the coming of Christmas, so we too celebrate the coming of our risen Christ by prepar-

ing our hearts for the upcoming festivities – focusing on what Christmas really means. Don't hesitate to bring your kids; we're geared for younger ones, with opportunities for children aged 0 to 11 during worship (everybody else can enjoy the service!). Come and join us. You will be glad you did!

The Community Youth Group meets the second and fourth Friday of the month from 7 to 9 p.m. The youth group focuses on Grades 7 to 12. This program is aimed at providing a safe and caring environment where teens can have fun and learn about God. Our focus is on fun and developing a sense of camaraderie and care for each member of the group, while at the same time devoting some time each week to a Bible lesson or Bible life application.

We have a laser tag evening as well as a baking evening coming up. Regardless of the activity you are sure to find a welcoming community focused on living out our relationship with Jesus. Bring your friends along. Follow our Instagram account, "4:12.youth.group," to stay up to date on current events.

A2J (All to Jesus), our program for

kids in Grades 3 to 6, meets the second and fourth Friday of the month at 7 p.m. If you have a child in this age group, come on and bring them out to hear the Bible stories, join in with songs, games, crafts and have lots of fun!

We have LifeConnect Groups (smaller groups meeting to encourage and deepen our faith in each one's life journey). A Men's LifeConnect Group meets on Thursday morning at 10 a.m. at the church in Room 3. If you are available on a Thursday morning, why not consider joining our study? We will be covering a wide variety of topics. A Women's LifeConnect Group meets on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Palgrave.

The first and third Tuesday of the month we have a group of men and women that get together at 1 p.m. to do quilting. The second and fourth Tuesday of the month, the focus is on knitting. All handcrafted items are donated to various mission projects. Please join in if you enjoy handcrafts, or even would like to learn how!

We are blessed at St. Paul's to have diligent librarians that have worked for years on creating an amazing library, one that keeps expanding with new books, both fiction and non-fiction, as well as DVDs based on true life stories, and more. It is said that what goes into a mind comes out in a life. What you read, watch and listen to really matters! Please feel free to borrow from our church library which will certainly help stretch, grow and encourage you.

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

Tube page (search St. Paul's Church, Nobleton), and our website, stpaulsnobleton.ca. For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office (905-859-0843) or visit stpaulsnobleton.ca.

Immanuel Reformed Church of Nobleton

Come join us at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 16, as we celebrate "A Night of Christmas Carols." At this free event, you will enjoy traditional Christmas music, with refreshments to follow. You can find us at 6076 King Rd., Nobleton or www.immanuelreformed.com

St. Mary's Catholic Church

On Sunday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m., St. Mary's will host a concert featuring St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Youth Band, St. Mary's Children's Choir, Romulo Delgado, Joey Niceforo and Sara Papini. Tickets are \$25, and children under 10 years old are free. Tickets are available at the door or call 905-859-5522.

The St. Mary's Catholic Women's League 2nd Annual Angel Tree Gift Giving Campaign begins. This Christmas season, please help a family or individual in our community who is in need, by donating to our Gift Giving Campaign, following these 2 easy steps.

Step 1: You are invited to pick up an Angel Tag detailing the gift to be purchased from the Christmas Tree which will be set up in the foyer of St. Mary's Church on Saturday, Nov. 30. Please register your Angel Tag with one of the CWL ladies.

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King City Senior's Centre activities

By **Carol Kanitz**

Reminder: The King City Seniors Centre, as well as the travel coaches, are "No Scent Zones."

Let's party on New Year's Eve! Bring your friends and enjoy dinner and dancing to ring in the new year. This event will take place at the Seniors Centre beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person. Book early so you are not disappointed. Call Carol at 905-833-3324 or Toni at 905-833-6379.

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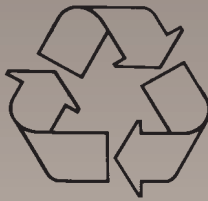
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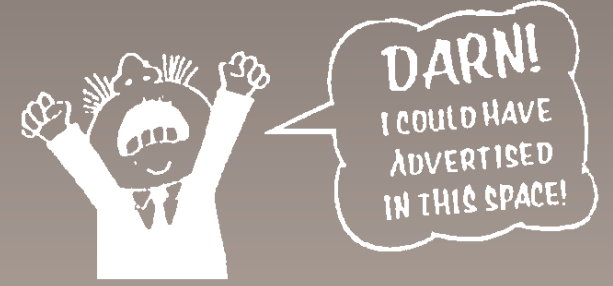
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Step 2: Purchase and deliver the unwrapped gift along with the Angel Tag to St. Mary's Church by Sunday, Dec. 25. For more information please contact Linda @ 905-859-4958.

**Nobleton United Church
By Nancy Hopkinson**

The third and fourth Advent Services are on Dec. 15 (Joy) and Dec. 22 (Love) at 11:15 a.m.

Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman is continuing a series of Advent Studies at St. Mary Magdalene Church. The last one is on Tuesday, Dec. 17 coffee and refreshments 10 a.m., study and discussion 10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. This is focussed on a reading of Isaiah, and no prior knowledge is required, just your honest reflection on what you hear.

At the Christmas Eve Afternoon Service, Dec. 24th, there are light refreshments at 3:30 p.m. and a short family friendly service at 4 p.m. If you prefer, you may attend Schomberg United's Candlelight and Communion service at St. Mary Magdalene Church, Schomberg. Or if you prefer a morning service, you may come to the Kitchen-Bredon Manor, main floor at 10 a.m. Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman will be leading all the various services.

We will not have a service on Sunday, Dec. 29.

We had a wonderful turnout for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday. Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped to make this a success and a special thank you to the Pathfinders and Girl Guides who helped in the kitchen and also served the families. Over \$450 was raised for Christmas in King.

At Sunday's Messy Church in Church, we had lots of children and adults making donkey dung, angels, Christmas cards, snowflakes, and decorating cookies in the shape of pigs, sheep and angels to remind everyone of the Christmas story that Jesus was born, not in a sanitary hospital, but in a messy but warm and comfortable stable.

For more info, visit nobletonunitedchurch.com, our Facebook page, or call 905-859-3976.

**Anglican Parish
By John Arnott**

Marie was excited as she and her friend Janice entered the church early that Saturday afternoon to set up for next day's the Holy Communion and the beginning of Advent. The pair would be the first to unpack and put out the church hangings along with the priest's new vestments and not only were they new but they would be blue the new liturgical colour for the Advent season that heralds in the new church year.

St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes that for much of its time Advent has been observed using purple/violet for hangings and vestments but mainly in wealthy Western Churches as up until the late 1800s dye to produce this colour was extremely expensive.

Almost from the time it began Advent was a time of fasting, penitence and repentance. Somber purple was seen to symbolize both as well as Yeshua's royal heritage as descendant of King David.

However, today taking the lead from the Church of Sweden blue symbolizing hope is used in Anglican, Lutheran as well as many Methodist, Presbyteri-

an and United churches - the Roman Catholic Church has blue parishes and purple parishes. Red, sometimes with gold coloured ornamentation is used in the Eastern Orthodox, Coptic (Egyptian) and Oriental churches during their long Advent season called the Nativity Fast.

The year is 1839, the place an inner city mission school for poor special needs children in Hamburg, Germany. Reiner with his little sister Gabriele close behind him asks Johann Hinrich Wichern, the young Lutheran priest whose faith and hard work had made his dream of establishing this mission station a reality "Is it Christmas yet?" This same question had been asked over and over and over by children in his shelter as November turned into December.

What to do then? After much hard thinking he came up with an idea based on a 300-year-old tradition now almost completely abandoned. He found an old cart wheel and using it as a base superimposed a large wooden circle on it. He trimmed this with evergreens in which he then fitted 20 small red candles. In each of four evenly spaced places around the circle he placed a large white candle. Carefully guiding the children he had 1 white candle lighted on the first Sunday of Advent and then on each of the 3 following Sundays another white was lighted. On each weekday in between a red candle was lighted. Of course the candles were extinguished after burning a short time each day only to be relighted the next day when 1 more candle was lighted. When all the candles were glowing the children knew Christmas was upon them. And thus the first modern Advent Wreath came into being.

Soon the idea of wreaths with light-

ed white candles to mark Advent which had first been started by 16th century German Lutherans was adopted by other churches in Hamburg and then spread across Germany and into Europe beyond.

In the 1920s German Roman Catholics embraced this Lutheran tradition and by the 1930s the custom had reached Canada and the United States.

Advent Wreaths became much smaller with only 4 large candles, 3 purple and 1 rose as they were mainly found in homes. When these wreaths became part of church Advent services the white Christ candle was added and placed in wreaths' centres. Purple candles have today been replaced by blue. In some churches at least 1 of the wreath candles will be purple in remembrance of the old colour tradition.

The wreath circle with no beginning and no end represents God's everlasting love. The evergreens especially cedar around the rim symbolize eternity. The final candle lighted usually on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day is centre white one called the Christ Candle meant to focus the Christian's thoughts on the Christ to come.

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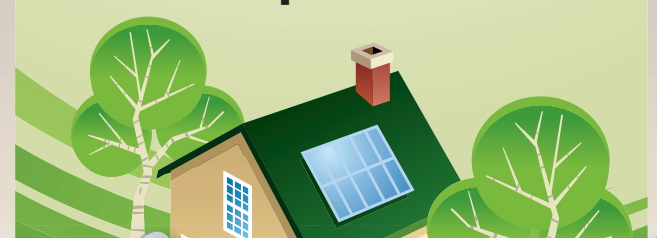
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