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Public enjoys annual council breakfast, skate

Residents flocked to the King City Arena to enjoy the annual Pancake Breakfast. Councillors served up the piping hot breakfast, cooked up by volunteers from the King City Lions Club. Some laced up the skates and joined the mayor for a free skate afterwards.

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King prepares to finalize its 2020 budget

By Mark Pavilons

King residents could see another 3% increase in their property taxes this year, when council passes its 2020 budget Jan. 27.

The draft budget is an aggressive approach to improving infrastructure and boosting reserves, putting the municipality in a very good financial position. There is still time for councillors and staff to fine-tune the budget and make changes, before the Jan. 27 meeting.

The budget maintains service delivery across all departments, while actually increasing efficiencies to curb costs in the long run. Provincial mandates, climate change moves, the addition of staff members and socking money away in the infrastructure reserves all drive this year's budget.

King is adamant about maintaining or even enhancing operational service standards. Strategically planned construction, maintenance and rehabilitation of municipal infrastructure is on the books. In order to ensure King's

long-term fiscal sustainability, the "responsible tax levy" is needed.

The 2020 operating budget stands at \$44.8 million. To meet its obligations, the Township is levying a tax increase of \$899,748, or 2.89% for homeowners. That amount translates to roughly \$179.77 per year, based on an assessment of \$850,000. This is also assuming that York Region comes in with a tax increase of 2.69% and the school boards levy a 2% hike.

The bulk of the budget goes to salaries – \$17.9 million. The Township is putting \$8.3 million into reserves. Contractual services takes \$6.8 million, followed by general operations (\$5.7 million). Utilities cost roughly \$1.5 million and other expenses total \$4.6 million.

On the revenue side, the bulk of income comes from property taxes – \$32.9 million. User fees bring in \$4.4 million and other revenues generate \$2.6 million. To shore up the budget, and lessen the impact to taxpayers, King will transfer some \$3.6 million from its reserves.

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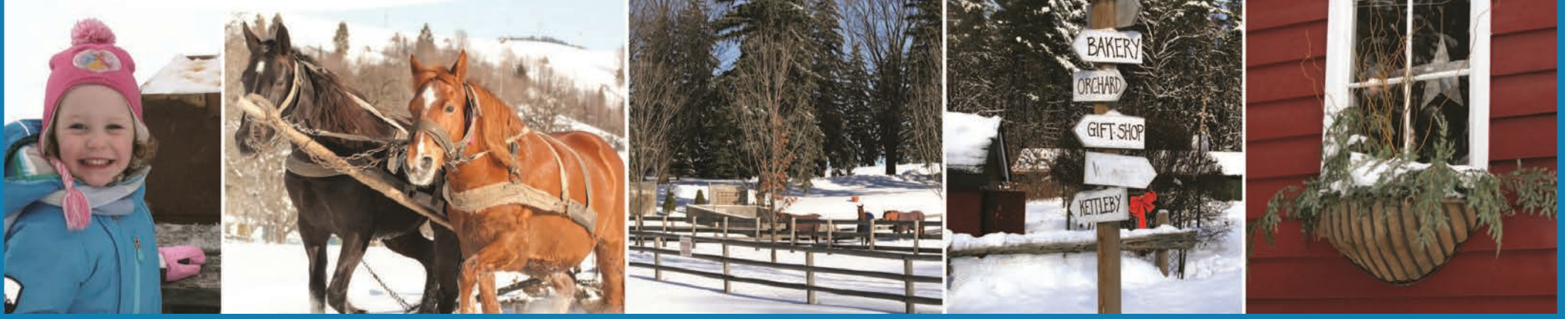
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

Monday, January 27, 2020

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

Monday, February 10, 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

Wednesday, January 29, 2020

6 pm – Sustainability Committee
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

Thursday, February 6, 2020

6 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

6 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

6 pm – Committee of Adjustment
Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

PUBLIC NOTICES



Meet the Mayor & Ward Councillors

All are welcome!

Tuesday, Feb. 11

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Thursday, April 2

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

Tuesday, April 7

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Crossing Guard (contract) - closes when filled
- Fitness Floor Monitor (PT, seasonal) – closes when filled
- Fitness Instructor – Zumba - closes when filled
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT, seasonal) - closes when filled
- Program Instructor (PT seasonal contract) - closes when filled
- Summer Aquatics positions – close February 14
- Summer Camp positions – close February 14
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT seasonal) – closes when filled

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

BID NOTICES

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REMINDERS



REMINDER! Help us keep your streets clear of snow and safe for passage. To ensure effective snow removal, Winter Parking Restrictions are in effect from **November 1st** to

April 15th. On-street parking is prohibited on any roadway from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. during this period.

If you have a catch basin in front of your property, please ensure it is clear of snow to allow the water to drain. Please do not push snow onto roads.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Seeking Nominations for Volunteer Awards

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
- Lifetime Achievement
- Senior Citizen Award of Merit
- 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. Wednesday, March 18th, 2020. 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, under the "What's New" tab.

Awards will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation Night on Thursday, April 23rd, 2020.

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



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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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Please see more King Township notices on page 5

King tackles capital projects through budgets

From Front Page

Program changes push the bulk of the increases in this year's budget. Some 15 program change requests result in a tax impact of \$632,000 or a 2.05% increase.

Council has made a commitment to convert rural gravel roads to hard surface, and the budgets for 2020 through 2022 reflect this.

The capital budget for 2020 stands at \$34.8 million and of that, \$4.4 million (or 12.6%) will come from property tax-

es.

The Township's multi-year capital plan for 2020-2022 shows \$91.1 million in gross expenditures. The majority of this is for municipal buildings and roads over the next four years. To cover these costs, King will have to rely on funding from development charges (\$26.1 million), property taxes (\$12.7 million) and debentures (\$7.8 million).

The top five major capital projects, totalling \$58.1 million, include the new multi-purpose recreation centre, Nobleton sanitary sewers, phases 3 and 4, re-

construction of King Road and the 15th Sideroad, as well as bridge and culvert improvements.

Staff have deferred the "Nobleton Loop" construction, the 10th Concession and 15th Sideroad, to 2023. This delays a \$5.5 million tab.

When the Township set its 2019-2022 budget cycle, it focused on a significant investment in roads, and this hasn't changed. Internally, King is looking for efficiencies through computer system upgrades and automation of internal controls.

Staff said assessment growth has slowed bit in King and is projected at a conservative 2.3% this year. When MPAC assessments come in, tax revenue will likely rise and there may be a noticeable cushion when the final tax bills go out.

King CAO Dan Kostopoulos said by making significant contributions to its

infrastructure reserves, King is in a much better place than it was a decade ago.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said staff delivered exactly what councillors asked for.

A department by department overview showed where the tax dollars are being spent.

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department has a budget of \$6.1 million, with parks and forestry (\$2.07 million) and facilities (\$2.35 million) taking the lion's share.

For every \$1 of property taxes, Engineering, Public Works & Building takes the most, at 36%. Parks and Rec. follows at 23%. Administration takes 12%, followed by Fire and Emergency Services, which takes 10%. They're followed by Public Library (7%), Clerks and Bylaw (6%), Planning (3%), Council (2%) and Finance (1%).

Contractor fined for evading taxes

The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) announced that Gilles Larocque of Nobleton, Ontario pleaded guilty to tax evasion. He was sentenced in the Ontario Court of Justice in Newmarket and fined a total of \$301,125.

Larocque pleaded guilty on Jan. 7 in the Ontario Court of Justice in Newmarket, to two counts of failing to report income by not filing income tax returns, thereby committing tax evasion under the Income Tax Act. He also pleaded guilty to two counts of failing to remit goods and services tax/harmonized sales tax (GST/HST) under the Excise Tax Act.

A CRA investigation revealed that Larocque, who owned and operated a construction company in the Vaughan area, provided general contracting work to clients that included dry walling, framing and ceiling tile installation for gas stations. Larocque used several aliases and business names and charged clients for GST/HST, which he used for his personal expenses. Larocque failed to report income in both 2013 and 2014 tax years and evaded a total of \$180,401 in federal taxes. He also failed to file GST/HST returns in both those years, totalling \$120,724 in unremitted GST/HST. The total amount of federal tax evaded and unremitted GST/HST for the years 2013 and 2014 was \$301,125.

All case-specific information above was obtained from the court records.

Wilfully failing to follow tax laws could result in serious consequences, including reassessments, the imposition of civil penalties and criminal tax investigations and prosecutions resulting in the imposition of court fines, jail time and a criminal record. When taxpayers are convicted of GST/HST tax evasion, they must still repay the full amount of taxes owing, plus interest and any civil penalties that may be assessed by the CRA. In addition, the court may fine them up to 200% of the taxes evaded and impose a jail term of up to five years.

The Voluntary Disclosures Program (VDP) gives you a chance to correct inaccurate or incomplete information, or disclose information not previously reported in a tax return you previously filed or to file a return that you should have filed. If you file a VDP application and it is accepted by the CRA, you will have to pay the taxes owing. However, you will also be eligible for relief from prosecution and, in some cases, from penalties and some of the interest that you would otherwise be required to pay. For more information, go to Canada.ca/taxes-voluntary-disclosures.

The CRA has set up a free subscription service to help Canadians stay current on the CRA's enforcement efforts.

Free CarSense course in Nobleton

By Brittany Grecni

Whether you're plummeting down on a roller coaster ride, or suspended 35,000 feet in the air in a plane flying across the ocean, it's safe to say you're hoping that piece of machinery you've entrusted with your life is running smoothly and is going to do its job.


What about your car? The average Canadian spends approximately one hour in their car each day. It may not seem like a lot, but after weeks, months and years, all that driving takes a toll on your vehicle. With all that time being spent in our car, making sure it's in good shape is a must. We sometimes forget that we entrust our car with our life every day, yet this precious piece of machinery is often used, abused, and taken in to the mechanic only when absolutely necessary. The truth is, car care and maintenance requires more than the odd oil change.

If you're not a car buff, it can be overwhelming to take your car's maintenance into your own hands. You also don't want to take a trip to the mechanic for seemingly minor issues.

This can be a dangerous combination, but Tony Furlano and Diego Flammia are here to help. Tony and Diego are licensed car and truck mechanics with over 30 years of industry experience. Both developed a love for cars when they were just kids and later turned their passion into their life's work. Both are professors at Centennial College, sharing their knowledge and skills with other aspiring mechanics and car enthusiasts.

Tony and Diego have decided to share their insights on the car industry with everyone in the community. They will be holding a free CarSense information course taking place on Jan. 23 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Nobleton, at 10 a.m.

This free information session is open to anyone who is interested. It's a great way for those who aren't familiar with cars to get some easy tips and tricks about caring for their vehicle. They will cover a variety of topics like tire pressure, choosing the right tires, fluids and more. They'll also open the floor to all in attendance, giving you an opportunity to get answers to your burning car questions. Take advantage of the chance to get automotive information from industry professionals and gear up to get your car into tip-top shape.



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Just for today maybe the world will be better

"Just for today, SMILE a little more. Just for today, ask someone how he or she is really doing. Just for today, remember, while some may have it better than you do, there are others who definitely have it worse than you! Just for today, just let go, just for today."

James A. Murphy III

Just for today I want everything to be right in the world.

Just for today, I want the world to take a long, deep breath, in light of the recent tragedy and loss of lives on Flight 752.

We should continue to pray for the families who lost loved ones in the "accident" that claimed 176 lives. It will take a long time for everyone to heal, if they can ever fully recover.

In King, and across the country, communities are coming together and pulling together to help those who are left to pick up the pieces.

Just for today I hope that hearts will mend and the outpouring of sorrow and tears will wash away the sins and perform some sort of deep cleansing.

Just for today, and tomorrow, let there be peace. Let conflict between Iran and U.S. be set aside. Let Iran, Canada and other countries work together to find answers and maybe prevent something similar from ever happening again.

Since Iranians dominated the passenger list on Flight 752, let that country come together in some sort of unity, embracing peace and letting go of hatred.

In the course of my career, I've come across many tragedies and accidental loss of life. This one is different in many ways. No, it's not the first time innocent civilians paid the price in conflict. It's not the first time the proverbial ripple effect has landed in our laps.

But it is the first time that so many families, so many young people, were lost, in one decisive moment, in a split second.

Just for today, maybe we can extend our hearts to those impacted by this event. Any gesture is meaningful if it comes from the heart.

Just for today, maybe we should all



Mark Pavilons

cherish just what we have, knowing that it can all be taken away in a flash. Many of us have suffered a personal loss, but few can sympathize with this one. Nevertheless, we should know that we're all human beings, mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, sons and daughters. Regardless of religion or race, we all feel and we all grieve.

Just for today, how about being a little nicer to our fellow men and women? A smile, as James mentioned above, often goes a long way. How about holding the door open for someone, or buying them a coffee? How about doing a good deed, without expecting anything in return?

Here's something to consider:

If someone were to pay you 10 cents for every kind word you ever spoke and collect 5 cents for every unkind word, would you be rich or poor? Come on, be honest!

Personally, I am sick and tired of being skeptical, frustrated and pessimistic. Just for today, I would like to place my unquestionable faith in my brothers and sisters. Just for today, I won't be angry or worried or stressed. I will be filled with gratitude, do everything hon-

estly and be kind to everyone and every living creature.

We tend to let our "yesterdays" take up too much of our "today's."

That's simply self-sabotage and we can't keep living that way. We are living today, right now, in this moment. We literally made thousands of decisions and moves to get to this place. No amount of guilt will change anything. Now that we're here, what do we do? Well, we can breathe slower, take a walk and think about absolutely nothing. We can keep calm and not over-think anything.

And, if "today" was perfect, would we even need "tomorrow?"

Many of these sentiments and motivational expressions are used by recovery groups to help individuals with addictions. But if you think about it, our society is addicted to a certain way of thinking and behaving, some of which is negative, hateful, painful and ultimately destructive. Maybe the entire world needs a 12-step program to get back on the straight and narrow.

We can't stand on the street corner and drag everyone into self-help programs or pop-up confessionals. We can't espouse prophesy standing on milk cartons on the sidewalk.

But what we can do is begin to live better, strive for better and preach better. If hatred is so contagious and easily spread, why not make love the new

hate? Why not include just a little bit of compassion in everything we do?

I honestly believe most of us try to live decent lives and do what we can with what we have. Sure, we all want more for our love ones. And there's the key. We must be good role models and the epitome of goodness, if our children are to carry the torch forward in a productive way. Like many human conditions, we have to turn the tide, stem the negativity and by word and by action, inch toward change.

I get it, not everyone can donate, volunteer or lead missions abroad. Not everyone can contribute financially to every worthy cause. But we can be receptive, supportive and help spread the word. We can use our words and our muscles to affect change.

"Blessed are the pure in heart ..."

Just for today, I would like to see God wipe the tears from the eyes of the world's less fortunate, the sick and the impoverished.

Just for today, could we have a moratorium on the senseless deaths of children around the world? We have the power to cure many illnesses and diseases, so why not use it?

The world isn't perfect, mainly because we're imperfect. But if we all made a mental list of our "just for today" wishes, maybe some will come true.

Federal-Provincial

Combined debt will reach \$1.5 trillion

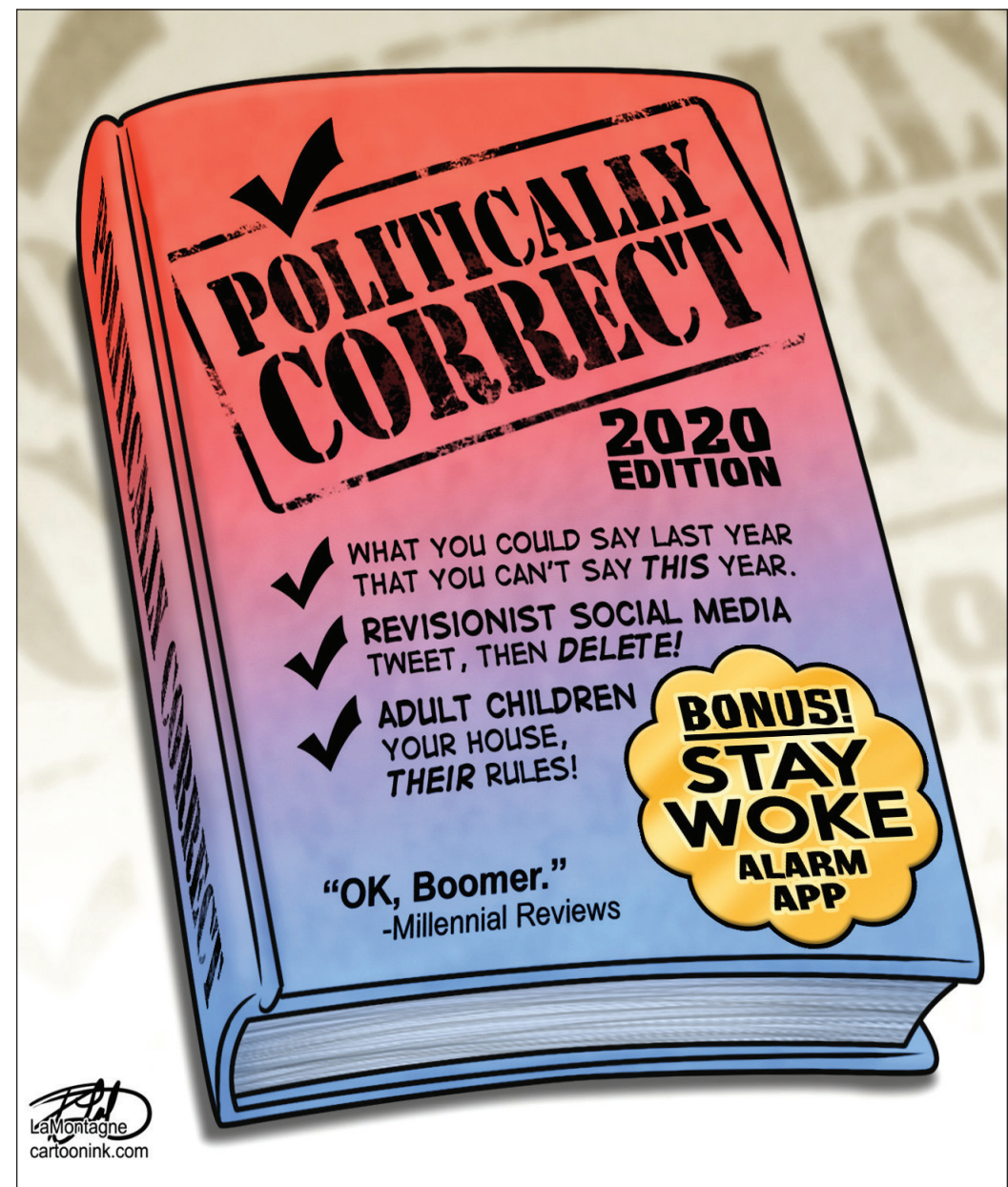
Since 2007/08, the year before the last recession, combined federal and provincial debt has grown from \$837.0 billion to a projected \$1.5 trillion in 2019/20, finds a new study released by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

"Government debt - federally and in every province - has grown over the past 12 years, creating serious fiscal challenges for Ottawa and many provincial governments," said Jake Fuss, economist at the Fraser Institute and co-author of *The Growing Debt Burden for Canadians*.

The study also finds that in 2019/20, Canada's projected combined government debt (again, the federal debt and the provincial debt of all 10 provinces) will equal 64.3 per cent of the Canadian economy. And on a per-person basis, the combined debt in 2019/20 will equal \$39,483 for every Canadian.

Among the provinces, Ontario's combined government debt in 2019/20 will equal 75.4 per cent of Ontario's economy - the highest percentage in Canada. In other words, it would take three out of every four dollars in Ontario's economy to eliminate the province's combined government debt.

Ontario also has the highest combined debt (\$668.5 billion) and the second-highest combined debt per person (\$45,891), second only to Newfoundland and Labrador (\$48,478).



Thought of the Week



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King Township Trivia

Laskay resident David Reesor donated land for a church, a manse, and a graveyard to the Presbyterian Church, as well as land to the Temperance division. The Temperance Hall became the property of the Laskay Women's Institute for many happy and productive years.

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LPAT hearing raises some valid questions

By Vicki Hotte

— Commentary —

Along with some other residents, I whiled away a couple of hours Jan. 16 at the final LPAT hearing into the Mansions of King subdivision, listening to a discussion of mutually-agreed settlement items by all sides involved.

There was legal representation for the developer, plus a lawyer for King, Toronto Region Conservation Authority, and the Kingscross Ratepayers Association (KRA). The public is permitted to sit mutely in the back half of the council chambers to hear the discussion, which is not easy considering the poor acoustics in that room.

As of yet, screens have not been erected to ensure the front half can completely ignore the public half at these LPAT hearings, but you never know. Perhaps, that will be a future improvement the more we, the docile public, accept such muting, a.k.a. gagging. Protocol demands absolute silence from members of the public as they sit there. Their opinions are unwanted within the hall, though their taxes are very much wanted (and raised regularly) to fund much of the goings-on therein.

During his closing comments, Mr.

Donnelly highlighted the importance of the Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM), and how sprawling development is undermining it. He mentioned the wildfires of Australia as a glaring example of climate change, and he wondered when various levels of government would coordinate real action against it, including setting precedents to ensure such valuable landscapes, like the ORM, are not nibbled away and lost in incremental, ever larger; contiguous "bites" in the fashion of dominoes falling, one after the other – supplanted by the expanding homogeneous conformity of monotonous big box developments, whether we are talking about houses, malls, or warehouses. The previous sentence and a half are my own; otherwise, I am simply paraphrasing Mr. Donnelly, so I hope I have truly captured his meaning. If not, I hope he sends his comments in their entirety to this newspaper. Mr. Donnelly felt there should have been an opportunity for the general public to provide more input.

While protocol demands silence from the public, I could not help but applaud quickly when Mr. Donnelly finished

speaking. My applause drew a direct silent stony glare from the LPAT Chair, Sharon Vincent.

The LPAT chair told Mr. Donnelly she believed the hearings had been fair, and she pointed out that the developer had held prior discussions with King planning department and council, so she declared the public's views had been represented by the township. If elections were about serving the public, we would have regular binding political referenda, not unelected LPAT parachutists re-drawing Official Plans for us.

She said nothing about the fact that Kingscross residents had hired their own lawyer and environmental engineering consultants in order to become legal participants at these hearings. Now, that might make any ordinary person (like me for instance), who is not an unelected politically-appointed LPAT chair, wonder why KRA had to go to these costly lengths if they believed their concerns could be fully addressed by township staff. One might even suppose KRA is sorely aware that King and the conservation authority are being deluged by OMB and LPAT hearings from many directions, so if God really

helps those who help themselves, KRA was taking the divine approach.

KRA's lawyer Donnelly pointed out how the presentation of information had been reversed from the original plan, such that the developer's lawyer was permitted to present his issues first – and apparently, foremost, in my own estimation. KRA had raised its own funds to hire a lawyer, and collected important evidence by hiring Hunter & Associates, Environmental Engineering Consultants. Residents of Kingscross were generally concerned about the impact of these development proposals (for the Mansions of King, and the adjacent Bushland Heights Estates) with respect to this large local and relatively intact Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW). That is a valid concern when these lands fall under some combination of The Regional Greenlands System, the provincial Greenbelt, and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, and King's own environmental protection zoning and open space. Why bother having these designations if they are not applied consistently to protect such areas?

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Increased densities will impact the landscape

From Page 5

The current density for the Kingscross subdivision is 1 home per hectare. That is one home per hectare, responsible for its own well, water, and septic system, with enough remaining room to retain large trees, even substantial vestiges of the original landscape. King Township is currently defending its new density for 7 units per hectare, all hooked up to new municipal services (and what will that cost?), within its proposed new Official Plan, trying to accommodate provincial growth targets. Yet, The Mansions of King will be permitted by the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) to have 8.5 units per hectare, even more than King Township wants. So, in the end, who does the LPAT really serve?

Let's remember waterways within this particular PSW can support a cold-water fishery, as part of the Humber River watershed. While the pursuit of higher densities is the political goal for most official plans in southern Ontario, what are the repercussions

for this wetland, remembering that southern Ontario has already drained or destroyed more than 72% of its wetlands in pursuit of various forms of increasing human development and associated pavement? According to a 2018 report by the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario, significant wetlands need to be protected from development, as discussed at <https://docs.assets.eco.on.ca/reports/environmental-protection/2018/Back-to-Basics-Volume4-Ch1.pdf>

While the low density of one home/hectare may be frowned upon by provincial, regional and municipal governments, plus associated agencies, none of those offices are chaired by fish, turtles, frogs, foraging birds (such as herons), or other aquatic species whose lives depend upon that specific aquatic environment and clean free-flowing water. Yes, people depend on clean water, too, but sometimes they don't seem to understand how nature has its own self-cleansing water filters, if left undisturbed.

With density at one house per hectare, the landscape is disturbed, but

many natural features can be retained with the right amount of attention.

With the LPAT's approved new density of 8.5 homes per hectare, far more land will be disturbed, more trees will be cut, more of the landscape will be paved. Then, one must also consider all the fertilizer and pesticides that will be administered to the unrealistically green grass within this higher-density development.

With an approving nod to King Council for declaring a Climate Emergency in July 2019, let's not forget how mowing all those new lawns will spew more pollutants and CO2 into the air. Next, add extra doses of winter road salt to the new roads, and what happens? There's a simple answer: progressive degradation of the creeks, natural features, aquatic life, and any natural water recharge areas.

If we are going to have high densities, let's shift those densities to specific areas and make public transit a big priority, as is done in Europe. These particular higher densities for Mansions of King and Bushland Heights Estates only signify more urban sprawl.

I heard a quick comment about how, if a wetland is destroyed in one area, it can be 'replaced' in another area. No, nature does not work that way. First of all, we have no idea which species need to be replaced in what order. For instance, how should the benthic zone be replaced? Any ideas about that? How long will it take (and how much will it cost) to replace all the native species, and how long will

it take them to grow to be sufficiently productive to enable support of other dependent native and migratory species? Answer: no one really knows because we don't have a complete inventory of all the species who live there. In the meantime, the best and least costly way to have functioning natural areas is to preserve them. That's not what is happening here.

It would be wonderful if the LPAT chairs were selected for these recent hearings, based upon their specific qualifications and experience as they relate to significant natural landscapes.

The LPAT chair, Margot Ballagh, who presided over the Bushland Heights hearing, had extensive federal tribunal experience related to disputes over pensions. In other words, nothing to do with natural landscapes, or planning. LPAT chair Sharon Vincent, who presided over the current hearing into the Mansions of King, shows a solid background in planning and development, having been a former principal of her own consulting firm, and former senior manager of development for Tridel Corporation.

After reviewing all the LPAT appointees at <https://www.pas.gov.on.ca/Home/AgencyBios/462?appointmentId=6196>, I note a very few members have backgrounds in environmental studies and/or geography. When it comes to dealing with applications affecting open natural landscapes, wouldn't a geoscientist be more appropriate to the task? Just asking!

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Bid to upload fire services in York won't help King

By Mark Pavilons

As municipalities work through their budgets, some in York have expressed a desire to offload the costs of fire services to York Region.

But the move won't help municipalities like King Township, which provides efficient, innovative and inexpensive fire and emergency services.

Aurora passed a motion recently, requesting York Region consider amalgamating regional fire services into one large, York service.

Aurora and Newmarket consolidated their services into the Central York Fire Services, which has resulted in efficiencies through enhanced levels of fire service and cost efficiencies.

They argue that a regional fire service may achieve further operating efficiencies, improved department structure, increased service level(s), and cost avoidance opportunities.

They're asking that regional staff work with the nine York municipalities and report back on the possibility of a regional fire service.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini said it may become "a huge debate" at regional council in February, when the matter is slated to be on the table.

Other municipalities, he said, find themselves lagging behind in terms of

personnel and equipment, preferring to upload the responsibility, and the cost, to the upper-tier government.

"Where are efficiencies?" he asked. "I don't see any cost savings for King."

If a regional service were to be implemented, the drawback locally is that King personnel would be responding to calls in nearby Vaughan, taking them away from their community. In this scenario, there's no benefit for King at all. In fact, it would hinder local service delivery and response times.

Local response, the mayor said, is huge and almost instant.

As well, King Fire and Emergency Services provides modern, comprehensive fire protection at a fraction of the cost of other municipalities. In many ways, King's serviced is the envy of many other services throughout the GTA.

In terms of cost, King's fire department operates on an annual budget of upwards of \$3 million (net). But the 130 dedicated firefighters cost only \$1.1 million.

King's personnel are an "incredible brotherhood/sisterhood whose members love their community," the mayor observed.

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King's home prices drop while others in GTA rise

By Mark Pavilons

House prices in King Township experienced a bit of a dip in 2019, while the GTA market as a whole saw a modest increase.

King was the only municipality studied to see a decline in prices.

A report released by Zoocasa compares how 2019 home values have increased relative to local household incomes in the GTA.

Specifically, they compiled 2019 median home prices in municipalities within seven GTA regions including York Region and compared them to the median after-tax incomes earned in each to see how much home values have increased or decreased as a percentage of local household earnings.

York Region as a whole experienced a 2% growth in median home prices, to \$850,150, a difference of \$20,150 that accounts for 24% of local incomes.

King saw the second-largest decrease in median prices in the GTA, falling 2% to \$1,270,000. That's a difference of -\$20,000, and accounting for -20% of local incomes.

The remainder of York region saw year-over-year prices changes between 2 to 5%, accounting for 22 - 554% of local incomes.

By all accounts, 2019 was a rebound year for the Greater Toronto Area real estate market. A total of 87,825 homes traded hands over the course of the year, a 12.6% annual uptick that effectively pulled the market out of the 10-year low it experienced in 2018. Stronger sales in the region were due to a number of factors including borrower

acclimatization to the federal mortgage stress test, low mortgage rates, high investor interest, as well as a steady flow of immigration to the GTA.

Coupled with a decline in MLS listings, that effectively put the boil under price growth in 2019 - home prices rose an average of 4% across the GTA year over year to \$819,319, requiring buyers to come up with \$32,079 more than they needed the previous year. Sold home prices in Toronto rose 5.6% to an average of \$883,520 over the course of the year.

However, price jumps were even more significant across median home prices - the mid-point of the market most likely to impact middle-income buyers. Prices rose 6% in the GTA to \$710,000, a difference of \$40,000. To put that into perspective, that would most impact buyers looking to purchase a condo unit within the city of Toronto, or move-up housing, such as a semi-detached house, in other GTA municipalities.

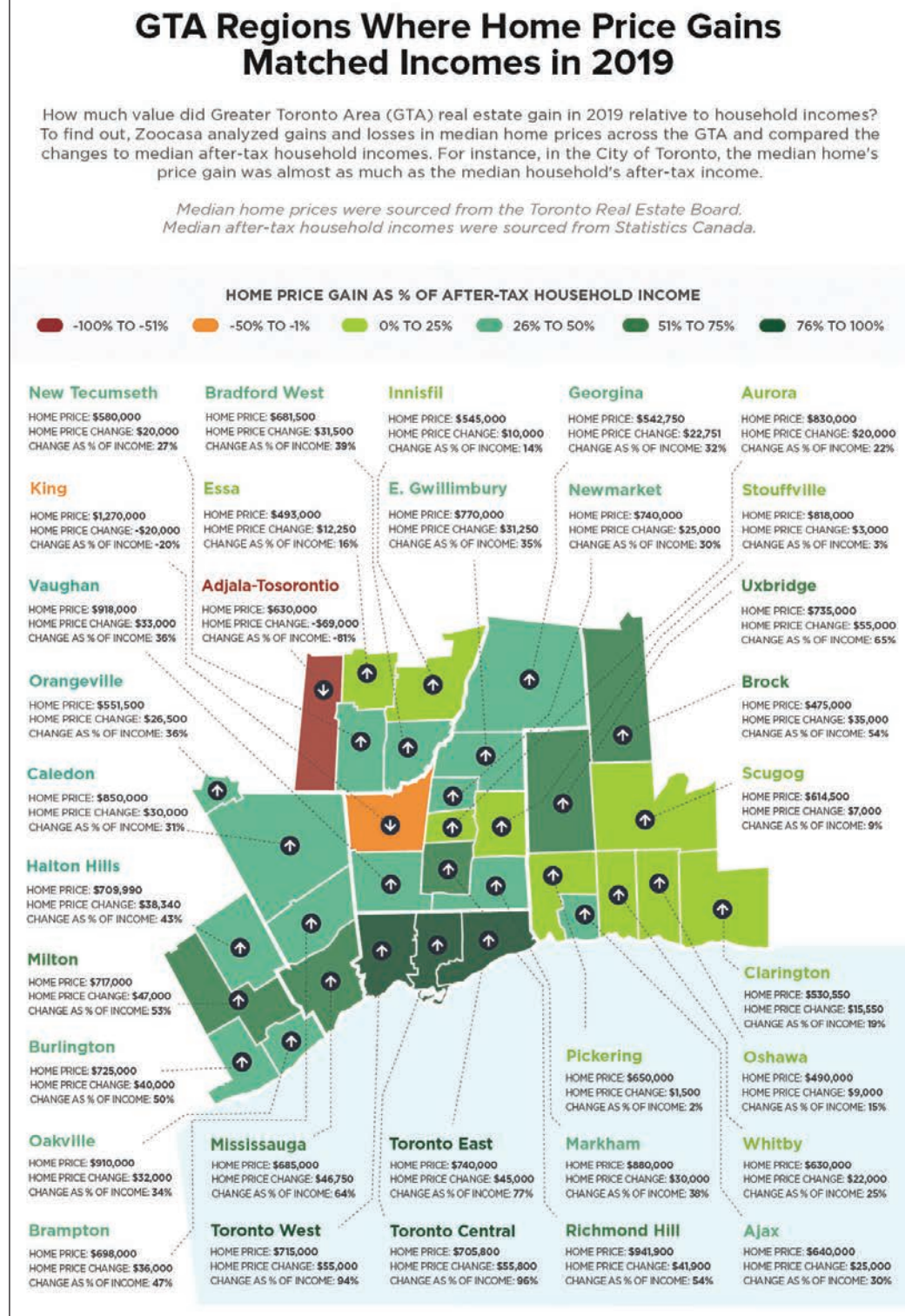
As well, a common narrative in Canada's hottest markets is that home price growth has steadily outpaced that of local incomes.

The findings reveal that the City of Toronto experienced the greatest increase in median home prices throughout 2019, with gains nearly equivalent to an entire year of after-tax income; median home prices rose by 8% to \$720,000 - a difference of \$55,000 that accounts for nearly 94% of the median Torontonian's after-tax income of \$58,264.

The largest increases took place in Toronto Central, where median prices rose 9% year over year to \$705,800, a difference of \$55,800, accounting for 96% of income. That's followed by Toronto West, which rose 8% to \$715,000, up \$55,000 and accounting for 94%, while Toronto East experienced a 6% increase to \$740,000, up \$45,000 and accounting for 77% of income.

On the other end of the scale were some of the GTA's northern-most markets, with Simcoe County and York Region home to municipalities with the smallest price increases, accounting for the least proportion of local incomes.

Simcoe County as a whole experienced the smallest median home price increase of all GTA regions, with the



median home price hitting \$588,250 in 2019 - up just 2%, and clocking in at an increase of \$13,250. That accounts for 20% of the local median income of \$67,022. The predominantly rural Simcoe township of Adjala-Tosorontio saw the largest decline in home prices across the GTA, down -10% to \$630,000 - a difference of \$69,000, and accounting for -81% of local incomes. The rest of Simcoe county municipalities ex-

perienced price increases between 2 - 5%, accounting for 14 - 39% of local incomes.

Peel Region overall experienced the second-highest year-over-year median price increase, up 6% to \$700,000 - a difference of \$40,000, accounting for 53% of local incomes. Individual municipalities saw price growth between 4 - 7%, accounting for 31 - 64% of incomes.

Orangeville saw median home prices rise 5% to \$551,500, a difference of \$26,500, accounting for 36% of median incomes. Likewise, in Halton region, home prices rose 4% to \$770,000, a difference of \$32,500 - accounting for 37% of incomes, with individual municipalities increasing 4 - 7%, accounting for 34 - 53% of incomes.

Finally, Durham region saw the second-lowest appreciation, with median home prices up 4% to \$580,000, a difference of \$20,000, accounting for 26% of median incomes. In its municipalities, growth ranged between 0 - 8%, accounting for 2 - 65% of local incomes.

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York Region Arts Council announces grant program

Calling all artists! Applications for the Micro Grant Program are now open.

They are accepting applications for York Region-based art projects across all arts disciplines. Learn more about the program to see if your project is eligible.

The Micro Grant Program offers York Region-based artists and arts workers funding to produce and create their work. YRAC has identified a gap in the funding available to artists in York Region. The council is committed to filling this gap by providing artists and arts workers with funding that will support their career development, offer opportunities for new work to be created, serve underrepresented communities, and advance professional arts in

York Region.

Who is eligible? In order to be eligible, applicants must be 18 years of age or older; identify as an individual artist, arts worker or ad hoc group/collective; be a practicing artist in any discipline by means of education and/or work experience; be an emerging, mid-career or established artist, and have more than 50% of your team residing in York Region.

Applicants can apply for grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000.

What can funding be used for?

Planning: This includes any costs associated with the initial stages of developing a new work or project. This is perfect to cover the start-up costs of research needed to apply for larger

grants, loans or other opportunities.

Creation: This includes any costs associated with developing a new work or project. This can include materials, space, artist fees and marketing costs. Perfect for gap-funding of projects that need an extra boost to reach their goals.

Presentation: This includes any costs associated with getting a project to market. This includes costs associated with the promotion, shipping of work and event planning. Perfect for completed work that needs to reach their audience through a show or exhibit.

YRAC's goal is continue to create impact through art. As such, they have mandated that projects supported through the Micro Grant Program

should be:

- **Creating Opportunities:** The project should create opportunities for York Region artists to work. This includes the applicant themselves and others working on the project.

- **Animating Vibrancy:** The project should add to the cultural vibrancy of York Region through the way(s) in which it is created and/or presented.

- **Activating Communities:** The project should activate under-served communities that may not have access to or lack the resources to engage in arts and cultural activities.

Applications are now open until March 1.

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Yamilé Rijo joins artist group at Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe

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Drawing since the moment she could hold a pencil, Yamilé is a self-taught artist who enjoys using different media but specially watercolours and acrylic.

The subject matter of her work spans from landscapes of places discovered during her travels or in her own backyard to people or animals and pets that suggest a certain narrative.

A schoolteacher for many years, Yamilé is now pursuing her other passion: painting.

Her ultimate goal is to be a storyteller through the images of her artwork.

Yamilé recently joined the artist cooperative at The Olde Mill Art Gallery and Shoppe in historic downtown Schomberg. Yamilé invites you to come in and meet the 8 artists and the beautiful work on display.

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York program ELLA caters to female entrepreneurs

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

A new program offered by York University is set to accelerate the entrepreneurial journey for 70 women across York Region. Women entrepreneurs across the region were invited to apply for ELLA (Entrepreneurial Leadership and Learning Alliance), which will start in March this year.

“The goal of ELLA is to help existing women entrepreneurs scale their businesses and support them in reaching success,” said program lead Aiko Thurlow, who is also associate director of entrepreneurship at York University.

Thurlow pointed out that women entrepreneurs account for only 16 per cent of business owners in Canada.

“Bridging the gender gap in entrepreneurship is our mission. We want to help our women founders rise by helping them plug into their communities,

meet more clients, find better suppliers, and discover solid support for their entrepreneurial journey,” she said.

The federal government provided \$1.8 million in funding for ELLA, which is led by York University’s Innovation York, in partnership with the small business enterprise centres of Markham, Richmond Hill, Vaughan, and York Region.

“York University has always been a progressive institution. Social justice and equality for women are part of its core values and women are at the helm of much of our leadership. When we learned about the grant, we wanted to help as many women as possible and that’s why ELLA is reaching out on such a massive scale,” said Thurlow.

The six-month program will provide one-on-one mentoring, hands-on workshops, leadership training and learning from women who are subject mat-

ter experts. The roster of eight women mentors includes well-known entrepreneurs like Janet Bannister, founder of Kijiji Canada, Maithili Mavinkurve, COO and Co-founder of Sightline Innovation, Aisha Addo, CEO, DriveHER Founder, Power to Girls Foundation, as well as Kathy Cheng, President and Founder of Redwoods Classics Apparel.

Most of the program will be conducted in bootcamp sessions every 3-4 weeks.

“The women will have access to private Masterminds that will offer a safe space to talk about business and per-

sonal challenges. They will also be invited to networking events – to attend solo or with peers from ELLA who can be your wing women for the night. We want them to know that they are not alone on this journey and how exciting it is to work with peers who truly get you,” explained Thurlow.

The ELLA kickoff event will be open to the public at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ella-the-official-launch-tickets-89132514751> and will bring together the 2020 cohort (70 women applicants), ELLA ambassadors, as well as ELLA supporters who are passionate about empowering women founders.



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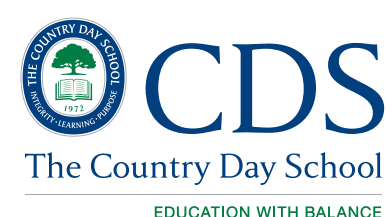


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Hundreds attend vigil for victims of Flight 752

By Brock Weir

They were friends, family, and each were living lives full of promise – hopes and dreams which, in the words of Michael Parsa, will now go unfulfilled following the tragic crash of Flight 752 in Iran last week.

The Aurora-Oak Ridges-Richmond Hill MPP, himself an Iranian Canadian, was among the hundreds to fill the field behind the Dr. Bette Stephenson Centre for Learning in Oak Ridges Jan. 13 to pay tribute to the 176 victims of the Tehran crash in a vigil hosted jointly by the York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board.

Organized by the school boards, in conjunction with the York Regional Police and the City of Richmond Hill, it was a way to honour and remember the lives of the several York Region students whose lives were cut all too short in the tragedy, as well as the lives of all others on board.

His voice cracking with emotion, Parsa thanked the community for the “outpouring of love and support” expressed by the community in recent days.

“Like many of you, I knew several of the victims of this tragedy,” he said. “Many of those on the flight were our close friends and neighbours; they were good friends; young children. They were renowned engineers, doctors and students. They had bright futures full of promise. They had friends and family who loved them, who will always love them, and they had hopes and dreams which will now go unfulfilled.”

Joined on stage by his fellow area MPPs Daisy Wai and Stephen Lecce, he said the days of mourning since Jan. 8

have been difficult to process.

“That’s why we’re standing here in solidarity on this cold January night to comfort each other and try to make sense of all this heartbreak and to remember our family, friends and colleagues. We must remember their contributions to the community, to everyone who knew them, and to the betterment of society through their leadership and hard work. What happened to those 176 innocent people is an unforgivable crime. It is so deeply disturbing that all those lives could be cut short in an instance and for no good reason. It is just so senseless and I am still stunned by it. Reeling from it. I am grieving for the loss of my friends and all the victims, and I am angry at the people who took them away from us. Now that the Iranian regime has admitted fault for this disaster, we must not rest until justice is served.”

This anger could be felt from many of the people in the crowd, some of whom were holding photos of family and friends killed in the crash as they placed candles and flowers on the front of the dais in tribute as dignitaries spoke – including Richmond Hill MP Majid Jowhari.

Jowhari, joined on stage by fellow MPs Tony Van Bynen, Deb Schulte and Mary Ng, said all Canadians were left “shocked and outraged” by the tragedy.

“We all share the pain and the anger,” he said. “Over the past six days, I, among my colleagues, have had a chance to hear from many of the families who lost loved ones. Every story is different, but every story shares the grief and the ongoing impact that the loss of their loved ones will have for many, many years to come. I want all the family members and loved ones to



know that we are working night and day to support and put in place the structure to help you get the answers and justice you so richly deserve. You have the commitment of our Prime Minister and the entire government that will continue to support you today and in the future. After all, that’s what Canada is about – a Canadian is a Canadian is a Canadian.”

His words, however, were not enough for some people in attendance who shouted, “Who do you blame?” When an answer didn’t come, more shouts of protest were raised until event emcees – student trustees from both boards – introduced the next speaker, Parsa.

But the vigil was a time to mourn and remember, a message underscored by representatives from both the YRDSB and YCDSB in their remarks.

“We grieve for you and with their families and friends,” said Maria Marchese, Chair of the YCDSB. “We grieve the losses to our community. So many of those young people who were only beginning to see just how much they would have to offer to the fabric of our community. It is our hope that you take some comfort in the presence of one another and in seeing so many

people here this evening who mourn with you and are here for you.”

Added Louise Sirisko, director of education at the YRDSB: “I wish I could express and truly convey what it has felt like in schools as we think about the students lost and their families. It has been a very, very difficult, difficult week gone by. Quite honestly, this is unlike anything we have experienced here in York Region. This time in our lives, this event is going to weigh heavy on our hearts, on our schools and in our York Region community for a very, very long time to come.

“Our hope tonight is that we can come together in our sorrow and in love and care to help our neighbours, friends and community to heal and reach out our hearts and hands to those who are suffering most. On a cold night in January, you rode buses, you walked, you made time out of your busy lives to come together and to hold each other’s hands, whether you are a student, whether you are a staff member, whether you’re a community member, a supportive politician who enables us to come together as Canadians and Ontarians. We thank you so much for being here.”

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Investigation continues into Flight 752 tragedy

By Mark Pavilons

As the country continues to mourn its losses from the downing of Ukrainian Airlines Flight 752, the investigation continues.

Details will emerge as experts from several countries try to uncover the details from the plane's black box and decipher the actions that led up to the disaster.

The Transportation Safety Board of Canada has been working with the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) of the Islamic Republic of Iran. Given the high number of Canadian fatalities, the TSB has confirmed its role as an expert and accepted Iran's invitation to attend the accident site as entitled in Annex 13 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation.

Two TSB air accident investigators are in Iran and a second team is on hand with expertise in aircraft record-download and analysis.

Iran has promised to turn over the black box to Ukraine, but there has

been a delay in following through with that.

"As 57 of the passengers who died in this tragedy were Canadian, it is our hope that the TSB will be allowed to bring more of its expertise to a thorough and transparent investigation," said Kathy Fox of TSB. "The TSB is seen as a world leader, and we have participated in foreign investigations for almost 30 years ... As an independent accident investigation agency, we will also collaborate with the other international investigation authorities with whom we have long-standing and well-developed relationships - including those from France, Sweden, the UK and the U.S., as well as Ukraine."

Aviation accident and incident investigations are governed by Annex 13 to the Convention of International Civil Aviation. As the "State of Occurrence," the Islamic Republic of Iran and, specifically, its Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), has the right to lead the safety investigation. The role

of states with a special interest by virtue of fatalities, serious injuries or other direct interests, which includes Canada, is also similarly prescribed. As the lead investigation agency, the Iranian AAIB is also responsible for communicating information about the progress and results of the investigation.

"The purpose of an ICAO Annex 13 safety investigation is to find all causal and contributing factors to an accident, without attributing blame or civil or criminal liability, to address safety deficiencies, and prevent similar accidents from happening again," said Fox. "Experience has shown that a thorough safety-focused investigation offers the best chance of confirming what really happened and providing the answers that everyone is asking for, particularly for the families who lost so much."

The TSB is online at www.tsb.gc.ca. Keep up to date through RSS, Twitter (@TSBCanada), YouTube, Flickr and their blog.

King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte is sup-

porting a full and complete investigation. "We need to know how such a horrific tragedy was allowed to occur."

"Canada will not rest until we get answers to the questions that we, and the rest of the world, are asking."

Premier Doug Ford said his priority is doing everything they can to support the families of the victims and ensure justice is served.

"The federal government and the Government of Ontario are united in our insistence on a comprehensive and independent investigation by the international community. We owe the victims and their families nothing less."

"With our federal partners, we will continue to uphold our shared values of freedom, dignity, and democracy for all."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the government is offering Canadian families \$25,000 to cover expenses related to travel, funerals and household costs. The federal government is also pressing Iran for compensation for the victims.

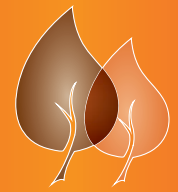


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King's Li shares how hockey brought him to Canada

By Robert Belardi

It might be cliché to re-iterate that sports brings people together. To stretch it even further, that sports is a lifestyle.

To some, this is a mediocrity of the game. To others, it is the reality, that binds their whole motive in life together.

When Stephen Li was growing up in Beijing, China he was practicing how to skate. With his mother at his sister's figure skating practice, he saw something that would spark his interest in what he wanted to do in life – to play hockey.

"I just saw the player putting on all the padding and stuff. All the equipment like the chest pads, the elbow pad, the helmet with the gloves and the stick. I've never seen that before, that's really cool. He looked different than everyone else," explained Li.

Li told his mom he wanted to play hockey. In China at the time, hockey was not a popular sport and Beijing only had four rinks in the area and three local teams competing for fun.

As the game developed in China, Li developed into a skilled winger, playing hockey three years above his age group. His parents quickly noticed his talents on the ice and asked him if he wanted to move to Canada to play.

On October 18, 2011, the dream became a reality as the family arrived in Canada.

He tried out for the Duffield Devils and was amazed by the level of talent. Li felt he had to improve to compete with the other children here. He considered himself mid to lower tier.

To improve, Li would have morning practices and evening practices with the team. In addition, he would have

his own practice session in his garage. Yet hockey wasn't Li's biggest challenge in Canada.

"Language was the biggest thing for me. When other players talk to me, they wanted me to pass and I thought they wanted me to shoot. Watching the game really helped me a lot."

After the Duffield Devils, Li went on to play for the AAA Toronto Titans, Mississauga Rebels, Don Mills Flyers and finally, ending up in Junior A with the Aurora Tigers.

His journey exemplifies the progress he has made as a player and a person, immersing himself into the Canadian culture and succeeding in it.

Now, Li, 16, speaks English fluently. Li and his family live in King City and he's been attending The Country Day School in King, since Grade 7. He said there were other choices such as St. Andrew's College in Aurora, but CDS was the right fit for him.

Along his path, he never forgot his roots. This past summer, Li represented team Beijing in the Chinese Olympics that occurs every four years.

Later this month, Li is returning to China once again to join the U18 Chinese national team. There is a competition in February that is essentially the preliminary round to qualify for the IIHF division two championships in March.

He attended a practice in New York City over the Christmas break, meeting some of his new teammates. Some are from the BCHL, others play double-A and Triple-A, all here in Canada. He also met his coaches and was surprised at the personnel behind the bench.

"There was not one-staff on the bench that was Chinese. They're all Russian. The language is difficult again to un-



derstand," Li said.

"They speak Russian and there is an interpreter. In Russia they have their own hockey terms but when it is translated to Mandarin, it's a lot different."

As China continues to develop their hockey program, Li and other players continue to influence young Chinese people to play the game. Li's younger brother is returning to Canada on Jan. 25, from a tournament in China.

In his free time, Li watches his favourite team, the Edmonton Oilers and his favourite player is Brendan Gallagher from the Montreal Canadiens.

He says he tries to mirror Gallagher's play. Both players are similar in size and boast a lot of confidence on the ice.

Li has returned from a concussion and is back on the ice for the Tigers.

So far this season, in 29 games played, Li has recorded four goals.

With two years left in school, Li hopes to attend Cornell University in New York. If hockey doesn't pan out for him, he has aspired to potentially open up a restaurant here in Canada like his family has in China, or open his own aerospace engineering company.

Cougars fall to Terriers and Kings

By Robert Belardi

The Orillia Terriers travel south to trounce the Schomberg Cougars 7-1 at the Trisan Centre.

Both teams in the first period brought energy and pace. The Cougars rang a point shot off the post and the Terriers could not solve goaltender Curtis Boothe early. Most of the play was in deep, with plenty of puck battles around the boards.

With the Cougars on the power play, Terriers defenceman Noah Rowland forces a turnover close to the blue line. The defenceman sprints towards the net and buries a breakaway goal shorthanded to give the Terriers the advantage.

In a thrilling second period, the Cougars found themselves in a heap of trouble early. Two penalties in the first 3:35 into the frame gave the Terriers ample time to capitalize on the power play.

Terriers forward Kyle Heitzner scored his 28th of the year beating Boothe from the right hashmarks with a slap shot.

Terriers forward Josh Brown quickly added a third goal shortly after.

The Terriers were no strangers to penalties. On top of 10 minute misconduct penalties, assistant coach Daryl Batt was ejected for abuse of officials.

When things settled back down again a scary moment saw goaltender Curtis Boothe injured after a hard slap shot hit him in the helmet. Boothe is expected to be okay. Alex Surzycia entered the game.

Much to the dismay of the home crowd, the Terriers added insult to injury, scoring two more goals from Jack Beck and Zane Morris.

Goan got his just desserts after being targeted all period with a goal of his own with three seconds left in the frame with a hard wrist shot off the draw. The Cougars scored their opening goal after pounding Spinola with 15 shots in the period.

In the third period it was much of the same story. Kyle Heitzner added another goal and Terriers captain Owen King scored on the backhand, roofing the puck past Surzycia.

The Cougars did not have an answer for Spinola, who stopped 31 of 32 shots from the Cougars that evening.

The Cougars have not defeated the Terriers since Oct. 3, 2019.

First year captain in his final year with the Cougars, Brandon Cohen explains that he doesn't believe this is a mental block for the boys, it is more about the structure of hockey they're playing.

Cohen said: "I don't think so necessarily you know, they've made some changes, everyone knows that. It could be a mind set. But, I think ultimately, it's just not very good play. We're coming out flat. Start of the game start of the periods. We have to find it within us to start the game with more effort."

In the past seven games, the Cougars' offence resides mostly in the second period. The boys have scored 13 goals in the past seven, second periods.

Head Coach Brett Delmas is aware of this issue and vows to work on it.

"We are a team that seems to get better as the game goes along. We don't start very strong," Delmas said. "It's a problem we've had for most of the season. We've been trying to work on it, we've been trying to change some of our pre-game prep, in warm up to address that issue. It is a concern."

In Penetang the next evening, the Cougars solved their first period woes with a pair of goals from Matthew Wadge and Jonathan Calleja. The setback, was conceding two goals entering the second period all square.

The Cougars allowed two more goals in both of the last two periods. One goal by Alex Cordeiro in the final frame would be not enough to comeback.

The Cougars host the Stayner Siskins on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Trisan Centre. The boys will travel to Alliston on Friday.

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King Curling Club holds 'Sticks and Stones' bonspiel

By Shellee Morning

Both Men's and Women's Team Entry leagues are well under way and are masquerading the competitiveness like those on the pro circuit. The parity within both of these leagues is developing into a robust group of resilience to up their performances each week.

With the playoffs looming in the (closer than you think) future, every game counts for that ever important position on the standings board.

Team Livingstone continues to impress in the Men's League after a solid win against Team Gerrits and winning his last 2 in a row moving him within points of league leaders Team Gerrits aka "The Quick Draws." Third spot belongs to Team Barber with Team Lee right behind. A 4-way tie for 5th includes Teams Campbell, Davis, Inglis and Sheardown ("The Jersey Boys").

Other winners from last week include Brown, Johns, Scott, Wasylik, Campbell, and MacDonald while Broad

and Sheardown settled in a tie.

Women's action is also proving to be a convincing group of determined women with high octane energy and a craving to win. Teams Morning and Sinclair currently share the top spot in the league with both claiming victory in last week's match ups. Also in a tie and sharing second place are Teams Davis and Fraser, who also found the winners column last week. Alone in 3rd place is Team Stronach.

There is a growing amount of curlers within the membership that are known as the "Stick" curlers. Players that don't traditionally get down in the hack and slide out on delivery, where they instead walk towards the delivery point using a stick to hold and guide the rock towards the direction of the Skip's request. A great way to keep curling for those that don't necessarily feel as comfortable any longer with the sliding technique.

This past week the club held its first annual Stick Curling Bonspiel, creatively named "Sticks and Stones." In



Andris Bader, Ruby Stoffregen, Mike Murphy, Peter Kamstra and Bob Sharer were first place winners in the club's first Annual Sticks and Stones Bonspiel.

all, 32 eager participants gathered for the 2 6-end Jitney style format event that was quickly anticipated into show casing rink wide talent. New teams are formed for both games so scoring was based on an individual points system from their team's results in 3 categories – win, loss and number of ends won.

The calibre was evident right from the first push from the hack with some outstanding shots made on every sheet. Cheers were echoed across the rinks during the skills challenge where participants played for extra points. Perfect draws were achieved by Sue Sheardown, Dan Khan and Hal Rutledge while Peter Kamstra was the only player to execute a perfect take-

out for the skills competition.

Individual first place winners were Andris Baders for Second position, Ruby Stoffregen and Mike Murphy tied for Lead position; Peter Kamstra for Vice and Bob Sharer was first place Skip. Second place individual winners were awarded to Claire Murphy, Sue Sheardown and Jack Campbell and Roy Wright. TSN highlight/blooper stories after each game entertained everyone during lunch and the end of the day social time.

Sincere thanks goes to Peggy Belcher, Fran Bones, Kim Campbell, Rosie Kamstra, Carol Sharer, Bill Small, Dave Warren and organizers Bob Belcher and Elaine Lawrence for a very successful spiel.



Second place winners included Claire Murphy, Sue Sheardown, Jack Campbell and Roy Wright.

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Nobleton Notes

By **Angie Maccarone**
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Free workshop – Common Sense Auto Fix: On Saturday, Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. We will be hosting a Common Sense Auto Fix seminar covering the basics of auto maintenance for all ages. This will include things like tires, lights, battery, oil changes, brakes, spark plugs, and much more. If you know someone that could benefit from this workshop, please pass the word on. Everyone is welcome to come join us in the lower hall at the church.

This Sunday at 10 a.m., Jeff will be leading us in worship this week, bringing a message, entitled “Defining a Disciple.” We offer ministry for children aged 0 to 11 during worship. Don’t hesitate to bring your kids! Come and join us. You will be glad you did!

The Community Youth Group meets every Friday 7 p.m. The youth group is for those in 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 YouTube page (search St. Paul’s Church, Nobleton), and our website, stpaulsnobleton.ca.

St. Patrick’s Gala

Save the date. Our first gala for the new decade. Saturday, March 14 at the Royal Ambassador Banquet Hall at

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St. Mary’s/St. Patrick’s Life Teen

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By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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People who are filled with compassion, and who do their best to live out the Love of Jesus through the church and into the world. I am so grateful to be part of this group of people. Thank you to all of you who helped me through this time and for all you have given me in the past three years.

During the season of Lent, I will be working through Wondrous Encounters, Scripture for Lent by Richard Rohr. If you'd like to follow this daily Lenten Journey with me, please contact me by Feb. 16 to order your copy for \$15.

On Sunday, March 1 we will be joined by Schomberg United for a short joint service at 11:15, a.m. followed by a light lunch and the Annual General Meeting.

For more info, visit nobletonunitedchurch.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 (gender neutral) washrooms. We warmly welcome everyone, old and young, tattooed or not, dressed up or not.

Jan. 24 at the Trisan Centre.

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Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and it all starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person.

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On Sunday, March 1, the 9:30 a.m. service is cancelled and we will be joining Nobleton United for a joint service at 11:15, followed by a light lunch and the Annual General Meeting.

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

Rich Hill United dinner

Rich Hill United Church is located at 1276 Sideroad 10 at the 2nd Line, Tottenham. On Saturday, Jan. 25, the good

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This coming Sunday morning Jan. 26 the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown will hold a 10:30 a.m. combined parish Holy Communion service with Bishop George Elliott (ret'd) of King City as sermonist and celebrant in the hall at Christ Church, Kettleby on Kettleby Rd. mid-way between Keele and Jane Sts. A tea/coffee hour with homemade treats will follow the service for those wishing to stay. You're in for a fun Folk Dance and Supper at Christ Church, Kettleby Saturday evening Feb. 1 starting at 6 p.m., This family friendly event is one of a series held throughout York Region by folk dance enthusiasts. Call J. de Vries (905-392-6206) for advance tickets. Space is limited.

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King's Corners

King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

We are excited to announce the addition of Rev. Andrew Lee to our ministry team. Rev. Andrew will be alternating worship services with Rev. Bruce and his first worship service will be this Sunday, Jan. 26. We hope you will come out this Sunday to welcome him to our community of faith.

Last Sunday in his message entitled "Called to Be Saints," we were reminded by Rev. Bruce that "Holiness is a gift of Christ's Spirit living in us, God not only with us and for us, but God in us. Together we can answer the call in extraordinary ways."

Please join us for the 10 a.m. worship and we do have hearing assisted devices available for the hearing impaired. Just ask as you arrive. Sermons are available on our website kcuc.net

The women's prayer group has resumed meetings at the Residences of Springhill at 80 Burns Blvd. and gathers on Tuesday mornings at 9 a.m. 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, Jan. 26 as Pastor Mark Nowell will be continuing our series "Follow Me" with the "Am The Good Shepherd" (John 10:1-21), a study in the book of John.

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 Grade 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 (Grade 6-8) & Senior High (Grade 9-12) classes will meet downstairs.

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

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

We look forward to having Alison Agnew back with us this Sunday, Jan. 26

to lead us in worship and next Sunday the Rev. Konnie Vissers will be with us again.

Last Sunday by video, we looked at one of the most well-loved and known verses in the Bible, John 3:16. The Rev. Grant Vissers shared with us one of his sermons, entitled "Faith in Jesus and what it means for us." It was a great reminder, full of hope and promise as we go forward into this new year.

The Women's Prayer Circle meets Tuesday mornings at the Condo, 80 Burns Blvd. from 9 to 10 a.m. What a great way to start your day! Call Kathy Patterson, 905-833-0391.

The King City Lodge visitation and service unfortunately is cancelled for this Thursday afternoon.

Bible Study with the Bilgens of the Greater Grace Fellowship takes place Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. in the lounge, followed by light refreshments and an opportunity to discuss further with Pastor Niyazi and his wife, Irada.

For pastoral care please call the Rev. Paul Johnston, our Interim Moderator at 705-341-7738. Our church office phone number is 905-833-2325. We are located at 13190 Keele St., 2 blocks north of the King Rd.

All Saints Anglican Church

By Patrick Gossage

Prayers in a peaceful setting - are offered every Sunday from 9:45-10:45 in the serenity of our chapel where several parishioners gather to hear scripture, meditate and start their day praying in quiet and being still and knowing their God. Feel free to join in these precious moments free from the cares of the day.

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King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

The next trip requires an immediate response as the deadline is this week. On Thursday, Feb. 20 we will be off to Famous People Players for a performance of "A Rocking Good Time." Lunch will be followed by the show with dessert being served before we head back home. This is always a wonderful day. The cost is \$125 pp. The coach leaves the arena at 10 a.m. Please call Agnes at 905-841-7390 or Jayne at 905-853-1436 asap to book your seat.

The first movie night of the new year will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. Admission is by donation. Movie selection will be "Philomena," starring Dame Judith Dench. One reminder concerning weather - if the school buses are cancelled, the movie night will be cancelled!

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Words to live by – the Epistle last Sunday from 1st Corinthians had Paul telling his faithful of all the gifts God had given them and for which they should be thankful before he admonished them for their shortcomings. He told them: “You have been enriched in every way

– with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge ... you do not lack any spiritual gift ...”

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth told us we too share in the community of the body of Christ and are enriched and sustained by the amazing grace of Jesus Christ. “As we look at the church in our time its weaknesses are all too evident,” she said.

But she quoted at length from an inspiring article in the Anglican Journal (<https://www.anglicanjournal.com/the-challenges-and-opportunities-before-us/>) by Bishop Mark MacDonald, our first indigenous Bishop. She underlined several of his more challenging points.

He said that the real challenge when

talk is of the Church's survival is to rediscover hope. When an era of Christendom is over we face an identity crisis. Which is a crisis of commitment in a time so influenced by the “desires of this age.” The true crisis is one of imagination and faith. “We need to see and do things much differently than we have ever done before.” His solution: “There is no step forward that does not focus on Jesus.” Then we must turn to people from the wider society, the poor and the marginalized. We must seek a new form of Eucharistic community, a people whose glory is Jesus.

She then quoted from the 16th century mystic Teresa of Avila – a memorable poem:

Christ has no body on earth but yours/ no hands but yours/ no feet but yours/ yours are the eyes to look out Christ's compassion to the world/ yours are the feet with which to go about doing good/ yours are the hands with which to bless people.

“Paul makes us thankful for the gifts we have received,” she said. “Gifts of a sharing community not afraid to proclaim the amazing grace of God.”



KCSC Community Board 2020

The King City seniors elected a new board for 2020. Shown are (front) Jane Hepworth, Harry Bishop, Frank Moskoff, Vic Warner, Susan Phillips, (back) Kay Brooks, Carol Field, Jayne Rector, Carolyn Kanitz, Agnes Carrey, Toni Palma, Sheila Crocker, Mary Aldcroft. Absent were Township rep Laura Campbell and Lions club rep Jim Curran.

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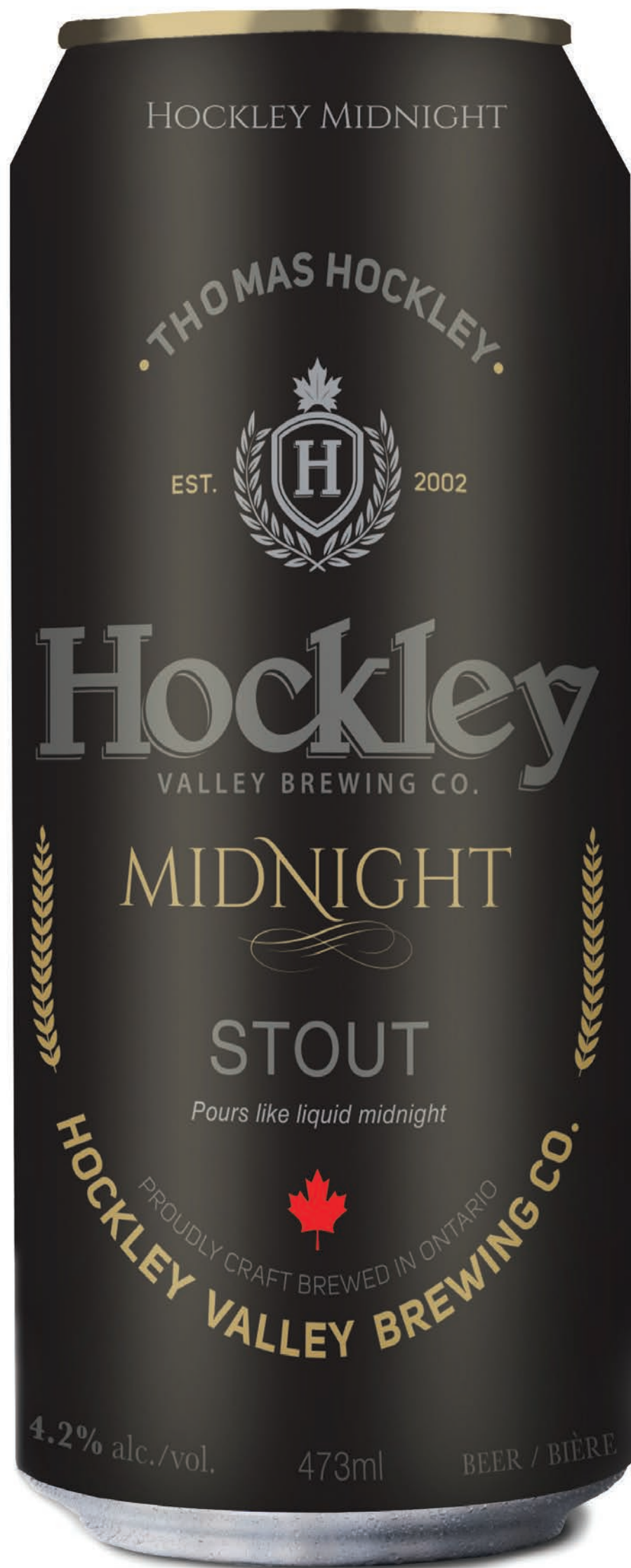
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