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King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce announced King will receive more than \$608,000 in funding from the Province.

## King receives \$608K from the province

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, announced that the Government of Ontario will provide the Township of King with \$608,548 through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) to address local infrastructure needs, such as building and repairing roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure.

"Today's announcement is great news for King families as we invest more to improve our roads, our broadband capability and our water quality," said Lecce. "Our government is working collaboratively with Mayor Pellegrini and Council to build and invest in local infrastructure priorities so our community is safe, modern and our services remain high quality."

This funding is part of Ontario's approximately \$200 million commitment to 424 communities addressing their core infrastructure projects and asset management planning needs in 2020.

"This investment provides the predictable and stable infrastructure funding small, rural and northern municipalities have asked for," said Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure. "With this OCIF funding we are working directly with our municipal partners to deliver community infrastructure."

structure."

"On behalf of King Township council and its residents, I'd like to thank Minister Lecce and the provincial government for the 2020 payment of \$608,548 as part of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund," said King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "King will use the funds to reline and rehabilitate bridges and culverts. It's heartening to see the province recognize that smaller, rural communities like King face pressures to plan and manage infrastructure rehabilitation. Funding from other levels of government helps us to keep the impacts on taxpayers as low as possible."

In recognizing that municipalities have different infrastructure needs, the province is using a straightforward and transparent formula that takes various social and economic factors into account when determining funding allocations across the province.

The Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund provides stable and predictable funding for communities with populations under 100,000, along with all rural and northern communities.

Approximately \$200 million in formula-based funding was allocated to small, rural and northern communities in 2019.

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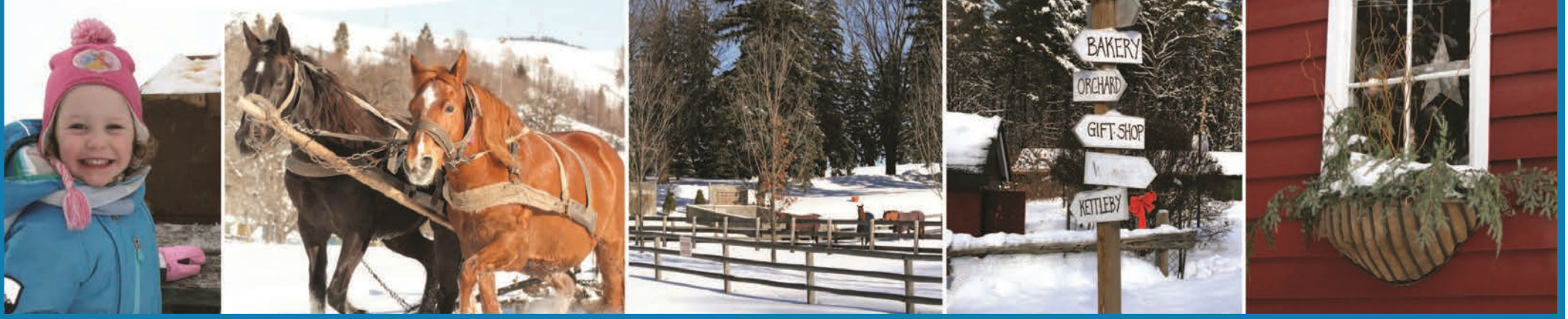




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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

**Monday, February 24, 2020**

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

**Monday, March 9, 2020**

5 pm – Special Committee of the Whole working session re:

The Township of King's Draft Strategic Plan

6 pm – Council/Committee of the Whole

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

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

6 pm – Sustainability Committee

Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

**Thursday, March 5, 2020**

6 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee

Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

**Tuesday, March 10, 2020**

1 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee

Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

**Wednesday, March 18, 2020**

6 pm – Committee of Adjustment

Municipal Office, 2585 King Road

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- IT Desktop Support – closes Feb. 21
- Administrative Clerk – Engineering & Public Works – closes Feb. 21
- Project Manager – Development – closes Feb. 28
- Project Manager – Environmental – closes Feb. 28
- Crossing Guard (contract) - closes when filled
- Fitness Floor Monitor (PT, seasonal) – closes when filled
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT, seasonal) - closes when filled
- Program Instructor (PT seasonal contract) - closes when filled
- Summer Parks positions – closes when filled
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT seasonal) – closes when filled

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**BID NOTICES**

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Or visit on the following link

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

**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**

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

**Special Committee of the Whole Working Session**

**"TOWNSHIP OF KING - DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN PRESENTATION"**

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold a Special Committee of the Whole Working Session by the Administration Department on:

- The Township of King's Draft Strategic Plan - Presentation by the Administration Department

**Monday, March 9, 2020**

**5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

In the  
**Council Chambers**  
2585 King Road  
King City, ON

For further information regarding the Draft Strategic Plan, please visit the Township's website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) or contact: Meghan Ditta, Strategic Policy Coordinator, [mditta@king.ca](mailto:mditta@king.ca) or 905-833-5321

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

**Please see more King Township notices on page 5**

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King passed By-law Number 2020-011 on the 10th day of February, 2020 under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13, as amended.

**AND TAKE NOTICE** that any person or agency may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) in respect of the by-laws by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King not later than the **11th day of March, 2020** a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-laws and the reasons in support of the objection, together with 1 cheque in the amount of \$300.00 (certified cheque or money order only) payable to the Minister of Finance to cover the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) fee, and a cheque for \$225.50 representing the Clerk's Department Administrative processing fee, payable to the Township of King. Should this date fall on a holiday or weekend, you will have until 4:30 p.m. of the next business day to file your appeal. If you wish to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), a copy of an appeal form is available from the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) website at [elto.gov.on.ca](http://elto.gov.on.ca) or from the Clerk of the Township of King. Please note the Tribunal will only accept filing fee payments by certified cheque or money order.

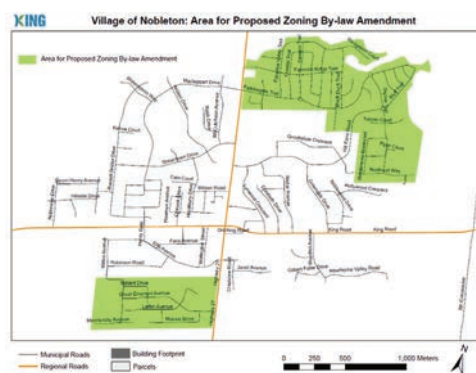
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No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

A Public Meeting was held December 2, 2019 in respect to the proposed amendments. Any comments made have been taken into consideration during the review of the application and have been responded to both generally and specifically throughout the Planning Department's Recommendation Report (P-2020-04), dated February 10th, 2020. To view the report, please refer to section 10.6 of the February 10th, 2020 meeting of Committee of the Whole available at <https://king.civicweb.net/document/75710>.

By-law Number 2020-011 concerns lands within Registered Plan 65M-4366, 65M-4169, 65M-4300, 65M-4301, 65M-4443, 65M-4287, 65M-4448, 65R-35246 and 65R-33507. By-law Number 2020-011 is a By-law to amend Zoning By-law 2016-71 to revise specific residential exception zones to implement revised provisions for maximum lot coverage that generally correspond with the average lot coverage of the existing development. The following residential exception zones are addressed through this By-law:

R1-1	R1-2	R1-3	R1-4
R1-5	R1-11	R1-12	R1-13
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**DATED** at the Township of King this 20th day of February, 2020.

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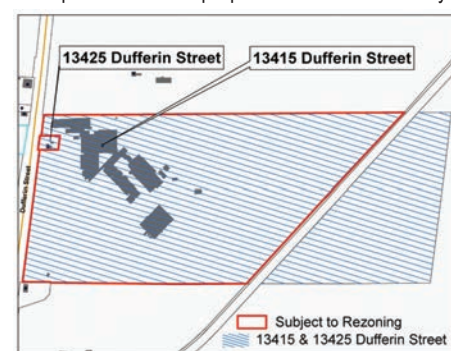
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Comments received and considered during the public meeting of November 4, 2019 were summarized and included in the Planning Department Recommendation Report (P-2019-34). To view the report, please refer to section 6.1 of the November 4th, 2019 meeting of Council available at <https://king.civicweb.net/document/73950>. There were no additional comments received at the meeting of the Committee of the Whole on February 10, 2020.

The lands to which the Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. Z-2019-10) apply, are also subject to a Site Plan Development Approval (File No. SPD-19-56). The owner has filed applications for a Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Approval for the lands at 13415 and 13425 Dufferin Street to facilitate the development of an addition sized approximately at 1,672 square metres (18,000 square feet) to the existing junior school building with a new parking area, playground areas and a sports field. The site specific Zoning By-law (2020-010) rezones the property at 13425 Dufferin Street from a Rural General (RU1) zone to a site specific Institutional (I) zone to allow for institutional uses. The Zoning Amendment rezones both properties at 13415 and 13425 Dufferin Street to add site specific permissions for reduced parking size dimensions, and to allow buildings, structures and parking areas to be located closer to the front yard line on the Country Day School lands.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-laws can be found on the Township's website ([www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca)).



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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REPEAL DESIGNATION BY-LAW UNDER SECTION 32 OF THE ONTARIO HERITAGE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18**

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King intends to repeal by-laws 90-80 and 92-123 which respectively designate King Station and the Immanuel Baptist Church, located at 2920 King Road in the Township of King, Regional Municipality of York, under Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990. A By-law to repeal the designation by-law is to be considered by King Township Council at its regular meeting to be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday March 23rd, 2020.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION** is available at the Planning Department in the Municipal Centre during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays). For further information, please contact Colin Pang, Planner II/Heritage Planner at 905-833-4067 or [cpang@king.ca](mailto:cpang@king.ca). Any person may send by registered mail or deliver to the Clerk of the Township of King notice of their objection to the proposed designation together with a statement of the reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If such a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the Township of King will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing.

**Notice of objection to the designation must be filed with the municipality by Friday March 20th, 2020.**

**NOTE: The intent to repeal the existing Designation By-laws is a process to facilitate a future designation of the cultural heritage buildings and structures located at the Township of King Heritage and Cultural Centre property.**

Dated at the Township of King this 19th day of February, 2020.

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





## King looks to the future with its updated transportation master plan

By Mark Pavilons

In order to keep planning documents current, King council received an update on its revamped Transportation Master Plan recently.

Originally adopted in 2015, King's first Transportation Master Plan set out a strategy regarding roads needs, infrastructure, traffic and future transportation needs.

With the approval of the new Official Plan in 2019, there was a need to revamp the transportation plan.

Included in the updated plan are a re-evaluation of local and arterial roads; reviewing connecting links and identifying transit networks.

Input from the public was sought at open houses in the fall of 2019. The draft updated plan was presented Feb. 10 during a working session of council.

Staff are working on the final Transportation Master Plan update, which will be presented to council Feb. 24. It's hoped the new infrastructure schedules contained in the plan will be provided to York Region to be included in the final OP in April.

Population, employment, land use and travel behaviour were all analyzed. The Township is envisioning active transportation facilities, transit routes and roads that support the communities and planned growth, over the next decade.

Staff took into account greater connectivity within the transportation network, as well as environmental concerns with certain roads.

The existing and proposed active transportation network was reviewed to look for any gaps and areas where in-fill links can enhance connectivity. The network not only includes roads, but walking and cycling paths, as well as recreational uses such as skateboarding.

York Region Transit and GO currently provide transit in King and these services are expected to continue and grow. Staff did, however, identify some gaps in service:

King has one transit service that connects all three urban villages and

the existing GP station. It operates only on week days during morning and afternoon rush hours and does not run weekends or holidays.

Traffic congestion is expected to increase when GO increases the frequency of its trains to every 15 minutes during the day.

Some improvements and upgrades will come with a cost.

Staff said from a capital expense perspective, recommended road improvements – construction of Township-owned roads – will cost roughly \$650,000. New roads for future subdivisions are expected to be collected as part of the developers' applications.

The TMP also identifies improvements to the active transportation network. Expansion over time, of more than 250 kilometres of facilities, is expected to cost roughly \$50 million. This will be shared among other levels of government. However, the total cost to King for full implementation in the long run is pegged at roughly \$28 million.

The TMP update includes important recommendations regarding physical infrastructure projects, new services, more studies, etc.

Part of the process will include studies to assess the impacts of the planned GTA West Corridor as it dips south of King near Nobleton and King City.

The Township will also start with an environmental assessment of the 15th Sideroad.

Staff will also look at the design and parking at the King Road and Keele Street intersection.

King will continue to work with Metrolinx and York Region on new GO station changes. King and York will work together on new pedestrian crossings in the main three villages.

In the long-term, attention will be paid to the widening of the 15th Sideroad, between Highway 400 and Bathurst. Cycling loops will be considered in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. At-grade rail crossings will also be reviewed and revamped, with help from Metrolinx and the Region.

### Inaugural Cultural Gala sold out

The arts in King will receive a boost, thanks to a new fundraising initiative.

The first annual Cultural Gala is set to go Feb. 27. The event is sold out! The Township is On February 27, 2020 the Township of King is joining forces, and supporting, the efforts of the King Township Historical Society (KTHS), Arts Society King (ASK), and the King Township Museum Board (KTMB) to stage the Mayor's Cultural Gala in support of arts, culture, and heritage in King Township.

The event will be held at Cardinal Golf Club. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 7.

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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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- Michael Connelly

## Paying close attention to life-giving water

*"When the well is dry, they know the worth of water."*

Benjamin Franklin

Ben had a knack for stating the obvious.

We take fresh, clean water for granted in the GTA, where we likely have the purest water around.

We thinking nothing of turning on a tap or taking long showers.

The blended cost in York for water is roughly \$4.15 per cubic metre. That's equivalent to a little over 13, 10-minute showers, which works out to 32 cents per shower. Yes, we have to pay for it, and for maybe \$2 to \$3 per day, we have the stuff in abundance.

It's a necessity and it's pretty hard to live without it.

My household was without water for some 24 hours recently, while my main shut-valve was being replaced.

Still, instinctively, I reached for the tap a dozen times, forgetting we were temporarily dry.

Only when there are plumbing issues do we realize just how important water is.

I grew up on a four-acre property outside of Bolton, so I'm well versed in living on well water. We had a shallow, 60-foot tile well and a 150-foot drilled well. We alternated between the two to maintain a constant supply of water. We also had a pump, and 500 feet of pipe from the Humber River which meandered in our back yard. There were many challenging moments growing up in the country.

When we moved to Bolton, I was overjoyed that I could take long showers and flush the toilet whenever I wanted.

Water is the main constituent of Earth's hydrosphere and the fluids of most living organisms. It is vital for all known forms of life, even though it provides no calories or organic nutrients.

Lake Ontario provides drinking water to nearly half of Ontario residents.



Mark Pavilons

Of the 12.8 million people who live in the province, 49.2 per cent, or 6.3 million people, get their drinking water from the massive lake. It's by far the most drawn upon source of water to sustain Ontario's growing population.

On the other end of the spectrum are dozens of communities that don't have a municipal drinking water system at all. More than 40 Ontario communities are listed by the province, with a combined population of nearly 140,000 people, that don't have a municipal drinking water system.

King would not have evolved to its current state, had it not been for the "Big Pipe," something that caused a lot of controversy several years ago.

It's hard to believe that in 2020, many countries are still struggling with adequate clean water supplies.

In Afghanistan, only 13% of the country's clean water is available to the public.

In Ethiopia, only 42% of the people

have access to clean water. The high mortality rate there can be blamed, in part, on unhygienic water.

Chad suffers from a water and food shortage, where people suffer from diseases brought on by drought.

Sadly, 84% of Cambodia's population don't have access to clean water.

The 2010 earthquake in Haiti damaged a lot of the country's water sources, and today, many suffer from a lack of water.

Pakistan, Syria and Egypt all face huge crises.

The worst off is conflict-ravaged Somalia, where starvation due to a lack of water is commonplace.

It's not just Mother Nature, but a lack of water management and the inability of governments in those countries to plan and improve their infrastructure.

Water covers 71% of the Earth's surface, mostly in seas and oceans. Small amounts of water occur as groundwater (1.7%), in the glaciers and the ice caps of Antarctica and Greenland (1.7%), and in the air as vapor, clouds (formed of ice and liquid water suspended in air), and precipitation (0.001%).

Water plays an important role in the world economy. Approximately 70% of the fresh water used by humans goes to agriculture. Fishing in salt and fresh water bodies is a major source of food for many parts of the world.

It's common to hear that water is essential for your health. This substance makes up a majority of your body weight and is involved in many important functions, such as flushing out waste from your body; regulating body temperature, and helping your

brain function.

Water makes up more than two-thirds of human body weight, and without water, we would die in a few days. The human brain is made up of 95% water, blood is 82% and lungs 90%. A mere 2% drop in our body's water supply can trigger signs of dehydration: fuzzy short-term memory, trouble with basic math, and difficulty focusing on smaller print, such as a computer screen.

We all know about droughts and lack of water in many developing nations. We have that mental image of women and children walking miles to get water and bring it back to their village. My oldest daughter Lexie made such a trip herself during a trip to Kenya. She didn't have to, she wanted to literally "walk a mile in their shoes." Good for her. Maybe we should walk a kilometre with a pail on our heads, just to get a feel for it!

From organizations I have read about, it costs roughly \$5,000 to build a communal well for a small village. That amounts to the annual water bill for maybe half a dozen homeowners. Would I voluntarily pay double my annual water bill to ensure entire villages get clean drinking water? You bet!

As advanced as we are, several Indigenous communities in our country don't have adequate water. And that's tragic. I know we're making inroads, but for a country with an abundant supply and strong infrastructure, there's no excuse. No one in this land of ours should go without life-giving water.

Think about it the next time you dump a half-filled water bottled down the drain.

Daylight increasing

## Anticipating first day of spring

In 2020, the spring equinox (also called the March equinox or vernal equinox) falls on Thursday, March 19. This event marks the astronomical first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

Spring begins with the vernal equinox, which always occurs on March 19, 20, or 21.

The word equinox comes from the Latin words for "equal night" - aequus (equal) and nox (night). On the equinox, the length of day and night is nearly equal in all parts of the world.

With the equinox, enjoy the increasing sunlight hours, with earlier dawns and later sunsets.

On the March Equinox, the Sun crosses the celestial equator from south to north. It's called the "celestial equator" because it's an imaginary line in the sky above the Earth's equator.

If you were standing on the equator, the Sun would pass directly overhead on its way north.

Equinoxes are the only two times a year that Sun only rises due east and sets due west for all of us on Earth!

While the Sun passes overhead, the tilt of the Earth is zero relative to the Sun, which means that Earth's axis neither points toward nor away from the Sun. However, the Earth never orbits upright, but is always tilted on its axis by about 23.5 degrees.

After the Spring equinox, the Northern Hemisphere tilts toward the Sun, which is why we start to get longer, sunnier days.



## Thought of the Week



*Gumby was stretched too far!*

What ever happened to that green, elastic character? Did he finally snap?

## King Township Trivia

*In 1847, Elihu Pease bought 16 acres of land at the corner of Jane St. and King Rd. and built a tannery. The large tannery attracted new businesses, inns, a church and the British Hotel Tavern. The settlement became known as Kinghorn.*

## KingWeeklySentinel WEBPOLL

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Results from last week's poll:

**Are the teachers' job actions disrupting your child's education?**

a) Yes  25%

b) No  75%

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

## THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you agree with Via Rail's decision to halt service across the country?

- a) Yes
- b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

# NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

King City, Fisher Street Elevated Tank Upgrades

IMPROVEMENTS ARE COMING. LEARN MORE!

In the Township of King February 7, 2020

The Regional Municipality of York will be working in your community, at the King City, Fisher Street Elevated Tank located at 80 Fisher Street. The work will improve the operations of the elevated tank and reduce disruptions to the local water distribution system.

**WHEN:** February to July, 2020

**WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT?**

- Construction will be mostly limited to the elevated tank site with minor work in the roadway at the south end of Fisher Street
- Access to homes and buildings will be maintained with advanced notice of any temporary restrictions
- Your water service may need to be turned off for a short period of time to accommodate construction; advance notice of any service disruption will be provided
- There will be some construction related noise and dust from the equipment and trucks, though every effort to minimize it will be made
- There may be increased construction related traffic in and out of the site
- As with all construction projects, some work may be re-scheduled due to weather or other conditions.



Thank you for your patience while we complete this vital work. Safety is a priority for York Region, please slow down when travelling through a construction area.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

York Region provides clean, safe drinking water and wastewater treatment to more than 1.2 million residents. Visit [york.ca/waterconstruction](http://york.ca/waterconstruction) for more information about water and wastewater construction projects.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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**KING**  
Seeking Nominations for  
**Volunteer Awards**  
Closes Wednesday, March 18  
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT  
Thursday, April 23, 2020

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

- Citizen of the Year
- Special Recognition - Non-resident of King
- 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](http://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](mailto:kmoyle@king.ca)

**2020 Spring/Summer Community Guide**

Hot off the digital press is our 2020 Spring/Summer Community Guide, containing a list of exciting programs and activities. You can access the digital version at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca). Printed copies will be delivered to King Township households later this month and will also be available at all library branches and arenas.



**REMINDERS**

**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX NOTICES**

**1st Interim Installment**

**Due Date: February 25, 2020**



**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX NOTICES** are due. Please contact the Finance Department immediately if you have not received your bill.

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X	At most financial institutions, including via personal on-line banking
X	By cheque

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**Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD):** PAD program is available for **Property Tax** accounts. The enrolment form is available at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) (search for "PAD")

To ensure the PAD enrolment takes effect on the **2020 Final Tax Notice**, PAD enrolment will be accepted until **June 1, 2020**. Please visit our website for details.



**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**

Ansnervelt 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**

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# Progress being made in improving internet services

By Mark Pavilons

Efforts by YorkNET and leading internet providers are helping to improve underserved areas of King Township.

Securing broadband services to all of King has been a goal of local politicians and while it's been a slow process at times, there has been "significant progress."

Township staff provided King councillors with an update recently, which noted that pockets of King are being connected, thanks to efforts by YorkNET and companies like Vianet, Bell and Rogers.

YorkNET's mandate is to ensure connectivity of regional departments to make service delivery more efficient. They hope to help provide dark fiber to municipalities, universities, schools and hospitals in the region. YorkNET is working with Vianet and hopes to explore collaborate projects with Bell and Rogers.

Vianet is a Sudbury-based company providing high-speed internet, TV and phone services. They've been in busi-

ness since 1988. In 2014, Vianet acquired King-based Zing Networks, a fixed wireless provider based in Schomberg. Since then, they've been upgrading their network to increase speeds and reliability in King.

To date, Vianet has built more than 130 kilometres of fiber in King and surrounding areas, at a cost of roughly \$10 million. This now serves roughly 1,500 formerly under-served homes, farms and businesses.

November of 2017 saw the first connection of the King Township Fibre Optic Broadband Expansion project, the beginning of a rural fibre optic build. It was boosted by federal and provincial funding through the Small Communities Fund.

Vianet is also expanding in Schomberg to serve residents, in partnership with YorkNET. This cooperative approach will help connect the Schomberg Library, Community Hall, parks depot, Trisan Centre and Schomberg fire hall.

King's municipal centre hosts the POP site connecting Vianet and Yor-



NET to help serve municipal buildings. In return, Vianet has provided the Township with a redundant internet connection as well as dark fibre connectivity to the King Heritage and Cultural Centre.

Bell launched their Fibre to the Home project in King in 2018 to help residents and businesses within Nobleton, Schomberg and King City. Since then, 3,700 homes and businesses qualify for FTTH service. This year, Bell plans to add another 1,525 properties.

Bell launched Wireless to the Home for some 1,000 line-of-sight homes. Once completed the WTHH network will connect an addition 2,500 homes.

Rogers, in 2018, launched its 1.2GHz uplift project, which helped speed up a significant portion of customers in Nobleton and King City. The goal is to bring fibre deeper into the neighbourhoods, eliminating parts of the existing coaxial network. This new network is called a hybrid fiber-coaxial.

The Township works with providers through municipal access agreements to help speed things along.

"This helps build a solid working relationship between the Township

and telecommunication providers and helps expedite the process, keeping telecommunication companies busy improving service within King," staff observed.


The MPs and MPPs serving King, along with senior levels of government, will continue to advocate for broadband and telecommunications improvements.

The Province is investing \$315 million over five years on expanded access for under-served communities. The government is encouraging innovative partnerships with providers. King may have access to some of this funding, but application details have yet to be released.

Access to broadband connectivity is essential and it's critical that King continues to support its partners, with the ultimate goal being providing internet access to every household and business.

There is no single solution at the moment and it will require a range of approaches over the coming years.




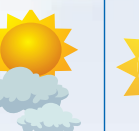
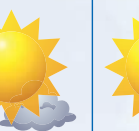


All Township departments are striving to support partnerships that advance broadband access.

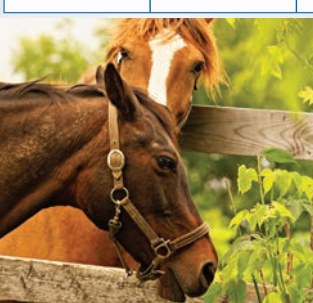


## King

# 7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, February 20 to Wednesday, February 26

THURS 20TH	FRI 21ST	SAT 22ND	SUN 23RD	MON 24TH	TUES 25TH	WED 26TH
						
A Few Flurries High -9C° Low -16C° ~1cm	Sunny High -2C° Low -8C°	Sunny High 2C° Low -3C°	Sun/Clouds High 4C° Low -3C°	Mainly Sunny High 3C° Low -4C°	Mainly Sunny High 2C° Low -3C°	Snow High 1C° Low -7C° ~5cm
Wind NW 15k	Wind SW 20k	Wind SW 17k	Wind S 18k	Wind N 10k	Wind N 15k	Wind E 28k

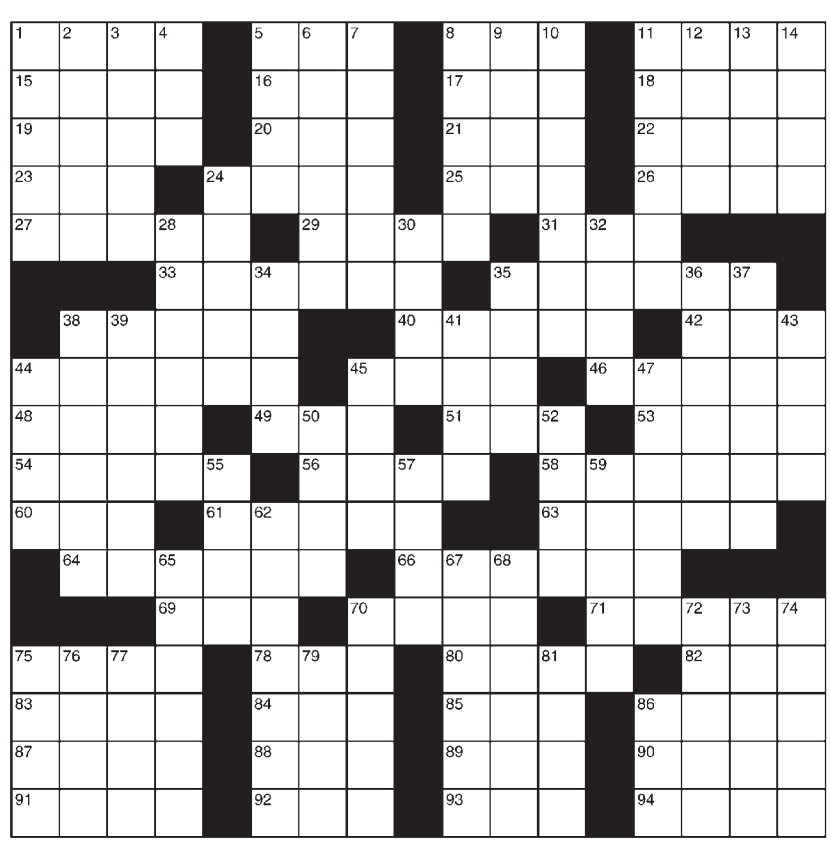


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PUZZLE NO. 454



**ACROSS**

1. Indian nanny
5. Hath, presently
8. Ingested
11. Craving
15. "I Got You \_\_\_\_"
16. First number
17. Naomi, to Wynonna
18. Coworker
19. Black gem
20. Tavern feature
21. Dennis, e.g.
22. Without
23. That thing's
24. Lawn pest
25. Maiden-named
26. Type of sword
27. Ranch rope
29. Aware of
31. Stool pigeon
33. Asian wild ass
35. Throat lymph tissue
38. Of a region
40. Flaming
42. Newcomer to society
44. Procession
45. Footless animal
46. Not those
48. Issue forth

**DOWN**

1. Seething
2. Devilfish
3. Bottomless pit
4. Bewitch
5. Vagabond
6. Digital's alternative
7. Composed
8. Certain acid
9. Large volume
10. Ruler
11. Overturns
12. Gather in
13. Heredity factor
14. Old Gaelic
24. Single-celled organism
28. "Moonlight \_\_\_\_"
30. Capture
32. Dill herb
34. Sea call
35. Ocean flow
36. Think
37. Drop off
38. African nation

**ACROSS**

49. Decline
51. Gun (an engine)
53. Slacken
54. At right angles to a ship's keel
56. Astringent substance
58. An alleviator
60. Pie pan
61. \_\_\_\_ tube
63. Ambulance sound
64. Like some submarines
66. Most mature
69. Steep hemp
70. Poker holding
71. "Butterfield 8" author
75. "Big Fish" star
78. Income
80. Alpine pool
82. Went ahead
83. Magma, once it emerges
84. Queasy
85. Deux
86. \_\_\_\_ over matter
87. Entrance
88. Pigeon's comment
89. Service mishap

**ACROSS**

39. Acquaint
41. Mold
43. Foamy brew
44. Marsh matter
45. Efficient
47. Fireplace
50. Judge's bench
52. Flower container
55. Imitate
57. Fertilizer
59. American buffalo
62. Carp
65. Elaborately adorned
67. Small
68. Where lingerie is stored
70. Marking post
72. Spirited
73. Kidney-related
74. Mix up
75. Oomph
76. Watercourse
77. Ardent
79. Botanical balm
81. Learning method
86. Chic

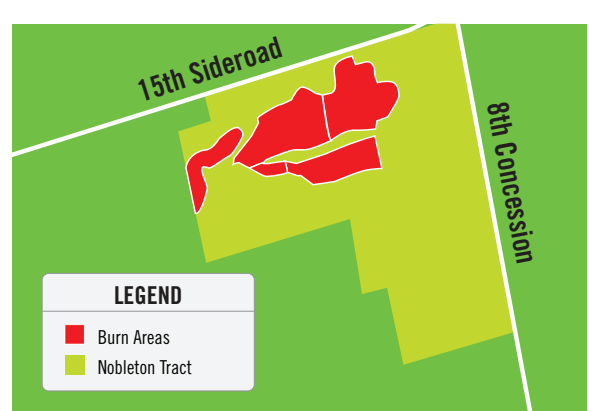
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**Solution on page 19**

## NOTICE TO LOCAL RESIDENTS (SPRING 2020)

### York Region Forestry is planning a controlled burn at the Nobleton Tract located at 5345 15th Sideroad in the Township of King

The Regional Municipality of York is planning a controlled burn of a tallgrass prairie located in the Nobleton Tract of the York Regional Forest. This follows the successful burn of the tallgrass prairie at the Bendor and Graves Tract of the York Regional Forest in March 2018.






The red shaded areas on the map (totalling 8 hectares) indicate the areas to be burned. The burn is scheduled to occur between March 1, 2020 and April 30, 2020 and should take between two to four hours to complete. Weather and site conditions are being monitored by Regional staff to determine the ideal window of time for the burn to be conducted.

Controlled burns are carefully set and managed fires that are an important restoration tool to help maintain and protect tallgrass prairie habitat. The fire burns relatively quickly to consume dried grasses and leaves but does not harm larger trees.

Under ideal weather conditions, smoke from the controlled burn will rise without impacting surrounding properties. Changing weather conditions could lead to smoke temporarily reaching nearby residences. It is recommended that residents close windows, doors and fire dampers as a precaution and anyone with sensitivity to smoke is encouraged to stay indoors at the time of the burn.

York Region worked with Tallgrass Ontario to establish this tallgrass prairie, a form of rare grassland habitat. Grasslands are endangered in Ontario and globally at risk. This rare and unique habitat is home to many species of insects and animals, particularly migratory birds and pollinators. Prairies are a part of Ontario's natural and cultural heritage.

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## Public invited to help guide the development of recreation centre

By Mark Pavilons

The evolution of King's township-wide recreation centre involves the public.

Engaging taxpayers and understanding their needs will help Township staff and politicians tailor the new facility.

The \$37-million facility, to be located on Seneca College lands at the corner of the 15th Sideroad and Dufferin, will include a full size NHL rink, indoor recreational pool athletic spaces and community rooms. So far, consultants have completed a feasibility plan, concept design, schematic design and 70% of the detailed design.

Staff began reaching out the public in 2019 and recently held open houses to gather input.

Staff noted that initial feedback saw a desire for a second ice pad, a larger pool and a fitness centre.

Staff are looking into these things, but the reality is they're cost prohibitive.

"The overall project can be constructed with the funding as identified in the approved capital budget," staff said.

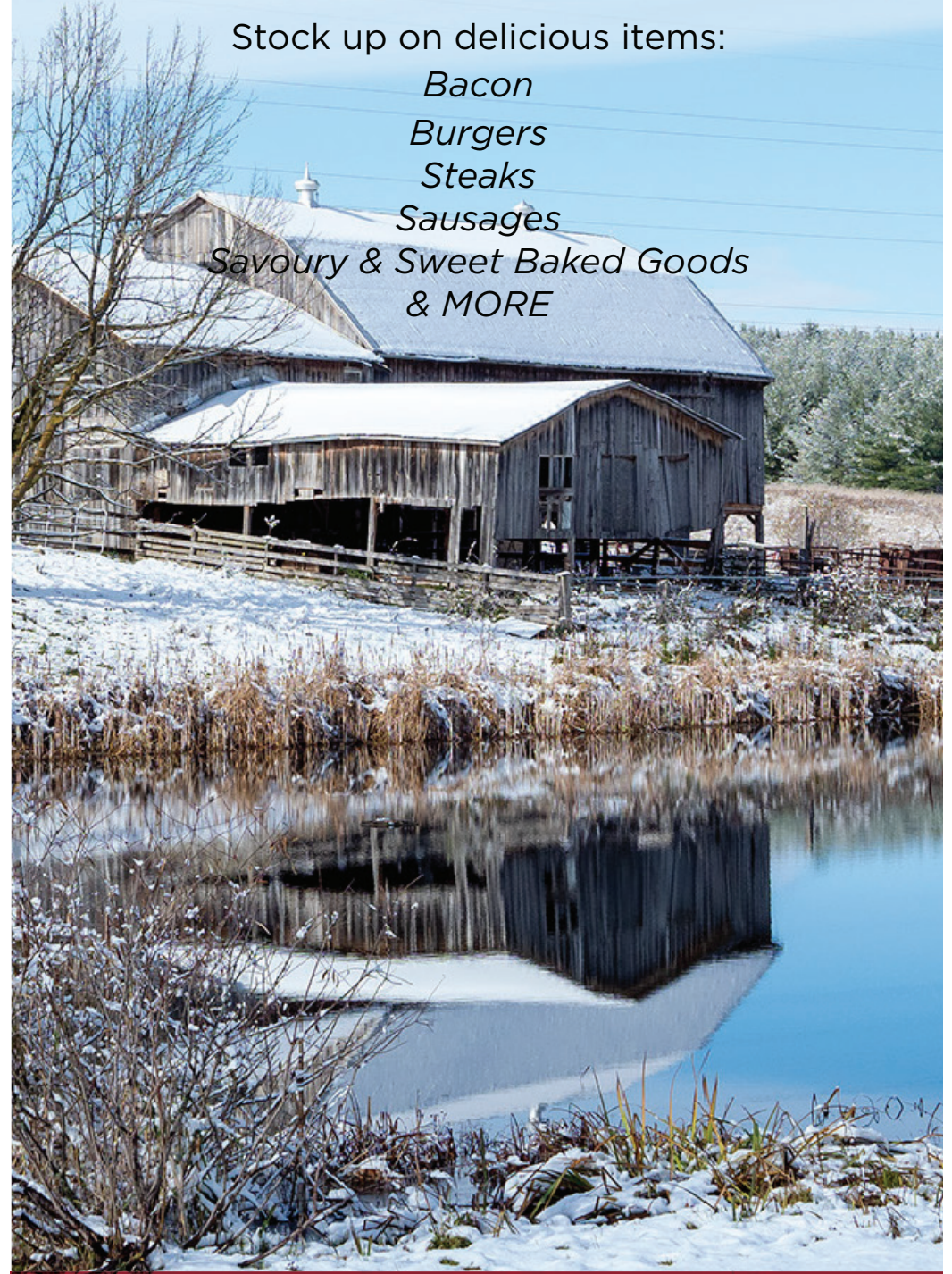
Roughly 80% of the cost will be paid for by developer contributions, with the remainder coming from reserves and debenture financing.

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## Hands-on family business Cousin's to open in Nobleton

By Mark Pavilons

A dedicated family run business is extending its personal touch to Nobleton.

Cousin's Market will soon open its doors in the Nobleton plaza, which was previously home to Alloro Fine Foods.

The existing store was perfect for the new operation and some renovations will bring it in line with the Cousin's look and feel.

Cousin's, which has been part of the landscape in Mississauga for 40 years, stays true to its motto of "Quality, Service & Value."

"Much like our beloved Port Credit, we have always held Nobleton in high regard," said Mark Battaglia, vice-president of Cousin's. "While we have been in the booming city of Mississauga for over 40 years, we still consider ourselves as a local community operator. We have been servicing the Mineola area in the village of Port Credit as well as the neighbouring Mississauga Road, Lorne Park, Clarkson and Oakville areas. We were certainly attracted by the intimate feel of the Nobleton community and are looking forward to bringing personal touches to the new location."

Pasquale Battaglia opened Cousin's Market in 1978 with a commitment to sourcing the best selections at a reasonable price.

"Our father's dedication taught us three simple rules that we have never wavered from; Quality, Service & Value. This formula has served not only our family but our clients very well and that is what we intend to bring to Nobleton!"



Battaglia explained they are a hands-on operators with "our fingers on the pulse of the industry. We react quickly and a listen to our clients' needs!"

He stressed they still operate in a very "old school" manor. Every item

that enters the store is personal curated and selected with these two simple criteria - would our clients like this, and would we feed it to our families?

"Our emphasis on wholesome, organic, non-GMO, local are always primary considerations," Battaglia said.

Along with typical grocery items, Cousin's Market offers "Our Home Cooking" (for take home) and catering services that are second to none.

"While many of our competitors are providing similar services in their stores, it is often mass-produced or even done for them while they portray it as their own. We actually pride ourselves

on operating full scale kitchens with the highest commitment to quality."

Battaglia said Cousin's always does its best to partner and support other local businesses and charities.

Hopes are the Nobleton store will open sometime in mid-March.

Anticipated store hours will be Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. & Sundays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Anyone with questions is welcome to email them at info@cousinsmarket.com. Job applicants can visit the careers section of their website at www.cousinsmarket.com

## CFUW marks international women's day

All women in York Region are invited to join CFUW Aurora/Newmarket at our International Women's Day event featuring a complimentary potluck lunch, a presentation by guest speaker, lawyer and author; Margot Denomme and an optional symbolic walk down Main Street Newmarket to the Water Street Bridge.

Margot L. Denomme, who practices criminal law in Toronto, is author of books for children that promote the core message that beauty and strength come from within and the importance of developing ourselves from the inside out by being confident, kind, strong, inclusive and unique. As a mother of two daughters, Margot believes in the need for parents, teachers, and caregivers to help children embrace the concept that our true worth and most valuable qualities come from within.

After publishing "Mommy, am I pretty?," Margot recognized the need to develop a book that would reach both boys and girls. She then wrote "Awesome, Inside + Out!" to initiate a dialogue with all children about developing character and resilience, following their passion, and understanding that true beauty and strength come from within.

The event takes place Friday March 6 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Trinity United Church, Newmarket. For more information, visit http://www.cfuwauroranewmarket.com/Upcoming-Events.html

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Library wins Minister's Award for Innovation

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

King Township Public Library has much reason to celebrate. It recently won the 2019 Minister's Award for Innovation for its Out-of-the-Box Collection, and garnered a growth in membership since the introduction of the collection in October 2017.

"The Out-of-the-Box collection comprises non-traditional items, offering materials beyond books and media, providing users the chance to take their interests off the page. The collection includes musical instruments, iPods, robotic kits, blood pressure monitors, drafting kits, a parachute, a week-long temporary membership pass granting access to a Township Fitness Centre and much more," said Kelley England, manager of community engagement & marketing at King Township Public Library.

Careful thought went into deciding the items that would be a part of the collection.

"We felt they should be things you would not necessarily need to buy or be able to afford to purchase, but you do need from time to time. In addition, items that were expensive that patrons would not otherwise be able to purchase or that patrons would like to test out before purchasing. We felt that the items in this collection were to be 'borrowable' and patrons would be able to take them home as opposed to only 'in-library use,'" explained England, adding, "we were strategic in choosing items that would appeal to all demographics and community groups. For example, Robotic Kits support STEAM learning with our young patrons, blood



Adele Reid, manager of branch services; Kelley England, manager of community engagement & marketing; Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Cultural Industries, and Rona O'Banion, CEO KTPL, celebrated the library's recent award.

pressure monitors are for those that need to monitor for a short period of time, telescopes are for a local group that gets together to star gaze, art easels are used by a large group of local artists, and a one-week trial fitness pass helps strengthen ties with our department of Parks, Recreation and Culture and introduce the facility to new residents."

The collection quickly became popular at KTPL and increased their membership as well as helped in cultivating special community partnerships and programming opportunities.

"Patrons often express their surprise at the breadth of the collection. Several

patrons have communicated that they find some of the items to be extremely useful, specifically our blood pressure monitors, mini-projectors and the car diagnose," said England.

KTPL's CEO Rona O'Banion couldn't be more thrilled with the award.

"It is gratifying to see our efforts to modernize public library service being recognized by the ministry and the broader library sector. Residents of King can be very proud of their Library system," she said.

As England observed, since the start of this initiative, usage of the items has increased multi-fold. "You can't argue with that kind of success," she pointed out.



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# Council continues to support annual Southlake fundraising run



By Mark Pavilons

The Township of King reaffirmed its ongoing support for Southlake Foundation's biggest annual fundraiser.

The Run for Southlake, rebranded for this year as SL5K, anticipates some 2,000 participants for the April event. Funds raised support the hospital's most urgent needs, typically equipment.

Michelle Black, VP of marketing/donor experience at Southlake, urged King councillors to once again hit the streets in support of this regional facility.

The run raises in the neighbourhood of \$400,000 a year, and the Mayor's Challenge brings in roughly 10% or \$36,000. King has almost always fielded a team of councillors and community supporters. In 2019, the King Chicks and Jocks crew raised an impressive \$9,975, second only to a team from Aurora.

Black noted that Southlake has one of the busiest ERs in the entire prov-

ince (112,570 visits in 2018/19) and yet boasts one of the fastest processing times.

The hospital's numbers are indeed impressive. In 2018/19, Southlake had 471 beds and roughly 26,410 inpatient admissions, with 566,473 outpatient visits. The staff of 3,711, which includes 633 physicians, are boosted by the 115,000 hours donated by volunteers.

Staff carried out a total of 363,296 diagnostic exams, which included 34,116 CT scans and 21,055 MRIs.

The regional cardiac program performed 5,533 cardiac catheterizations, 1,100 cardiac surgeries and 805 electrophysiological studies. Another 2,321 angioplasties were done and some 1,396 pacemakers and cardioverter defibrillators were implanted.

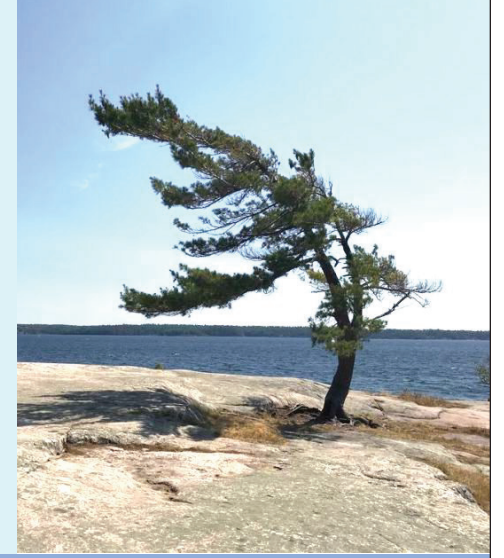
The regional cancer program had 63,456 outpatient visits and conducted some 4,556 chemotherapy and supportive treatments.

For more on this year's fun, visit [runforsouthlake.ca](http://runforsouthlake.ca)

## King Community Town Hall Event: Is Every Tree Important ?

Community Town Hall  
King City Secondary School  
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Sunday, March 8, 2020  
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- 2 Mr Peter Wynnyczuk, Exec. Director of Ontario Urban Forest Council (est. 1963), is an expert on trees, forestry, and property rights.
- 3 Dr Riina Bray, physician, studies how our environment affects our mental and physical health and development.
- 4 Dr Hans Martin, leading Cdn Atmospheric Scientist in Environment Canada in the 80's and 90's, Cdn Scientific Attache to Germany, 1999-2003)

Guest Panelist on March 8th, follow up discussion at The Roost

Mr Ted Anderson is a retired high school physics teacher and continues to serve as the director of music at York Pines United Church, King T. Mr Anderson is man from the Tyendinaga (Bay of Quinte), and a part of the Kanyen'keha:ka (Mohawk) Nation who will give his indigenous perspective on the question, "Is Every Tree Important".

Dr Westra will be joining Mr Anderson for this follow up discussion.

If I own my land, don't I have the right to do whatever I wish to my own trees - especially the ones I planted?

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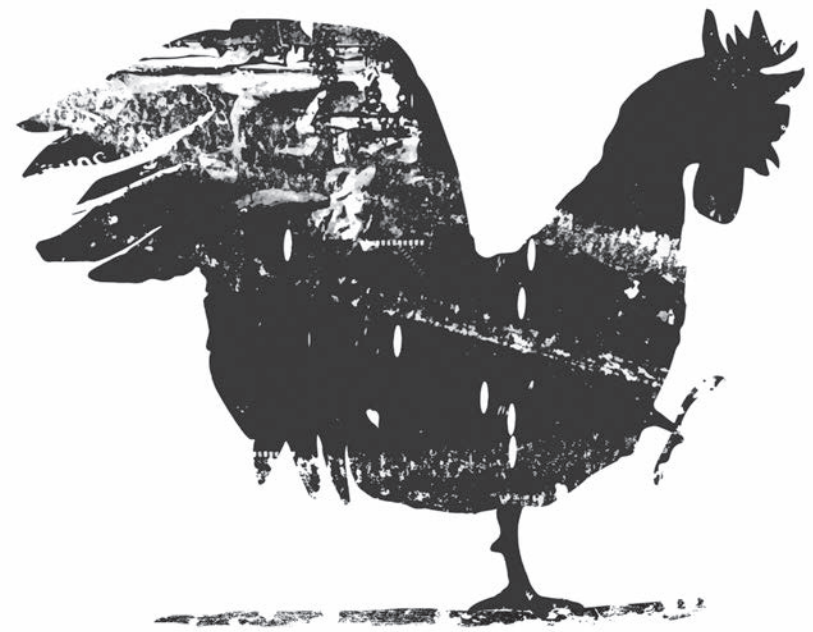
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# King's Seneca College is at forefront of VR learning

By Julia Galt

Experiential learning has long been a challenge in post-secondary education. For programs such as nursing, it can be difficult to fully prepare students for the hazards and stress that can quickly overwhelm those new to the job.

Utilizing the most cutting-edge learning techniques is the key to providing the best preparation for the workplace possible, and King's Seneca College has identified virtual reality as that very key.

It was Tania Killian, professor at Seneca's School of Nursing and the Workplace Safety and Prevention program, who first identified the learning opportunities that virtual reality presented. Faced with the difficult task of providing realistic learning scenarios for her students, Killian determined that the greatest promise lied in virtual reality. With VR, students could get firsthand experience of any situation, anywhere, all while in the classroom. They would also be safe from the dangers, such as a patient's transmittable illness that on-the-job learning could bring.

Winning Seneca's Women of Influence Giving Circle, and its \$10,000 grant allowed Killian to purchase two 360-degree cameras and nine virtual reality headsets. With the technology at hand, the possibilities were endless.

"VR has the potential to do anything. If you can imagine it, it can be created in VR," said Killian. "With most of our programs here, we're dealing with people or animals. If we can create that experience in VR, and have our students run through a realistic scenario 14 or 15 times, by the time they get to a job they will know exactly what's going on."

By wearing the VR headsets, and directing their movements with handheld controllers, students will have a 360-degree access to the scenarios they view.

"I mainly choose to film things that students don't normally get to see," stated Killian. "My first project was sheep shearing for the Veterinary Technician program. Shearing normally happens in the spring, but it was so cold that we couldn't, so students didn't get to watch it. I thought, ok, let's make up for that. So we filmed it in 360 and put it on the headsets."

Though the headsets came with pre-programmed learning scenarios, Killian chose to customize virtual reality experiences for Seneca as well. The Underwater Skills program, for example, now has a scenario that allows students to experience the confines of a hyperbaric chamber before physically entering it. Through VR, nursing students can experience programs that mimic the effects of mental illness and study real-life surgeries, and Veterinary Technician students can tour the barns, witness animal births, and learn how to dehorn livestock.

Other programs, such as Social Service Work, also have access to their own personalized VR learning. Students are able to experience life through the eyes of the homeless, allowing for greater compassion in their studies. Programs such as Early Childhood Education, are just beginning the process to incorporate VR into their curriculum.

"I'd like to see VR in every program, and I'd like to see a VR hub at Seneca," said Killian. "If we could say 'hey, we'd like this scenario built' to industry experts, and then have our students build it, then we can immerse them into anything. There's no end to where it can go. I could be here teaching, but someone across the world could be taking that same class. We could train workers where they are, without having them come to an environment where they may not want to be. The possibilities are endless."

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## R. Ferri Automotive donates \$1 million to hospital

Mackenzie Health Foundation is pleased to announce a \$1-million gift from R. Ferri Automotive to help build and equip the new Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital. This transformational gift will be recognized by naming the family lounge and play area within the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU), the R. Ferri Automotive Family Lounge.

"Gifts like the one we're announcing ... have the potential to change the lives of so many families who will walk through the doors of Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital," said Altaf Stationwala, president and CEO, Mackenzie Health. "Providing a peaceful and inviting space for families to rest and recharge when their loved ones are being cared for at the hospital is just as important as the clinical care we provide to our patients."

Remo Ferri and R. Ferri Automotive have been involved in the Vaughan community for many years and have a long history of giving to organizations that support children's health. The Annual Ferrari of Ontario Rally marked its 15th year this past fall and Mackenzie Health was a proud partner for the first time.

"As members of the Vaughan community, we have been waiting a long time for the moment where we can invest in our local hospital," said Remo Ferri, president, R. Ferri Automotive. "Helping to provide a room where kids and their families can take their minds off of the reason they're in the hospital is something we can be proud of."

Mackenzie Health offers a one-stop suite of services to fully support women and their children through some of

life's most poignant moments – from pregnancy and delivery to neonatal and pediatric care. Once Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital opens, the Woman and Child Program will be equipped for close to 4,000 births a year, increasing our ability to offer seamless and compassionate care with a unique family focus. The NICU will provide advanced care for high-risk and premature babies by our expert team of nurses and physicians supported by the latest life-saving equipment.

"Opening the first net new hospital in York Region in more than 30 years wouldn't be possible without the generosity of corporate partners like R. Ferri Automotive," said Krista Finlay, president, Mackenzie Health Foundation. "This gift will help us to ensure that our community has expanded close-to-home access to the ultimate in health care."

Mackenzie Vaughan Hospital will be Canada's first smart hospital, featuring devices and information systems that communicate with each other to anticipate the needs of patients and health care providers. The 1.2-million-square-foot hospital will provide 350 patient beds with the ability to increase capacity to 550 beds. As the first net new hospital in York Region in more than 30 years, it will join Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, alongside Mackenzie Health's community-based locations, in providing increased access to state-of-the-art health care to residents.

"Since coming to Canada from Italy as a young man, Remo Ferri has been determined to make dreams come true – first his own dreams and those of his

family, then the dreams of the customers he serves and now with his support, the dreams of so many in Vaughan who have been dreaming of having a hospital of their own," added Maurizio

Bevilacqua, Vaughan mayor. "We're so thankful to the Ferri family and R. Ferri Automotive for their generous spirit."

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## NobleKing peewee Knights win Buffalo tourney

By Fab Grossi

They say three times a charm. In the case of the NobleKing Knights peewee team it was definitely true.

The Peewee Knights made their way over the border to represent King Township and Canada at the 2020 Buffalo Winter Classic. The team was determined to make a mark after a disappointing loss in the finals at the recent holiday Silver Stick tournament and an early exit in their Ottawa tournament. The Knights were the only Canadian team in the tournament which added to the excitement of the event.

In their first match on Friday they came out flying, defeating a tough squad from Winterhurst, Ohio 10-2. It was a patient adjustment on the players' part to USA hockey rules. In the second game of the day, the Knights travelled to the first outdoor venue and faced off against the Cheektowaga Warriors. The game was a hard fought back and forth battle and the home team Warriors came up on top 4-3 in the final minutes of play. It was a demoralizing victory as the players were greeted with chants of "USA" from the opposing team's parents as they walked off the rink in the change rooms. Those chants would come back to haunt those parents as it was a driving force for the

team for the remainder of the tournament.

Because of the loss, day two presented a do or die match-up versus the West Seneca Canadiens. The Knights were focused and disciplined in their game plan and came out on top with a decisive 12-1 victory, pretty much cementing a ticket to the finals on Sunday. One round robin game remained on Sunday against the Kent Cyclones of Ohio. Typically, early Sunday morning games at away tournaments are always a challenge with consecutive late nights and the absence of home cooked meals. They are even more so when a team is up against the bottom seeded team of the division with nothing to lose. All the Knights needed was a tie or a win to advance.

The team started out flat and struggled for two periods until they finally came alive and scored two goals in the third to win 3-2. With the win, the Knights punched their ticket to the finals for a revenge match against the top seeded Cheektowaga Warriors. The outdoor venue at River Works in downtown Buffalo was a perfect site for a rematch. A light snow was falling and temperatures hovered just below freezing. A one hour delay to the starting time of the finals added to the nerves of the entire team, coach-



The peewee Knights champs consisted of (back, l to r) Trainer Vic Sgro, Joseph Forgione, Assistant Coach Dominic Fortuna, David Mattei, Assistant Trainer Lennie Zambon, Kyle McLaughlin, Kylan Walker, Carmen Provenzano, Head Coach Fab Grossi, Manager Julio Mendez, (middle row) Cristian Zambon, Gianmarco Veri, Marcus Fortuna, Lucas Devito, Christian Sgro, Front row: Stephen Grossi, Julian Mendez, Lucas Boodhoo, Joseph Hinton, Gianmichael Niro. Missing in the photo was Corey Macchione.

ing staff included. A breathing session and motivational speech by the coaches led the team onto the ice ready for a victory.

It paid off, The Knights killed an early penalty and rebounded to take 1-0 lead. The Warriors battled back to tie the game at one a piece. The two teams exchanged goals in the 2nd period to set up an exciting final period. Joseph Hinton and Joseph Forgione led the charge, as they did for most of the

tournament, each scoring to solidify a 4-2 win.

The Knights overcame their demons and dominated the third period to become the eventual 2020 Buffalo Winter Classic Champions. It was a sight to see as the team was jubilant in their victory and led a chant of "Canada, Canada" as they walked off the rink with the cup in hand. Great job to the boys for keeping their composure and getting the job done.

## Terries take the lead; Cougars on their heels

By Robert Belardi

The Orillia Terriers have turned things around in this series forcing the Schomberg Cougars to the brink of elimination with two home wins.

In what was another great performance from the Cougars, their hardened effort fell shy of a commanding 3-1 series lead that would have given the boys the edge.

This past Saturday, the Cougars got on the board again in the first period as they have done in every game this round.

Owen Heilemann scored his third goal of the postseason; a fourth of his total in the entire year, just before the halfway mark for a one goal lead.

Close to the end of the first, a clumsy penalty by Spencer Ripley, potentially cost the boys the lead heading into the first intermission.

Defenceman Noah Rowland capitalized on the chance assisted by Mason Beck and Jack Beck.

At the beginning of the second period, Schomberg put the pedal to the medal. Ripley redeemed himself from his penalty in the first period, with his first goal of the playoffs six minutes in. Cameron Kokelj on his chance two and a half minutes later for his third of the playoffs.

With a two-goal advantage, the Terriers rose from a short slumber and retaliated. Josh Brown on the power play, Zane Morris and Everette Nudd all put the puck in the net on 13 shots. Even while being outplayed, anything can happen to affect the score line.

In the third period, penalties were strewn all over the stat sheet. That didn't interfere with the plans the Terriers had in the third.

Jacob Linzner added to the lead with a goal inside the first three and a half minutes and Cam Cochrane finalized the win with an empty net finish.

The Cougars outshot the Terriers 42-41 in a well battled affair. The Cougars have amassed over 40 shots for the third consecutive game.

The stat line that speaks louder than the others is the power play. The Terriers shut down the Cougars have found success recently with the man advantage, five times in this game.

On Family Day Monday the Cougars went back to Orillia for game five.

Immediately, the Terriers tortured the Cougars with a storm of shots, specifically, 16 in the first period. Mason Beck found early, and Cougars captain Brandon Cohen tied it up on the power play shortly after.

In the second period, the Cougars endured another 19 shots from the Terriers.

Trevor Dungey's hooking penalty gave the Terriers a penalty shot. Owen King stepped up to centre ice and put one past Alex Surzycia to give the home side the lead. King added a second later on the power play to head into intermission with a two goal advantage.

The Cougars played well in the third putting 12 shots on Levac. Amidst their desperation, Everette Nudd ended a hope of a comeback with just over three minutes left. Cohen notched home his second power play goal of the afternoon, but time ran out.

The Cougars come back to Schomberg this Thursday night to take on the Terriers, in what could be their final home game of the season.

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# King curling teams begin pool division playdowns

By Shellee Morning

The 2019-2020 playoff picture has just begun its preliminary sketches in the Thursday Mixed League as game one in pool play got under way last week.

After the league's round robin, Team Broad finished first in the 17 team roster with last year's league champion Team Barber in 2nd place while Team Steenhoek with just a .5 difference finished in 3rd. Teams were placed strategically into 4 pools for a 3 game round robin format where the top 2 teams from each pool will qualify for the Championship A-Division and the remainder of the teams will play for the B Division championships.

The atmosphere, as always duly noted when playoffs begin, transforms from the norm to serious play with teams sculpting for the ultimate in strategy and accuracy. Every game counts so players are not only striving for but required to bring their A game if they want any chance at all to be part

of the final game.

There were no surprises with Skip Steve Broad and company for finding the victory sheet after solid play by all collecting their first win of the first round against Team Groombridge. Team Barber went end for end against Team Pelland who had Skip Dave Barber scratching his head and needing to pull out all the brooms to earn every point. Time ran out so the 10-9 victory was awarded to Barber after 7 ends while Steenhoek smoothly cruised to the winner column over Boynton. Team Inglis found the right touch with hits and draws against Team Gerrits for their first win of pool play.

Second draw games also poised with drama and theatrics drafted its own playoff narrative with rivalries and revenge. Teams Sheardown and Campbell, always a great shot for shot match didn't disappoint the fans. Sheardown, who lost to Campbell in regular season play, looked for revenge and got the win claiming the 7-6 victory. Skips Wilf Robinson and Richard Quick, the



Gino DiFebo (left) and Skip Bryce Clark sweep Sue DiFebo's stone into the rings towards victory in their round 1 pool playdowns game.

gentle giants of the league, played with a more relaxed/fun style of play on the outside, but deep down, both wanting the win.

After all this is the playoffs. Robinson who wanted the win for team mate Kaye Groen who is off recovering from surgery, earned the 9-4 victory after 7. Team Clarke threw with precision against Team Davis for a round one win while Teams Stronach and Morning battled through 8 for their game decision. Stronach up 4-1 in the ear-

ly ends allowed Morning back into the game midway through. A "text book" draw by Skip Brad Stronach behind a series of guards in the 5th earned them the point and applied the pressure.

Morning came back in the 6th, then played defensively in the 7th and 8th to collect their hard earned first pool play win.

As they say "anything can happen during playoffs" and next week will undoubtedly script another exciting chapter to this year's playoff tale.

## King City home grand prize of lottery

By Mark Pavilonis

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# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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## Library presentation

On Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Schomberg Library, Ann Berman will present "George Berman - Father and Auschwitz Survivor" as a tribute to her dad, postponed from last year after he suffered a heart attack.

This undoubtedly, will be a profound experience as we listen to the lessons he imparted to his family and within his chosen community, Schomberg. This all coincides with the 75th anniversary of the Holocaust, something that should never be forgotten. All are welcome to attend.

## York Pines United Church

Join us for Book Club on Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. This month's book is "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean. This work of narrative non-fiction delves into the mystery of the 1986 fire which destroyed the Los Angeles Public Library and much of its collection. You don't have to have read the book to participate.

## Schomberg's 55+ seniors' club

The Schomberg 55+ Seniors' Club is offering their monthly euchre night out to everyone of all ages on Friday, Feb. 28 at the Trisan Centre.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and game starts at 7 p.m. Prizes and refreshments are provided and it is \$5 per person.

## Schomberg United Church By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

We will begin the season of Lent by joining St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican at 7 p.m. for an Ash Wednesday service. During the season of Lent, I will be working through Wondrous Encounters, Scripture for Lent by Richard Rohr. Although I won't be leading a formal Lenten Study, if you plan to follow along with me, I am available to discuss any insights you may be pondering. I will be at Nobleton United on Tuesday mornings, or if you'd like to meet and discuss it over coffee, please give me a call.

On Thursday, Feb. 27 from 2-3 p.m. I will be at Kitchen-Breedon Manor, for coffee and social time in main lounge upstairs.

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 a.m., followed by a light lunch and the Annual General Meeting.

Seniors lunch will be held at the Kitchen-Breedon Manor or Tuesday, March 17, some Irish entertainment will begin at 11:30 a.m. Reserve your

spot with Sheila Kelly at 905-939-2315 for some St. Patrick's Day fun.

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

## Anglican Parish

Well young ladies and gentlemen out there in the parish of Lloydtown, are you up for some fun? If so let's go snow tubing with other young people from the Anglican Diocese of Toronto on the weekend of Friday, Feb. 28 and Saturday, Feb. 29 at Snow Valley Ski Resort. Tubing begins Friday night with overnighting at St. Paul's Midhurst. To register for this fun filled event go to the website www.toronto.anglican.ca, click on "Events."

This coming Sunday morning Feb. 23 there will be a parish combined Holy Communion service in St. Mary Magdalene's 116 Church Street, Schomberg starting at 11:15 a.m. with Rev. Wendy Lywood as sermonist and celebrant.

Shrove (Pancake) Tuesday evening Feb. 25, the men of the parish, all talented cooks, will cook up and serve their famous and fabulous pancakes with sausages and real maple syrup, supper from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in lower level of St. Mary Magdalene's.

On the following evening Feb. 26 the solemn Ash Wednesday service with the Imposition of Ashes will be held. During Holy Communion service the forehead of each person wishing it will be marked with a small cross made from the ashes of palm fronds left from last year's Palm Sunday which have been burned and blessed. This act "ashes to ashes" reminds us that we all must face death and so must be prepared.

## No Waste Initiative: 'Growing from The Ground Up'

The Schomberg Horticultural Society has been an integral part of the Township of King. One of the objectives of the Society is to hold meetings with guest speakers that will encompass all aspects of horticulture to encourage all types of gardening. It promotes the protection of the environment through good gardening practices, tree plantings, public beautification and educational materials.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society does not take these tasks lightly and to mark its 85th Anniversary, the Society responds to the "global climate emergency" announced by the Township of King in July of last year by:

1. Encouraging all members to refrain from using single use plastic grocery bags, including produce bags. Every household uses and discards about 1,500 single use plastic produce bags a year.

Eighty-five years ago, our members and citizens of this great Township brought their groceries in paper and/or reusable containers. The Society encourages its members and all the residents of King Township to implement a sustainable approach to grocery shopping.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society will have reusable produce bags for sale at all their meetings this year.

2. Implementing a "no waste" initiative at its meetings and special events by eliminating plastic water bottles, cutlery, plates, cups, tablecloths etc. and encouraging members and guests to bring their own reusable water bottles and coffee mugs.

3. Nominating a member of the

Society to be the steward of this initiative, who initiates these changes within the membership and oversees its implementation.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society challenges all community and special interest groups, businesses, families and residents of King Township to support this initiative and thinks of ways how to implement their own unique initiative. We encourage everyone to select a person within their organization or family to oversee the implementation of this initiative.

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# King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

Mark your calendar and join us on Friday, March 13 for an Irish Dinner at King City United Church, 50 Elizabeth Grove. We will start serving an Irish Stew dinner with all the fixins at 6 p.m. Entertainment including dancers from the Maureen Miller School of Dance will be performing, starting at 7 p.m.

Tickets are adults \$18; children 6 - 12 yrs old \$5; children 5 & under free; or \$40 for a family. Call 905-833-5181 to reserve tickets or for more info. Take-out orders available.

This Sunday, Feb. 23 is Transfiguration Sunday, Rev Andrew Lee will be presiding, please join us for the 10 a.m. worship. We do have hearing assisted devices are available for the hearing impaired. Just ask as you arrive. Selected 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, Feb. 23 as Pastor Mark will be continuing our series "Follow Me" with "The Attitude of Humble Service."

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 pro-

gram 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.

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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.

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Further details will be on our website the end of March and registration will open in April.

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

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

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

Last Sunday Lynn Vissers took the service, continuing with the book of Colossians, chapter 2:6-15, "Fullness of Christ."

Alison Agnew will be providing pulpit supply this Sunday, Feb. 23. We are thrilled to announce that in the afternoon, Soong Huh will be ordained and inducted as the minister at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Aurora at 4:30 p.m. where the ceremony will take place.

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! Philippians 4:6 & 7. Not able to join us, but interested in other locations or times? Contact Kathy Patterson, 905-833-0391.

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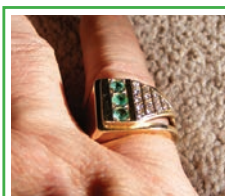
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The Youth Group is in full swing the first and third Friday evenings at 7:30 to 9 p.m. for ages 12 years and up through high school. Come and experience “fun, food, friends, following Jesus.”

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**

Our Diocesan Bishop at All Saints for pre-Lenten meetings – On Tuesday, March 3 from 7-9 p.m., The Very Rev. Andrew Asbil will be leading the first of five conversations exploring

five symbols – light, water, food, shelter, and community – with the help of a program entitled Signs of Life. This is five-week offering from Virginia Theological Seminary and the Society of St. John the Evangelist. It explores the riches of our worship traditions, liturgy and sacraments, as well as the art and architecture of our sacred spaces.

The other four special meetings will be held at other churches in the Diocese. Check out the Diocesan website for details <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/calendar/event-details/?id=15403>. All are welcome.

Annual King Ecumenical service will be at All Saints this year – Our church will host the World day of Prayer service at 1:30 p.m. on March 6. All King City’s Christian churches, Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Anglican and United Churches will join together for special worship which will feature the writings of the women of Zimbabwe. All are invited.

Words to live by – The Gospel last week from Matthew 5 continues the Sermon on the Mount with Jesus interpreting the Jewish teachings on murder, adultery, divorce and oaths.

“Matthew sees Jesus as the new Moses,” Rev. Dr. Elizabeth said. Her

sermon focused on divorce. Jesus says, “I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery ...” He also confirms the need for a man to give a woman written public notice of his intention to release his wife – a small corrective which reduced abuse.

Divorce in the ancient world where women could not own property meant she would be impoverished and homeless. Rev. Dr. Elizabeth also underlined that men could divorce women but women could not divorce their husbands.

“The man would be free as a result,” she said, “but the woman would be put in real danger, forced to commit

adultery since remarriage was considered adulterous. Jesus is forbidding any practice that puts people at risk, or as the prophets emphasize, attacking those who with the power to attack those who cannot defend themselves.”

She said his was a thread throughout the passage: “The people with the power to call you an idiot of a moron are the people in a position of power to yell at and humiliate you. People with power have learned they can do whatever they want to do and no one can stop them. This sin is the abuse of power. We see it all the time – stifling workers, children being incarcerated at the Mexican border, ignoring refugees. God forbids attacking those who cannot defend themselves. May none of us be part of that.”

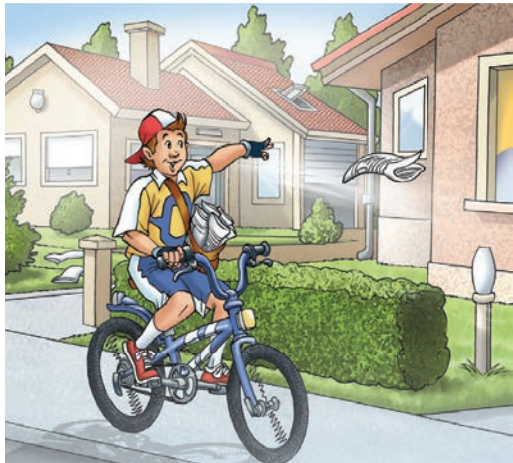
**KWS trivia:**

**Where did the expression ‘every cloud has a silver lining’ originate?**

This one’s been around since 1637, when it appeared as a line in one of John Milton’s poems: “Was I deceiv’d, or did a sable cloud turn forth her silver lining on the night?” It’s been a staple of song and verse ever since, appearing in Dickens’s Bleak House, Gilbert and Sullivan’s Mikado, and Noel Coward’s 1953 song “There Are Bad Times Just Around the Corner.”

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**Finding balance in a tech-driven world**

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For all of its many attributes, technology has its drawbacks as well. One of the notable detriments is the “always on” reality of tech, as well as the ability to become addicted to such instant gratification. Few adults and children can spend more than a few minutes without checking their devices.

According to a report in the Daily Telegraph, on average people are online 24 hours a week, twice as long as 10 years ago. One in five adults spends as much as 40 hours a week online. According to Common Sense Media, teens spend an average of nine hours a day online, compared to about six hours for kids between the ages of eight and 12 and 50 minutes for children eight years old and younger.

Technology also has blurred the lines that distinguish work and personal time. Gone are the days of leaving the office behind when the workday ends in early evening. Today’s workers can take work home, work remotely and even check work emails or put in some hours while on vacation. Children, too, can pay a price as a result of

engaging with technology. For example, various studies indicate more than half of adolescents and teens have been bullied online.

These tips may help adults and children regain control and find balance in a tech-driven world.

- Set strict usage times. According to Net Nanny, a technology and internet watchdog site, being plugged into devices, on an almost continual basis, directly affects the brain by keeping it in a state of constant stimulation. This can make it difficult for the brain to get the downtime it needs to recharge. Limit hours of screen time, and wind down at least an hour or so before bed.
  - Put devices on silent. If you or your children cannot resist the lure of devices, set them on silent or put them out of sight and out of reach at key times during the day.
  - Beef up in-person socialization. Instead of texting or emailing, speak with friends, family and coworkers in person.
  - Increase exercise. Time spent outdoors away from computers or other devices can be beneficial to the mind and body.
  - Find alternative solutions. Rather than running an internet search every time you have a question, look up answers in a book, travel to learn about new things, experience new hobbies, and immerse yourself in the physical world with renewed vigor.
- Tech has changed the world, but it doesn’t have to consume people’s daily lives. With some mindfulness, individuals can find the right balance.

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## Commentary Water governance: Making the connections

By David Crombie  
Chair, Greenbelt Council

Continuing its practice of distributing progress reports after its meetings, the Greenbelt Council is pleased to share its 11th report. It communicates council's work in considering matters of public interest with respect to Ontario's Greenbelt and the implementation of A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. The Greenbelt Council is mandated by the Province of Ontario to provide advice to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. At its Jan. 29 meeting, council engaged the following experts: Rob de Loe (Professor, University of Waterloo, School of Environment, Resources and Sustainability) who spoke about water governance and

Mike Walters (CAO, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority) who talked about the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan and its implementation.

To improve water governance, Council recommends:

1. The Province address water governance issues with a responsive accountability framework that includes effective inter-ministerial coordination. Public policy needs to focus on understanding and making critical connections among related systems if it is to achieve societal goals with respect to ecology, economy and community.

2. The Province ensure that the upcoming Conservation Authority Act regulations provide the flexibility needed for conservation authorities to be effective in responding both to connections among related systems and to stressors – those we know about and those we haven't yet anticipated.

3. Staff of the ministries of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Envi-

ronment, Conservation and Parks work together to finalize and release, as soon as possible, the Low-impact Development Guidance document to ensure that stormwater management issues are incorporated into Growth Plan implementation.

Council heard that the water governance system is fragmented within itself and disconnected from critical related systems such as land use planning, economic development, social policy and health. Because of this we often fail to achieve the things we want such as clean, safe drinking water; reduced risk to life and property from natural hazards, healthy, productive ecosystems and economic prosperity. We heard that the solution lies, not in the creation of a super ministry in the making of critical connections.

While the province has made some connections, for example, through the 2019 A Place to Grow Plan, which requires municipalities to undertake watershed planning, and the Clean Water Act, which requires official plans to respect approved Source Protection Plans, water governance continues to be disconnected from critical related systems. For example, land use planning that does not evaluate the potential for servicing (water and sewage). The need for public policy to focus on understanding and making these connections is critical if it is to achieve our societal goals with respect to ecology, economy and community.

Council also heard about the importance of designing flexibility and adaptability into the underlying water governance institutions if they are to be effective in responding to both the connections and stressors we know about and those we haven't yet anticipated.

With respect to the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan (LSPP) and its adaptive watershed approach, Council heard that having designated policies has helped to ensure protection of the watershed. It also heard that the monitoring programs are critical to decision-making and adaptive management. One cannot manage what is not measured.

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) works closely with area landowners to meet the nutrient loading targets. This has included significant efforts to implement low-impact development that has proven to reduce runoff, loading and costs. Where loading cannot be decreased, offsetting programs in allow for flexibility in achieving the best outcomes.

LSRCA and other conservation authorities are applying low-impact development approaches despite the lack of guidance from the Province. Such approaches are critical to achieving improved water quality and quantity in built up areas. While Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks staff has been working on Low-impact Development Guidelines for many years, they have not yet been released.

Conservation authorities are well positioned to facilitate essential water governance connections with their responsibilities for source protection, water and watershed management, and their relationships with municipal planning authorities and the development community. The Province would be well advised to tailor the upcoming Conservation Authority Act regulations to ensure that conservation authorities continue to have the flexibility needed to address water governance issues within a responsive accountability framework.

## King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

Our next potluck lunch will be held at the Centre tomorrow – Friday, Feb. 21 - beginning at 12:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring either a main course item or a dessert. Everyone welcome!

Tuesday, March 3 is the date for our annual pancake supper at the Centre. There will be two sittings – 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets are going quickly so call Mary at 905-833-0448 or Toni at 905-833-6379 or Kay at 905-833-5555 to make sure you don't miss out.

Wednesday, March 4 is movie night. "The Wife," with Glenn Close, will be featured. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., movie starts at 7 p.m. Admission by donation.

On Wednesday morning, March 25 at 10 a.m., CHATS will make a presentation about the services that are available for those of us who want to stay in our own homes as long as possible. Some of the topics to be discussed include: meals; transportation; housekeeping; visitations. Everyone is encouraged to attend so let your friends and neighbours know.

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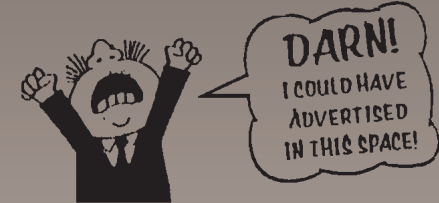
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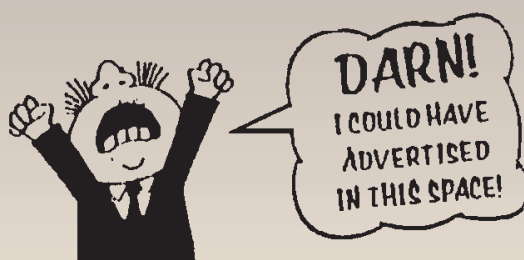
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# Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone  
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This Sunday at 10 a.m., Jeff will be leading us in worship with a message, entitled, "Have A Heart."

There is always a time of socialization over coffee and refreshments following the service. We offer ministry for children aged 0 to 11 during worship, and teens will be comfortable in the worship gathering. Don't hesitate to bring your kids! Come and join us. You will be glad you did!

The Community Youth Group meets every Friday at 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. Some of their latest activities have been watching a movie that has just been released on DVD, Overcomer distributing clothes that had been collected for the Inn from the Cold Program. Coming up will be a weekend away at Pioneer Camp. 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 1 to 6, will be meeting

at 7 p.m. A2J will meet the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the following months. Feel free to come, and bring your friends along.

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](http://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](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca). For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office (905-859-0843) or visit [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca).

### Come out for pancakes!

We're having a Pancake supper at St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Schomberg at the top of Church Street on Shrove Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The Anglican Men's Group and a few of our United friends will be cooking up a storm to raise money for our Church.

Bring the whole family to our pay-what-you-can event and enjoy our buttermilk pancakes, real maple syrup and sausages, along with live music from Sentimental Journey!

### Nobleton United Church By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

We will begin the season of Lent by joining St. Mary Magdalene's Anglican in Schomberg at 7 p.m. for an Ash Wednesday service.

During the season of Lent, I will be working through Wondrous Encounters, Scripture for Lent by Richard Rohr. Although I won't be leading a formal Lenten Study, if you have been following along with me, I am available to discuss any insights you may be pondering. I will be at Nobleton United on Tuesday mornings, or if you'd like to meet and discuss it over coffee, please give me a call.

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.

On Friday, March 13, we will be holding our annual DiFebo Pasta Dinner. Speak with Linda Olsen if you'd like to reserve tickets or call the office and we'll save you a spot.

On Palm Sunday, April 5 we will once again host an Easter Egg Hunt after the Sunday Service. Please mark this fun family service on your calendar.

For more info, visit [nobletonunitedchurch.com](http://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.

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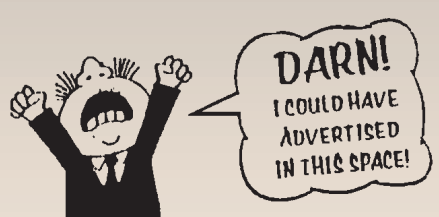
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