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King continues taking action to keep people safe

By Mark Pavilons

King Township is working to ensure residents remain healthy and served during this current crisis.

King supports the Ontario government's declaration of an emergency and the subsequent closure of all non-essential businesses and services. This new measure was took effect Tuesday.

"Our top priority is the health and safety of our citizens, staff and businesses. Our council and staff are working closely with all levels of government to monitor the situation and take actions to protect our citizens, staff and businesses," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

The results include the closure of all municipal facilities, including libraries, arenas, cultural centres and the municipal office.

The Township is recommending citizens refrain from using playground equipment. This equipment cannot be properly sanitized and does not allow for adequate social distancing in line with federal and provincial recommendations.

King supports recommendations that include social distancing, working from home, avoiding non-essential

trips in the community and cancelling gatherings.

And remember, connecting with nature has great health benefits for your mind and body.

"We encourage residents and their families to get out and walk, bike or visit one of our trails."

The Emergency Operations Centre has been set up at the municipal centre. Mayor Pellegrini said there's no real need to declare an emergency at this point, since the EOC is ready as a moment's notice to spring into action.

Certain staff, such as the roads crews, are out. The Township is supporting its employees by allowing them to work remotely.

King's core services will continue. These include Fire and Emergency Services, water and wastewater, waste collection and roads.

"I know this is a stressful time. I want King Township's citizens to know that we are doing everything we can to stop the spread of the virus while maintaining our core services. King Township is a community of communities and I know we will help each other get through this global pandemic."

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Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

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- Program Instructor (PT seasonal contract) - closes when filled
- Summer Parks positions – close when filled
- Outdoor Program Facilitator (PT seasonal) – closes when filled

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

BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King's website www.king.ca, click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.

Or visit on the following link

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REMINDERS



REMINDER! Help us keep your streets clear of snow and safe for passage. To ensure effective snow removal, Winter Parking Restrictions are in effect from **November 1st to April 15th**. On-street parking is prohibited on any roadway from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. during this period.

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Half-load restrictions

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per starts on designated Township roads effective March 1, 2020 to May 31, 2020 per our By-law 2010-141. For further information, call 905-833-5321.

2020 Animal Licensing



It's time to renew your dog's life time tag or obtain a new tag for your dog/ cat. Cats are required to be licensed. Complete the online animal licence application at www.king.ca and submit by email. Apply before April 15 to save \$5.

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF PROVISIONAL BY- LAW AND NOTICE OF COURT OF REVISION

Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter D.17, ss. 42(1),(2) and ss. 46(1), as amended ("the Drainage Act")

IN ORDER TO MITIGATE THE SPREAD OF THE COVID-19 VIRUS, THE HOLLAND MARSH DRAINAGE SYSTEM JOINT MUNICIPAL SERVICE BOARD AND THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING IS CANCELLING ALL NON-ESSENTIAL MEETINGS.

THEREFORE, Further to the Notice of Provisional By-law and Notice of Court of Revision mailed to you on March 4, 2020, please be advised that the Court of Revision scheduled for:

Date: **THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2020**
Time: **3:00 P.M.**
Location: **Boardroom**
The Trisan Centre,
25 Dillane Drive, Schomberg, ON

has been **CANCELLED** and will **NOT** be sitting on Thursday, April 2, 2020.

A new date will be set once we are ready to schedule meetings again. Please be advised that we will provide you with notice of the new date and we will extend the time for filing appeals to correlate with the new date for the Court of Revision.

Access to the official Notice of Appeal Court of Revision form (Form 003-0196E) is available online (<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca>) and at the Township of King (2585 King Road, King City, Ontario).

For further information, please contact;

The Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Service Board
c/o The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury
3541 Line 11, PO Box 160, Bradford, ON L3Z 2A8
Phone: 905-778-4321 ext. 2500

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICES



King closes facilities, cancels programs due to COVID-19 pandemic

With guidance from York Region Public Health and in an abundance of caution for both residents and staff around the COVID-19 pandemic, King Township is responding with the following changes in operations:

King Township has closed all recreation, library, and cultural facilities up to and including Sun., April 5. Programming at these facilities are also cancelled. Refunds or credits for March Break camps are being offered. Gym memberships will be extended the same length as the closure.

- The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. is closed to the public effective immediately.
- All essential services will continue, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection and roads.
- Due to COVID-19, the Township is recommending residents refrain from using playground equipment. This equipment cannot be properly sanitized and does not allow for adequate social distancing in line with Federal and Provincial recommendations. Signage has been placed at all King parks.
- Some non-essential services may be impacted. For a list of all services that have been impacted, please visit www.king.ca.
- Council chambers has been set up for King's Emergency Operations Centre.

Citizens can still do business with King on our website at www.king.ca, by phone at 905-833-5321 or by email at serviceking@king.ca.

We thank the public for its patience during this time.

The risk to York Region residents of acquiring the virus in the community remains low.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Re: Site Alteration and Related Fees and Charges Draft By-laws for Consideration
Council Chambers located at 2585 King Road, King City, ON

Engineering, Public Works & Building / Clerks & By-law Enforcement Departments

King Township is closely monitoring COVID-19 developments daily. Please be aware that postponement of these meetings may be required.

RE: Committee of the Working Session: **Monday, April 20, 2020 at 5:00 P.M**
Consideration of: Draft Site Alteration and Related Fees and Charges By-laws

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold a Special Committee of the Whole Working Session for Consideration of Draft Site Alteration and Related Fees and Charges By-laws including a presentation by the Engineering, Public Works & Building / Clerks & By-law Enforcement Departments with a presentation by staff.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, April 20, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.**
Consideration of Draft Report, Site Alteration and Related Fees and Charges Draft By-laws

The Township of King Draft Site Alteration Report, Related Fees and Charges and Site Alteration By-laws will be considered at the April 20, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. A copy of the Engineering, Public Works & Building and Clerks/By-law Enforcement Joint Report and Draft By-laws (Site Alteration & Amendment of Fees & Charges) will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road or on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, April 16, 2020.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, May 4, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**
Consideration of Final Report and By-laws for Adoption: Site Alteration, Related Fees and Charges By-laws

The Township of King adoption of the Final Site Alteration Report, Related Fees and Charges and Site Alteration By-laws, will be tabled at the May 4, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. A copy of the Engineering, Public Works & Building and Clerks/By-law Enforcement Joint Report and By-laws (Site Alteration & Amendment of Fees & Charges) will be available for review at the Township of King Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road or on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, April 30, 2020.

For further information regarding the Site Alteration and Related Fees and Charges By-laws, please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: Nancy Cronsberry, Deputy Clerk/By-law Enforcement, ncronsberry@king.ca

Telephone: 905-833-5321 or 1-800-688-5013, Fax: 905-833-2300

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York Region to review its council composition

By Mark Pavilons

The composition of York Regional Council may change in the future.

York will undergo a review of its governance make-up later this year.

The Province, through the Municipal Act, requires Regional Council to review the number of representatives from each of its nine local municipalities by December 2020.

Based on representation by population, each current member of council represents approximately 59,000 residents. However, representation varies across the Region with population per elected member as high as 82,258 in the City of Vaughan. In reviewing representation by population, council

has elected to support an additional member for the City of Vaughan.

In order to pass a bylaw to change the composition of Regional Council, the motion must pass a triple majority approval.

A triple majority is attained when the following three factors are met:

- A majority of Regional Council votes in favour of the bylaw.
- A majority of the nine local municipal councils pass a resolution consenting to the bylaw.
- The total number of voters in the local municipalities that have passed resolutions for a majority of all electors in York Region.

Council has considered the issue of regional representation on a number of occasions over the past 49 years, mostly with respect to council composition and representation by population. Demonstrating a commitment to responsible government, council currently consists of 21 members, increasing by just four members since 1971 while population has grown from 170,000 to 1.2 million.

Aurora Mayor Tom Mrakas has been a vocal supporter of reforming the structure of regional government. Aurora passed a motion in January regarding the move to review regional composition.

As part of that review, Aurora is asking that York council be reduced from the current 21 members (11 regional councillors, 9 mayors, and 1 regional chair) to a reduced council

of 10 members (9 mayors and 1 regional chair). They are also asking that the report be presented as part of the composition review report for Council's consideration in time to implement any changes for the 2022 election.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini is King's only representative at the regional level.

Mayor Mrakas, Aurora's sole voice at the Region, said the new structure should give each of the mayors a weighted vote tied to the population of their respective communities.

Previously, Aurora mayors, including Mayor Mrakas, have advocated for an additional seat at the Regional table. Aurora is one of just three York Region municipalities, along with King, Whitchurch-Stouffville and East Gwillimbury, to have just one voice at the Regional level, while smaller communities like Georgina, have multiple representatives.

"Aurora is currently below Georgina in representation, below New-

market in representation, equal to Stouffville, East Gwillimbury and King, so if you were to go with a nine-mayor system with a weighted voting system, we would leapfrog Stouffville, King, Georgina, East Gwillimbury and we would be just slightly behind Newmarket - which would have seven votes and we would have five. It puts us in a better position to be represented properly as per our population," Mrakas said.

"It is (cost-effective) because as we grow, and we all know each of the municipalities are growing, if you need to make changes (according to population), you don't need to add another position; all you need to do is readjust the voting numbers."

He concedes it will be a "difficult process" to get through, but says he honestly believes it is "the one system we can all look at and agree we are all being presented properly, fairly, and in the most cost-effective manner for the Region and for the residents of the Region."

Penalties waived

From Front Page

In order to help citizens through the COVID-19 pandemic, King is waiving monthly penalties on taxes through June 29. Mayor Pellegrini said the Township has always accommodated people who are experiencing hardship.

Citizens can still do business with King on our website at <http://www.king.ca>, by phone at 905-833-5321 or by email at serviceking@king.ca.

"We're asking citizens to protect themselves and their loved ones from catching or spreading the virus."

For more information about the Township's COVID-19 response, please visit king.ca.

Society cancels 170th Schomberg Fair

The members of the Schomberg Agricultural Society made the very difficult decision to cancel the annual spring fair.

They decided to cancel what would have been the 170th fair, "out of an abundance of caution."

Board members said the decision was not an easy one, however, the rapidly changing threat of the COVID-19 virus is becoming increasingly more concerning and "we feel it is our responsibility to do everything possible to avoid any risk to you, the community and the many fairgoers who would be visiting our beloved town of Schomberg."

They are working to make the 2021 fair the "biggest and best yet."

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~ Michael Connelly

Extreme measures provide learning experience

The extreme measures being taken across the globe to curb the COVID-19 virus offer a massive, world-wide learning experience.

There's no question we are living in a very different world.

When the dust settles on this pandemic, we will evaluate and analyze all of these actions and create a future game plan. Perhaps, as scientists test new vaccines, we may reap the benefits of these tests, procedures and experiments.

This is unprecedented in the world. Yes, COVID-19 is new and spreading around the globe. Our species has seen this before - SARS (a form of coronavirus), MERS, Avian flu (H1N1, 2009), Hong Kong flu (1968-69) and the devastating Spanish flu of 1918-1920.

"Eerie" is how I'd describe the almost barren landscape. It's almost as if those apocalyptic scenarios are playing out for real. While I did stay in for a few days, I did venture out for some essentials.

People were in pretty good spirits and happy to chat - at a distance of course.

I applaud the tireless efforts of retail and food chain workers to replenish supplies, but it will take some time yet to see the shelves full again.

There's no question we will make it through relatively unscathed. We are a resilient lot, we humans.

The most recent measures - the shutdown of all non-essential service - is meant to contain the spread of the virus. It's much like cutting off the oxygen to a campfire. It will likely do just that in the coming weeks.



Mark Pavilons

Scientists are also working tirelessly to come up with a "cure" or at least a vaccine and some say we are very close.

I think one of the reasons COVID-19 became the hottest news of 2020 is our access to information. We are in a different place than we were decades ago, with access to up-to-the-minute information from around the globe.

Just as the virus is spreading fast, news and yes, "fake news", is spreading just as fast. I heard from several reputable sources that stupidity is spreading even faster! In all of this, it's important not to let fear govern our actions.

Further, our means of detection,

confinement, quarantine and yes, treatment, are amazing these days. We can also share medical information and measures with our counterparts all around the world so we're all on the same page. That's huge in the fight against any virus.

For the healthy in our society, you may not even notice COVID-19 if you or your loved ones contract it. If you do, symptoms are typically minor and healthy people will fight it off.

In a few weeks, when we've curtailed the virus, this will seem like a bad dream. But it will provide plenty for all of us to think about and analyze.

It's also a massive wake-up call for good hygiene, hand-washing and sanitization, something public health officials have been pushing for decades to fight the common cold and flu. These lessons may stick with us and help improve our health in the long-term. It will likely help restaurants, hotels, arenas and public transportation clean up their acts and implement more rigorous sanitization.

If you think about it, we may be entering our cleanest period in history!

If these practices spread to the home front, all the better. We could likely use better disinfection and cross-contamination measures in our own kitchens.

Yes, this will continue to impact society and commerce around the world for months, maybe years, to come. Some cities and countries are financially strapped as it is, so I don't know how their economies will ever recover.

As our prime minister and premier assured, measures and money are there to help keep our economy moving. I hope citizens appreciate the regular appearances by our leaders in providing updates and help for our workers,

businesses and families.

In King, staff are working hard to keep the lines of communication open. The mayor has regular updates on social media.

Now is the time for some good, "old-fashioned" home cooking! Make it a shared experience and get back to sitting around the dinner table together as a family.

For school students in Ontario, they're in the midst of an extended holiday. But it's not much of a vacation if you can't go anywhere. My belief is this will spell the end of the current academic year.

For university students, my daughter included, their semesters will continue online. They will graduate, but ceremonies will likely be cancelled. It's sad to think that thousands of students won't be tossing their hats into the air this year.

Yes, there is a "silver lining" in all of this.

Neighbours are helping neighbours; strangers are offering delivery services to those self-isolating. Local grocers and business people are pitching in where they can.

This show of support is reassuring. In the midst of turmoil and uncertainty, it's nice to know our faith in humankind has not been misplaced. Keep it up folks!

I'm still at it because the news never sleeps. The paper will continue to be printed and delivered. Our team will do our best to bring you all the stories of the day, and updates of the COVID-19 measures locally. And please let us know about those Good Samaritans in our midst.

My thoughts and prayers for everyone out there!

Mayor's Message

King monitoring situation, residents urged to keep supporting businesses

The last couple of weeks have been tremendously stressful for our citizens and businesses. COVID-19 has impacted everyone's lives in countless ways.

Despite this, I want to assure our citizens and businesses that King Township is doing everything in its power to keep our essential core services going. These include Fire and Emergency Services, water and wastewater, waste collection and road and sidewalk maintenance.

Despite the seemingly endless torrent of bad news, I'd like to highlight some of the good news that's been happening.

First, I'd like to thank our staff who have been working around the clock - literally - to make sure our fire trucks can respond to calls, our water is safe to drink and waste is being picked up.

Thanks to the members of the business community who are keeping their doors open so people can buy food, medicine and other essential items.

Thanks to our local media for helping us keep the community informed about the latest developments and how we can keep ourselves and each other safe.

Now, more than ever, we need to support each other. I'm optimistic these challenging times will bring out the best in us.

For example, I recently read on Facebook about Jake, a 13-year-old boy in Schomberg. He went to Foodland, bought a pack of toilet paper and dropped rolls of it on the doorsteps of random strangers, with a note to remind people to pay it forward.

It's acts of kindness like these that will help us get through these trying times.

For many years now, I've asked our citizens to buy locally as much as possible. I'm asking you to make that a priority in the coming days and weeks. If a local restaurant is offering pick-up or delivery, consider patronizing that business. Try to fill up your tank at a local gas station. Every little bit will help not only the local business owners but the staff members of these businesses too.

For the latest information on how King Township is taking actions to protect the community, visit www.king.ca.

Please take good care.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini

A WORD FROM CHICKEN LITTLE

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Thought of the Week

"If we're here to help others, what are the others for?"

Maybe we should all try to be helpful and compassionate and the "others" will dwindle.

King Township Trivia

In 1942 Edward "Alex" Campbell of King City joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. He piloted the famous Avro Lancaster through 25 bombing runs and survived being shot down over France.

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Results from last week's poll:

Are you self-isolating or is it "business as usual" in light of COVID-19 measures?

a) Self-isolating **92%**

b) Business as usual **8%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you know anyone who has contracted COVID-19?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of a Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendment

The public are invited to attend a Public Meeting to be held by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King on:

Monday, March 23rd, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. POSTPONED

Due to COVID-19 developments, this meeting is postponed to Monday, April 20th, 2020. Please note: King Township is closely monitoring COVID-19 developments daily. Please be aware that further postponement of this meeting may be required.

at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2585 King Road, King City to receive information and provide comments on a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Official Plan Amendment, under Section 22 and 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13.

Subject Property

Location: 1986 King Road, King City
Part of Lot 6, Conc. 3
Owner: 1986 King Road Developments Inc.
Agent: Eldon Theodore, MHBC Planning Limited
File Numbers: Z-2019-13, OP-2019-05 and SPD-19-64

The proposed Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Control applications submitted by MHBC Planning Limited, on behalf of the owner, 1986 King Road Developments Inc., under Planning Files OP-2019-05, Z-2019-13 and SPD-19-64 concerns a property located on the north side of King Road approximately 45 metres east of King Boulevard in the Village area of King City. The subject property measures 0.29 hectares with 67 metres of frontage on King Road and supports a dwelling and accessory garage. The owner intends to remove the existing buildings from the lands.

Proposed Changes

The subject property is designated 'Core Area' by the King City Community Plan (OPA #540) and is zoned Core Area - King City (CAK) by Zoning By-law #2017-66, as amended.

The Official Plan Amendment application seeks to increase the height and density requirements of the Community Plan to provide for a residential infill consisting of 20 stacked, 4-storey townhome units, serviced by a common road to a maximum density of 70 units per hectare. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to provide for stacked townhouses in the CAK zone and to amend the zone requirements for Maximum Height, Floor Space Index, Front Yard setback, Rear Yard setback, Interior Side Yard setback and other site-specific provisions to implement the development.

Appeal Procedure

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Township of King to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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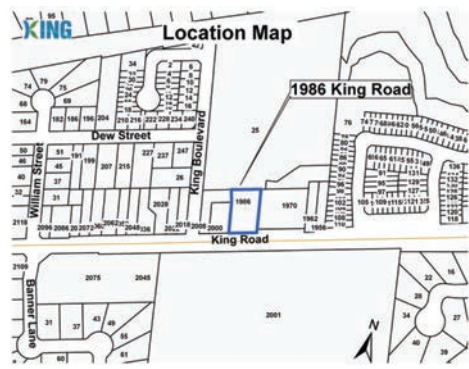
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Additional Information

A copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment as well as additional information about the proposed applications are available for review at the Planning Department located at the Municipal Offices. Office hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact: Paul Kulyk, Planner II, 905-833-4063 or pkulyk@king.ca.

Originally dated at the Township of King the 27th of February, 2020.

Reissued at the Township of King this 20th day of March, 2020.



Nancy Cronsberry
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Township of King
2585 King Road
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Notice of Public Meeting Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment

The public are invited to attend a public meeting to be held by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King on:

Monday, April, 20th, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

Please note: King Township is closely monitoring COVID-19 developments daily. Please be aware that postponement of this meeting may be required.

at the Township of King Council Chambers at 2585 King Road, King City to receive information and provide comments on proposed general amendments to the Zoning By-law (2017-66) for the Schomberg and King City Urban Areas, in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended.

What Are The Proposed Amendments?

The Township of King has proposed to amend the Zoning By-law for the Nobleton Urban Area (By-law 2017-66) to revise the provisions for maximum permitted lot coverage and minimum pervious surface areas to implement provisions that correspond with the existing conditions for each exception zone. The residential exception zones currently default to the respective parent zone's requirements for lot coverage and pervious surface requirements. The proposed amendment revises the provisions of the exception zones to include requirements for maximum lot coverage and minimum pervious surface areas that are specific to each residential exception zone.

The following residential exception zones are proposed to be revised to implement provisions for maximum lot coverage and minimum pervious surface areas that correspond with the existing conditions for each exception zone:

Residential Zone Exceptions Requiring Amendment, King City

R1-13	R1-14	R1-15	R1-16
R1-17	R1-18	R1-19	R1-20
R1-21	R1-22	R1-23	R1-24
R1-25	R1-29	R1-30	R1-34
R1-35	R1-36	R1-38	R1-39
R2-2	R3-3	R3-4	

Residential Zone Exceptions Requiring Amendment, Schomberg

R1-2	R1-3	R1-4	R1-5
R1-6	R1-8	R1-9	R2-1
R3-1			

Subject Properties

All lots within the above-noted Residential Exception zones in King City and Schomberg.

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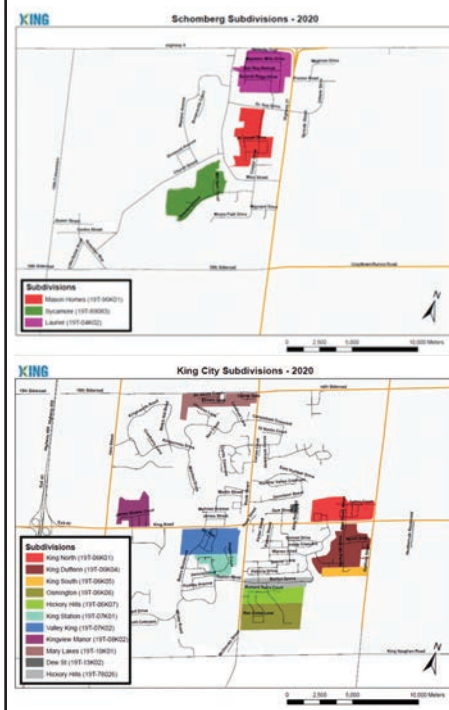
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Any person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendments. **Written comments will become part of the public record.**

How To Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendments, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1.



Additional Information

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendments, including supporting information, are available by contacting the Planning Department at (905) 833-1004, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or by email to adreher@king.ca quoting "Schomberg and King City Residential Zoning By-law Amendments". Written comments may be mailed or emailed to the Planning Department.

Dated at the Township of King this 20th day of March, 2020.

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Clerks/By-Law Enforcement
Township Clerk
Township of King

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Township of King TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN

Notice of Study Completion | Issued: March 13, 2020



ABOUT THE STUDY

King Township has completed the 2020 Transportation Master Plan (TMP) that incorporates updated population and employment forecasts to guide the enhancement of a multi-modal transportation network to the year 2031. With a heightened focus on transportation's role in climate change and updated transportation data, the intent of the 2020 TMP is to review the planned and previously proposed improvements to identify opportunities to encourage the use of more sustainable modes of transportation such as walking, cycling and transit.

This TMP followed Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process for master plans. The recommended preferred alternatives were determined and refined on a data-driven process and incorporate extensive public and agency input. These alternatives identify the next steps that the Township can take to improve how people travel within and through the Township.

By this notice, the TMP is being placed on public record for a 30 calendar-day review period in accordance with the requirements of the EA process. The review period will begin on March 13, 2020. Please provide all written comments by April 12, 2020. All comments will become part of the public record of the study, with the exception of personal information.

The TMP document is available for your information at:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, King Township's Municipal Centre is closed to the public until April 6.

The TMP is also available online at the Township's website: tmp.king.ca

Please send your written comments to the Township of King contacts below by April 12, 2020:

David Van Veen Senior Project Manager Engineering, Public Works & Building Email: dvanveen@king.ca Phone: 905-833-4056
Brett Sears Senior Project Manager WSP Email: Brett.Sears@wsp.com Phone: 289-982-4752

If concerns cannot be resolved through discussion with Township staff, a person or party may request that the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks make an order for a project to comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act (referred to as a Part II Order). Requests must be made in writing to the Minister and the Township Clerk by April 12, 2020 at:

Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 777 Bay Street, 5th Floor Toronto ON M7A 2J3 minister.meccp@ontario.ca
Township Clerk 2585 King Road King City ON L7B 1A1 clerks@king.ca

Comments submitted to the Township of King for the purpose of providing feedback regarding the Transportation Master Plan are collected under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act. Information will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. Questions relating to the collection, use and disclosure of this information may be addressed to Peter Angelo, Director of Engineering, Public Works and Building at pangelo@king.ca or 905-833-4076



LOWER YOUR RISK OF RESPIRATORY ILLNESS INCLUDING NOVEL COVID-19

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses known to cause illness ranging from the common cold to more severe illness. We see many different types of coronaviruses in York Region, Ontario and Canada. COVID-19 (formally known as novel coronavirus or 2019-nCoV) is a new illness experts are learning more about.

TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF RESPIRATORY INFECTIONS, INCLUDING COMMON COLDS AND THE FLU:

- Wash your hands well and often with soap and water, or with alcohol based hand sanitizer (don't forget to wash your wrists, under your fingernails and in between your fingers).
- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or cover your mouth and nose with a tissue and throw the tissue out immediately. Wash your hands afterwards.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- If you are sick, stay home and avoid crowds until you are well again. Avoid sharing personal items like eating utensils and water bottles.
- Frequently clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared items using regular household cleaners.

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Local 'heroes' take action to help others

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

As communities reel under the COVID-19 pandemic, local heroes often come out to offer help to those who may need it the most at these times. King Township has its own share of saviours who are looking out for the most vulnerable sections of society.

Noa Adas, a King resident, wrote on social media: "For seniors and people with disabilities who live in King City and can't go to the grocery store or get food delivered to you, I can do it. Please message me the list of the items you need and your home address. I will shop for you and drop it off your porch along with the receipt. You can e-transfer me the money once I deliver. I'm doing this strictly to support the community and completely free of charge."

Adas is a true believer in karma. "You do good, you receive good. This is one insignificant way to give back, especially at times like these. We need to unite as a community and as human beings. In my mind, this is the only way we can get over hard times."

King City Moms Community, a Facebook group for moms, also saw the administrators as well as group members coming together with offers to help. A mother and group member, who did not wish to be recognized, thought of how school closures might affect children's meals.

"If the school closures have you or someone you know concerned about a child not being able to eat breakfast or lunch let me know. I will do what I can to help. A cooked meal, a box of cereal, gallon of milk, bread, fruit, whatever it may be, I will try to help. Do not be ashamed, we all need help at times. Kids depend on these meals more than we think. This is also extended to parents/guardians since kids need their parents/guardians. We will help. It takes a village," she wrote, refusing to even have her name printed in the newspaper. "I really don't want any recognition as I truly just want to help while we still are able to. It's just a small gesture in all the craziness that's

happening," she said.

While some thought of children going hungry, others have been reaching out to mothers who may be running out of formula or baby wipes and are unable to find them in stores. The administrators of the Facebook group, Stephanie D'Orazio and Deb L-M, posted an open invitation for anyone who needed help to connect with them. "We have such a great community network in this group. As for those who offered help, Laura DeGasperis was one who offered free formula to moms in need. There were a couple of other women that offered other baby items and babysitting.

"Some ladies just reached out to us personally and a few responded on our post and offered their assistance to anyone who was looking for help," said Stephanie D'Orazio.

Anyone who requires delivery assistance for supplies and groceries can also contact the Good Neighbour Project GTA at 647-873-2230.

York reports first death from COVID-19

The Regional Municipality of York has been notified of a death related to COVID-19. The individual, a female in her 70s, is the Region's first COVID-19-related death.

The City of Markham resident returned from international travel on March 21 and died shortly thereafter.

"York Region extends their deepest condolences to the family and loved ones of the individual," said Dr. Karim Kurji, York Region's Medical Officer of Health. "This case speaks to the seriousness of the current situation and how as a community we need to continue working together to protect one another."

York Region also reported seven newly-confirmed cases of COVID-19 earlier today, bringing the total number of confirmed cases to 44. This total count includes yesterday's announcement of the confirmed case of a resident living in Markhaven Home for Seniors.

As part of the ongoing investigation and based on the expert advice from Public Health Ontario, a COVID-19 outbreak at the Markhaven Home for Seniors in the City of Markham has now been declared, which means anyone with symptoms at the facility is assumed to be a positive case of COVID-19. York Region Public Health continues to work closely with the staff and residents at Markhaven, and all long-term care centres in the Region.

"We now cannot rule out local transmission in York Region," added Dr. Kurji. "These unfortunate signals are indications of progression of the virus in our community. Local transmission is defined as individuals who did not have close contact with a travel-related case or any known case of COVID-19."

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our community, York Region Public Health encourages residents to avoid crowds, stay at home when possible and practice social distancing and maintain good hand hygiene. Even with newly confirmed cases, these measures will help slow the spread of COVID-19.

ENE King 7-Day Weather Outlook
From Thursday, March 26 to Wednesday, April 1

THURS 26TH	FRI 27TH	SAT 28TH	SUN 29TH	MON 30TH	TUES 31ST	WED 1ST
Light Rain High 11C Low -1C 1-3mm Wind S 21k	Mainly Sunny High 8C Low 1C - Wind N 10k	Mixed Precip. High 5C Low 5C ~10mm/<1cm Wind E 28k	Cloudy/Showers High 7C Low -1C <1mm Wind SW 29k	Mainly Sunny High 7C Low -2C - Wind NW 28k	Mainly Sunny High 9C Low -1C - Wind NW 11k	Cloudy/Showers High 9C Low -1C ~5mm Wind S 21k

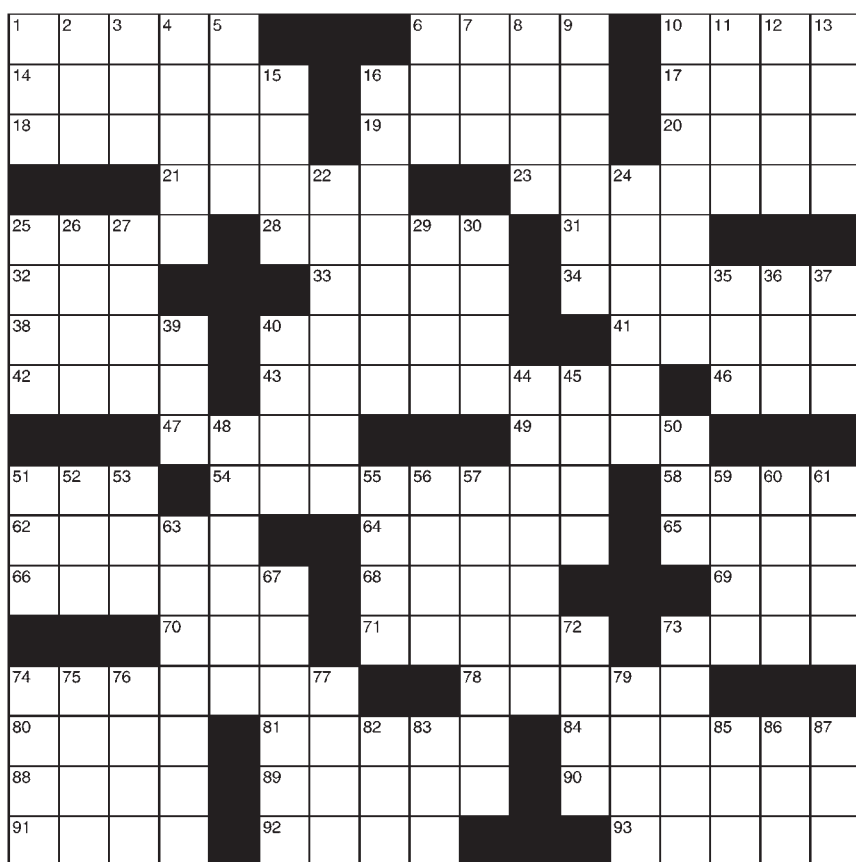


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 - Completely developed
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 - Bad temper
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 - Steep hemp

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2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

What you need to know to help you and your family stay healthy.

- Only visit an assessment centre if you have been referred by a health care professional.
- Avoid non-essential travel.
- Monitor for symptoms after travel.
- Avoid large gatherings.
- Be prepared, but avoid panic stocking.
- Caring for those who are ill? Take precautions.
- Clean high-touch surfaces regularly.
- Order your prescription medication.
- Practice cough and sneeze etiquette in transit.

If you have symptoms, take the self-assessment at ontario.ca/coronavirus. Or call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 (TTY: 1-866-797-0007) or your public health unit.

Local efforts boost Jamaican school programs

By Mark Pavilons

Canadians love rallying around a good cause. And King residents top the list in charitable giving.

When a Schomberg woman put a call out to help with a school project in Jamaica, the overwhelming local response warmed her heart.

Jo-Anne Cober joined forces with Devon Dunn, who identified a need for school equipment in his homeland of Jamaica.

The school lacked books, audio equipment and they had limited internet access.

“I am a firm believer in reading. Not only as the basis for education but also as an escape to far off places. Some of these kids have no access or limited access to the internet. Books provide knowledge they may not ever know.”

When she put the word out for donations, it spread like wildfire.

“We called around and had friends donate cash. I went on the Schomberg Facebook page and put out a request for books. Since then more than 10,000 books came in,” Cober said

She added they learned about a decommissioned school so they collected many desks, tables and chairs as well, internet routers and networking cables, flat screen TVs, DVDs, projectors, etc.

They “adopted” three other schools and Dunn formed the Uzazi Foundation.

Cober, a former day care operator,

said the welfare of children was always important to her. She remains “a socially conscious person who prioritizes the needs of children in our community and in the world at large.”

The Jamaican situation struck a cord with her and she remains inspired by Dunn, who has worked with some 25,000 children and their families in Canada. Now, at this time in his life, he is committed to doing something for Jamaica’s children.

“I needed to be a part of that,” she said.

Cober observed that the need elsewhere is great, and the waste in our country is ridiculous. Our landfills are brimming with items that are still usable. Our discarded items go a long way to filling a need in certain countries.

Cober pointed out that while Jamaica seems to be doing well overall its education ministry cannot afford to reasonably support all of its schools. The bulk of the resources tend to go to the first-tier schools that are in the cities and the major towns. Many remote schools have rebar instead of proper windows. When it rains the children get soaked. There are often six grades under one roof and no partitions.

“We repurpose commercial cubicles in order to provide sound proofing between classes. We focus on assisting remote schools that usually don’t get much mainstream support. We support schools where more than 40% of the student body come from homes that are



at or below the poverty line. We support schools that have histories of excellent performance with minimal resources. It is our belief that every dollar invested in these schools ability to educate children in effect multiply their impact by more than 100 times our investment in their futures.”

Currently, Uzazi has adopted four schools and in all, 1,200 students are benefitting from their support and donations.

“Indirectly we are helping as many as 80,000 people per year as the schools are focal points in their communities and extending supports to adults as well after school,” Cober said. “We have committed to helping each of our schools creating effective libraries filled with books, improve their cafeteria with appliances, create a working computer labs, science labs, chairs and tables for their cafeteria, picnic tables, desks and chairs for teachers, sports equipment and so much more.

“We have committed to a major building maintenance and reconstruction effort providing structural support appliances for the school kitchen, library with books, science models, other teaching aids, kitchen appliances.

“We will be building a building that will be 100 feet by 50 feet at the Woodlands Primary and Infant School in Cross Keys Manchester.”

The building, she said, will be constructed from recycled Canadian con-

tainers.

“We have so much to give but sometimes people don’t understand about helping kids so far away. Also they don’t realize how a simple item such as a book can make such a big difference.”

People can help by subscribing to their YouTube channel – The Uzazi Foundation – and share it with friends and other contacts. You can visit their Facebook and Instagram pages @uzazifoundation. E-transfer donations can be sent to uzazifoundation@gmail.com



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King and local businesses support residents, economy

King Township is collaborating with local business as they adapt to providing residents with socially distant shopping options. It has also created a central hub for residents to access local shopping while still maintaining social distancing.

"We all need to be safe, but we all need to be fed," said Pam Rolph-Romeril, from Pine Farms Orchard. Since closing their café, their kitchen has kept busy making soups, quiches, pies and ready to eat meals. Residents can place their orders by phone, pay by e-transfer and have their food delivered to the trunk of their car. Round the Bend Farms is offering a similar service every Friday.

Restaurants across King are also adapting to the pandemic. Many of the sit down restaurants are making their full menu available and are open for pick up. In King City, Locale is offering delivery to King City residents, as is The Summerhill Resto and Pub in Nobleton. In Schomberg, Schomberg Village Pizzeria will also deliver a wide selection of pastas, salads and soups, in addition to pizza.

Other innovative food delivery options are available to residents.

Beretta Farms has created an on-line store where residents can order and pay for both frozen meats as well as prepared meals, which can be delivered Monday through Friday. Residents can even have Holland Marsh Wineries wines shipped right to their door.

Of particular importance to King Township's seniors and those with underlying health conditions, there are pharmacies in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg that will deliver prescriptions directly to homes. Residents re-

ceiving a prescription can also add personal care items to their order.

"Now more than ever it's time for residents to support local business," said King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "The businesses have adapted their services to help residents stay healthy; let's all work together to also help them stay healthy."

All King residents are encouraged to visit king.ca and click on the ShopKing banner to learn more about socially distant shopping alternatives that will support our local economy.

Local businesses that are offering socially distant alternatives and are not yet listed on the site are encouraged to contact King's Economic Development staff. They are also available to provide guidance, support and assistance to businesses looking for information on programs services and measures through and beyond these challenging times. Feel free to contact them by e-mail at ecdev@king.ca or by phone at 905-833-4016.

Additional resources are available from www.economicking.ca/Covid-19; www.economicking.ca/social-distance-shopping/

For more information visit www.king.ca

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Visit KING.ca for ways to shop local while socially distancing

Residents air concerns at Nobleton forum

King Mayor Pellegrini and Councillor David Boyd recently hosted the annual "Meet the Mayor and Councillors" night at the Nobleton Library recently. A small group of dedicated residents came out to participate in an open discussion about King and the Village of Nobleton.

The evening began with a discussion about community safety and crime prevention. Residents were encouraged to use the York Regional Police online reporting services to report community concerns such as speeding, loitering or suspicious activity. Councillor Boyd shared information about the Neighbourhood Watch Program. He added that there have been some successful Watch start groups in Nobleton in partnership with YRP, and he encouraged continued participation and uptake of

the program. Mayor Pellegrini reminded everyone of the importance of reporting crimes to the YRP to help assist in determining patterns.

The mayor also informed residents that York Region is the safest municipality in the GTA and that the Township of King has the lowest crime rate within York Region.

Residents raised concerns regarding winter flooding and our fluctuating weather patterns. Councillor Boyd reported that the Township was undertaking revisions to the Storm Water Master Plan and the public participation was strongly encouraged. A public information session in Nobleton will be held in the near future.

There are a number of key projects in the budget for Nobleton, including the reconstruction of the 15th Sideroad

between Highway 27 the 8th Concession. In addition, the 15th, from the 8th to Weston, will be converted from gravel to asphalt. Boyd told residents that the Township is committed to the continued progression of phase 2 sewers and anticipated the project will continue to move forward.

Questions were asked about the Regional project at King and Weston Road. Residents were pleased to hear that the works will resume this spring with a projected substantial completion late fall.

Mayor Pellegrini thanked everyone who took the time to attend and participate in the event, saying that he enjoys hosting the Meet the Mayor nights and appreciates the interactive, direct and valued communication from residents.



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Church offers outreach

At this time, Immanuel Reformed Church in Nobleton, would like to reach out to the community around us. No, we cannot gather together for activities, worship, or fellowship together. But let's focus on what we can do.

Are you self-isolating/immunocompromised? Lonely and/or anxious? Sick? We would love to help in any or all the following ways: prayer; a friendly phone call; posting mail, and emergency supplies/groceries.

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Seasons Floral Studio keeps the tradition alive

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

Darlene Rupke was five years old when she cut all the tulips in the garden and presented her mom with a bouquet. Now the owner of Seasons Floral Studio in Schomberg, Rupke knows that she found her calling in life early on.

“I started working part-time in a floral shop in Beeton, Ontario at the age of 15. I knew instantly I loved the industry and went on to complete the Retail Florist program at Humber College in 1994,” she said.

Rupke then won a Flowers Canada Competition and travelled to the Netherlands where she was trained at the famous Boerma Instituut in Aalsmeer.

“I was one of Canada’s youngest to earn my Canadian Academy of Floral Art (CAFA), the highest design designation in Canada.”

Naturally, Rupke always dreamed of opening her own store.

“We started Seasons Floral Studio in 2005, after working in the industry for over 15 years. It was a small, 400-square-foot studio in Tottenham, and that is

where it all began,” recalled the mother of two.

Nearly a decade later, Rupke opened her Schomberg studio and began with pop-up shops during the holidays.

“We have corporate and wedding clients and we did workshops. In 2016, we decided to open up retail and offer gifts, plants, flowers, workshops and weddings at our Brownsville Plaza Studio location. The response from this community has been amazing. That year, we won Entrepreneur of the year and it was extremely flattering,” said the area resident, who enjoys the community along with her husband Rob and their two children.

Rupke specializes in using seasonal material and following design trends.

“Our arrangements are inspired by nature and have a distinctive look. Our European hand-tied bouquets are one of our best sellers. We work closely with our clients to create unique and one-of-a-kind styled arrangements. We also teach workshops and love to educate and share our passion with our clientele – this is a big part of who we are at Seasons!”



Rupke works on keeping her skills current and has travelled and trained in California, New York City, Tennessee and Maryland. Her work has been featured in Wedlux magazine, Canadian Florist & Cut and Dried Magazine and she has many a local celebrity among her clients.

“We are continuing to bring awareness of what we do to King and surrounding areas. We want people to know we provide excellence in our field and have a delivery service that delivers our designs right from our studio to

as far as Stoney Creek, Oshawa, Barrie and Orangeville.”

Next on Rupke’s list is the launch of Petal Academy, an online education platform to learn all things floral.

“We will have videos, education packages and our own You Tube channel launching soon. It’s very exciting.”

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Arts & Entertainment

Venus is in clear view as our 'evening beacon'

By Gary Boyle

Throughout history, keen sky-watchers would follow the weekly and monthly movement of bright objects against the background sky. The early Greeks referred to the planets of our solar system as the "wanderers" and there are five which can be seen and followed with the unaided eye.

The planet Venus is now seen high in the western sky shortly after sunset. Other than the moon, Venus is the brightest night-time object and for good reason. It is completely surrounded by thick clouds comprised of carbon dioxide and reflects about 75% of sunlight that falls on them.

On a moonless night out in the dark countryside and away from any light source, this beacon will cast a shadow on a sheet of white paper. It can also be a great subject for astrophotography. However, what goes on under the clouds is something out of a science fiction novel. Thanks to its 50 to 75-kilometre cloud deck, pressures at the surface are 90 times that of earth. That is comparable to being a kilometre under the ocean or in a car crusher. It rains sulphuric acid (battery acid) that never reaches the ground.

The clouds also produce the greenhouse effect, trapping the solar energy and locking it in. This keeps the day and night side a toasty 400 degrees Celsius and is so hot you could cook a large pizza in 9 seconds. It is safe to say human astronauts will never visit the Venusian surface. However, in 1970 the Russians launched Venera 7 and

became the first of its kind to land on another planet. The craft only lasted about 50 minutes but opened the door to the planet's hidden secrets. Today, X-ray images pierce these clouds to reveal its landscape and volcanoes that still seem to be erupting.

Venus, along with Mercury, are termed inferior planets as they reside inside earth's orbit. It takes only 224 days for Venus to circle the sun and takes on different phases when viewed through a telescope, much like we see with the moon as more or less sunlight illuminates its surface.

Over the next few weeks, the planet will position itself between the sun and earth. Following this progression through a telescope, you will notice the planet growing in size as it moves closer to us but shrinking in illumination.

On April 3 it will be located in the Pleiades Cluster and on the night of May 21 and 22, teams up with Mercury low in the northwest sky but will be a thin 4% lit crescent.

Known as "The Backyard Astronomer," Gary Boyle is an astronomy educator, guest speaker and monthly columnist for the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. He has been interviewed on more than 50 Canadian radio stations and local Ottawa TV. In recognition of his public outreach in astronomy, the International Astronomical Union has honoured him with the naming of Asteroid (22406) Garyboyle. Follow him on Twitter: @astroeducator or his website: www.wonder-sofastronomy.com



Second town hall is virtual

The second community town hall meeting slated for April 2 is now virtual. "Passive House Standard and the Building Code" will be presented next Thursday at 7 p.m. will be online.

Chris Ballard, CEO of Passive House Canada, will be present and answer our questions including why the 2017 Ontario Building Code updates were cancelled as well as reversals of the 2012 OBCode.

The meeting will take place over Zoom, a video and phone conferencing platform.

Please send an email to us simply saying, "interested," and we will send you an invitation that will have a link. Or if you would rather, you can call in and listen to the town hall over your land line, as long as you call the number below to tell us that you are interested and we will explain. Either way, it is rather simple.

To learn how to join the meeting, and if you wish to send questions to Chris in advance of the meeting, please email us at king.town.hall.events@gmail.com or call Ann at 416-825-4275.

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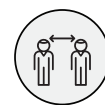
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Berger's dog guides much more than her best friends

By Julia Galt

As many dog-lovers would attest, there's no bond quite like the one between a human and their pet.

But for Nobleton's Bev Berger, the relationship goes far beyond the typical one of love, licks, and those coveted behind-the-ear scratches. For Bev, who has been blind since the age of 30, her dogs provide the freedom and independence she so begrudgingly lost in the first few years of her disability. For the past 31 years, they've not only acted as her eyes, they've ensured her safety, have allowed her to get involved in her community, and - it goes without saying - provided love and companionship in spades.

"Over the years, I've discovered that beyond the physical act of guiding and keeping me safe, I also have an animal that loves me and is not there to judge me. They're there to give me a lick if the tears start rolling down my cheeks," said Bev. "And the only expectation they have for me is to feed them, and groom them, and exercise them, and love them. And let me tell you, I have the way better end of the deal."

Bev's introduction to dog guides began in 1989, when Nobleton Lion Ken Hodgson saw her walking around Nobleton with a cane and asked if she'd be interested in receiving a dog to help. When Bev agreed, the Nobleton Lions went ahead and submitted her application to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. Months of paperwork and interviews later, Bev was sent to Oakville to undergo one month of training at the foundation's headquarters. It was there she met her first dog guide, the proud, water-obsessed Reb.

"All of my dogs have had their quirks, and Reb's was water," laughed Bev. "He almost took me water-skiing a few times."

A dog guide has a working life of seven to eight years, meaning they typically retire at nine or ten. Ideally, an owner will retire their old dog guide at the same time they receive a new one. For those with the financial ability to care for two dogs, like Bev, this means years of off-duty relaxation for the elder. For those who are unable, the eldest is put up for adoption in a loving home by the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. However, retirement isn't always the preferred lifestyle for the most



steadfast of dogs.

"When Jasper retired, I went and got Lotus. And Lotus was the working dog," reminisced Bev. "But every time I got the harness out, Jasper would be standing there right beside him, pushing into it. I would say 'no, Jasper' and would put the harness on Lotus. I was

so glad I couldn't see him, because I knew how sad he would get. He knew he couldn't do the job physically anymore, but his heart was still in it. And he was right there beside Lotus, every day, until he died."

Despite the years that have passed since the inaugural Reb first entered

her life, Bev still recalls the minute details of each of her dog's personalities. Reb, her first, had a dignified arrogance Bev attributes to his Quebecois upbringing. Mason, her second, was high-strung and wickedly intelligent. Her third, KitKat, was the sassiest of the bunch, and Jasper, her fourth, a Type A people-pleaser who thought he could do everything. Lotus, Bev's current dog guide, is easy-going, empathetic, and reliable.

"In spite of the fact my life has changed, everything around me has changed, I'm older - one thing remains constant," said Bev. "And that's my furballs."

Of course, as with most other things, owning a dog guide can come with its own set of difficulties. In this sense, Bev's experience mirrors that of many. It's immensely difficult when her dogs pass away, and the unique bond she's shared with them throughout their guiding career only serves to amplify that. Yet, as Bev attests, it's all about making the kind of memories with her dogs that will never leave her.

"Lions International had their convention in Toronto July of 2014, and I was invited to speak on behalf of Canadian Dog Guides. There were over 15,000 people there," said Bev, recalling one such moment. "It was so special, because they had all arranged a big party for Jasper's retirement. He retired September of that year. He was a pretty special boy."

Having now received five dog guides free-of-charge from the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides, Bev has committed herself to paying the Lions' generosity forward by acting as a spokesperson for the foundation. For years, she's travelled throughout Canada and the world, speaking about her experiences as a dog guide owner and of the Lions' invaluable help. She's also helped front the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides in Nobleton for nearly a decade, raising awareness and much-needed funds for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides. As dog guides cost roughly \$25,000 to raise, train, and supply to their owner, these kind of events are crucial in helping the program thrive.

"The Lions Foundation changed my life, and my dogs changed my life," stated Bev. "If I can make that change in other people's lives, I will."



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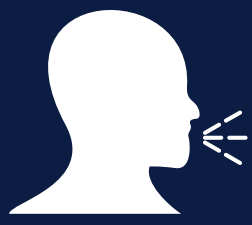


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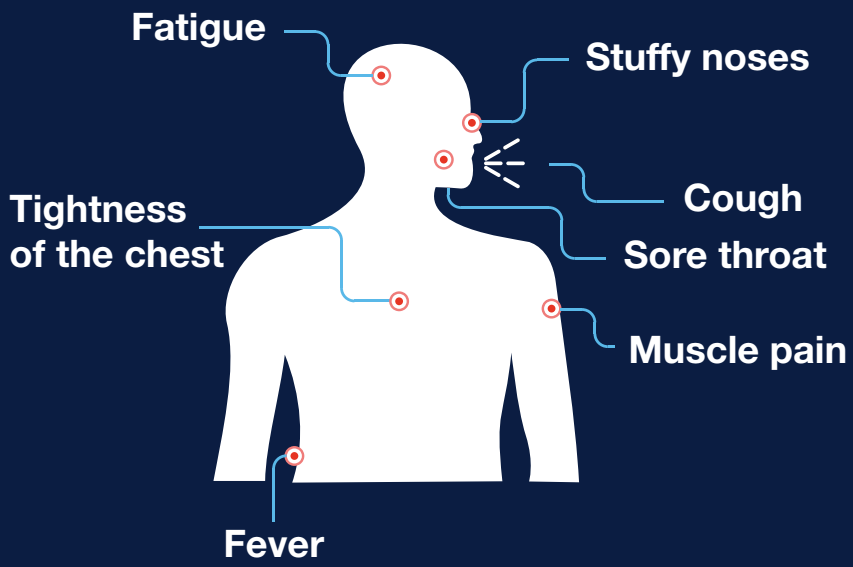


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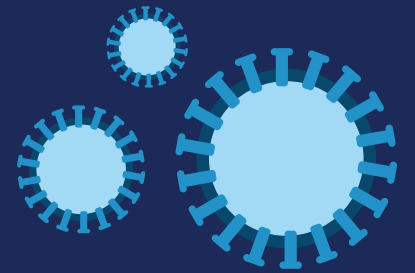
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Plan in the works to bring home stranded CDS students

By Mark Pavilons

Plans are in motion to bring home some local students, currently stranded in Peru.

Premier Doug Ford noted a flight has been arranged to bring home a group of King City high school students trapped in Peru.

Air Canada will operate three flights between Toronto and Lima. The first departure from Canada took place March 24. Two other special flights from Lima to Toronto are currently scheduled for March 26 and 27. The flights will be operated by a wide-body Boeing 777 aircraft with 400 seats.

The students are currently self-isolating at a hotel and are under the supervision of two teachers.

In all, 19 students, two teachers and a World Challenge trip guide are among many Canadians stuck in Peru.

Kim Sillcox of CDS said it's important to note that should a plane become available, it would not just be for CDS students, "but to the best of our knowledge, a plane for any Canadians stranded in Peru. We are in the same situation as all Canadians abroad and continue to focus

on working through Global Affairs Canada and other government contacts to find out any details regarding repatriation. Our focus remains on keeping our students safe as we continue to work toward a resolution of this issue."

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce said immediately after being contacted by a Country Day School parent and principal, his office in partnership with Premier Ford, swung into action to help repatriate these citizens back to Canada.

"The Premier and I have been clear in our advocacy and expectation that all students get home safe and immediately. My office will continue to work with parents, the CDS community, and our Members of Parliament Deb Schulte and Francesco Sorbara to ensure these students, and all Canadians, get home as soon as possible."

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini said he's been in contact with provincial and federal representatives to help the students in any way possible. He did point out that country is relatively safe at this point.

There are Canadians all over the world in a similar predicament and it's a matter of priorities.

Council costs taxpayers \$365K

By Mark Pavilons

Governing residents in King cost taxpayers a little over \$365,000 in 2019.

Staff release the remuneration and expenses report for 2019, as required by the Municipal Act.

The total includes much more than salaries.

Total salaries for council members hit \$271,358.50.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini received a salary of \$69,549.48. All councillors receive roughly the same amount; all within a few hundred dollars of \$33,000.

Councillors received payroll benefits of

roughly \$5,000, with the mayor's portion slightly over \$10,000.

For dental and extended health benefits, councillors Jordan Cescolini and Jakob Schneider received \$2,443.74, while all other councillors received \$6,499.44.

Councillors were paid for membership and conferences, from a low of \$185.20 for Schneider, to a high of \$2,407.30 for councillor Debbie Schaefer.

Councillors were reimbursed for expenses and events, with the majority coming in under \$100. The mayor's expenses totalled \$1,314.72.

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York9 offers female supporter's group along with 2 signings

By Robert Belardi

York9 FC has announced the launch of Dames of York, as well as two final international signings in the past few weeks.

Although the club is at its beginning, this stage is the most vulnerable. Vulnerable to, scripting a well-written history. It has been primordial for any organization. If it's tainted? Well, we'll get to that later.

On International Women's Day, the nine stripes cemented their first volitions' act in club history to care for a group of "soccer-supporting" women.

The Dames of York is a female driven supporters association, founded by

Stefanie Morra and Marcella Hatmanu. These ladies formed this group, when York9 launched their new Macron home kit back on Feb. 27.

The mission is simple. It is to provide women the same support system in the sport as it is for men. A mission, York9 FC was rapt to act on.

"When I met Stefanie and Marcella at the home kit launch and they explained what they were looking to do, supporting them in launching the Dames of York became a priority," rejoined, Managing Consultant Angus McNab in York9's press conference.

"We gave them assistance in creating a logo/brand for women to unite behind in their support of the club but that's

only the first step. It is critical we help them grow the group's membership as we have for the Green Lions. Everyone is at the club is delighted to welcome the Dames of York and recognize them as an official Supporters Group as we have with Generation IX and the Green Lions," McNab exclaimed.

Accommodating such a historic motive might pay dividends in the long run. It might even begin a trend that will come into fruition league wide and York9 has the bragging rights. York will host "Women's Football Night" at the match vs Atletico Ottawa on July 24.

This, all occurring after York9 signed their final international players on March 4 and 5.

The nine stripes added their second Brazilian international. The 24-year-old, forward Jaco, joins the cavalry of offensive firepower up front and compatriot Gabriel Vasconcelos.

Formally known as Carlos Alberto Guimaraes Filho, Jaco has spent the past two seasons on loan from Brazilian club Goias.

He has been sent off to Juazeirense making six appearances in 2019, before landing at Serra Macaense in the same year, making 14 appearances and scoring four goals.

He joins York9 FC, recently from Iporea after scoring one goal with the club there.

"Jaco is a player who we believe will have a big impact and establish him-

self as a fan favourite," McNab said in the club's press conference.

"He's been involved at major clubs in Brazil and logged playing time in both Serie A and B. We are working through the process of getting his work permit sorted so he will join up with us after a few more games in Brazil."

A day later after Jaco's signing, York9 bring on South American talent Brian Lopez, who became the seventh and final international to join the nine stripes.

The 20-year-old Argentine midfielder comes out of the Cuarta division squad at Racing; the senior team from the youth academy. Lopez has chosen to leave a prestigious youth system to join the Canadian Premier League to develop further.

"He's come through one of the best football schools in the world with Racing Club, and while he is a young player, we're delighted to have secured him on agreement that gives the club the option to keep him through to the end of 2022," explained McNab.

McNab discovered Lopez's availability from his good friend Padraig Smith, EVP and GM of the Colorado Rapids. Lopez was on trial with the Rapids and when that fell through, McNab swooped him to secure his services.

Lopez joins Jaco, Vasconcelos, Fugo Segawa, Nicholas Hamilton, Adrian Uggarrizza and Wataru Murofoshi as York9's international signing class of 2020.

Nobleton Lakes to host Ryan Chisim Golf Tournament this fall

By Robert Belardi

Nobleton Lakes Golf Club will host the Ryan Chisim Charity Golf Tournament this year on Sept. 14.

This charity event was created in loving memory of Ryan Chisim, who passed away at the age of 12, in January 2012 after his battle against Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG).

DIPG is a tumour that is found in the centre of the brain stem. It cannot be surgically removed. Children who are diagnosed with DIPG, approximately have nine months to live. This disease deprives children of essential motor functions such as a loss of speech, sight, the inability to eat and finally, to breathe.

Seven-year volunteer and committee member of the tournament, Elyse Smith, confirmed this information via email to the King Sentinel.

Since the inaugural tournament in 2012, the tournament has raised over \$175,000 in partnership with the Hospital of Sick Children (SickKids), wrote Smith.

Last year, through the efforts of the golf tournament, \$20,250 dollars was raised. Statements from SickKids would suggest, that discovering a cure for DIPG, is one of the fundraising priorities at the hospital and SickKids hopes to raise \$10 million, according to Manager of Community Partnerships, Kelly Dickinson.

On Jan. 30, 2020, SickKids stat-

ed for the second consecutive year they are getting closer to discovering a clinical trial to help patients.

According to the report, SickKids says, cancer cells have a unique ability to bypass the immune system.

Through Immunotherapy research, the design of the trial is to trick the immune system into believing tumor cells are infected with a virus.

Once the cells appear to the immune system, the system will attack the cancer cells using a drug to defeat the cancer cells, before they multiply.

This tactic has garnered interest from other countries around the globe as far out as Australia.

This tournament has received praise from the Senior Associate Scientist in the Research Institute at SickKids, Eric Bouffet.

Bouffet commended the efforts from Ryan's father John Chisim and to those who have donated their hard-earned money to support the hospital in finding a cure.

In the email sent by Smith, she stated Ryan, "was an incredible child with a zest for life."

The young boy enjoyed playing sports, was good in school and was popular among his classmates.

He was a child that others gravitated to, with his "warm, calm and fun-loving demeanor."

For more information on the tournament, Elyse Smith can be reached at 647-382-2689 or at esmith87@live.ca.

Friends of We Care tournament postponed

The Friends of We Care, charity golf challenge, scheduled for June 11 in King, has been postponed. The organizer, Brent Morning, is monitoring the situation and will keep people informed. If you have any questions, contact him at brent@charitygolfchallenge.ca

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Pietrangelo made history of his own

By Robert Belardi

Prior to the suspension of the National Hockey League regular season on March 12 due to COVID-19 virus, St. Louis Blues captain Alex Pietrangelo was setting career highs.

The 30-year-old King City native scored a pair of goals the night before the suspension against the Anaheim Ducks, tallying his goal total to a career best of 16.

Pietrangelo ripped a shot from the point, off of the post and into the back of the net leaving Anthony Stolarz helpless to give the Blues a late 2-1 lead in the first.

Late in the third period, up 3-2, the Blues' catalyst chipped the puck into the net from the defensive zone to seal the victory.

This game was replayed after the previous encounter between the Blues and the Ducks on Feb. 11 was postponed. The game, came to a halt after Blues defenceman Jay Bouwmeester suffered a cardiac episode on the bench.

Pietrangelo is now tied for second in goals by defenceman in the NHL, alongside Nashville Predators captain Roman Josi. Columbus Blue Jackets talisman, Zachary Werenski stands alone at the top of the podium with 20.

For the second time in the Blues' 52-year history, the team leads the league in goals scored by defenceman with 45, one ahead of the Philadelphia Flyers and the New York Rangers.

In Pietrangelo's career year with the team back in 2017-2018, he finished the season after 78 games played, with 15 goals and 39 assists.

After achieving his career high in goals, Pietrangelo is two points away from breaking that 54-point record. This year he has 52 points, with 16 goals and 36 assists with twelve games remaining in the regular season.

In team history, Pietrangelo is also two points away from surpassing Al MacInnis in all-time points by a defenceman.

MacInnis currently holds the record set at 452 points in 613 games and Pietrangelo has 450 points in 758 games played with the Blues.

The King City native is also second all-time in games played by a defenceman in Blues history behind Barret Jackman.

The Blues currently hold the best record in the Western Conference and sit atop of the Central division with 94 points; two points above the Colorado Avalanche.

It seems as if the number two is haunting Pietrangelo and the Blues, but not for long.

The defending Stanley Cup champions patiently hope for the season to resume. The Blues also hope that Vladimir Tarasenko returns to the lineup in time for the playoffs after missing 58 games this season due to a shoulder injury.

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The Schomberg Horticultural Society is in its 85th year! and we are a lovely group of people who meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month in March, April, May, June, September and October. We are renowned for our speakers and our competition flower shows where everyone can display the best of their gardens. Looking forward to seeing you!

As part of this year-long celebration the society presents Frankie Ferragine's talk on "Garden Crazy" as he explores how we garden and have gardened through the centuries. A humorous talk delving into old gardening books with some tips and tricks.

It takes place April 15 at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$15. It will be at the King Township Municipal Building at 2585 King Road.

Limited tickets available on: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frankie-ferragine-tickets-94245204945>

Car pooling strongly recommended.

Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

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<https://www.facebook.com/Nobleton-United-Church-1615442098722461/>

For a complete service, the Moderator of The United Church of Canada has published one:

<https://www.united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/moderators-online-worship-march-22-2020>

This is the time of Lent, the time that Jesus went into the wilderness and was tempted by the devil. This time of

social isolation is reminding me of the challenges faced by Jesus, who was all alone. At least we can go to the store to get supplies and we can still talk to people.

March's Messy Church was going to have activities related to the three temptations experienced by Jesus: turn stones into bread; become King over everyone by bowing down to the devil; throw himself from the top of a temple so that the angels could save him.

Check out our Facebook page if you are interested in the various activities that we would have done, because many of them could be done at home, including baking sugar cookies in the shape of a slice of bread.

We are social creatures and we need to know that people care. Pick up the phone and call someone who lives alone.

Schomberg Skating Club

Schomberg Skating Club is excited to offer Spring Skating programs at Trisan beginning April 17. Classes will run on Friday evenings.

This spring we are running PreCan, CanSkate and Star Skate programs. For more details please visit our website www.schombergskatingclub.ca or email us at schombergskatingclub@hotmail.com. We hope you will join us on the ice this spring!

Earth Hour 2020

This year Earth Hour 2020 is March 28 and the good people of the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection ask that you turn off your lights and join them in the Marsh from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Little things can make a difference! The first Earth Hour was initiated in 2007 by the World Wildlife Federation (WWF).

It was intended to encourage people around the world to switch off their lights, in order to call attention to climate change. More than a decade later, the climate crisis remains, made worse by another urgent threat-the rapid loss of biodiversity and nature.

For further information please visit www.dufferinmarsh.ca or call Mary at 905-939-7544.

Schomberg Community Farm

Spring is coming and thoughts are turning to getting the Farm ready for another fruitful season. As soon as the snow disappears, the volunteer plot

co-ordinator will be contacting renters regarding the official opening day and all volunteer opportunities.

Two activities are being planned as fundraisers for the Farm and the funds will go towards fencing, tool replacement, weed barrier fabric, plants and trees, bee maintenance and more!

Veseys Fundraising – you can buy flower bulbs, seeds, perennials, edibles for you farm plot or home garden, all at reasonable prices! The Farm takes your order, just in time for planting.

Request a catalogue through schombergcommunityfarm@gmail.com; Pick your plants and seeds. Contact the Farm with your order and then write a cheque to Schomberg Community Farm.

Please order no later than April 15.

The Trisan Centre Community Yard Sale takes place May 2. Got stuff in your garage, basement or around the house that you want to get rid of?

Donate it to the Farm and they will sell it at the yard sale to raise money for the Farm.

Contact the Farm to arrange collection at schombergcommunityfarm@gmail.com before April 24.

Anglican Parish

Right Rev. Bishop George Elliott ret'd (King City) priest in charge in the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown, while parish priest Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth is on medical leave, has made the following statement:

"In light of present COVID-19 situation and acting upon instruction, from our Metropolitan, Bishop Anne Germond and our Diocesan Bishop, Andrew Asbil until further notice all public worship and other gatherings like our Lenten Study are cancelled. This decision was made in consultation with the Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Health of the Province of Ontario. As a result there will be no service this Sunday, March 29 at Christ Church Kettleby. Our Lenten Study scheduled for Tuesday evening at St. Mary Magdalene is cancelled."

Bishop George adds please do not hesitate to contact him at 905-833-4988 or e-mail bishopgeorge@sympatico.ca if you need his services or to talk about any concerns you have.

Students turn to online tools

By Aidan D'Souza

As a student from Seneca's College 911 Emergency Communications program, I feel like the college is doing a great job with the recent implementation of course material to an online format so students are not missing any learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are using audio lectures, which is a great e-learning tool to help explain course material. Professors and academic faculty are sending regular communication emails to students to help them with any questions or problems they are facing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We also have counselling and accessibility services to help students who are feeling overwhelmed during this challenging time. When it comes to studying, we are not doing group study sessions in person anymore. We are now studying and working on group projects with classmates online using social media/instant messaging sites to complete our assignments.

My study and learning habits have also changed as I do not go into a class environment but instead I am learning online. I have set a schedule to view online course material and complete any tasks professors are giving me. This is important so the student does not miss a critical due date or test date. One amazing feature that we have at Seneca is our library system which is mainly digital, so we can access books, articles and even chat with a librarian if we need help researching information for an assignment.

To take a break from e-learning and the computer screen, I personally try to go on a 30-minute run. It helps me to focus better as well as reduce any stress. I definitely feel like I am not missing the course content during the COVID-19 outbreak, as we have the technology to implement online learning in a fast and efficient way. Seneca College students are expected to finish the semester on time in April.

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Southlake is facing unprecedented demands as their teams manage the influx of patients who require extra

precautions during treatment. Not only does PPE protect staff providing care to those with or suspected to have COVID-19, it is crucial to prevent the spread of the virus in hospital and keep other vulnerable patients safe.

To help manage this critical volume, they are calling on those in the medical community such as dental offices, veterinary clinics and other health professionals, as well as construction companies or other industries who may have access to donate your available supplies.

The hospital is currently seeking donations of the following unused, unopened and unexpired PPE:

- Protective gloves (all sizes) nitrile or vinyl.
- Ear-loop masks ASTM F2100-11, L2 rating or greater.
- N95 masks NIOSH or CE.
- Gowns AAMI, L2 rating or greater.
- Vented goggles CSA Z94.3-2015 or ANSI Z87.1-2015.

Please note, they cannot accept other related supplies, including hand-

sewn masks.

PPE items can be dropped off at Southlake's receiving area, located at 596 Davis Drive, Newmarket, accessible from Grace Street (off of Prospect Street). Items will be accepted Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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Those unable to support with donations of PPE but interested in supporting the most urgent needs, including ventilators, to help support Southlake's response to COVID-19 can donate online at www.southlake.ca/foundation/donateCOVID-19.

Thank you to the generous and continued outpouring of support from our communities as we continue to navigate this together.

Closure of all non-essential workplaces

By Mark Pavilons

Extreme measures to fight the COVID-19 virus has led to the shut down of all non-essential businesses in Ontario.

The Province ordered the mandatory closure Tuesday, and it will remain in effect for 14 days. The announcement from the government indicates there's a possibility of extending this order as the situation evolves. According to the list released by the Province, most retail operations, pharmacies, grocery stores, even convenience stores, will remain open. For many, it is still business as usual.

"This was a tough decision, but the right decision, as this is no time for half measures," said Premier Doug Ford. "But I have said from day one we will, and we must, take all steps necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19. The health and safety of every Ontarian must come first. The health of you, your children, your grandparents and friends depends on all of us doing our part."

"Based on the advice of Dr. Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, and the experts at our Command Table, Ontario is taking further action to contain the spread of COVID-19," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "These enhanced measures are necessary to protect the health and well-being of Ontarians. Nothing is more important."

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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All church events are cancelled until further notice. The following is a list of regular events that may return when things get back to normal. Contact the church for more.

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

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Homemade cookies not only fill the kitchen with delicious aromas, they are a comfort food prepared and enjoyed with others. Many recipes are even passed down among generations. This recipe for "Pecan Toffee Oatmeal Cookies" from Laurie McNamara's "Simply Scratch: 120 Wholesome Homemade Recipes Made Easy" (Avery) could become a family favorite in no time.

Pecan Toffee Oatmeal Cookies

Makes 3 dozen cookies

- 1 1/2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 cup unsalted butter
- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 3 cups old-fashioned oats
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans, toasted
- 1 cup toffee pieces

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Line two rimmed baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone liners.

In a medium bowl, combine the flour, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt and set aside.

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, cream together the butter and both sugars until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes. Add the vanilla. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing and scraping down the sides of the bowl after adding each egg. Gradually add the flour mixture until just combined.

With the mixer on low, stir in the oats, pecans and toffee bits.

Using a 2-tablespoon scoop, measure out the cookie dough onto the prepared baking sheets, spacing them 1/2 inch apart. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, rotating the baking sheets halfway during bake time for even baking.

Let cool on the baking sheets for 5 minutes before using a spatula to transfer to a wire rack. Repeat with the remaining dough.

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King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

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The opportunity to worship with us online is available through our website at kcuc.net or through an email link. If you are not receiving emails and would like to, please contact the office so that we can add you to the contact list. Bulletins, news and sermons in hard copy will also be updated via the website.

Last Sunday was the first online worship gathering and we heard an inspiring message from Rev. Lee reminding us to choose a more humble and Christian lifestyle and abide in Jesus's love. With these uncertain times when many of us are not working, and staying home, opportunities exist for deepening our faith, reducing consumerism and reflecting on how we can assist others

in this fight against the Covid19 virus. Please stay safe and we will get through this together.

If you are in need of assistance please contact the office. The office hours are Tuesday to Thursday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. Ministers can also be reached by phone - Rev. Andrew Lee, 416-999-5615; Rev. Bruce Roffey, 647-500-9138. The website is kcuc.net

King Bible Church

All of our Sunday morning services and all our weekly ministries will be cancelled until at least April 6. It might be longer depending on if this COVID-19 virus continues to spread.

Please be in prayer for our world at this time.

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

St. Andrew's

By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's continues to share the love of Jesus in the community and beyond. How can we bless you during this very trying time? Please contact us at the numbers below.

The Session of St. Andrew's, King City is keeping abreast of the current pandemic situation regarding COVID-19 and has made responsible, informed decisions to close the church until further notice. All church and community groups using the facilities for services and meetings have been cancelled except for the King Township Food Bank which will follow their new directive.

Lynn Vissers has encouraged all of us to continue to worship in our homes Sunday mornings and suggested that we tune in to her son, the Rev. Grant Vissers's service from Knox Church, Waterdown on Sundays. He will be live-streaming each Sunday at 10 a.m. There is a link on our website: <http://standrews-kingcity.ca>

Last Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Advent, Grant continued with his "Sermon on the Mount" series and talked about anxiety and Jesus's response. We do need to acknowledge our anxiety and concerns, but also give this burden to Jesus, trusting Him for He provides, keeps His promises and gives us His peace.

Weather permitting and keeping our safe, social distance, The Women's Prayer Circle will meet Tuesday morning outside at the Condo - 80 Burns Blvd. for a Prayer Walk from 9 to 10 a.m. It's a great way to start your day! Philippians 4:6&7. Not able to join us, but interested in other locations or times to walk and pray? Contact Kathy Patterson, 905-833-0391. Concerned about COVID-19's impact on you, your family and others? - let's talk and pray.

To contact Pastor Niyazi and Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship call 416-878-8499.

For pastoral care please call Lynn Vissers, Director of Congregational

Ministries at 416-998-4652 or the Rev. Paul Johnston, our Interim Moderator at 705-341-7738. Our church office phone number is 905-833-2325.

All Saints Anglican Church

By Patrick Gossage

Worship services remain cancelled at All Saints - In response to the province's directive to suspend group meetings, the Provincial House of Anglican Bishops has decided that all public Anglican worship in the Diocese of Toronto will be cancelled until further notice.

The communication to all parishes from the Bishop of Toronto the Right Rev. Andrew Asbil included this paragraph: "Although we cannot gather for corporate worship, it has never been more important that we exercise care and charity for ourselves and our neighbours. Please continue in your personal devotions, privately and with your family, particularly on Sunday."

Pray for this situation and for those most affected by it, especially the sick. Check in by telephone or email with others, particularly the isolated and vulnerable."

Our priest and Wardens are checking in with parishioners and making sure they know the church is there for them. The telephone at the church office at 905 833 5432 is being constantly monitored if any have special needs.

Words to live by - Rev. Dr. Elizabeth writes on Last Sunday's Gospel from John 9, the story of Jesus and the Man Born Blind: "The disciples ask, 'Who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind?'" The belief then was that God punishes those who sin.

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King City Senior's Centre activities

By Carol Kanitz

King Township has closed all of its buildings to through April 5. This includes the King City Seniors Centre.

Effective until further notice, all activities at the Seniors Centre are cancelled. Please watch this space for when activities will resume.

Updated information can be found at our website - www.kingcityseniors.ca



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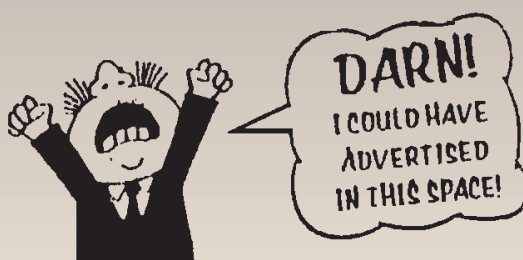
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From Page 18

Jesus performs a miracle in a most basic way. He spits on the ground, makes clay with the saliva, and smears it on his eyes, and says, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam." This miracle is so "every day" that its very ordinariness seems part of the lesson Jesus wants to teach us. Jesus comes into our life without the thunder and lightning. Jesus comes to us as a living, loving presence in order that through him, we might see God in all things and in all people.

"The blind man went to the Pool of Siloam" —which means the one who is "sent," washed, and came back able to see. We who have been baptized, have washed in the pool of Siloam. We too have been sent by God. Each one of our lives has holy meaning and a God-given purpose.

"I went. I washed. I saw." Four times the man born blind says that. What will we say this Lent?

While we are all doing our best to guard against the spread of COVID-19, the fear, isolation, the confusion, negatively impact our faith. We might think that by way of COVID-19, we are being punished for our sins. But Jesus calls us wants us to see God no other way than as a God who loves and who heals. We should not be touching one another, but we can still approach Jesus — the spirit of the living God — and invite him to come and touch our hearts. Then we might see and understand as never before, that God is sending us to love one another.

Lent is about reforming our seeing. Sometimes we despair and say, "I can't understand what God is doing. I

don't see any way out of this!" Lent's answer to our dilemma is wash in the One sent by God — Jesus Christ our Lord. "I washed; I see; I hope; I desire."

The story about Jesus healing the blind man is a story of how Jesus has the power to give us a sign today, when we are blind to so much that is going on around us. We all have blindness in our lives and we can pray in the simplest of words:

"Jesus, heal my blindness. I lose sight of your love when I think there is no hope, when people hurt, or turn against me, when all I see in the world is suffering. I lose sight of your love when I am overwhelmed with grief and despair. I lose sight of your love when I fail to see your presence in my life; when all I see are my own selfish needs and wants. Holy God, restore my sight, not just for today, but in all those ways I live every day without seeing you. Amen."

Horticulture
By John Arnott

There in the light snow that had fallen over night they were still standing tall ready to greet me giving my spirits a much needed lift this past grey Monday morning, these fragile looking sentinels of spring we call snowdrops.

Some 20 species, all native to the eastern Mediterranean region, can be found of what are actually tough, little, mostly early spring flowering bulbs botanists named galanthus (from the Greek gala "milk," anthus "flower"). It was once thought that these perennial, herbaceous plants were native to northern Europe especially the British Isles or were brought there by

migrating Celts and later the Romans. Today's botanic historians say they weren't found here until the beginning of the 1500s.

It seems this area so suited them that they soon escaped over the garden wall and began to happily naturalize throughout the countryside where today in late winter into early spring they form great drifts of white bloom making. It seems that they've been there forever. European colonists introduced them into the Americas.

Today there are hundreds of cultivars developed from the existing species. Now the most common species in our area is galanthus nivalis — Latin for "of the snow." These early risers begin to push up through the still frozen ground under snow and yes even ice, the last days of February into early March. Once emerging into the open they will hold their white drop like buds tightly closed for days even a couple of weeks until weather conditions are right for opening. This was certainly the case for mine this year!

Each snowdrop bulb produces a pair of narrow green grass like leaves with sharp stiff brownish tips and between these twin leaves grows a single leafless stem called a scape that holds a single drooping bloom made up of a circle of 3 outer white tepals and petal surrounding a tighter circle of 3 smaller tepals that carry splashes of green and are attached to a slightly elongated pale yellow centre.

Most snowdrops grow about 4 to 5 in./8 to 12 cm tall. They prefer well draining sandy loam in full sun or light shade but aren't really that soil fussy and will do well in average garden soil to which some compost/com-

posted cattle manure has been well dug in and will survive in clay if sharp sand has been dug into it to promote good drainage. They don't like soggy or bone dry conditions.

These heralds of spring do not transplant well. If they must be moved it must be done while their leaves are still green. Bulbs should be planted in our region by the beginning of October or earlier, say mid-September if possible. And planted as soon after purchase as can be done to avoid them drying out, which they do quickly. Plant these small bulbs 3 in./8 cm deep and the same distance apart in groups of 5, 10, 15 or 25 for the first best show.

As by early summer flowers and leaves have died right down to the ground leaving little or no trace of where they once were it's important to mark where the bulbs are so you won't slice into them when later digging in the garden. Leaves must be left until they yellow and wither to nourish the bulb for next year's growing season.

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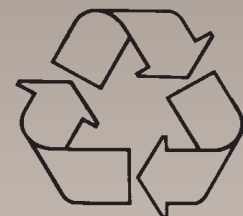
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