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Nature Conservancy closes Happy Valley Forest

By Mark Pavilons

Happy Valley Forest in King, one of the most impressive old growth forests in the province, remains closed to the public.

As a result of the current impact of COVID-19, the Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) has announced the closure of all its conservation properties and trails to the public until further notice. Advisories have been placed on the organization's website and social media channels.

"We strongly urge residents to follow public health advisories and stay at home and respect physical distancing guidelines at all times," said John Lounds, president and CEO for the Nature Conservancy of Canada. "We sincerely hope that by taking these steps now, everyone can get back to enjoying these conservation areas and trails as soon as possible."

Happy Valley Forest is the largest intact block of deciduous forest on the Oak Ridges Moraine. To date, the

Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) has protected 316 hectares (780 acres) at the core of the Happy Valley Forest.

"We know nature is important in our lives and good for our health and well-being, especially in stressful times. Many of our properties are popular with nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts. But this closure is necessary, as together we protect our staff, supporters and local communities and do our part to 'flatten the curve,'" said Mike Hendren, Ontario regional vice-president, NCC.

NCC's website offers opportunities for people to enjoy nature at a distance by taking virtual hikes — thanks to 360-degree Google Trekker footage — coast to coast. These can be seen at natureconservancy.ca/trekker. NCC also plans to launch a series of online activities to help people of all ages get their nature fix. People can visit natureconservancy.ca and watch for updates and activities being added regularly.

For public inquiries regarding our conservation sites, please call: 1-877-231-3552.

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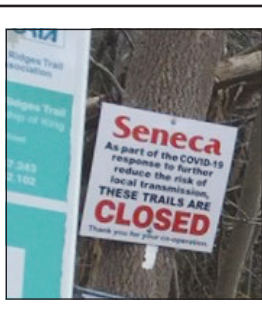
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road
Monday, May 4, 2020
6 pm – Committee of the Whole
Please note this meeting will be held virtually. For more details, see the additional notice on this page.
To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

(Electronic Meeting during an Emergency, pursuant to Section 238(3.3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*)

Due to the fact all levels of government are enacting stricter containment measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, King Township is extending the closure of its facilities and cancellation of recreational programs until further notice. This decision was made with guidance from York Region Public Health, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our citizens and staff.

Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings will be held remotely (virtually) on:
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020 - 6:00 p.m.

Due to efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19 and to protect all individuals, the Municipal Centre will not be open to the public to attend Council and Committee meetings until further notice.

Public Participation: The public may submit comments regarding agenda matters via email to the attention of the Township Clerk at clerk@king.ca by **12:00 p.m. (noon)** on the day of the Meeting. Submissions received will be circulated electronically by the Clerk or his/her designate, to all Members of Council and staff in advance of the start of the meeting. All submissions received will be included as part of the meeting record and noted in the minutes.

Live streaming of the meeting will be available to the public, during the meeting, via www.king.ca.

Information and copies of the staff report(s) will be available for review on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, April 30, 2020.

*Note: Members of Council will be participating in the meeting remotely.

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

REMINDERS

PROPERTY TAX NOTICES

2nd Interim Installment

Due Date: April 27, 2020



If you are unable to remit payment on or prior to April 27, 2020 due to the impacts of COVID-19, please contact the Township to discuss property tax deferral options.

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

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Tax	Payment Options
X	By pre-authorized debit bank withdrawal (PAD)
X	At most financial institutions, including via personal on-line banking
X	By cheque

If paying in person at a financial institution, please present the entire tax notice.

When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select Tax, enter your 15 digit roll number with no decimal (i.e. 000123456780000)

Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD): PAD program is available for property tax accounts. The enrolment form is available at www.king.ca (search for "PAD")

To ensure the PAD enrolment takes effect on the **2020 Final Tax Notice**, the enrolment form must be received by **June 1st 2020**.

Please visit our website for details.

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES



Due to the constantly changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects, this information may not be current. Please visit covid19.king.ca for the most up-to-date information.

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 until further notice.
- The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. is closed to the public.
- All essential services will continue, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection and roads and sidewalk maintenance.
- Some non-essential services may be impacted. For a list of all services please visit www.king.ca.
- During the closure, 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.

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Roles and Responsibilities in COVID-19 Emergency

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Online COVID-19 resources for seniors, those with disabilities and youth

In order to protect some of our most vulnerable citizens, King has created an online information resource for seniors, those with disabilities and youth. It includes info on how to get essentials like groceries and prescriptions, financial assistance, and entertainment options.

- <http://king.ca/Government/Departments/Administration/Pages/Resources-for-Seniors.aspx>
- <http://king.ca/Government/Departments/Administration/Pages/Resources-for-Persons-with-Disabilities.aspx>
- <http://king.ca/Government/Departments/Administration/Pages/Youth-Resources.aspx>



No dumping of waste

We're reminding residents and businesses that **NO DUMPING** of any kind in any park or municipal receptacle is allowed. King Township has increased the limit of curbside garbage containers from two to three during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Household garbage and medical waste dumped in municipal receptacles may put our staff and others in danger, attract animals and create an unsightly mess. Please do your part to dispose of all waste responsibly through curbside collection or at a public waste depot.



Tax and finances

In order to help citizens through the COVID-19 pandemic, King is waiving monthly penalties on taxes through June 29, 2020. More information on due dates and payment methods can be found at <https://bit.ly/33AtzOW>

Garbage container increase

King has increased the number of accepted garbage containers from two to three. We know many residents are spending more time at home which means more garbage being produced. Additional bag tags can still be purchased through Online Services at <http://king.ca>.



Playground equipment

King's playground equipment is not being sanitized and can easily spread the COVID-19 virus in our community. Signage has been placed in all parks instructing people to not use the playground equipment, shade structures or skateboard areas.



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COVID-19 information

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Keeping Canadians, workers in the food chain safe

By Mark Pavilons

Assurances by the federal government to support Canada's farmers may fall short, according to critics.

Ottawa promised \$50 million to help farmers, fish harvesters, and all food production and processing employers, put in place the measures necessary to follow the mandatory 14-day isolation period required of all workers arriving from abroad.

Protecting the health and safety of Canadians is the clear top priority in managing COVID-19, so the Government of Canada is working very closely with provinces, territories and stakeholders to maintain the strength of Canada's food supply chain. Before the pandemic, the food sector was already challenged by significant labour shortages and it is anticipated there will be even more jobs to fill, requiring a variety of skills.

The Government of Canada granted an exemption for temporary foreign workers from travel restrictions to Canada, along with other foreigners with student and work visas, provided they adhere to a strict 14-day isolation protocol upon arrival.

The rules of the mandatory isolation period have been clearly defined and distributed to the employers, who themselves are committed to protecting the health of their communities and their workers. Government authorities will continue to proactively communicate and engage with employers, source countries and other stakeholders on public health requirements. Those who do not comply with the Quarantine Act or the isolation protocol will face severe

finances and sanctions. Under proposed changes, employers could also face significant penalties, and a possible ban from the program, if they prevent adherence to the self-isolation order.

In addition to the responsibility of paying the workers for the two weeks during which time they cannot work, many employers are also responsible for providing workers with transportation and accommodations, as well as access to food and basic supplies needed to meet all of the conditions imposed by public health authorities.

Recognizing the importance of this responsibility, the federal government will provide support of \$1,500 for each temporary foreign worker, to employers or those working with them to ensure requirements are fully met. The funding is conditional on employers not being found in violation of the mandatory 14-day isolation protocols or any other public health order. This program will be available as long as the Quarantine Act is in force and the isolation protocol is followed.

The Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) hosted a virtual press conference last week, with speakers from the organization addressing the current challenges facing the Canadian Agriculture and Agri-Food sector.

"There is a limited time to make a difference in government decisions and spread the word why Canadian Ag is a priority," said Jody Mott, executive director of the Holland Marsh Growers Association.

The CFA argued that the domestic food supply needs to be the country's biggest priority, after healthcare.

"We know people have many, many

concerns. Worrying about access to healthy, nutritious food should not be one of them," said CFA president Mary Robinson. "Agriculture is at a tipping point. If we don't rise to the challenges immediately, Canadians could see a decrease in food supply and price increases in the months ahead."

Some of the challenges farmers are facing in light of the pandemic include

labour shortages and the increase in costs for farmers in order to maintain their production.

"I would like to thank farmers, food processing plant workers, truckers, inspectors, grocers, food bank volunteers and all those who are helping to provide us with quality and affordable food," said Minister Marie-Claude Bibeau.

See 'Farmers' on Page 6

King prefers to warn first then fine

By Mark Pavilons

King Township staff are practising common sense and restraint when it comes to issuing fines for public gatherings during the pandemic.

Some York municipalities are gung-ho when it comes to issuing tickets for infractions.

King staff have received a few complaints from the public about people being in local parks.

According to Jason Ballantyne, King's communications officer, he's happy to report that in every instance, the public has complied with bylaw officers' requests to leave the park or face a fine.

"This is in keeping with our 'educate first, fine second' philosophy. We'd like to thank the public for working with us to keep all citizens of King Township safe," he said.

Should enforcement be required in any situation officers may issue charges through a ticket (Part I) or summons/information (Part III), and available fines.

It is an offence to fail to comply with an emergency order, or to obstruct any person acting pursuant to such an order.

The maximum punishment is one-year imprisonment or a fine of up to \$100,000 for an individual, \$500,000 for a director of a corporation, or \$10,000,000 for a corporation itself (EMCPA, s. 7.0.11(1)). If the defendant gained a financial benefit from their violation of an emergency order, the court may increase the maximum fine to match the benefit the defendant received (EMCPA, s. 7.0.11(3)).

Officers have discretion to charge people for failing to comply with an order made during an emergency and/or obstructing bylaw officers.

Proceedings may be initiated once the declaration of provincial emergency is lifted by the provincial government. Once the declaration of provincial emergency is over, and normal court operations resume, these matters will be scheduled and heard in the POA courts in the ordinary course.



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- Michael Connelly

Finding yourself during these difficult times

It's not always easy to stay in touch with the person who means the most - yourself!

Sure, we live with ourselves 24/7 and don't always find this living arrangement the best at times. We argue, but we mostly agree with ourselves and feel smug about it. Boy, if only we could tap into those conversations inside our own heads, and play it back like a video for our friends and loved ones.

On second thought, that may be a very bad idea.

There are times when we need to kick ourselves in the butt and get motivated, engaged and active, especially during this forced down time.

Despite the current challenges, we all have to remain positive and optimistic. To do otherwise would be detrimental to our own mental health.

While people of all ages around the globe scramble to find some sort of sanity and normalcy in a world gone mad, we don't always recognize those who are least able to deal with it - our youth.

My 14-year-old daughter has gone nuts in isolation. She misses her friends and while they stay up until all hours of the morning talking and FaceTiming, it's not the same. I long for the noise that teenagers make - even the silly ones - and I hope for the return of laughter as Kyleigh and her friends reunite.

Fortunately, she's cracking the books thanks to online learning strategies put in place by the ministry and local school boards. I hope this keeps her interested and motivated to keep learning. We're there every step of the way to ensure her success.

Cracking the books, or in this case exploring the web, can only get those neurons firing again.

Our eldest graduates university very soon and she just arrived back home from London. Of course, outings with her friends and boyfriend are a bit curtailed, but we will have to make the best of it.

She's also unsure of a return date for her part-time summer job. It's a cautious new world to be sure.

This was supposed to be her summer of escape, exploration, self-pampering



Mark Pavilons

and reaching out, after her four years of hard work at Western. It may very well become the summer of boredom and self-reflection.

But there's plenty of chores around the house!

My 19-year-old son has an overabundance of teen angst. He's been accepted at Seneca for this September, but at this point, that remains uncertain. He has a part-time job but is a bit weary of continuing at this time, until we see a flattening of the curve of COVID-19.

The other day he wanted to give himself a crew cut, military fashion. I always threatened to send him to military school, but a buzz cut? We offered what we could in terms of advice, but he's an adult. He did back off after some thought. My wife got out the electric clippers and went to work on a suitable style.

He said something very interesting, something we should all keep in mind.

He said what makes sense to him may not make sense to us or anyone else. His approach, his logic and even his specific journey, are all his own.

He nailed it. I thought about it and had to agree. Who's to say what path is right or wrong? Who's an expert in life?

Am I the definitive voice on how young adults should live their lives? Nope.

He's a smart young man but he's easily derailed and frustrated. These times have not helped one iota.

Sure, we would all love a clear, definitive path, one that takes us effortlessly from point A to point Z with never a bump or detour in the road. That's not realistic. And think of what you'd miss while you're travelling along the scenic route. Heck, I've even driven off the road entirely on occasion.

Aside from being tossed off our regular routines, I think the uncertainty has some of us on edge. Sure, we will get over the hump, and things will return to normal in the coming months. Just what this new normal looks like has yet to be revealed. It will be very different, to say the least.

But perhaps we can get back to life being "predictable," or at least somewhat certain. That may seem a bit boring considering what we're going through, but it's comforting.

We have older children in our household so they at least understand this new ordeal. I can't help but wonder how younger children are getting through. Even their parents can't offer much in terms of an explanation, outlook or answers. Even the steadfast "everything will be okay" line may not hold true.

I am a big supporter of shopping local and I'm a huge fan of supporting Canadians. It pains me to know that some businesses will never recover and some people will never get their jobs back. I'm sad that I won't see the Raptors take another title this year.

Like many Canadians, I've taken our stable and strong economy and political system for granted. Now that all bets are off, I don't know what to expect. Even though I've lived through, and reported on, several recessions, crises and shutdowns, we're in unprecedented territory here. I am somewhat reassured by daily reports from top officials and politicians, that the movers and shakers are doing their utmost to serve and protect us all.

I would love to see regular live press conferences from our leaders continue, long after COVID-19 is a memory.

I think as citizens, taxpayers and humans, we want reassurances. We want someone to have our backs.

I get it that at this point, no one can offer any promises.

What I do know is that as soon as the green light is given for family gatherings, on goes the grass skirt and up go the tiki torches!

And then some family group hugs! Keep the emotional support networks going, folks!

Education

York Region District School Board budget consultation process

York Region District School Board is inviting parents, guardians and community members to participate in its annual budget consultation process.

YRDSB has created an online form to gather community feedback into the process. This will provide the board with valuable information about how the community would like to see the school board budget allocated to better support student achievement and well-being. The results will be used to inform the 2020-21 school year budget allocation.

YRDSB hopes to hear from as many people as possible. Please take a few minutes to share your feedback. Visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YRDSBBudget2020?utm_source=newmarkettoday.ca&utm_campaign=newmarkettoday.ca&utm_medium=referral



Thought of the Week



Abandon the wheel!

In business, there's a tendency to reinvent or revisit tried and true methods. Consider abandoning the "wheel" and replacing it with another shape!

Trivia Tidbits

"Every cloud has a silvering lining" originated in 1637, when it appeared in one of John Milton's poems: "Was I deceiv'd, or did a sable cloud turn forth the silver lining on the night?"

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Results from last week's poll:

Have you applied for government assistance due to COVID-19?

a) Yes **9%**

b) No **91%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Would you like to see COVID-19 restrictions lifted, or stay in place longer?

a) Lifted
b) Stay in place

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Spring Cleaning

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King Township is about to kick off its annual Spring Cleaning program. Here's what to expect during the COVID-19 pandemic and how to help.



Street Sweeping

The 2020 Street Sweeping program will start on April 6, weather permitting. The contractor will progress through the villages of Schomberg, King City and Nobleton (not necessarily in that order). Due to COVID-19, the contractor has scaled back staffing levels. Because of this, it may take longer to complete the street sweeping compared to previous years. We ask that citizens be patient. Please avoid parking vehicles on our streets to ensure they can be cleaned properly.



Municipal Water Flushing

In the spring and fall the Township flushes all water mains and hydrants in King City, Nobleton, Schomberg and Ansonveldt. As a result, residents over the course of the next few weeks may experience low pressure and/or discoloration. This process contributes to the safe, effective delivery of municipal water and **does not** affect the quality of your water in any way.



Yard Waste Pickup

Yard waste collection starts the week of March 30th, 2020 and will be picked up bi-weekly through to the end of November. No changes to the start date, frequency, or duration have been made to this program. There is no limit on the number of containers that can be put out. Residents are able to use rigid open-top containers (i.e. blue boxes) to help alleviate the need for trips to the store for yard waste collection bags. Please have yard waste out to the curb by 7:00 AM on your regularly scheduled collection day.



Cleaning Out Your Clutter

We know that a lot of people who are off work or working from home may be looking to de-clutter their homes during the pandemic. We'd like to remind you of a few things: King has increased the number of garbage containers you can put out to the curb from two (2) to three (3) until further notice. Extra bag tags can be purchased at www.king.ca. Please **do not** dump garbage of any kind in any park or municipal receptacle. Household garbage and medical waste dumped in municipal receptacles may put our staff and others in danger, attract animals and create an unsightly mess. Please do your part to dispose of all waste responsibly through curbside collection or at a public waste depot. For information on York Region waste depots, visit www.york.ca.



Donation Bins

Please do not leave donations at any of the Diabetes Canada bins or any other charitable donation bins throughout the Township. The organizations are not picking donations up during the pandemic. Please keep your donations at home until the pick-ups start again.

We can all do our part to keep King Township clean. Please do so in a safe manner while adhering to the 2-metre (six-foot) physical distancing guidelines. Wear gloves when handling waste and wash your hands thoroughly after. Some services may be impacted by the rapidly changing situation. We thank our citizens for their patience.

TOWNSHIP OF KING VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2020 GRANTS

Non-profit community organizations which provide or develop recreation, cultural or social opportunities within the Township of King are advised that applications for Grants from the Township of King for 2020 must be completed and submitted to the Township by **Friday, May 15th, 2020**.

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township website at www.king.ca.

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.

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.

The TMP document is available for your information at:

King Township's Municipal Centre is currently closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 26, 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_mecp@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



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MAY 2-6

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4. The fire is a minimum of 3 metres (10 feet) away from anything combustible.
5. A means to extinguish the fire is immediately available (i.e. garden hose).

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Farmers facing additional costs for their workers

From Page 3

“Temporary foreign workers have long been key to our food supply. We will work with farmers and food processing employers to ensure they get the workers they need and that plans are in place to meet mandatory isolation requirements,” added Marco Mendicino, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship.

King councillor and Holland Marsh farmer Avia Eek is anxiously awaiting this funding.

She said they have three workers who will be quarantined for 14 days and “we are required to pay them for 30 hours each week of quarantine.”

As well, there will be additional costs of getting them home from the airport and the Eeks will have to modify their onion transplanter to keep a separation between the workers on the machine (they sit shoulder to shoulder). They are looking at plexiglass separations between each of the 4 seats.

“These are costs we know we will have to ante up for, so knowing we have additional support relieves some of the burden,” she said.

Temporary foreign workers play an important role in the Canadian economy with approximately 50,000 to 60,000 foreign agricultural, food and fish processing workers coming to work in Canada each year, which accounts for more than 60% of all foreign workers entering Canada under the Temporary Foreign Worker Program.

Each year, despite the fact that the agricultural sector receives approximately 60,000 foreign workers, around 15,000 jobs remain vacant.

No travellers including temporary foreign workers who present with COVID-19 symptoms are allowed to board international flights to Canada.

This support is available for all food production firms that rely on temporary foreign workers, including primary agriculture and food processing, as well as fisheries and aquaculture.

Ottawa has also committed \$20 million to the CFIA to support critical food inspection that help to ensure that Canadians will have continued access to safe, high-quality food to feed their families.

The funding will also support the CFIA in developing flexible ways to carry out inspections, including through the expanded use of electronic tools such as tablets and access to the CFIA’s remote service delivery network. This increase in competencies will ensure that the CFIA can remain agile and responsive despite the challenges posed by COVID-19.

The governments of Canada and Ontario are investing up to \$1 million in new funding to connect workers with in-demand jobs in the agri-food sector to keep the nation’s supply chains strong and store shelves stocked during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (the Partnership), the federal and provincial governments will



provide support that will help people connect with job opportunities in the sector quickly. This program would help primary agriculture, food processing companies and grocery retail to recruit and train workers who are important to keeping the essential food supply chain functioning.

King Township benefits from gas tax revenue

By Mark Pavilons

Municipalities are putting provincial gas tax funding to good use. Transportation Minister and York-Simcoe MPP Caroline Mulroney announced \$365.3 million to expand and improve local transportation across the province.

“Investing in public transit is part of our plan to get Ontario moving,” said Minister Mulroney. “From transit investment in the Greater Golden Horseshoe to adding more service in rural and northern communities - our government is committed to improving transit in every corner of the province.”

This year’s Gas Tax program benefits the most municipalities ever, with 111 receiving funding to improve public transit in 148 communities across the province. Gas Tax funding can be used to upgrade infrastructure, increase accessibility, purchase transit vehicles, add more routes and extend hours of service.

According to Treasurer Allan Evelyn, while some municipalities may align funding from the Gas Tax program to support transit initiatives, King Township has earmarked most of its Gas Tax funding toward road and related infrastructure improvements.

King will receive \$743,601.76 in 2020 and that rises to \$777,401.84 in 2021 and 2022. “We’re making life easier for millions of people across Ontario by helping to build new and reliable transit faster,” said Minister Mulroney.

The Gas Tax program is in addition to the regional transportation plans Ontario is developing to help fight gridlock, improve outdated infrastructure and keep goods and services moving across the province.

York Region as a whole receives \$16.26 million this year. Funding for Ontario’s Gas Tax program is determined by the number of litres of gasoline sold in the province. Municipal allocations are based on two cents per litre of provincial Gas Tax revenues.

This year, Ontario is making enhancements to the Gas Tax program that will cut burdensome red tape and make it easier and faster for municipalities to access funding. This includes removing the baseline spending requirement for municipalities and allowing them to submit a digital copy of their municipal bylaw.

The Province’s first draft regional transportation plan was released for southwestern Ontario in 2020. Regional planning is also under way for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, Northern and eastern Ontario.

Annual fireworks postponed

By Mark Pavilons

The cancellation of local events and celebrations will definitely put a damper on welcoming spring.

The Trisan Centre in Schomberg will now remain closed and all programs have been cancelled to June 30.

All King events have been cancelled up to and including Canada Day. This includes Nobleton’s Victoria Day parade and fair.

The annual Victoria Day celebration and fireworks display are an annual attraction that draws thousands of visitors from far and wide.

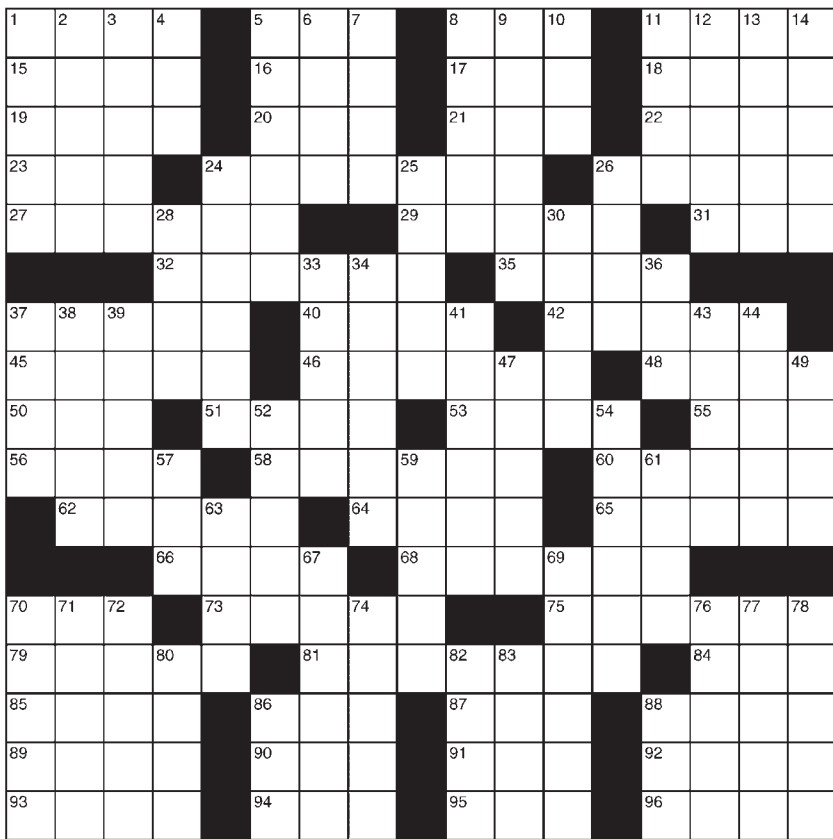
“Although the cancellations are what we must do, I will miss the opportunity to connect, gather and celebrate with you,” said Councillor David Boyd.

Uncertainties lie ahead but there may be a silver lining.

Boyd said closer to May 18, the Township will look at the current condition and challenges to determine if a modified version of the fireworks could move forward. Perhaps they could be enjoyed from home “in celebration of our communities’ efforts to get through this time of crisis together.”

X CROSSWORD

PUZZLE NO. 464



ACROSS

- 1. Brush’s kin
- 5. On the ____ (in flight)
- 8. Grassy field
- 11. Truism
- 15. Wings
- 16. “____ Which Way You Can”
- 17. Stale
- 18. Grimm heavy
- 19. Grain
- 20. Came in first
- 21. Purge
- 22. ____ Bator
- 23. Reproductive cells
- 24. Energetic
- 26. Hand warmer
- 27. Watch out!
- 29. Apart
- 31. Dripping
- 32. Just
- 35. Mind
- 37. Punctuation mark
- 40. Pokes
- 42. Parasite
- 45. Common phrase
- 46. Sneaker feature
- 48. Make tea

DOWN

- 50. Spasm
- 51. Mexican entree
- 53. Of a historic time
- 55. Actress Merkel
- 56. Mongolian dwelling
- 58. Artist’s workplace
- 60. Fix
- 62. Cowboy’s ride
- 64. Clothes
- 65. Bristles
- 66. Simmer
- 68. One-deity believer
- 70. 23rd Greek letter
- 73. Gush
- 75. Cut one’s choppers
- 79. Historical record
- 81. Useful legume
- 84. Kind of room, shortly
- 85. Beguile
- 86. That thing’s
- 87. Bird that gives a hoot
- 88. Type of pickle
- 89. Bald eagle’s kin
- 90. Legal thing
- 91. Bloomin’ necklace
- 92. Earthen vessel
- 93. Rod’s companion
- 94. Previous to, in verse
- 95. Parabola

DOWN

- 1. St. John’s-bread
- 2. Oil source
- 3. Tropical bird
- 4. Quilter’s gathering
- 5. Attorney
- 6. Before long
- 7. Talking bird
- 8. Lemur’s cousin
- 9. Call forth
- 10. Do sums
- 11. Disgusting
- 12. Aflame
- 13. Desire
- 14. Principle
- 24. Had aspirations
- 25. Perhaps
- 26. Chromosome component
- 28. Cartridge-box contents
- 30. Alluvial deposit
- 33. Throw out
- 34. Sketch
- 36. Young society woman
- 37. Salt Lake ____
- 38. Antipathy
- 39. Extremely small
- 41. Toboggan

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- 43. Vinegar container
- 44. Hair dye
- 47. Eaten away
- 49. Walk in water
- 52. Lively
- 54. Drop off
- 57. Bathroom feature
- 59. Eccentric
- 61. Dispense
- 63. Holiday tune
- 67. Shine
- 69. Type of type
- 70. Harness-racing horse
- 71. Van Winkle’s sound
- 72. Wacky
- 74. Mario Van Peebles film
- 76. Warble
- 77. Word of greeting
- 78. Showy display
- 80. Figure-skating maneuver
- 82. South American weapon
- 83. Water jug
- 86. Great wrath
- 88. Physician, briefly

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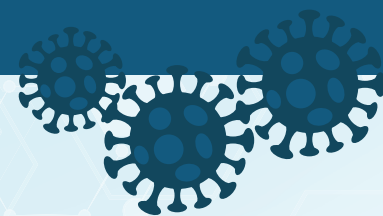
King 7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, April 23 to Wednesday, April 29

THURS 23RD	FRI 24TH	SAT 25TH	SUN 26TH	MON 27TH	TUES 28TH	WED 29TH
Sun/Clouds High 7C° Low -1C° Wind SE 15k	Mainly Sunny High 11C° Low 0C° Wind NE 15k	Mainly Sunny High 10C° Low 3C° -5mm/<1cm Wind E 17k	Light Rain High 8C° Low 2C° 5-10mm/<1cm Wind NE 22k	Sun/Clouds High 9C° Low 2C° Wind N 11k	Sun/Clouds High 10C° Low 2C° Wind E 15k	Few Showers High 10C° Low 3C° 5-10mm Wind SE 25k

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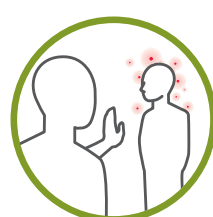
Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.



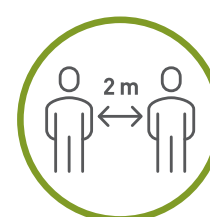
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Stay home as much as possible and if you need to leave the house practice physical distancing (approximately 2 m).

SYMPTOMS

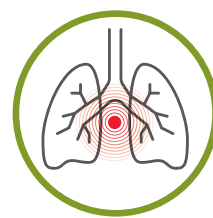
Symptoms of COVID-19 may be very mild or more serious and may take up to 14 days to appear after exposure to the virus.



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(greater or equal to 38 °C)



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If your symptoms get worse, contact your health care provider or public health authority right away and follow their instructions.

FOR INFORMATION ON COVID-19:

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Southlake boosted by generous PPE donations

By Brock Weir

Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, residents across northern York Region and South Simcoe have come together in various ways to say thank you to the healthcare workers on the frontlines of this global fight, and they continue to do so.

Southlake Regional Health Centre sounded the call last month asking individuals and businesses large and small to help secure and donate personal protective equipment (PPEs) to the people who need them the most, but which have proven in recent weeks to be increasingly short supply.

It was a call that the community readily answered, according to Susan Mullin, president and CEO of the Southlake Regional Health Centre Foundation.

"We have had an awesome response from the community on the PPE drive," said Mullin. "People from nail salons to car production lines have donated needed PPEs, in particular the masks – and it continues to be the masks that are of greatest concern, but we have had generous gifts. We've had more than 5,000 gloves that are on our list of PPE to be donated, there's well over 12,500 medical and surgical masks, and it probably exceeds that, but we haven't had a count of everything yet."

"What has been nice about that is we have had people calling saying, 'I think you can find this through a connection of mine, tell me exactly what you need.' People calling and reaching out has been one of the most moving things about it."

Despite the significant community response, the need for all PPEs at Southlake continues, particularly the

N95 masks which were at the heart of a trade dispute between the governments of Canada and the United States.

"Lots of businesses have reached out and the business community has been able to help us on the PPE drive," Mullin continued. "We have had donations from Seneca College's labs, which have donated products; that has been really helpful and it continues to be a priority. While the government is stepping up (with) the news that 3M will be allowed to export to Canada some of the N95 masks, which are the ones that are in particular short supply, it is good news they're coming to hospitals but until they are on my loading dock, I am not confident. We need to be able to see it to believe it is going to be available for our staff when they need it."

Southlake continues to look at the

myriad donations of PPE that have rolled in so far. Much of what has been contributed is different from the equipment hospital staff used before the start of the pandemic. Medical staff, for example, are usually fitted for a particular size of mask, and, as such, strict protocols are in place to make sure items donated meet hospital standards.

"We have to do a lot of work to make sure that the donated masks meet the requirements and they are all ready and part of our contingency plan for us going forward," said Mullin. "We continue to encourage people who donate masks, in particular, we would be delighted to receive them. There are protocols in place and between our procurement team and also our instruction control team ... they are reviewing all of the products that are brought in that are not part of

our usual inventory and making sure they meet standards, either that they have authentication that we can verify and we also have to assess them for fit on faces as well."

Outside of PPEs, there are other items members of the public can donate to make the fight a bit easier on our frontline healthcare workers, including hand lotion.

"It is really tough for people who are washing their hands dozens of times a day, so even little hotel-size bottles of hand lotion that are unopened are the kinds of things we're making available to our staff on an ongoing basis," says Mullin. "We continue to look for small, personal-sized bottles of hand sanitizer so nurses and other staff can use that at home to keep themselves and their families safe before they come back to the office."

The community's response to Southlake's call for monetary donations has also been successful so far, although needs continue to grow.

"We have funded one-and-a-half of the portable isolation tents that are being delivered this week, we have a few ventilators that have been fully funded, but there is another eight that need to be funded," noted Mullin. "We are also purchasing PPE where we can find it on the market."

For more on current needs and ways you can help, visit southlake.ca/foundation and southlake.ca/foundation/donateCOVID-19.

CDS makes a hefty donation

By Robert Belardi

The Country Day School donated 5,000 pieces of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to the Southlake Foundation recently.

Southlake has held this donation drive since March 23. As advertised on their website, the institution is accepting items such as 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 and vented goggles CSA Z94.3-2015 or ANSI Z87.1-2015.

According to the Head of Facilities at The Country Day School, Brian Jimmerskog, the science department notified Jimmerskog and the head of the school, John Liggett, that PPE was in stock within the building.

As the only individual in the building at this present moment, Jimmerskog inspected the equipment to ensure it was safe to donate.

There were 5,000 gloves in storage. Without any second thought, he wished to donate the items to those in need.

He says the hospital can only accept this equipment if it is unopened, unused and unexpired. He said that upon delivery, the receiver at Southlake was very grateful for the donation during this time.

A very generous donation from The Country Day School indeed.

Jimmerskog believes all who are healthy must be thinking about a way to help in the community.

That may constitute senior citizens, front-line health care workers, home cleaning staff, grocery store employees and pharmacy workers.

He went on to add fighters of this disease and employees caring for ill-patients are in his thoughts.

There's no telling when this will be over, but for Jimmerskog, he misses the faculty and the students dearly.

"It's different with no one here. When your own staff aren't even around, as well as no students or teachers – it's extremely empty and quiet. I'm missing seeing the daily activity in the classrooms, in our back-green space and on the playing fields," Jimmerskog said.

York Regional Forest reopens to the public

The York Regional Forest reopened this past weekend, but with stricter guidelines for all users.

The Region of York Forest tracts cover 2,300 hectares of land throughout the region.

"Residents are responding well to messages from York Region Public Health on the importance of physical distancing and the role it plays in reducing the transmission of COVID-19 across our communities," says a statement from York Region. "With milder weather coming, York Region recognizes the need for people to get outside and connect with nature and the much-needed health benefits our public tracts provide."

As part of the COVID-19 response, York Regional Forest was closed to the public April 4.

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Woman creates masks for 'hometown heroes'

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

When Carle Williams heard about the shortage of PPE (personal protective equipment) for frontline workers, she thought it would be great to rally a few of her friends and family to start making masks.

Williams created a Facebook group called Homemade Masks for Hometown Heroes, and the numbers began multiplying.

"Our numbers grew exponentially, by 150-200 members per day. We began filling orders for masks for nurses, senior facilities, essential service workers and individuals. We soon began to see a demand for scrub caps for hospital personnel, so we asked some of our volunteers to start making caps. I was hoping to just fill the gap between the time when PPE began to run out and when the supply was replenished," said Williams, both surprised and elated at the fact that the group now has over 2,000 volunteers with chapters across southern Ontario and a chapter in British Columbia, organized by her daughter, Jessica Mitchell. "I never dreamed it would have taken off like it has," she concedes.

Women across the GTA have joined forces to help out with sewing, organizing, purchasing supplies and driving to deliver the goods. King residents, too, stood up to contribute to this cause.

"We have fulfilled requests for many health care professionals and businesses in King who remain open and require personal protection while at work or getting to and from work. Just recently, King City Sews decided to join us in our efforts," said Maureen Casey, area coordinator for Aurora/King.

The group has donated masks and caps to most major hospitals and senior facilities in southern Ontario.

"We also have masks going to grocery store employees, veterinary clinics,

construction workers, and individuals who have underlying health issues. Our volunteers come from many walks of life – from retirees and seamstresses to students and the general public who find that they have time on their hands and want to help," said Williams.

To handle the rapid growth of the group, three women work with Williams to help with administration tasks.

"They help me monitor the Facebook page, answering questions, welcoming new members as well as keeping records of requests, drivers and people who are sewing. We have also assigned area coordinators who manage smaller chunks of southern Ontario, with their own set of people sewing, drivers and volunteers. We are all under the same umbrella of Homemade Masks for Hometown Heroes, but each Chapter works independently. We continue to share all resources and support each other," said Williams, who has a full-time job that, at the moment, is part-time. "Many of us are committing 10-15 hours a day to this initiative and love it. We are a dedicated bunch who feel we are really making a difference."

The recipients of the PPE often share photos with Williams, wearing the masks and scrub caps.

"The orders keep coming in! I know we are making a difference in our communities and making our hometown heroes feel safer during this difficult time."

Williams and her group members are in desperate need of donations of 100% cotton fabric, 6mm elastic, buttons, and thread. They also need more volunteers who can sew, drive or help coordinate this important project. Find them on Facebook at Homemade Masks for Hometown Heroes – York region/Ontario chapter.



Local MP, MPP participate in virtual town hall

By Mark Pavilons

Local ministers boosted the efforts in the riding through a virtual town hall recently.

MP and minister for seniors' issues Deb Schulte, along with Education Minister Stephen Lecce, joined Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua.

The Vaughan Chamber of Commerce hosted its second Virtual Town Hall with all three levels of government and further enhanced the engagement with the riding's business community. The Chamber will focus its efforts on ensuring Vaughan's SMEs and the broader business community are aware of the relief measures that have been made available due to the impact of COVID-19. They will also continue to advocate for additional support to address shortfalls facing businesses.

"I was pleased to continue our dialogue with our elected officials to provide reassurance to the business community during this challenging time. The Chamber will continue to engage with all levels of government to keep our membership informed of all relief options as soon as they are made available. While technical difficulties with Facebook Live prevented questions being asked in real time, our business community demonstrated their engagement by submitting questions before and during the Town Hall. This initiative by our members enabled us to address their on-going concerns with Minister Schulte, Minister Lecce and Vaughan Mayor Bevilacqua," said Brian Shifman, president & CEO of the Vaughan Chamber of Commerce.

Key areas of discussion included rental concerns, Canada's economic recovery, the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy, and support for families, seniors and children.

"Nothing is more important than protecting the health and well-being of families in our community and province. While we combat this virus, we are taking action to support small businesses and the local economy in King and Vaughan," said Lecce.

"We are cutting hydro rates, increasing support and deferring tax payments to support our small business operators and their workers."

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Since COVID-19 became an emerging global public health issue, Ontario has been decisive in our response to combating COVID-19.

Ontario was one of the first jurisdictions in the industrialized world to close schools as part of the government's effort to keep students and staff safe and prevent the spread of this virus.

Ontario was also the first province in Canada to declare a state of emergency, part of the effort to give every resource and necessary latitude to our health care workers to do their important job. They are our every day heroes and I thank them for everything they do.

The government announced a massive infusion of funding into Ontario's health care system, added new testing centres, including at Mackenzie Health. They were the first province in Canada to pass job protection legislation to ensure no worker can be fired due to COVID-19.

The government will do whatever it takes to keep you safe.

The work continues in partnership with Mayor Bevilacqua of Vaughan and Mayor Pellegrini of King Township, along with our federal partners and of course you - our citizens.

You have an important role to play to ensure our families, schools, and seniors homes are safe.

By all doing our part, I remain confident that we will emerge from this challenging time stronger and more united than ever before.

May God bless our province, and our country.


Stephen Lecce

Information is changing daily, even hourly.

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Arts & Entertainment

Olde Mill artists keeping busy during isolation

The Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe on Main Street in Schomberg is doing its part to keep artists and patrons safe by temporarily closing its doors and spending more time in their home studios! The artists, like many artists around the world, have been given the valuable gift of time (aka quarantine and social distancing) and are taking advantage of it to feed their creative spirits.

Of the eight artists who have art work at the Gallery, all are busy producing new and exciting work!

George is hand turning wood found locally to create beautiful bowls and vases. Pat, Mary, Catherine and Yamile are adding life and colour to canvas and paper. Inge is working the cotton and silk threads through her weaving looms making new scarves and purses. Karen is hammering out silver and niobium to make new earrings, bracelets and necklaces. Dan is giving his planer a good workout creating beautiful live edged wood boards to make small tables

and benches as well as making paddles, wooden spoons and even darts!

It is hoped that by the time the COVID-19 is well behind us, the artists will once again be able to open the doors of the Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe and welcome patrons with new and impressive works of art created during the pandemic.

The Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe is an artists cooperative, run by and featuring local artists and artisans. Art work and artists continually change, keeping the art work fresh and unique! The artists are always on hand during gallery hours, showcasing their work as well as demonstrating their individual skills. Being able to talk to the artists themselves makes this Gallery very unique. Please visit the following link to view the beautiful works on display: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/YgNre5c2ir-SiHra>

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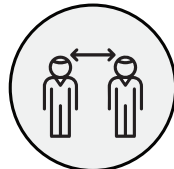
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Help King document history of COVID-19 now!

By Susan Beharriell

Imagine that you and your family visit the King Museum some 25 years from now. There, you enjoy an exhibit about how people lived through the pandemic in 2020.

It brings back a flood of memories.

Your grandchild points to a photo and asks, "Was that really what it was like?"

We are all living through a remarkable historic event at the moment. Some of us have lived through other historic events, such as when the first man walked on the moon and when the

Towers came down on 9/11. But I doubt that many of us have been asked to contribute to the historic record of either event.

Today, however, we are all being asked to contribute to history, right here and now in King! As announced recently, the King Museum staff have created the "Collecting Covid-19" project.

We can all share what it is really like to be living during the COVID-19 Pandemic. What an opportunity for us and our children to share our feelings, thoughts, artwork and photos etc. about our changed circumstances! What a chance to document great times together as a family, inside and out in the neighbourhood.

How does a "day in your life" look? How is work different? How are you

having fun these days? How have things changed on the farm? Are you a front-line worker at risk every day? Are you doing something to help others? Are others helping you? What positive things keep you going?

There are so many aspects of this historic time to document. Now is the time to make sure that you contribute to this history. And now is the time to do it. If you put it off until next month you will miss documenting what it looked like in April!

"Yes, dear, that is exactly what it was like! We stayed home and wore those masks when we went out."

Email kingmuseum@king.ca and request a donation form. Please wait until normal operations resume before delivering hard copy to the museum. Be a real part of history!



A very successful King Food Bank distribution

Deliveries were made to all who requested last Friday afternoon and again Saturday mid-day. The King Food Bank has received a number of thank-you messages from grateful recipients to thank the volunteers going the extra mile (literally) in these even more difficult times for them.

Hillside Gardens has again increased their donation of vegetables to accommodate the increased requests for fresh produce.

The community that is King continues to respond with donations by cheque or through the Donate button on the website www.ktfb.ca

These funds will be used to purchase food and grocery cards. With donation bins closed and no spring drives, the Food Bank is be-

ginning to source groceries for its prepacked boxes. John Ciarallo, No Frills Nobleton, donated peanut butter needed for the May boxes.

Locale Restaurant on Keele Street (only open in Aurora for now) is selling Locale King hats, with proceeds to KTFB when people add a hat (or two) to their take out order.

Lisa Pace Photography started The Front Steps Portrait project for outdoor family portraits, with all proceeds to KTFB. Unfortunately, it had to be shut down as a non-essential service.

Sue Heslop of the Schomberg Community Group is running a raffle to raise funds for the Food Bank

The King Rebellion Bantam A Team is donating the current season fees remaining on their books to help the Food Bank.

All this gives you an idea of the amazing energy, thoughtfulness, and generosity that thrives in King Township.

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Ferraro's rookie season couldn't be more special

By Robert Belardi

When a dream becomes reality, the feeling is surreal. Years of drive and ambition, compiled into one monumental moment.

It depends how you consume it. It wouldn't be uncharacteristic to bask in the moment with tranquility. It isn't totally surprising either, to be excited and completely shocked.

San Jose Sharks rookie defenceman and King City native Mario Ferraro told the King Weekly Sentinel, being an NHL player, hadn't sunk in, until halfway through the season.

"I don't think it really hit me until I was about halfway through the season that I was playing in the National Hockey League, just complete shock, something you work for your whole life so it hits you by surprise for sure. A lot to soak in," Ferraro said.

To be on the roster for this season, he had to earn the right to feel shock and excitement.

Following two years at UMass-Amherst, his call to camp arrived and he

focused on one thing.

"My main goal was to show the coaches how bad I wanted it. Obviously, I wanted to prove that I can play and showcase what I've been working on, but the most important thing was just working as hard as I can, try to make the most of the opportunity."

Head coach at the beginning of the season, Peter DeBoer (later replaced by Bob Boughner), appreciated Ferraro's efforts and awarded him a spot in the lineup. Ferraro praised the opportunity given to him by the organization. He says he is privileged to be a Shark.

On opening night in Las Vegas, against the Golden Knights, excitement and nerves struck the young defenceman before his blades hit the NHL's ice for the first time.

"This one, was obviously the most special moment of my life and so along with that came the most nerves."

Two nights later, the Sharks hosted the Golden Knights in San Jose, resulting in the young defenceman's first point in the league.



Mario Ferraro (#38 in the middle) can't wait until social distancing is over to get back on the ice with his teammates.

Photo courtesy of @marioferraro77

King Curling Club to host Provincial Wheelchair Championship in 2021

By Robert Belardi

This is the moment the people of King have been waiting for.

For the first time in over 50 years of existence, the King Curling Club has been selected to host the Provincial Wheelchair Championship in January 2021 at the Trisan Centre.

Club member Shellee Morning says what an honour this is for the club to be recognized by the Ontario Curling Association (CurlON).

Morning told the King Weekly Sentinel: "I think, it's good we're being noticed as a club. The facility is beautiful. Anyone who does come to curl at our club whether it be a bonspiel or a meeting of some sort, they all marvel how nice it is."

She says other curling clubs have renovated their buildings. She believes the King City Curling Club is the first one to host their matches in an entirely new facility with their own curling ice to show for it; as opposed to curling on hockey ice like in years past at the Schomberg and Nobleton Arenas.

It's axiomatic this will be a big competition for the club and community. Other regions and zones will host their qualifiers for the provincial championship and the winner of the provincials, will move on to nationals.

Morning says she has only seen wheelchair curling once or twice before and it is something special to witness.

"It was amazing. Because they don't have sweepers, they are pushing the rock with a stick and they have to be pretty accurate."

Nine-year member at King Curling Club and 10-year coach of wheelchair curling, Bruce Gorsline, coaches wheelchair curling on the side.

Gorsline says this wheelchair curling competition will be a huge inspiration for everybody of every generation.

"It doesn't matter which generation, everybody is impressed of what they can do."

"Overall for the club it's going to be a big inspiration and letting the community know that is available, and if anybody wants to ever try this out of King Curling Club or outside, I'd be more than happy to help."

He says it's a sport all about upper body strength. The shooter, stands at the top of the house with a teammate holding the chair behind them. They hold the rock with a stick and push the rock down the ice.

Gorsline coaches at the Peterborough Curling Club. His team consists of Jim Armstrong, Collinda Joseph, Jon Thurston and Reid Mulligan.

Teams will always consist of four members with at least one of those members of the opposite gender.

From his team, Armstrong is a former member of Team Canada. Currently, Joseph and Thurston are a part of Team Canada.

Both competed in the World Wheelchair Curling Championship in Wetzikan, Switzerland this past year, returning back home with a silver medal. Canada fell to Russia in the gold medal game, 5-4.

As a nation at the Olympic level, Canada earned a bronze medal in the 2018 Olympics in Pyeongchang, losing to China 4-3 in the semifinals before defeating South Korea 5-3.

He received a nice pass from "Jumbo" Joe Thornton, corralling the puck off the half wall. He shot the puck on a bad angle towards the net and the rebound found Barclay Goodrow who turned it in.

Ferraro says he wishes the team got the win, however, he was excited to have received his first NHL point.

Off the ice, finding a place to live in San Jose hasn't been all that difficult Ferraro says.

"Getting comfortable in the city was fairly easy since I've done it about three or four times now. I also had a ton of nice people help me get accustomed to the new environment."

He is humbled by the support of all of his teammates in the locker room that have played a huge role in his new life in California.

Thornton has invited Ferraro over for dinner quite a few times. He says Thornton has been very supportive over the course of this season, welcoming Ferraro with open arms and taking him under his wing with anything that he needs.

Another player Ferraro has been close with is none other than the other player on the roster with an exceptionally, long beard.

Brent Burns has been special in developing multiple facets of Ferraro's game with pointers in practice and on the bench.

He says it's not just these two players. Every man in the locker room has played a role in a memorable rookie season for the young Canadian.

Especially when Ferraro scored his first goal, at the stroke of the new year.

In a 6-1 rout of the Philadelphia Flyers on Dec. 28, scoring his first NHL goal is something he will never forget.

*"It was everything
I dreamed of
and more..."*

"It's something you know, no one will take away from you. I scored my first NHL goal and that's something I'll never forget and it's something that is just a special moment where I really think 'wow, I'm in the NHL.'"

He has never been a point-hungry player. It never felt like a relief to score that late in the year. He thinks about his team first and that's what matters.

He continues to learn from the head coach now Bob Boughner, who is always looking to make his players better. Either with film or individual pointers in practice, he is keen on finding players weaknesses and improving them; even if that means, being tough to bring out further results.

Until or if, the NHL season returns, Ferraro says that the NHL is everything he imagined.

"It was everything I dreamed of and more. I couldn't have asked to be alongside a better group of guys in a better organization. Love San Jose. I do look to continue to work hard and set greater goals for myself along the way. Obviously, the goal is to win the championship and so, that's what is on my mind right now."

As of now, the 49th overall pick in 2017 continues to keep himself in shape during quarantine.

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Virus may have peaked, but physical distancing still needed

The Ontario government released updated COVID-19 modelling Monday, which shows that the enhanced public health measures, including staying home and physically distanc-

ing from each other, are working to contain the spread of the virus and flatten the curve. However, the Chief Medical Officer of Health says emergency measures must remain in place

to continue reducing the number of cases and deaths.

“The modelling clearly demonstrates that we are making progress in our fight against this deadly virus. That’s due to the actions of all Ontarians, those who are staying home and practising physical distancing, and to the heroic efforts of our frontline health care workers,” said Premier Doug Ford. “But COVID-19 continues to be a clear and present danger, especially to our seniors and most vulnerable citizens. That is why we must continue to follow the advice of our Chief Medical Officer of Health and stay the course in order to keep people safe and healthy.”

Key highlights from the modelling update include:

The wave of new community spread cases of COVID-19 in Ontario appears to have peaked.

Outbreaks in long-term care and congregate settings continue to be a major concern. Concerted actions are underway to protect vulnerable people in these settings.

Ontario is now trending toward a best case scenario rather than a worst case scenario and has significantly improved its standing as compared to March modelling.

The province has avoided a significant surge in cases. Total cumulative cases are forecast to be substantially lower than worst case or even moderate case scenarios projected by previous models.

While several hundred new cases are identified daily in Ontario, hospitals across the province have not been overwhelmed by the COVID-19 outbreak as a result of capacity planning and the public health measures currently in place. The rate of growth day-over-day is declining.

To further reduce the number of cases and deaths, it remains critical that Ontarians continue to adhere to public health measures, including staying home and practicing physical distancing if they must go out for essential reasons only.

“The information released ... shows early but unmistakable signs that our efforts are working,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minis-

ter of Health. “These numbers are not an accident. They are the result of months of planning and collective action to stop the spread of COVID-19 and flatten the curve. However, in order for these projections to become reality, each of us must continue to stay home as much possible and practise physical distancing.”

To enhance protections for residents and staff in long-term care homes, last week Ontario launched the COVID-19 Action Plan: Long-Term Care Homes. This action plan will ensure the implementation of critical new measures to prevent further outbreaks and deaths from COVID-19 in long-term care homes. These measures include enhancing and expanding testing for symptomatic and asymptomatic contacts of confirmed cases; providing public health and infection control expertise; and redeploying staff from hospitals and home and community care to support the long-term care home workforce.

“The new province-wide modelling data are encouraging, but we know that long-term care homes and other congregate settings will track on a different path,” said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care. “We will continue to take aggressive action to support our most vulnerable residents and their caregivers.”

All Ontarians need to stay home unless absolutely necessary for essential trips, such as accessing health care services, groceries, picking up prescriptions or supporting vulnerable community members with meeting essential needs. If you must leave your home, go alone and stay at least two metres apart from others.

Ontario has made improvements to its COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool by expanding its symptom list, addressing the most high risk individuals, and making it more accessible and responsive.

Take these everyday steps to reduce exposure to COVID-19 and protect your health: wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer; sneeze and cough into your sleeve; avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth; avoid contact with people who are sick; stay home if you are sick.



Lions boost efforts of SCAW

At a recent meeting of the Nobleton Lions Club, Dave Dryden of Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW) thanked the club for its continuing financial support going back to at least 1987. SCAW is a Canadian charity that distributes bedkits to needy children in developing countries around the globe and is marking its 50th anniversary this year. Over that time more than 1.6 million bedkits have been given out in over a dozen countries in Latin America, Asia, and Africa.

The charity was started by Murray Dryden who had a difficult life as a young man, often having no bed in which to sleep. During a retirement trip to Pakistan, Murray saw a child sleeping on the street. Recalling how difficult it had been for him, Murray thought, “What must it be like for a child not to have a comfortable night’s sleep?” On returning home from Pakistan, Murray could not forget about the image of the sleeping child in the street. He shared his story with his wife Margaret. Together they chose to become champions of children in developing countries and help those in need with the gift of sleep. In 1970, using their own money, Murray travelled to Pune, India to purchase and deliver 50 bedkits to children in need.

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St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

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services and meetings have been cancelled except for The King Township Food Bank which will follow their new directive.

Although the church building must be closed, we, the church can keep active by sharing and experiencing the love of Jesus.

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>

Concerned about COVID-19's impact on you, your family and others? Let's talk and pray. Contact Kathy Patterson, 905-833-0391 or Lynn Vissers, 416-998-4652.

Grab a coffee or a cup of tea and meet via Zoom with Lynn Vissers and others on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. for "Tea and Conversation." Contact Lynn Vissers re topics and how to get set up.

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

Last week our Diocesan Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil wrote: "The coming weeks may be more challenging than the first, as we get used to doing things differently in this new normal, which may last longer than we had

originally thought. Now is the time to let loose with bold proclamations of the Easter message, using both old tools and new tools, building community, acting with compassion, preaching life. We work now towards a day when this particular exile will be a memory, but we will have sung the Lord's song throughout, so that the words and music are not forgotten.

Faith in the message of Easter. Last Sunday's Gospel was from John 20 about Thomas the disciple who could not believe that Jesus had risen unless he had proof. Jesus provided it later with the other disciple in a closed upper room: "Jesus came and stood among them, and said: 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas: 'Place your finger here, and look at my hands; and place your hand here, and put it into my side; and do not refuse to believe, but believe.' And Thomas exclaimed: 'My Master, and my God'. 'Is it because you have seen me that you have believed?' said Jesus. 'Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed!'

Rev. Dr. Elizabeth talked about this "intense experience" and that it is important to share our faith experiences with others. She shared the following thoughts on faith: " 'Faith is the touching of a mystery,' writes Alexander Schmemmann, a Russian Orthodox priest. 'It is to perceive another dimension to absolutely everything in the world. To speak in the simplest possible terms: faith sees, knows, senses the presence of God in the world.' As Protestant theologian Paul Tillich puts it, "Faith means being grasped by a power that is greater than we are, a power that shakes us and turns us, and transforms and heals us."

It enables believers to walk in the dark without fear. There is no guaran-

tee of an easy or smooth ride for believers. 'Faith', according to Protestant minister Samuel H. Miller, faces everything that makes the world uncomfortable - pain, fear, loneliness, shame, death - and acts with compassion by which these things are transformed, even exalted.' Every new experience is a challenge to faith since the way is never clear and the obstacles are many.

"To choose what is difficult all one's days as if it were easy," notes English poet W.H. Auden, 'that is faith.' We must be content to live with mysteries that cannot be explained or solved. Our task is to stay human. Another part of our task, according to Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel is to 'bring God back into the world, into our lives.' Faith is a path of heart that enables us to perceive the mysterious meaning of life, to confront and overcome obstacles, to live with doubt and paradox, and to be at home in a world where the Ground of Being is always present. Although faith is usually spoken of in somber or sober terms, we prefer the more buoyant note of the hymn composed by Protestant minister Al Carmines: 'Faith is such a simple thing. It can't talk, but only sing. It can't reason, but can dance. Take a chance. Life is full of ways to go. Sun, rain, wind and snow. All unknowingly we trace a geography of grace. From breath to breath and blink to blink, it's never quite the way we think.' "

Tennis Club

Unfortunately due to COVID-19 we are unsure of the opening dates for our courts this season. For that reason we are NOT having registration at the club on April 18 and 19 as previously advertised. For updates please go to www.kingcitytennis.com. See you soon!

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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You can support the King Township Food Bank in these difficult days with cash donations – go to ktfb.ca for more details. And you can support the on-line ministry of St. Paul's by going to stpaulsnobleton.ca/giving to use PayPal, or send an electronic funds transfer (EFT) via your online banking to donate@stpaulsnobleton.ca. Your generosity in these days means a great deal. Thank you!

For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office (905-859-0843) or visit stpaulsnobleton.ca. Feel free to join in the live Q&A after the service!

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.

Nobleton United Church
By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

The recent events have allowed me to contemplate and reaffirm what church is really about. Some of you may think of the church as a building, perhaps with a steeple where people gather on

a Sunday, but it is so much more. It is about connecting with one another in whatever way possible. It is about listening to the needs of others and working on ways to help meet those needs. It's about creating justice for all. It is about having hope for today, tomorrow and the future.

Church is learning, growing and understanding that we do all of these things because of the love of God, that was offered and demonstrated through Jesus Christ. And though a building is a great way to build relationships in community, the church is not dependant on a building, we are dependent on God.

If there is any way I can be the church for you, please reach out to me. The best way to reach me is by e-mail at: ministernobletonschomberg@gmail.com. Or you can call 905-859-3976 and leave a message. (Messages are being retrieved weekly.) May God bless you and give you peace.

Help keep Guide cookie sales from crumbling

Your local Nobleton Girl Guides unit is trying not to let their traditional cookie drive crumble amid the coronavirus pandemic. Because of COVID-19, your local girl guides are not able to sell their cookies door-to-door and at local events the way they always have.

Cookies were just delivered the first week of March, and because of how quickly the pandemic evolved, restrictions because of the coronavirus have seriously hampered sales of the traditional treat.

Cookies sales count for over 60% of Girl Guides revenue, and the proceeds from every box sold by your local unit goes directly to 1st Nobleton Girl Guides. Cookie selling is a big part of

Girl Guide fundraising every year and helps supports weekly meeting activities, weekend outings and traditional Girl Guide camps. Due to the pandemic, the weekly in-person meetings have been cancelled, but unit engagement continues with virtual meetings and online activities with our leaders and young ladies.

Thankfully not all is lost! The Nobleton Pharmasave drug store in the Tim Hortons plaza has generously offered some selling space in their store for the Girl Guide cookies to be sold. Please pick up a box or two and help local Guiding families with their Spring Cookie Campaign. And all proceeds from the sales go directly to Nobleton Girl Guides.

For questions, please contact 1stnobletonbrownies@gmail.com

Anglican Parish
By John Arnott

"Ring around the rosies,
Pocket full of posies,
A-shoo a shoo,
All fall down!"

Could this popular, happy care free nursery rhyme long popular hold a dark meaning? Over the years some researchers, history buffs and writers have connected it to one or more of the pandemic plagues that swept through Europe especially Britain way back when. People sought any protection they could from deadly disease spreading like wildfire across the country and some folk in medieval times stuffed their pockets with medicinal herbs, covered mouths with cloths to contain their sneezes and coughs then holding hands possibly to give comfort to one another. In spite of their best efforts they usually died.

The St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton Notes that pandemic plagues have scourged our world for millennia even before the biblical plagues that struck Egypt and beyond. These pandemics, most man made, were and still are fueled by poor or non-existent hygienic conditions, contaminated water improper handling of sewage including domestic animal waste and that spectre of modern technology chemical waste.

In 2011 archaeologists discovered a prehistoric village they have since named Hamin Mangha in northeastern China dating back to 3,000 BC and their digging uncovered the ruins of a house which held the skeletal remains of some 97 people teenagers to mid-lifers packed into it. As remains showed no signs of trauma other than from being jammed into this structure which was then set on fire scientists now believe these people died of some fast acting deadly but unknown communicable disease.

Earlier in the '20s another large ancient burial site had been discovered also in northeastern China near Miaozigou and dated to roughly the same period. When closely studied conditions here strongly resembled those found at the older but later discovered site. Most archaeologists and scientists now feel what ever virulent disease decimated these two prehistoric villages going back 5,000 years spread rapidly across northeastern China and beyond taking many lives. Miaozigou recovered but the surviving people of Hamin Mangha never returned.

Parishioners in the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown say thank you so very much to all front line workers. You are ever in our thoughts and prayers. God bless.

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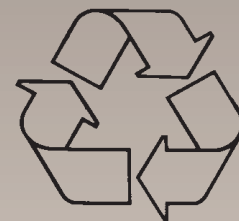
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