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Schomberg residents get into the spirit during isolation

By Mark Pavilons

Residents in Schomberg, sparked by some innovative and creative individuals, are stepping up and keeping spirits high during this time of social isolation.

Susan Heslop runs the Schomberg Community Page and when the whole world turned upside down, she rose to the challenge. She admits she's always one reading to give back.

And the community rallied around her.

As businesses closed down, Heslop found ways to help support them. A themed photo contest to win gift cards from local businesses was held. To date, she's received \$1,600 in donations and has been able to purchase many \$50 gift cards for local businesses. They do a live draw in the group every Friday and then they drop off the cards to the winners on their front porch.

"It's been very successful and so appreciated by both our local business owners and the winners," she said.

A post from an old friend led to another creative idea.

She thought getting "glammed up to take out the garbage" was a fun way to get the community involved and help local business at the same time. So the "Glamming up Garbage Day contest" was born.

"It's not only been a lot of fun, but it has given us all the lift we really needed while getting our minds off briefly, what we are all dealing with.

"We get at least three or four videos each week and the creativity and time people are putting into this has been truly amazing and heartwarming, not to mention the costumes. Everyone is awarded a prize from a local business, including Frozen themed cookies for our youngest entrants."

Heslop said her own personal video even made it to a segment on helping which aired on CTV's "Your Morning."

"Who knows, we may just keep this going! I'd to thank all those who are donating and participating. It really shows everyone what this community is made of," she said.

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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

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Or visit on the following link
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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 clerks@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

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.



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.

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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

The risk to York Region residents of acquiring the virus in the community remains low. Visit york.ca/covid19 for more information or call Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653. You may also contact Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 for medical advice. Telehealth Ontario is a free confidential service you can call to receive health advice or information. A registered nurse will take your call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR KING BUSINESSES

COVID-19

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King launches 'King At Home' program for remote fun

Staying home is critical in helping flatten the curve of COVID-19. However, staying home for a long stretch can be challenging, especially if you have children who can get bored.

That's why King Township has launched King At Home, a program that offers dozens of ideas and resources to keep you and your family entertained while you hunker down at home. You can reach it at bit.ly/kingathome.

"We know King's citizens are doing their part to help flatten the curve," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "We also

know that it can be challenging keeping children entertained at home. That's why we've launched King At Home."

The purpose of King At Home is to provide a wide variety of activities and resources to the King community in an effort to engage, stay active and have some fun at home during these uncertain times. Activities range from home crafts, preschool activities, summer camp sneak peeks, fitness classes, heritage activities and virtual tours of the King Heritage and Cultural Centre.

One part of the program is #Stay-

KingConnected! This page will feature positive community stories from around King Township. Do you have a positive story to share? Is someone going above and beyond to uplift the community spirit? Please e-mail us at communityservices@king.ca to share your story and have it featured on King At Home and our social media channels.

"There's a tremendous amount of spirit in King Township," said Mayor Pellegrini. "I've heard many stories

about how we're coming together to help one another, including a 13-year-old boy in Schomberg who was dropping off toilet paper and other necessities at random doorsteps with a note saying 'pay it forward.' Those are the stories we want to hear about."

Although all of our municipal facilities are closed, 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.

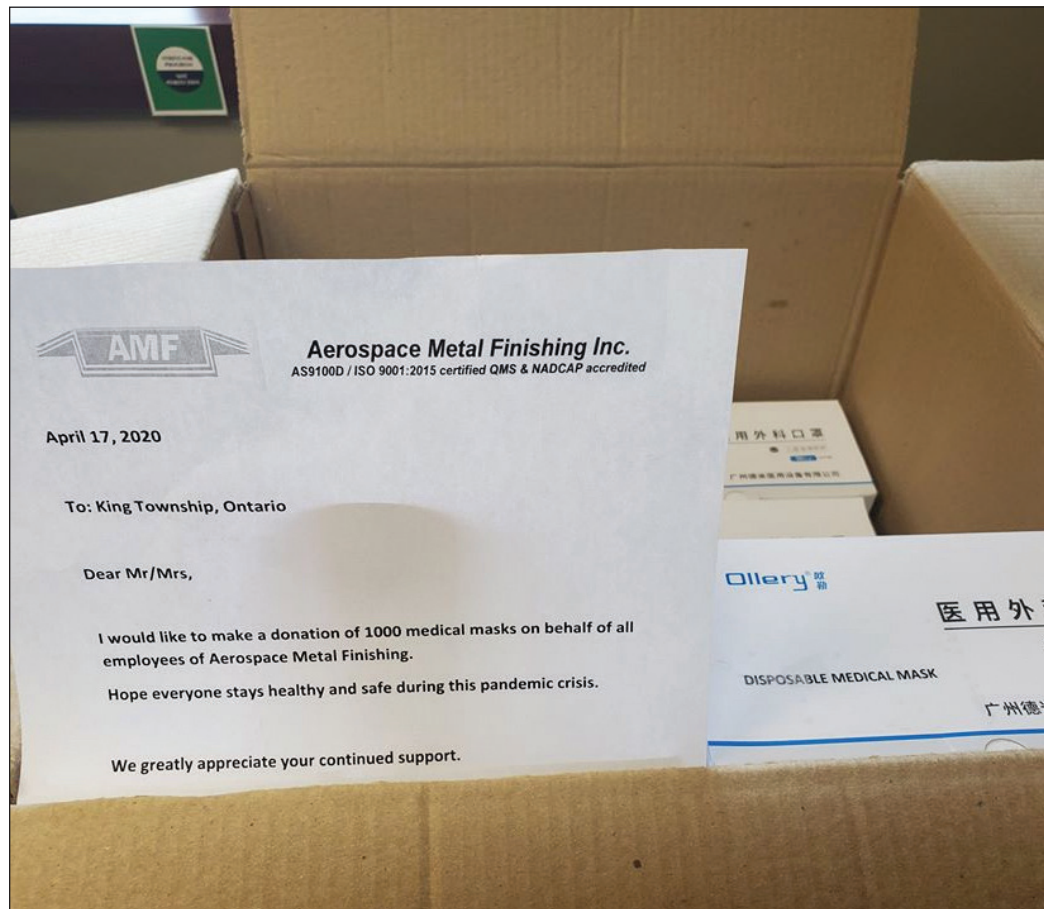
May 4 council meeting online

The next Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be hosted electronically on Monday, May 4 at 6 p.m. using the WebEx platform. A public notice of the meeting was published in the King Sentinel, (www.kingsentinel.com) in addition to being posted on www.king.ca.

A FAQ sheet on electronic council and committee of the whole meetings in King has been created and will be available on King's website for the public to access. A short link has been created to access the live-stream at: <http://meeting.king.ca>

The last meeting was March 9, and while council has not been meeting, Township staff have been working remotely in an effort to keep the business of the corporation of the Township of King running as seamlessly as possible during COVID-19.

Updated information on COVID-19 can be found at <http://covid19.king.ca>



AMF donates masks

King Fire Chief Jim Wall said he's extremely proud to have a strong working relationship with the president of AMF (Aerospace Metal Finishing), Yong Liao. AMF donated 1,000 medical masks to King Township. Wall said they will ensure that they get put to good use by front line healthcare workers, municipal staff that are engaged with our public; as well for the patients that we care for with partner, York Paramedics.

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- Michael Connelly

Our responsibilities during a human crisis

"When written in Chinese, the word 'crisis' is composed of two characters. One represents danger and the other represents opportunity."

- John F. Kennedy

JFK is also renowned for the famous quote: "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

In recent weeks, we have all been asked to do things we were afraid of and unfamiliar with. We were asked to change our habits entirely, and stop being the social, interactive creatures that we were born to be.

That's no easy task, as we've all found out during these weeks of social distancing, isolation and sporadic trips into the surreal world for essentials.

Many of us have been glued to our TVs, watching daily speeches and press conferences from our fearless leaders, updating our plight. Yes, most often it's been a depressing, solemn path, a journey lined with death, sickness, limitations and economic peril.

These things aside, many people can't seem to fathom just what their role is during a global pandemic.

It goes back to JFK and his observations. It's about being part of the human race and joining your fellow countrymen and women in solidarity and unity. It's about doing what's right and what's necessary, to defeat a common enemy, and come out the other side stronger and more resilient.

That's what we're doing here in Canada, and it has been working.

Average citizens believe the government and our democratic system is here to serve us. We elect our politicians and put our faith in them to oversee everything in our great country. They work for us.

In times of major crises, we rely on them to come up with the answers, the cures, the solutions and the stop gap measures. We count on them to not only keep us safe and secure, but to save us from drowning.

We may have found out just how



Mark Pavilons

strong our social safety net is in this country. Residents and business owners in many other countries around the world don't get the financial support they need to survive. While it may not solve all our woes, the federal and provincial contributions to average citizens have been fair and generous.

For the most part, countries around the world have come together to share expertise, and our united stance has created something unique. We've put aside our differences, our conflicts and, to some extent, our violent tendencies, to progress through this tragic set of circumstances.

And yet, as witnessed in other parts of the world and south of the border, people can't stand it when their rights are infringed.

Some of our American neighbours have found the stay-at-home orders violate their rights and freedoms, as enshrined in their constitution.

Our own Charter of Rights and Freedoms does clearly indicate we have a guaranteed right of peaceful assembly and association. Gathering with others, sharing ideas and commonalities

are basic forms of liberty. We have the right to life, liberty and security and to be protected by the law.

The U.S. Bill of Rights guarantees similar basic freedoms and liberties.

To our American neighbours, these are gospel.

I'm sure other countries have something similar in their federal legislation.

While our rights and freedoms are enshrined, it's important to know just what our role is during a crisis. Most of us today have never witnessed anything of this magnitude. Even those alive during the Second World War didn't encounter current measures.

There are mechanisms in place to allow governments to take full control and suspend certain rights, in everyone's best interest. Fortunately, we haven't had to resort to that.

Overall, I believe all levels of government in this country have acted properly and senior officials have kept up their end of the bargain. And the majority of Canadians have, too.

That's the beauty of it all, although it's hard to see it right now. When we ever come together, from sea to shining sea, and hunkered down, obeyed the strict rules and worked to help others? Okay, but the Toronto Raptors can only unite so many of us!

As a fan of apocalyptic tales and stories, I find the abandoned city streets the stuff of great movie-making. But

this is reality. And our absence is actually benefitting the planet we call home.

Interestingly, the lack of human activity has improved our atmosphere, water quality, floral and fauna. It's as if the planet gave humans a sign, a message to take a breather from our noxious ways. One of the most interesting impacts of the pandemic is bringing to light, in plain view for all to see, our negative impact on our world. It's enlightening, shocking and humbling. Some stark lessons to be learned.

We're all eager to get back to normal, whatever that turns out to be. If "normal" means road rage, high stress levels, corporate greed, environmental destruction and selfishness, you can keep it!

Some countries are relaxing social distancing to get their economies moving again. We will know very soon if it's premature.

I've quite enjoyed the "quiet" that COVID-19 has brought. I've been pleasantly surprised by the cordiality of my fellow citizens. I've also been shocked by the behaviour of a few bad apples.

I've enjoyed the time our family has together and yes, we'd love to be out and about, but we can still take the dogs for a walk, enjoy family dinners and movie night (which is now every night).

Instead of looking at the imposed restrictions as rights violations, we should take comfort that we're doing it for ourselves, our families, friends and the rest of our country.

COVID-19 Response MPP Lecce announces launch of COVID-19 website for community

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, launched his new website to continue to keep community members up to date with updates on all efforts to combat COVID-19 from all three levels of government.

"Our provincial government understands that keeping Ontarians and residents from King-Vaughan informed on our efforts to combat COVID-19 is at the utmost priority. We will continue to put the health and safety of our community first, while working in partnership with our municipal and federal counterparts to battle this outbreak together," said Lecce. "The situation is changing every day, and we'll be very transparent about our plan and decisive on next steps to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in the King-Vaughan community and across our province."

Visit the COVID Supports website - <http://www.covidsupports.ca/king-vaughan/>



Thought of the Week

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Trivia Tidbits

August has the most number of births, with roughly 9% of the total. July and September follow as the next most popular months.

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Results from last week's poll:
Would you like to see COVID-19 restrictions lifted, or stay in place longer?

a) Lifted **40%**

b) Stay in place **60%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you trying to help local businesses the best you can during these times?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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Earth Day 2020, from behind our windows

By Skid Crease

To paraphrase T.S. Eliot, "This is the way Earth recovers, not with a bang, but a whimper."

When Eliot wrote *The Wasteland* in 1922, he probably didn't have a future global coronavirus pandemic in mind. More like the wasteland created by the horrors of World War One and the "Spanish Flu" as it was called then.

This virulent H1N1 swine flu virus actually spread from Austria and France to Spain in 1918 and then was carried home by returning WW1 soldiers. By 1922 it had indeed produced a wasteland, infecting over one third of

the world's human population and resulting in at least 50 million deaths.

Today, the world's pre-pandemic human population sits at over 8 billion very consumptive, fossil fuel based creatures. COVID-19 has put the brakes on that consumption. It is very fitting therefore, that Earth Day 2020 be celebrated quietly, with no human crowds gathering in the streets or parks or schoolyards for the usual symbolic one-day reprieve of our relentless assault on Earth's systems.

Since 1970, throngs of well-wishing people have gathered around the globe for one day of green kumbaya sing-songs and tree plantings, and the very

next day go right back to consuming as if we had six planet Earths in reserve. Not this year. This year, Earth gets a reprieve. An Earth day with no humans trampling down the delicate spring rebirth. This year a real Earth Day.

For us watching from the windows, there is quiet. Fewer cars in the streets, fewer trucks on the roads, less polluted air to breathe. Far away in Italy, overcome with pandemic deaths on the one hand, the canals of Venice are running clean for the first time in decades. As millions of birds begin their spring migration back to honeymoon haven in the north, fewer Fatal Light Attraction deaths are being reported as office

towers sit black at night. (It's NOT the windmills Mr. Ford.)

This Earth Day was different. We sat inside and had family meals, played board games, told tall tales. If we ventured quietly outside it may have been to marvel at the new spring flowers slowly appearing or the birdsong, perhaps to plant a few vegetables in our backyard or planter box, to say thank you to the trees in the local park for refreshing our air and climate. Perhaps we walked with family members, or a few friends (five or less, all six feet apart) and waved at neighbours watching from their windows.

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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.

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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).

Cleaning up yard waste

1. Put yard waste out at the curb for bi-weekly pick up.
- OR
2. Contact King Fire Administration to find out if you are eligible for a fire permit by phone at 905-833-2800 or email at fire@king.ca.



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MAY 1-7

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MAY 2-6

Talent Show Contest

Submit your video by tagging and following @king_myat and @kingprc showcasing your best talent! Videos must be maximum 1 minute in length, and 1 winner will receive a \$150 gift card!! Winner announced May 6th!

MAY 5

Mental Health Talk

Join the Canadian Mental Health Association online with family and friends to discuss mental health, and managing stress! Remember, you're never alone!

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Importance of home health care during COVID-19

By Michelle Frauley
CEO, Hospall
Private Homecare

Home health care has become increasingly important during the coronavirus pandemic. It strives to keep people safe, healthy at home and out of the hospitals.

During the coronavirus pandemic, the image of today's medical superheroes, working every day on the front lines to keep our communities healthy, is reflected daily. To add to those superheroes are the "front liners" working daily in the private home. These are nurses, personal support workers, companions and visiting medical technicians.

Home health care is becoming increasingly important as hospitals are tightly managing bed capacity and the health issues they are treating. Home health care workers know that their job allows people with the means to stay healthy in their own home. This creates space for others to be treated in hospitals – a ramification that's integral to the fight against COVID-19.

Private homecare offers the ability for many people to stay in the comfort of their own home. A place most of us find safe and secure. Caregivers and nurses visit on a regular basis to assist with everything from bathing, cooking,

light housekeeping, exercises, stimulation, buying groceries and taking you to medical appointments or other appointments as needed. Sometimes support is offered daily, and for some, only a few hours a couple of days a week.

Homecare supports each case according to its unique needs, but we recognize that maintaining independence for our loved ones is critical to good health in this day and age. Although private in-home care can seem more expensive than LTC, government assistance can help relieve that financial burden.

Hospall Private Homecare works strategically to support all who approach us for help in the home.

Many of our clients live alone and Hospall's role is to go into their homes and ensure that they are emotionally, physically, and mentally supported, especially during this pandemic.

Strict policies are place to keep both Hospall clients and staff safe during these unprecedented times. Staff only work in private home settings and do not work in other LTC or Retirement Homes currently during this pandemic. Screening tables at the entrance of all their client's homes help ensure infection control and safety. Daily temperatures are taken twice daily of both their clients and their staff. In some cases, when a client is deemed to be palliative,

it has been allowed for a family member to be at their side for support and comfort while always following strict measures of infection control.

Our client's families have been supportive of these strict measures which help protect their loved ones. I commend families who have also supported Hospall in delivering groceries and supplies as needed to the home. It is a team effort, the Hospall team then washes all these articles and safely puts them away. Our goal is to keep both our clients and our staff safe.

Like hospitals and long term care homes, the process of getting PPE, has not been easy for home health care agencies. Our team is prepared with full PPE should there be a need of any COVID-19 outbreak in private homes. Like others in the community we have relied on support local businesses for support. That has included generous efforts from a Mississauga men's clothing store, a lovely woman in Schomberg making homemade masks, and a laser company in Vaughan making protective face shields. We are grateful for the team effort in battling this devastating virus.

Keeping enough staff members on board to respond to the community's needs is also a challenge for home

health care agencies. The risks felt by many front liners and the financial perks of perhaps filing for unemployment are challenging. We are blessed to have a wonderful dedicated team of caregivers to work during COVID-19.

When you choose to work in health care, you understand that you may encounter instances where you are putting yourself at risk. The rewards of a job well done, usually outweigh the negative experience.

With respect to community support we encourage more visible support for all essential workers. This lets them see and feel the love and support regularly when on their way to their respective duties that day. Many essential workers have stress of home and work life during this pandemic. Small and sometime random acts of kindness from the community are elements of support that are always well received, whether it be offering a cup of coffee, a honk from your car and smile. These do not go unnoticed.

Last week a family on the King Road posted a great sign in recognition of essential workers. It was a true feel good moment.

Hospall Private Homecare, will continue to serve local families in helping move through these difficult times.

This year's Earth Day a 'healthy silence'

From Page 5

It gave us a chance to listen to Earth song, perhaps like the great Eastern seaboard blackout of 2003 gave us a chance to star gaze in awe as the Milky Way swept across the sky. Now in 2020, with the fossil fuel motors of industry and transportation reduced to a whimper, perhaps now we can listen again.

Perhaps here in the beauty of King and Caledon it is easier for us to listen. It is much more difficult in crowded cities around the world and in rural areas steeped in famine and poverty. Even in developed cities in North America, the clarion call of individual rights trumpeted by evangelical conservative republicans threatens the silence. A healthy silence on this Earth Day can only prosper in an environment of respect that honours community responsibilities over individual rights.

When the pandemic has passed we can gather in noisy mobs debating the finer points of Ayn Rand's philosophy versus the community conscience of a just society, but for now let's just stay home, stay healthy, and watch from the window.

A wise and wonderful human named Father Thomas Berry once wrote, "For centuries we have been autistic to the voices of the Earth. It is time we once again joined in the grand liturgy of the Universe."

On the 50th anniversary of the first Earth Day, it was a good time to listen.

Skid Crease is a member of the Canadian Association of Journalists, an author, an internationally renowned speaker, and a lifelong educator currently living in Caledon.

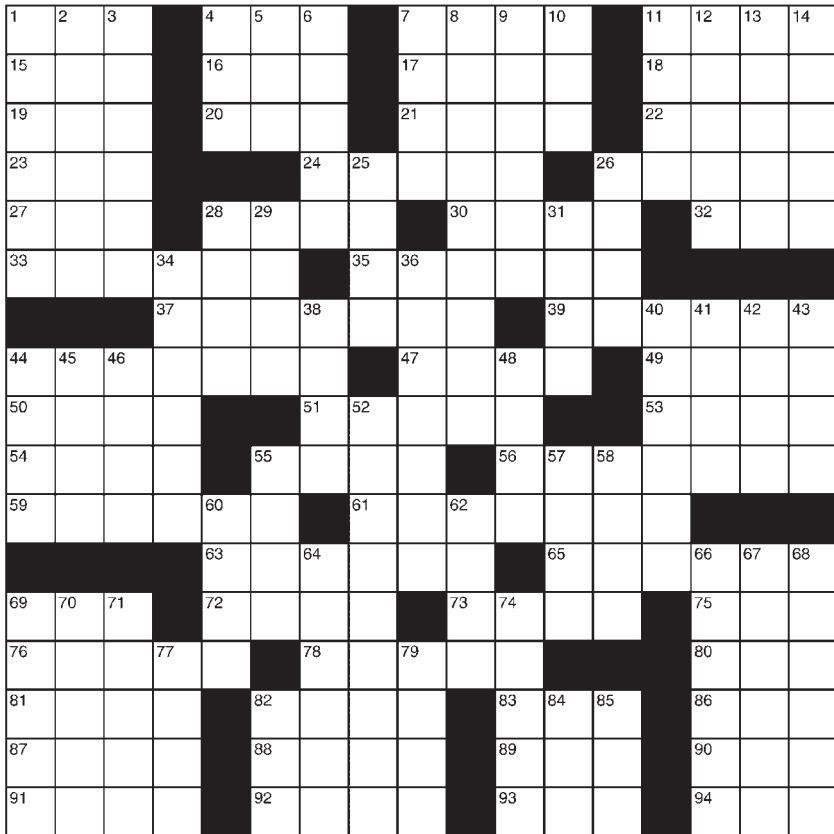


Reservists called to serve

King Fire & Emergency Services is extremely proud to announce that three staff members who are Canadian Forces Reservists have been deployed to serve our great country during this pandemic. Seen here in the picture, one of our previous co-op students from quite a few years ago (Brittany) is now a PCP Med Tech. Firefighter from Firehouse 34, Carmine, is also being deployed to long-term care facilities.

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ACROSS

- 1. "___ fleece was white . . ."
- 4. ___ room (family room)
- 7. Church part
- 11. Pin money
- 15. Negative
- 16. Paddle's cousin
- 17. Nerve network
- 18. Toast spread
- 19. Sable
- 20. Prior to, in verse
- 21. Of a time
- 22. Indian melody
- 23. WWII agency
- 24. Sailor's "stop"
- 26. Come again
- 27. Steep
- 28. Coin
- 30. Continental currency
- 32. Florida island
- 33. Sparse
- 35. Expose
- 37. Follower
- 39. Sober
- 44. Mother-of-pearl source
- 47. Coily roguish

DOWN

- 5. Fencing equipment
- 56. Weirdo
- 59. Absolute ruler
- 61. Vital
- 63. Shoe part
- 65. Music lover's equipment
- 69. On the ___ (fleeing)
- 72. Tropical American rodent
- 73. Killer whale
- 75. Flightless bird
- 76. Plato's market
- 78. NBA site
- 80. Special favorite
- 81. Exposed
- 82. Waterless
- 83. Ghostly greeting
- 86. Foul up
- 87. Bread baker
- 88. "The Over-the-Hill ___"
- 89. In addition
- 90. Turkish ruler
- 91. Repose

DOWN

- 1. Notify
- 2. Wig
- 3. Geological layers
- 4. Sturgeon delicacy
- 5. Auricle
- 6. Coffee additive
- 7. Broad expanse
- 8. Keep trying
- 9. Marble figure
- 10. A real shocker?
- 11. Central part
- 12. Alas!
- 13. Musical transition
- 14. White with age
- 25. Considerably
- 26. Theatrical part
- 28. Art ___
- 29. Laundry utensil
- 31. Precipitate
- 34. Mineral
- 36. Bric-a-brac stand
- 38. Pounce
- 40. Tinker
- 41. Dwarf buffalo

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- 42. Turnpike fee
- 43. Organic compound
- 44. Assist a criminal
- 45. Pamper
- 46. Wing-shaped
- 48. Gator's cousin
- 52. Juicy fruit
- 55. Alcohol lamp
- 57. Phonograph record
- 58. Evidence
- 60. Palm drink
- 62. At the top
- 64. Ancient Egyptian symbol
- 66. Echo
- 67. Come to light
- 68. Distanced
- 69. Toil
- 70. Desert plant
- 71. Manners
- 74. Moroccan capital
- 77. Monopoly fee
- 79. Uneasy
- 82. Earlier
- 84. Before "blastoff"
- 85. Shelley offering

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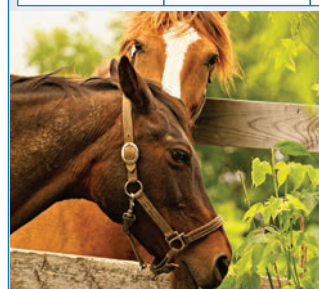
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King sees small drop in house prices due to COVID-19

By Mark Pavilons

The Greater Toronto Area (GTA) real estate market was previously gearing up for a busy spring season, but policy and physical distancing measures resulting from Ontario's state of emergency declaration put a damper on much of the expected sales activity.

The Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB) noted that the impact of COVID-19 on sales and prices in the GTA appeared muted in March, largely due to strong sales activity in the first half of the month, which was before any COVID-19 measures were implemented.

Only two areas of the GTA saw negative impacts – King Township and Toronto Central.

The average home prices March 16 to April 15 fell by 2%, to \$1.184 million, compared to \$1.2 million in 2019. There were 20 sales in King during that period this year, down 44% from last year when 36 homes were sold.

To keep a pulse on market activity in the short term, Zoocasa used data from the TRREB to calculate the change in average home prices and home sales between March 16 and April 15, 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 to understand how the market changed across the GTA one month after COVID-19 measures were put into effect, or what TRREB calls the “post-COVID” period in their March market update.

Zoocasa's analysis revealed that home sales dropped more than 50 per cent year-over-year during this period in most GTA regions, with the exception of Durham Region where sales dropped 30 per cent. On the other hand, all 27 GTA municipalities except two experienced (y-o-y) price growth.

York Region actually experienced the highest regional price gains, even though sales slumped. York Region average home prices grew eight per cent to \$959,364, while sales across the region declined by 52 per cent during the period of March 16 to April 15.

Markham home prices grew by 17 per cent to cross the million mark at \$1,030,611, even though sales declined by 50 per cent compared to the same period last year.

Vaughan experienced one of the steepest declines in sales in the region at 61 per cent and just 150 homes changing hands. The average home price in Vaughan ended up at \$1,006,503, marking a 7 per cent increase y-o-y. Home prices inched up by one per cent in Richmond Hill to \$973,574, while sales declined 44 per cent.

As with other municipalities across the region, Claudio Castro, a Zoocasa real estate agent in York Region, said that buyers and sellers are relying heavily on virtual technology to complete transactions under current conditions.

“The idea is to give the buyer the best access to the property as possible, without putting them or the seller at risk,” said Castro.

For the period of March 16 to April 15, the average sold home price grew four per cent y-o-y in the City of Toronto, ending up at \$918,796. A closer look at prices in the region revealed that Toronto East experienced a double digit, 14 per cent gain to \$872,658 and Toronto West noted an eight per cent average

home price increase to \$878,658. Toronto Central is one of two municipalities out of 27 in the GTA where prices declined; the region noted a one per cent drop in prices to \$984,332.

The City of Toronto as a whole experienced a 54 per cent drop, with just 1,456 sales taking place in the month since emergency measures were introduced. Toronto Central sales declines were slightly higher than the city-wide average, with a 57 per cent decline and 634 transactions.

Home sales dropped 30 per cent in Durham Region with 724 home transactions in the month following COVID-19 emergency measures being put in place. Prices grew a modest 3 per cent y-o-y to \$632,227.

In Ajax, average home prices rose nine per cent to \$708,034, but sales dropped 31 per cent. Whitby average prices followed a similar trend, with a five per cent increase in average prices to \$690,307 but a 35 per cent drop in sales. Oshawa experienced a seven per cent increase in average sold home prices to \$519,955 and a 21 per cent y-o-y sales decline.

“In mid-March, it felt like buy and sell inquiries came to a halt for the first 2 weeks of the quarantine,” said Robin Pacquing, a Zoocasa real estate agent in Durham. She noted that buyers who are moving forward with purchases understand that they could be in a position where they buy a house conditional on a viewing, but where the offer is made sight-unseen.

“Buyers are much more focused on what they are truly looking for,” said Alex Kupiec, a Zoocasa real estate agent in the Halton Region. He noted that under current conditions active buyers are only interested in viewings for properties they consider to be “true contenders.” In the same vein, unless



they absolutely need to sell, most sellers have decided to wait out current market conditions to maximize their potential sale price once health and economic conditions begin to improve.

Sales data reflects this sentiment, with home sales down 54 per cent across the region for the period of March 16 to April 15. That being said, home prices in Halton Region have grown five per cent y-o-y, with the highest increase in Oakville, where the average home price remains over the million dollar mark at \$1,059,850. Milton was a close second, with seven per cent growth in average prices y-o-y, but a 56 per cent decrease in sales.

In comparison, Burlington average home prices remained relatively steady, with a one per cent increase y-o-y to

\$783,561; sales dropped 51 per cent y-o-y. Similarly, a closer look at Halton Hills revealed that home prices grew 2 per cent to \$785,898 while sales dropped 41 per cent y-o-y.

Average home prices in Peel grew six per cent y-o-y to \$800,025 in the month since emergency measures were implemented. Brampton led the pack with respect to average price growth with an eight per cent increase to \$768,710. In Mississauga, the average home price was \$819,096 after one month of quarantine measures, reflecting a seven per cent y-o-y increase.

Sales on the other hand dropped 59 per cent across the region. There were 355 home sales in Brampton, and 381 sales in Mississauga during the month.

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York board donates PPE

York Region District School Board made a donation of personal protective equipment (PPE) to York Region hospitals to help arm frontline healthcare workers in the fight against COVID-19.

Through a coordinated effort involving all YRDSB schools and learning centres, a donation of over 158,000 pieces of PPE was made to Mackenzie Health Hospital, Markham-Stouffville Hospital and Southlake Regional Hospital. The donation was comprised of essential equipment, including 141,600 pairs of protective gloves, 3,350 surgical face masks, 436 sets of protective eye-wear, 40 face shields and other pieces.

“During these unprecedented times, everyone must do their part to support frontline workers,” said Juanita Nathan, board chair. “These heroes continue to sacrifice to keep our communities safe and we are so fortunate to have the means to help support them as they stand on the frontline in the fight against COVID-19.”

“Supporting our frontline workers is a collective responsibility. Whether you do your part by staying home, making a donation or following the advice of public health, we are all playing a role to ensure the safety of our frontline healthcare workers, while they keep us safe,” said Louise Sirisko, director of education. “We are honoured to have the opportunity to support and to begin to repay the debt that we all have to our frontline healthcare workers.”



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King's Spark Innovations gives back during pandemic

By Mark Pavilons

We're all facing a common enemy in COVID-19.

It's a battle we're winning, thanks to the tireless efforts of the frontline workers and health care professionals.



A King company wanted to thank our frontline workers for their response and dedication. Spark Innovations, along with Holman Exhibits, has created dozens of scrub caps, an important piece of protective clothing worn by surgeons, nurses, physicians and other workers involved in patient care in hospitals. They were made for workers at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto and many have already been delivered.

According to Gary Vilinsky, CFO and director of business development for the King City firm, the caps are made of 100% cotton providing a protective layer to keep the virus out of their hair. These caps are washable and reusable.

Lara Clair has been sewing since she was a child. With knowledge through her own work and developing products for Spark's clients, she researched patterns online and eventually ended up making her own.

"There are lots of patterns out there, finding one I was happy with the fit and function took a bit of trial and error. But with a few tweaks, I came up with a design I was happy with, that also got the best yield out of the fabric," Clair said.

Scrub caps have been around for a long time so they're a staple in the health care industry. Vilinsky said this extra protection will provide options to healthcare workers.

Vilinsky said they had talented staff in-house; all they needed was the fabric.

Holman Exhibits stepped up and donated enough fabric for Spark to make 200 scrub caps.

"This allowed us to change directions to help front line healthcare workers with this immediate need. If anyone is interested, 100% cotton fabric and thread donations are welcome," Clair said.

"The need for PPE has become paramount in the fight against COVID-19 and we, along with Holman Exhibits are proud to be able to contribute. Caring for each other through these challenging times is what brings us all together in this fight.

"Kudos to all the businesses that have been able to give back to the ones that need it the most," Vilinsky said.

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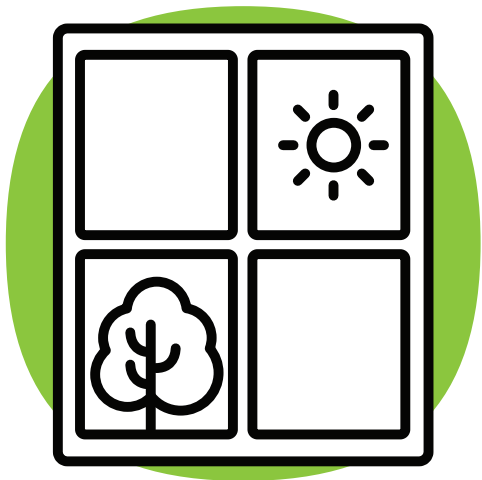
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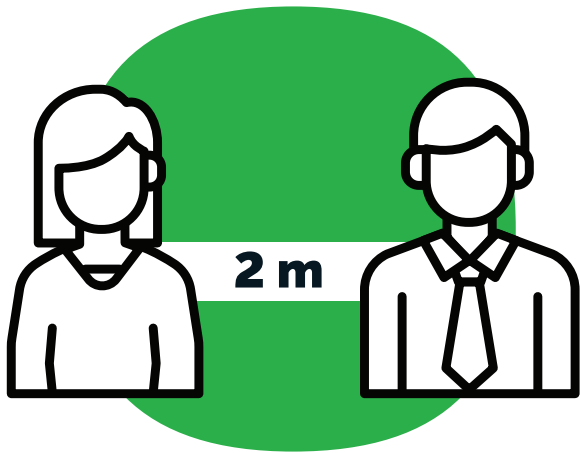
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Arts & Entertainment

Tune in to RASC to mark International Astronomy Day

By Gary Boyle

The study of astronomy has been around for some 5,000 years and is regarded as the oldest of the allied sciences. Over time, the constellations were created by seeing shapes using a handful of stars appearing close together such as Ursa Major or the Big Dipper. By connecting these stellar dots, celestial shapes came in the form of a person, animal, object or even a god and were key players in the creation of mythological stories.

The wandering planets are seen with the unaided eye and were followed through the months and years as they ventured across the starry background. In some cases, the night sky was portrayed in drawings on the walls of cave dwellers. Throw in bright meteors (shooting stars) and the occasional display of northern lights, the night sky was the entertainment of all civilizations for thousands of years as well as a mysterious place of superstition such as viewing a total lunar eclipse or witnessing a bright comet.

Once the telescope was invented in 1608, the night sky was now a place to investigate and study and not just look upon in wonder and amazement. As time went on, new theories and observations were made with technology playing an ever-increasing part in just the past few decades.

Saturday, May 2 marks International Astronomy Day. This is the time of year the astronomical community around the world celebrates by sharing this great field with the public.

Displays tables that could include meteorites, star charts, free handouts, etc. are set up as well as a few telescopes at well-visited locations such as museums, shopping malls and bookstores during the day and free public star parties at night. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, all social gatherings are suspended but through the power of technology, we can still help bring the wonders of the night and celebrate online.

The Ottawa Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada will be broadcasting International Astronomy Day virtually via Zoom webinar with live images of the Sun, Moon and Venus through telescopes as well as other presentations. When the sky darkens, you can enjoy live telescopic views of various celestial objects, so let hope for clear skies. Anyone interested in joining must register in advance for this free webinar. A link to Virtual Astronomy Day, as well as a complete schedule of events, is found on my website. Come join us as the night sky is a wonderful classroom.

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.wondersofastronomy.com



McGillivray returns to HGTV

King resident, real estate expert and contractor, Scott McGillivray returned to HGTV Canada on April 26.

He turns problem properties into profit with the new original series, "Scott's Vacation House Rules."

With years of smart real estate investing and renovation experience, Scott and his secret design weapon, Debra Salmoni, unlock the rental potential of even the most uninspired properties. Finding and transforming tired, dated, and rundown spaces into unique and buzz-worthy Canadian cottage hotspots, the series proves that any dream property is always within reach if you follow Scott's Vacation House Rules.

These rules include doing your research, knowing your design, investing some sweat equity, and more.

Kicking off the series, Scott brought a little bit of Bavaria to the Haliburton Highlands when he turned a family cottage into a German inspired guesthouse.

McGillivray said they've been working on this series for roughly a year. While times are tough right now, he hopes the new show will provide a little bit of an escape.

For more, visit this Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/151158894980113/videos/25249222922517/>

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We will host the golf tournament in 2021.

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Volunteer celebration is postponed, optimism remains

By Mark Pavilons

National Volunteer Week has come and gone without much fanfare this year.

Our tireless volunteers are always in our hearts and nowhere is this more evident than King Township.

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Night, typically held in late April each year, has been put on hold, like so many public events this spring. It's uncertain whether the event can go ahead later this year, or simply be held in 2021.

The event is the pride and joy of King councillors, staff and especially Mayor Steve Pellegrini. It's the one major celebration of all that local volunteers do in this community.

The mayor is the event's biggest

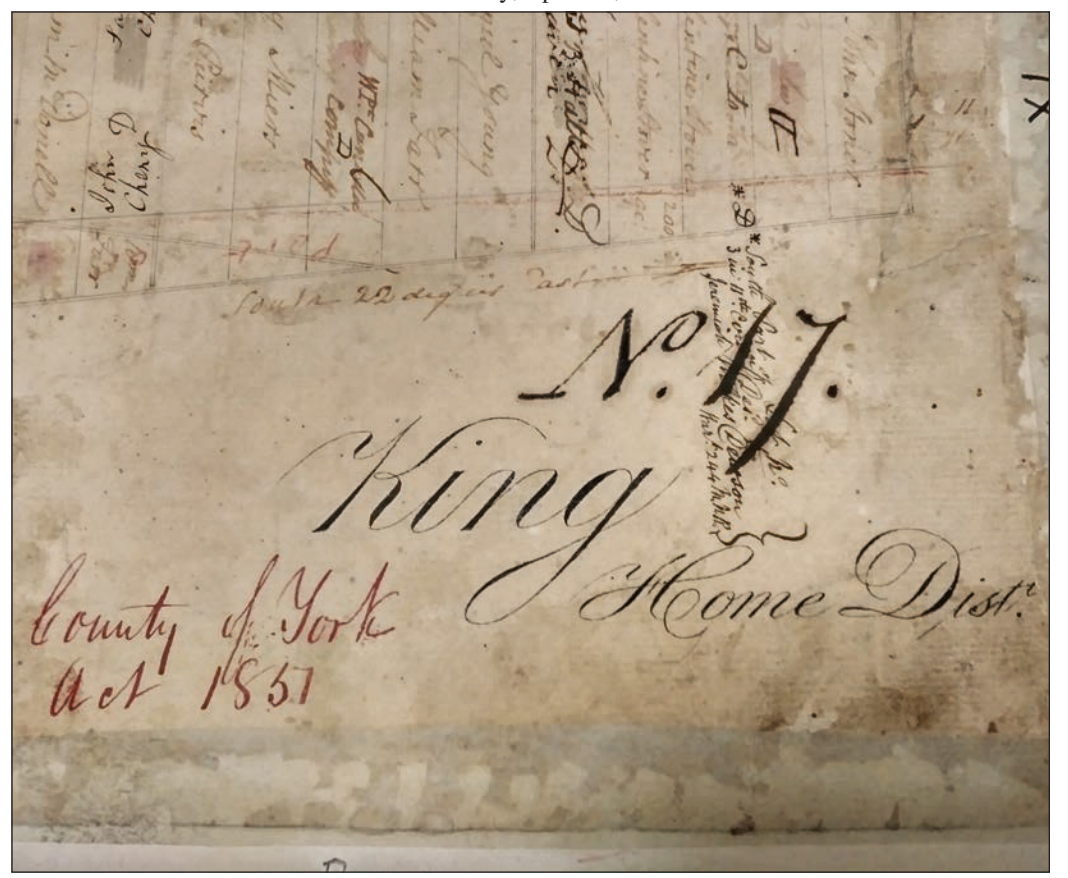
booster and is fond of each and everyone one of the recipients.

"Volunteerism is essential to King," he said the past. "Not only do your efforts create a foundation that defines the character of King, but they immeasurably enhance the quality of our community."

The mayor is cautiously optimistic that the Township could throw a "great party" when the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. The reality is, however, that won't happen any time soon.

Pellegrini said the Township is following the lead of the provincial and federal governments.

If things change for the better and businesses reopen soon, there may be hope. If a vaccine is found quickly, that may change the limitations placed on public gatherings.



King Heritage Facts School closures not uncommon

By Kelly Mathews

Did you know: Early settlers in King Township were used to long periods of school closures in the 1800s and early 1900s as a result of communicable health issues and other priorities. So in fact, there is nothing novel to the impact on schools caused by the Novel Coronavirus, known as COVID-19 for short – it's just that we haven't seen a full closure of all public schools in the Province for three weeks or more since the 1918 Spanish Influenza.

But health concerns haven't been the only reason for poor school attendance or shut downs in the past – poor weather, seasonal priorities like the harvest as well as parent apathy towards the benefit of a formal education, have also kept children out of school.

In the 1868/69 school year, the year after Canadian Confederation, the Superintendent of Schools for King Township was Reverend James Carmichael. In his report on the state of schools in King Township to Egerton Ryerson, the Superintendent of Education for the Province, Rev. Carmichael speaks to the issues impacting attendance in King Township schools at that time:

"The average returns for the latter half of 1869, fell far short of the returns from the former half – measles, scarlet fever, colds & etc., interfered a good deal with the attendance of the schools." He went on to say that "there are still in several of the school sections too many children who never attend school, and the almost universal cause is the indifference of parents. In one or two instances where the districts are large and sparsely peopled, distance from the school may be the reason of non-attendance of the children."

Kelly Mathews, vice-chair of the King Township Heritage Advisory Committee, is currently working under commission for the King Township Historical Society to research and write a compressive history of King Township. The final manuscript, with a working title of "King Township – A History of the Community" is due Sept. 30, with a current release date of spring 2021. Kelly will be contributing monthly to the King Weekly Sentinel "Heritage Facts" section sharing some interesting findings from her research.

Join virtual fireside chat to commemorate liberation

This May marks the 75th anniversary of the Liberation of Holland and the end of World War II. Prior to the COVID-19 lockdown, True Patriot Love planned on commemorating this occasion by hosting an educational trip to the Netherlands to visit critical battlegrounds and memorials that honour the service and sacrifice of members of Canada's military during WWII.

While the trip has been postponed due the pandemic, the group will still mark this important milestone through a "Virtual Fireside Chat." True Patriot Love is pleased to invite you to this special interactive discussion, which will take place on May 5 at 4 p.m. EST.

Please register at:

https://truepatriotlove.com/get-involved/events-educational-trips/virtualchat/?utm_source=Pardot&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=FiresideChat&utm_content=Invite

During the discussion you will have the opportunity to hear from veterans spanning various generations: former Chief of the Defence Staff General (Retired) Rick Hillier, WWII Veteran Captain (Retired) Martin Maxwell and former Invictus Games athlete Corporal (Retired) Kelly Scanlan. They'll share their unique perspectives on the War and lessons from WWII that can be applied to today's global crisis. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions in advance or live during the chat for an interactive experience.



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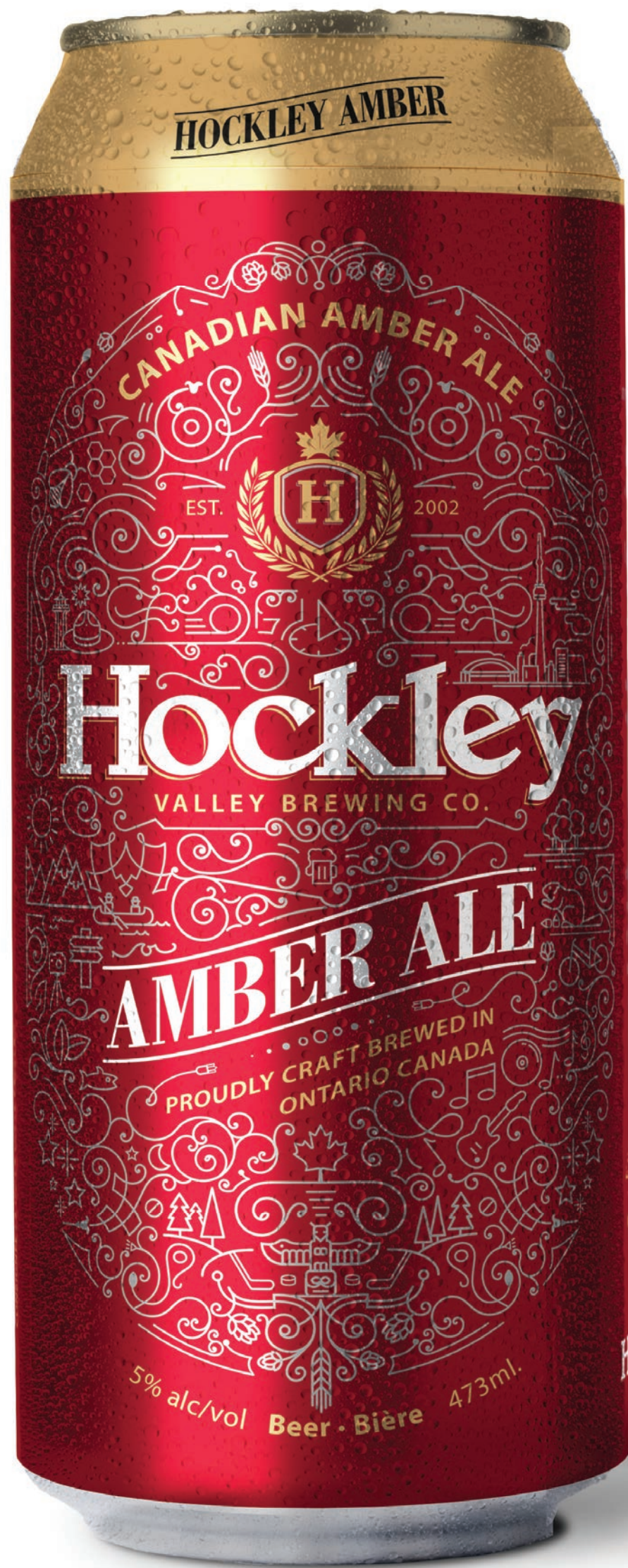
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Through the Blocks and Bricks Recycling Program, consumers can send in MEGA toys to be recycled at no charge to the consumer. Participation is easy: consumers can sign up on the program page at www.terracycle.com/blocks-and-bricks-en-ca then mail in their blocks and bricks using a prepaid shipping label that can be printed at home. Once collected, the blocks and bricks will be cleaned, melted into hard plastic and remolded to make new products from the recycled materials, which may include playgrounds, picnic tables and park benches, to name a few. The Blocks and Bricks Recycling Program is open to any individual, school, office, or community organization interested.

“MEGA is giving builders of all ages a unique opportunity to divert waste from landfills,” said Tom Szaky, TerraCycle’s founder and CEO. “By collecting and recycling items that are typically not recyclable through municipal programs, consumers are given the opportunity to think twice about what is recyclable and what truly is trash.”

Earlier this year, MEGA released a new line of building products made from plant-based materials. As part of the line, all products come in Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)-certified packaging that is fully recyclable.

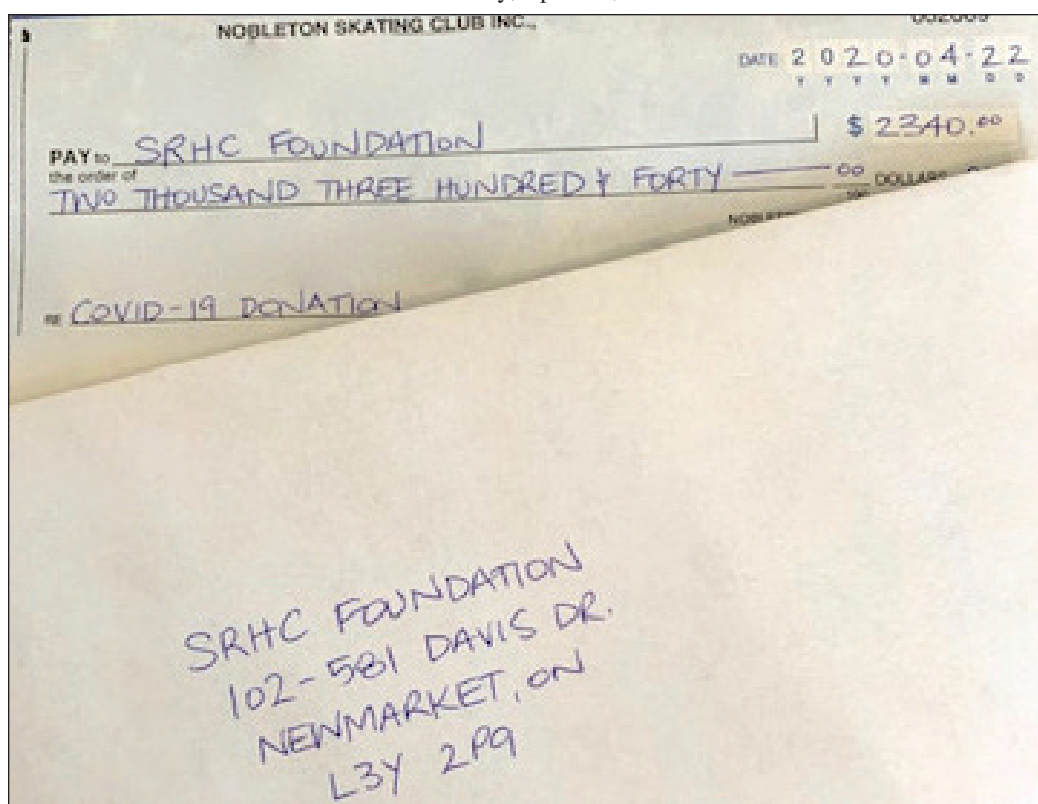
“Our plant-based blocks were the

first step towards creating a more sustainable future and we are excited to continue the momentum as we believe that with every step, together we can make an impact,” said Bisma Ansari, SVP of MEGA. “By teaming up with TerraCycle, we are providing builders a more sustainable option to dispose of their well-loved toys and the ability to recycle our toys for free. We are very proud to continue our commitment towards a greener planet, one block at a time, as we build a brighter tomorrow together.”

For more information on this initiative and TerraCycle’s recycling programs, visit <https://www.terracycle.ca>.

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Skating club donates to Southlake

The Nobleton Skating Club offered families a credit for the last two weeks of skating classes that they missed due to the shutdown. One parent, who happens to be a nurse in Toronto, suggested that she would be happy to donate her credit to a local organization.

Club president Karlene MacDonald loved the idea and she pitched it to all of the skating families.

“We had 51 families offer up their credit without hesitation. It was wonderful to see the willingness to help others during this trying time,” MacDonald said

Due to this generosity, the club is donating \$2,340 to Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Help keep Guide cookie sales going

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

Speeding continues to be a problem in York

Speeding on somewhat barren roads continues to plague York Region.

York Regional Police are responding to a high number of speeding-related incidents, several in the middle of the afternoon.

Last week, officers impounded six vehicles for stunt driving within a 12-hour period.

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King City's De Angelis is off to Windsor Spitfires

By Robert Belardi

The Windsor Spitfires selected 15-year-old King City native Nicholas De Angelis, 36th overall in the Ontario Hockey League draft a few weeks back.

The feeling of excitement and joy steadfastly led to utter relief for De Angelis and his proud family.

"Well first of course, there was excitement and then there was relief just because it was stressful the entire week," the young defenceman explained.

His agent said to him the Spitfires were very interested. He expected to be drafted by Windsor and is thankful he didn't fall past the second round in fear of the difficulty of making the roster.

De Angelis has had quite the season with the GTHL Mississauga Senators as captain and as YRAA champion with the King City Lions to boot. Not a bad way to enter the OHL after years of hard work and dedication to the sport.

De Angelis began playing house league hockey at four years old in King City. He excelled instantly, and went to play with the NobleKing Knights Novice team one year above his age group with head coach, Danny Macedo.

He began playing as a winger initially, while idolizing former Stanley Cup champion Jeff Carter. He grew up a Philadelphia Flyers fan and enamoured Carter's game. De Angelis says, he is still unsure why he geared towards Carter in the first place.

"I started playing out as wing and then halfway through the year, he (Macedo) moved me to defence," De Angelis said.

For the duration of the season, De Angelis played both positions, thwarting offence threats away from his own goal and creating offensive chances of his own.

Following his tenure with the Knights, De Angelis says, he tried out for the Richmond Hill Coyotes AAA side as a permanent defenceman. He succeeded.

His head coach, Andrew Shorkey, meticulously analyzed De Angelis's talents, and quickly, began to develop his game further. De Angelis credits Shorkey for the player that he has become today.

"He was my first defence coach and I would have sessions with him every week. He taught me a lot about being a defenceman," De Angelis explained.

Once he had developed further, the Mississauga Senators garnered an interest in De Angelis and the King City native had no hesitation in joining their team.

Simultaneously, it was also a time where another choice had to be made. The young man had to pick a high school and chose King City Secondary School as his destination.

He knew the hockey program was successful. His older brother played for the team. He didn't solely base his decision off the hockey, however, knowing former NHL players wore the King City shirt and knowing head coach Bradley Matwijec, suggested this was the right decision for him.

De Angelis says playing against

older players in high school matured him. He won back to back titles with the school and says, Matwijec shaped his game and is part of the reason why the program finds so much success in hockey.

"He helped me shape my game. He's a great coach. He cared a lot, you can tell he really cared in the hockey program."

Now, as a defenceman, De Angelis tries to model his game after Toronto Maple Leafs defenceman Morgan Rielly and Buffalo Sabres defenceman Rasmus Dhalin.

Heading out to Windsor doesn't frighten the young man. Even living with another family, should he make the roster, doesn't send nervous jitters through his body. He knows he will have to be dependent on himself, in which he says, he is eager to learn how to be.

As for the hockey, he knows the OHL is a tough league. He hopes to crack the roster later on this year with camp expected to be held between August and September, in front of a passionate fan base.

"I know Windsor has a very good fan base, they're very passionate about their hockey there. I expect it to be a pro setting, for me, playing in front of a couple thousand people a night. As well, I expect my game to develop hopefully in the coming years and get drafted into the NHL."



Learning your edges with Ryan Toomey

By Robert Belardi

Ryan Toomey's profound love for hockey has brought the Bolton resident insurmountable success over the last few years teaching it.

Looking back on the journey, Toomey never expected his business, "Toomey Hockey School" to grow as big and as rapidly within the community and abroad.

It began as a hobby. Something to do on the side and make some extra cash. But little did he know, that helping a friend, planted the seed for the future.

"A friend of mine who I worked with in the business world, asked me to come help his team out for a skate," Toomey explained.

He had just finished playing his pro career in the German second division with the Landshut Cannibals. He had everything in his car already. Pucks, sticks, you name it. He didn't demand any money either but his friend insisted.

"He said, no no, we just talked to all of the parents and we want you for the rest of the year."

It didn't feel like work for him. It was an hour of fun.

His business began with one team. He opened Toomey Hockey School in Caledon, in 2015, working as a sales manager for an American company as well. He tried it as a hobby, not knowing where it might lead.

In 2017, when this American company was deemed no longer competitive in Canada, Toomey gave it his all. He laid it all out on the line, fashioning a small hobby and braising it, into a corporation with equitable profit.

Toomey has worked with 47 teams this past season, a database with over 700 children annually and working one-on-one, with potential NHL prospect and Kitchener Rangers forward Reid Valade. He has worked with children outside of the area; as far as Malton, lots of children from King City and even Aurora as well, nurturing those with the pros set in their sights. A vision, the 35-year old once had in a hockey career of his own.

The family moved to Barrie for one year. Toomey began playing AAA hockey and was recruited to play in the city.

The family moved back to Bolton. Now at the age of nine, Toomey began playing for the Toronto Red Wings with former NHL forward and still, one of Toomey's life-long friends, Matt Stajan.

Toomey and Stajan won two championships. After another two years, AAA introduced hitting into the league and Toomey decided that moving down to AA was the best decision and he says, it's one of the best decisions he has ever made.

He wasn't drafted to the OHL, but Toomey did attend the Ottawa 67's training camp. His parents were firm believers in the opportunity at a free education. After a few years in junior A with the Wexford Raiders and the Cornwall Colts, Toomey was offered a scholarship at Mercyhurst University in Pennsylvania, studying Business Marketing.

He met his wife at the school. He was captain of the hockey team. On the ice, his career was moulding into everything he thought it was, until a gruesome groin injury set him back, in his fourth year.

Fast forward to today, with two children and a successful business. He has opened a gym as well with the program just six months ago.

Within this business, Toomey's mission is quite simple; keep it local.

"That's my ultimate goal here, I feel like the local kids deserve this."

He does find himself going into the city to work with other kids. His program has extended into private sessions with many kids all over the GTA.

His drills are figure skating based. He says nobody has the edge work of a figure skater and players in the NHL benefit from learning from figure skaters and many players now, still learn until this day. One player in particular, Jeff Skinner used to figure skate and that has benefited the Buffalo Sabres forward immensely.

For further information on any future programs, you can visit toomeyhockey.com. For live workout sessions twice a week on Instagram, you can stay tuned by visiting @Toomey_hockey_school.

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Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection

In this time of uncertainty and physical distancing there is something you and I can do.

Mary Asselstine is participating in the Great Canadian Birdathon again this year to raise funds to help Canada's wild birds and habitats. This Birdathon entails identifying as many species of birds as she can find on a set day. Sometime towards the middle of May, she will be roaming around King Township (keeping a safe distance from everyone), recording each species. Then she will let you know about her adventure and about the kind of birds that are living around us.

"I have been doing this fundraiser off and on since it first began back in 1976. Last year I raised over \$1,200 and I hope to exceed that this year. Through Birds Canada, proceeds from the Great Canadian Birdathon will sustain conservation programs and initiatives that are making a real difference. The Great Canadian Birdathon also supports the Dufferin Marsh Nature Connection! Please consider making a donation to help me help birds!"

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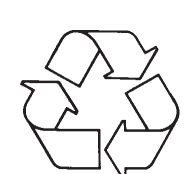
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The family wish to thank the Staff and Volunteers of Matthews House Hospice for their unending care, compassion and friendship during these past four months. Cremation has taken place.
Memorial donations to Matthews House Hospice, 131 Wellington Street East, Alliston L9R 1G6 would be appreciated.
Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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Peacefully passed away at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Monday, April 20, 2020 at 79 years of age. Beloved wife and best friend of Jim for 62 years. Loving mom of Debbie (Wayne) Mercer, Pam (Brian) Burton and Joanne (Aaron) Dealy. Proud grandmother of Paul (Ashley), Jeffrey; and Madison. Dear great grandmother of Evan James. Dear sister of Don (Joan) Low. Joan will also be lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews and cousins. A private family service was held at Skwarchuk Funeral Home, Bradford followed by an interment at Park Lawn Cemetery, Toronto. In Joan's memory, donations may be made to the Diabetes Canada, Canadian Liver Foundation or OSPCA. Online condolences may be made at www.skwarchukfuneralhome.com

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**Anglican Parish
By John Arnott**

Since time began animals have contracted diseases and passed them on to their specific kin. The most vulnerable animals are those sometimes referred to as social animals, from honeybees

to bison who live in swarms, colonies, packs or herds.

True enough if a tiger in the wild picks up a disease specific to its kind it could pass it on to other tigers but since these big cats are loners and only come together to mate there is considerably less chance of one tiger infecting another outside a family unit. But caribou live in large herds and one animal carrying a contagion could pass it on to many others with devastating affect. Humans are for all intents and purposes are herd animals.

Pandemics and epidemics are not new to humans. They have long been with us, in fact since our first primitive human like ancestors began to develop in central East Africa. We should consider ourselves lucky that these disease outbreaks were infrequent, mild and though contagious were limited to small numbers-an individual – a family, an extended family, a clan or a tribe. And that these first humans may have had immunities to many viruses and dangerous bacteria that over millennia their descendants (us) lost in their march to becoming "civilized." Otherwise a pandemic such as we are now experiencing would have wiped human-kind off the Earth before we even got a start.

Our primitive ancestors rigorously practised social distancing although they didn't do it to prevent the spread of disease but it was a matter of life and death. An individual, family, extended family, clan or a tribe 50 km down valley may have designs on your food and possessions so best to give them wide berth and stay completely clear!

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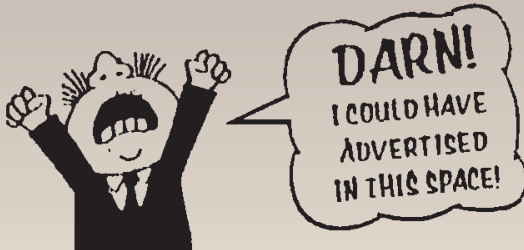
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Last Sunday's resurrection message entitled, "The Sunset Road the Turned to Dawn" is available for viewing online on our website kcuc.net. Rev. Bruce's reflection reminds us that the "Good News is that the Risen Christ is with you transforming those dark times into the golden sunrise of a new day."

Our gathering for worship continues to be suspended indefinitely as well as all our small groups. We do have a Virtual Coffee hour offered on Thursdays from 2 to 3:30. If you are interested in participating please send an email to Kristen at the office at kcuc@bellnet.ca.

The opportunity to worship with us online is possible through our website at kcuc.net or through an e mail link provided to those who receive the emails. 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.

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

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Lynn Visser 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 Visser'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>

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

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**All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage**

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Rev. Dr. Elizabeth's Meditation on last Sunday's Gospel - Luke 24: 13-35 Jesus appears after this crucifixion to two disciples on the road to Emmaus.

"Take time to read through the passage On the road to Emmaus slowly a couple of times and then try to imagine your way through it, in whichever way seems best for you today. You may like to be Cleopas or the other disciple, or you may prefer to watch the story unfold as if you were watching it as a film. Now ponder the following two verses from this passage: 'Jesus said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow

of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. (Luke 24:25-27) They asked each other "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)."

While the two disciples were unaware that their companion on the road was none other than Jesus, he commented on how "slow of heart" they were and yet after they recognized him as he broke bread with them, before disappearing from their sight, they acknowledged that their hearts had "burned within us" while he spoke to them on the road to Emmaus. Can you resonate with their experience? How have you found the word of God stirring your heart as you have travelled on, on your journey of faith? Since Jesus was with God from the beginning, (John 1:1) he was well placed to explain everything to the two disciples.

Peter in his first letter (1 Peter 3; 15) writes, 'Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope you have.' Are you ready to speak up and explain the hope you have? You may like to spend some time now talking to Jesus about this. Tell him how you feel about speaking to people about your faith. Ask him to explain anything you are uncertain about. Listen to what God may be saying to you. Now thank God for those that spoke to you about their faith, and those who were instrumental in bringing you to faith. Finally pray about who you can share your faith with in the coming months."

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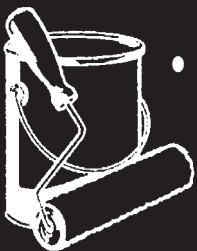


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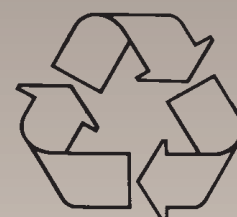


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