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YRT launches its first electric bus

York Region Transit (YRT) launched its first electric bus from the Newmarket Terminal Monday. The launch of this bus marks the start of a trial to gradually electrify the transit fleet and reducing York Region's carbon footprint. Earlier this year, YRT received the first of their electric buses. The electric bus trial will operate on routes 55 Davis Drive and 44 Bristol in the Town of Newmarket. When travelling on the electric bus, an additional noticeable benefit is how much quieter the vehicle is, minimizing the amount of noise for people travelling on the bus as well as in the community. Electric bus technology will help the Region reach its objective of zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2051.

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King keeps facilities closed until Labour Day

King Township is continuing its cautious and gradual approach to the province's reopening plan to ensure areas permitted to open are safe for use and that proper procedures are in place. At this time, King is focusing its efforts on continuing to reopen more outdoor recreational amenities, while extending the closure of indoor facilities until Labour Day.

"Staff is committed to ensure summer seasonal services are achieved at the highest possible standard, understanding that there are limitations due to required operational impacts to continue to ensure physical distancing, as well as that the Township is operating at reduced seasonal staff levels and re-deployment of staff," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "The decision to extend indoor facility closures is a difficult one. We know this will impact user groups and residents in different ways. We are certainly in challenging times, but I know

staff remain committed in every way possible to bring amenities back online when safe and operationally feasible."

The following will be in place until at least Labour Day:

- No summer ice at any arena.
- No special events on municipal property.

Indoor municipal facility closures include community halls, recreation centres, Heritage and Cultural Centre and the Municipal Centre.

Since entering Stage 2, the Township has opened all splashpads, skateparks, and picnic shade structures. Soccer fields will be available for organized sports teams for training only (no scrimmages or games). Baseball diamonds for training only (no scrimmages or games) are being evaluated for possible re-opening as early as July 6. Washrooms are being evaluated for possible reopening as early as July 6.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Municipal Office, Council Chambers, 2585 King Road

No meetings are currently scheduled.

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>



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PUBLIC NOTICES



Active Transportation Action Plan

King Township is currently developing an action plan to strategically implement the Transportation Master Plan's recommended active transportation network including sidewalk upgrades and new sidewalks, multi-use pathways, off-road trails, signed on-road cycling routes and mid-block crossings.

To prioritize these projects, we are inviting members of the public to share their feedback and opinions on how projects should be prioritized. Your input will help inform when and where the Township's active transportation projects get built, create a more comfortable environment for residents to walk and cycle to their destinations.

<https://speaking.king.ca/atactionplan>

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 indoor facilities until Labour Day. Some outdoor recreational amenities are reopening - see notice below.
- King Township Public Library remains closed but is offering curbside pickup service. Visit www.kinglibrary.ca for more information.
- 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.

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.

LATEST UPDATES

As York Region enters Stage 2 of the reopening plan, King is taking a cautious and gradual approach to ensure outdoor recreational areas are safe for use and that proper procedures and signage are in place.

At this time, King Township is focusing its efforts on reopening some of its outdoor recreational amenities only. Please review the infographic below or visit covid19.king.ca for more details.

What's Open - Parks & Recreation

- Open for casual recreational use only (some exceptions)
- No gatherings of more than 10 people (who are not from the same household)
- Keep 2 metres away from other people (who are not from the same household)

<p>Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball Diamonds • Tennis Courts • Dog Parks • Basketball Courts • Open Spaces • Cold Creek Conservation Area • Trails • Splashpads • Skateparks • Shade Structures 	<p>Updates (as of June 26th, 2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In place until Labour Day: No summer ice or indoor facility rentals Indoor facilities closed Soccer Fields (opening by June 29th) Open to organized sports teams for training only Summer Camps - CANCELLED Full refunds to be processed. All Municipal Events - CANCELLED Cancelled up to and including Labour Day. 	<p>Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nobleton Pool (Closed for the 2020 season) • Indoor Facilities (Closed until Labour Day) • Playgrounds • Washrooms • Outdoor Fitness Equipment <p>Under evaluation - possible opening by July 6th:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Washrooms • Baseball diamonds (open to organized sports teams for training only)
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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.

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King council aiming for zero tax increase for 2021

By Mark Pavilons

King council understands the harsh economic realities created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To ease the burden on King households, councillors rejected a staff recommendation for a 2.88% tax hike next year. Instead, they directed staff to come up with a budget with an increase as close to zero as possible.

It's still very early in the budget process and there will be full public consultation as the Township moves forward. Freezing taxes, while good news for homeowners, will come with service and program cuts.

In setting the target of a zero increase, Mayor Steve Pellegrini noted they need to be cognizant of the job losses and economic strains on everyone. Next year will be a "very different" and "difficult" budget year.

"No one on council wants to ask for a tax increase," he said.

Councillor Avia Eek said they received a lot of correspondence on the matter prior to the virtual council meeting June 22. She said they may have to go to the public and ask them which services they want cut and/or reduced.

There has always been public consultation every year during budget time, the mayor pointed out. He noted Township staff "are very creative," in coming up with solutions. He admitted there are financial pressures facing the Township they simply can't mitigate.

The money has to be found somewhere, and given the realities the only

way for the Township to remain sustainable is to cut services and look for efficiencies.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer wanted a detailed analysis from staff on the costs and savings due to the COVID-19 shutdown in King.

Schaefer was adamant that council stress the need to continue with climate change initiatives and set aside the appropriate funding. She did speak with King Treasurer Allan Evelyn, who said funds will not be redirected away from these initiatives, but rather they have to be wise in their spending moving forward.

Schaefer said since King declared a climate change emergency, "we can't afford to put it off ... it's an emergency. Air is an essential service."

Schaefer's motion to get an amendment protecting climate change programs failed to get widespread support among councillors, largely because at this point in the budget process, nothing is off the table. Councillor David Boyd admitted residents are passionate about climate change, but King can't put one issue ahead of another at this point.

Councillors all supported the idea of a zero increase for 2021, noting it's appropriate given the current circumstances.

Regarding user fees, Councillor Boyd said they have to be realistic. There are select groups who want arena and ice access and are willing to pay for it. He wants to engage all stakeholders before any increases are made in user fees.

Township CAO Dan Kostopoulos

said there will be plenty of opportunity for public consultation. He pointed out staff will work through the process and analyze essential services and spending, and discretionary ones. He admitted there will be a lot of work to "flatten" the tax levy increase to zero. Hopes are municipalities will receive some sort of upper level financial support to lessen the burden.

The CAO said there will be difficulties in King, unless funding comes from somewhere. There are a lot of projects in King's four-year plan that have to be addressed.

Councillor Bill Cober stressed it will be a "no frills, bare bones budget in 2021" and priorities will have to be reassessed.

Councillor Jordan Cescolini admitted King can't afford to safeguard any program.

The mayor told staff he wants all options kept open and Councillor Boyd said it will be a team effort to reach that zero target.

Treasurer Evelyn told councillors the staff report had to be endorsed, simply because it's mandated by the Province, and provides a forecast. Municipalities are required to ensure funding is in place for their long-term budget requirements and support their infrastructure. Council, he said, isn't asked to adopt the plan, merely to understand the forecasts and targets.

In their report, staff explained that the 2019 budget represented the first iteration of a multi-year budget format that included a forecast through 2022. Council approved a 2.5% net

increase in 2020 and set in-line estimates to maintain their needs for 2021 and 2022. This was, of course, before COVID-19.

While the budgets are set in a multi-year format, they are reviewed annually as needs, programs and costs change.

The 2021 budget will be coming to council for approval in January or February of 2021, a bit later than usual. This is directly tied to a delayed provincial budget and uncertainty relating to recovery timelines and economic consequences of COVID-19.

So far, there have been noticeable impacts on the Township's bottom line.

Due to the pandemic, King has waived penalties and interest on property tax arrears; reduced local programs largely within Parks, Recreation and Culture; acquired software and computer equipment to facilitate staff working from home, and acquired PPE.

Evelyn pointed out there will be some significant losses in income for the municipality. They include a reduction in investment income; pandemic response and recovery efforts; lower assessment growth, etc. He pointed out some capital projects could be deferred in the coming year and everything will have to be re-evaluated.

"The 2021 budget cycle will require staff to re-evaluate deployment (financial, human and capital) plans, consider how to structure delivery of municipal services in anticipation of an economic slowdown and need to ensure citizens of King Township feeling the impacts of COVID-19 are factored into the recovery strategy."

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- Michael Connelly

Consider exactly what we're rushing back to

As COVID-19 restrictions are lifted world-wide, there's a mad dash to get out and return to "normal."

But there's the rub, as the Bard once said. There is no "normal," at least not at this point.

We should, as many suggest, consider which parts of normal we're rushing back to.

"Normal" - drunken beach parties, flocking to the shopping mall for those must-haves, and even mob gatherings - are not what the doctor ordered.

Hey, I get it. Everyone's been itching to get out, socialize and break the bonds of seclusion and isolation. We want to get out and enjoy the summer.

But let's face it, the summer of 2020 will be anything but normal, traditional or routine.

Sure, many will be able to get back to their cottages and lake-side villas. Public beaches may open fully, but with certain safeguards. At this point, air travel and of course, cruises, are off the table.

We may be able to fly again within Canada as provinces open their borders. But whether we begin allowing international visitors, or an influx of Americans, is another matter.

The Province has extended the state of emergency until at least July 15. Yes, every province has its own set of rules and Quebec seems to be opening a bit quicker, which is odd given its high COVID-19 numbers. Brazil, and other hard-hit nations, are also quick to re-open, mostly to kick-start their economies.

We've already seen examples in Florida, Texas and California where a rush to the fun and games has led to a rash of new COVID-19 cases. In some areas, restrictions were quickly reinstated to prevent another big spike.

Perhaps the worst is over, but the sage advice of "slow and steady" never steered anyone wrong. It's something for all of us to keep in mind.

Sure, ours kids had a list of things they were hoping to do this summer. My oldest may still travel to BC with her boyfriend and his family, but that's



Mark Pavilons

still many weeks away. My son and his friends desperately wanted to rent a cottage, and perhaps that will happen, too.

My wife and I are celebrating our 25th anniversary this August, but things are still up in the air. It's unlikely we'll be travelling to the Caribbean but I keep telling her I had this amazing trip planned, LOL. Truth is, I can't really plan anything.

I've tried to subtly ask her about diamonds, restaurants and strolls in the park. Her wish list consists of repairs to her mini van so she can once again enjoy air conditioning and have a remote that works!

Funny how priorities change over the years.

I'm one to talk. I don't like to be showered with gifts for many reasons, not the least of which is that my tastes are a bit, shall I say, specific and eccentric. My "collections" consist of Roman coins, medieval crosses and ancient swords, things you just can't get at Walmart! Being a Virgo, I'm also quite particular, so let's just say I prefer gift cards and e-transfers (yes cash is a thing of the past).

As I just pointed out, another thing left in the dust by COVID-19 is the all mighty dollar. I haven't had so much as a toonie in my possession for months! The other day my youngest asked for \$20 but I simply didn't have it. I don't carry the stuff anymore. Every purchase is done via debit or credit.

I'm hoping to take my wife to her favourite patio restaurant very soon.

We've had months to consider our inner and outer selves and I fear much of this time has been wasted. How many of you made any progress on those massive to-do lists? We have a couple of projects that are still "in the planning stages".

Our kids have been on edge and it's been a bit of an emotional roller coaster ride at home. I've been at the helm of the BBQ more lately and spend a few more minutes each day in the back yard, just admiring nature. I try to remain upbeat and put things in perspective.

I count my blessings each and every day that everyone in my family has a source of income. I consider us lucky that I can be at the helm of our BBQ and I can provide for my charges. Lately, I've stopped wanting "more".

We've had ample opportunity to nourish our minds and souls and hopefully we've at least considered it.

I hope we can continue to work on strengthening family bonds. I would like us all to forgive past regrets and start anew. I think we've all learned through this that we have to be flexible and open to change. After all, change is the only constant in the universe!

I think we've also learned that we have to be realistic in our expectations. I tend to get stressed over little things and get really bogged down when things don't go as planned. I am trying to celebrate every little success and every bit of progress.

Humans have a great capacity for adapting to change and for learning from our past mistakes. We all can get better each and every day and take those baby steps to full recovery.

I think we should take the next week or two and gently ease back into some sort of modified routine.

There will be plenty of time to celebrate in the weeks to come. There's nothing wrong with intimate backyard gatherings with close family and friends, maybe rekindling some of that love.

As we enjoy that backyard BBQ, we should also reflect on those who've lost more than they've gained. We should count our blessings, be more compassionate and carry on.

Letter to the Editor

Praise for King Weekly Sentinel

During the COVID-19 pandemic our hearts sank and we were physically cut off from the rest of the world.

But we were impressed by the dedicated service of our front-line professionals. Praise was given to medical and hospital staff, workers at various care facilities, grocery store employees and many others who kept our society running relatively smoothly.

Few have mentioned the tireless efforts of the media, who updated citizens constantly about the COVID-19 situation, which often changed hourly.

Those dedicated journalists include Mark Pavilons, and his team at the King Weekly Sentinel.

Through the physical newspaper and online presence, the King Weekly Sentinel continues to keep local residents informed. We are never in the dark and every week the paper delivers the facts, updates and good news stories about our King neighbours.

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Are you pleased with the Stage 2 business reopening?

a) Yes **55%**

b) No **45%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you concerned that a rush to normal will result in a spike of COVID-19 cases?

a) Yes
b) No

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Thought of the Week

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Trivia Tidbits

The Babylonians named the days of the week after the five planetary bodies known to them (Tuesday through Saturday) and after the Sun and Moon (Sunday and Monday). This custom was later adopted by the Romans.

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Group says Province weakens Growth Plan

By Tim Gray
Executive Director
Environmental Defence

The Ontario government resumed their attack on farms, sustainable cities, nature and affordable healthy living in the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH). The proposed changes to the Growth Plan include:

Removing all protection for endangered species and their habitats from the impacts of aggregate pits, quarries and way-side pits in natural heritage areas.

Considering the use of inaccurate population projections to guide future growth, even though their own Ministry of Finance has determined that census based projections show that only Peel Region and Toronto are exceeding Growth Plan projections, while every other region is attracting far fewer residents.

Extending the required period for municipalities to plan for growth until 2051, thus facilitating massive urban boundary expansions onto farmland and natural areas.

Instead of investing in recovery from the pandemic, the Ontario government is continuing its hatchet job on sound planning. Unfortunately, much of the damage will be hard, and in some cases impossible, to reverse. Our cities and towns will be poorer, less productive, and more gridlocked, while our farmland, forests and natural areas will shrink at an even faster rate. A massive public debt is being created for the benefit of a few developers.

The Ontario government appears to be stuck in the past, hooked on a 1950s model of development, where wealth and prosperity are created from the conversion of nature into sprawling suburbs. But this model fails to recognize that part of the attractiveness of the Greater Golden Horseshoe is the integration of vibrant urban growth of walkable and sustainable cities and towns, with protected agricultural areas and ample greenspace.

Analysis

1. Quarries and aggregate opera-

tions: The removal of all prohibitions on quarry and gravel pit development in natural heritage areas that contain endangered species further erodes the protection of the rarest and most vulnerable plants and animals in Ontario.

These areas also represent the small portion of the GGH that provides homes for other wildlife, flood control and filtering, heat amelioration, air quality enhancement and recreational opportunities for people. Loss of these areas is a direct threat to our quality of life and the ecological underpinnings of the region.

2. Use of flawed population forecast data will potentially result in:

The over-designation of land for urban residential uses as part of the land needs assessment and Municipal Planning processes, thereby unnecessarily converting more farmland, woodlands, wetlands and other natural features into low density development. These areas will be in the tens of thousands of hectares.

A likely shortfall in future growth-related revenues such as de-

velopment charges by municipalities, therefore putting pressure on increasing property taxes for residents to pay for sewers, water lines, roads and public transit serving many fewer people than projected. These shortfalls will be in the billions of dollars across the region.

The inability for the Region of Peel and the City of Toronto to properly plan for what could be significantly higher population growth than provided for in the current Growth Plan forecasts, while every other region plans for people that are not coming.

3. Extension of Planning Period to 2051: The extension of the required period to designate land for growth to 2051 ensures that these unfounded population projections will be used as a rationale to massively expand urban boundaries now and deliver huge financial benefits to land speculating developers at the expense of the public. This occurs when the urban boundary is expanded to take in surrounding farms and natural areas, resulting in a massive increase in value of that land.



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- If the burner does not ignite right away, turn the gas off and wait five minutes, keeping the hood open, before repeating the procedure.

At the start of the BBQ season, do this THREE-STEP SAFETY CHECK of your BBQ:

- 1 CLEAN** Use a pipe cleaner or wire to ensure burner ports are free of rust, dirt, spider webs or other debris.
- 2 CHECK** Examine the hose leading from the tank to the burners. Replace it if cracked or damaged.
- 3 TEST** Find leaks by applying a 50/50 solution of water and dish soap to propane cylinder connections and hoses. If bubbles appear, tighten the connection and/or replace the damaged parts and retest.

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DO NOT place the BBQ close to wooden fences or walls, vinyl siding, or anything that can burn. The area behind your BBQ must be free of anything that can ignite – this is where hot gases escape.

Keep loose clothing away from a hot BBQ. Keep children and pets at least one metre (three feet) away from a hot BBQ.

When finished barbecuing, turn the gas valve off first, then turn off the burner controls so no gas is left in the connecting hose.

Allow the BBQ to cool completely before closing the cover.

If you live in an apartment or condo building, check with the building owner or property manager, or the Condominium Act of your building, regarding the use of BBQs on your building's balconies.

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Neighbourhood Watch

King wants to provide residents with tips and ideas on how to protect our community from theft and other criminal activity. The columns to the right provide specific advice for home and car owners.

Neighbourhood Watch is supported by York Regional Police (YRP) and aims to reduce crime through the active participation of citizens in crime prevention. It involves working with your neighbours to prevent crime - before it starts.

If you are interested in obtaining more information about Neighbourhood Watch, email YRP at neighbourhoodwatch@yryp.ca with the following information:

- Name and address
- Contact information
- Best time to contact you (morning/afternoon/evening)

An officer will reply as soon as possible.

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Homeowners are encouraged to maintain their properties to give the impression people are home and keep sightlines clear (i.e. no shrubs blocking windows) to help discourage theft.

Tips:

- Lock doors and windows
- Have lights on timers
- Keep up on yard maintenance
- Collect mail/newspaper from the end of your driveway
- Contact a trusted neighbour if you will be away from home and avoid posting about it on social media
- Consider purchasing surveillance equipment and ensure cameras are functional
- Photograph jewelry and record serial numbers
- Do not store any valuables at home if it does not need to be there (i.e. cash)

YRP investigates vehicle thefts, with particular concern for Lexus and Toyota models that are in high demand overseas. These thefts often take place between midnight and 6 a.m., where thieves use an electronic device to connect to the port below the dashboard and program the car to accept the key they brought with them.

Tips:

- Lock your car and keep valuables out of sight
- Park in a locked garage
- Place a second vehicle behind high value or high demand vehicles (i.e. Lexus or Toyota SUVs) to discourage theft
- Use a steering wheel lock
- Install a lock on your on-board data point
- Invest in an aftermarket GPS tracker

Want to have a fire?

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Having a recreational/camp fire

No permit needed so long as:

1. There is no Fire Ban in effect. (Check www.king.ca for the latest updates).
2. You are burning CLEAN wood ONLY.
3. The fire is contained to a chiminea or a pile that is a maximum of 0.75 metres (2 feet) in diameter by 0.75 metres (2 feet) in height.
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.

Please do your part & recycle!

Community mourns passing of Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth

By Mark Pavilons

The King community has lost a truly unique soul.

The Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth passed away Sunday morning (June 28). Sheilagh passed with the sun coming in the windows at Matthews House Hospice, Alliston. She was 50.

Please pray for Sheilagh's daughters, Madeleine and Sarah, her siblings Bernie, Chris, Pat, Peter, Brian, and Genny, and for all her family. Condolences can be left on Sheilagh's blog: www.howssheilagh.com.

"Sheilagh was truly a community champion who will be sorely missed," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "I and the rest of council extend our deepest condolences to all the family and friends and our thoughts and prayers are with them."

Described as a unique soul and kindred spirit by members of her parish, Rev. Sheilagh was genuine, authentic, and had a natural ability of making everyone she met feel at ease.

"She gently and compassionately accepted everyone, whether a member of her church or the community at large, and let them know that they were beloved of God," said George Elliott, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Anglican Parish of Lloydtown. "Rev. Sheilagh exuded positivity and had a great sense of humour. She was known for her high fives and cherished children and youth, through her children's talks



during service, summer day camp and various youth retreats. She had a natural ability to teach, participate and lead – in a fun and engaging manner. Rev. Sheilagh fostered a spiritual community and took the initiative to lead by example and encouraged others to join. She loved preaching and applied her passion in extracurricular activities."

This was most evident with the annual Schomberg Country Run, an event that Rev. Sheilagh identified as an opportunity to raise funds for clean water initiatives in Pikangikum, as well as her teaching efforts on an Indigenous

unit at local grade schools. Her homilies removed barriers and were delivered in an authentic manner that resonated so well with members of her parish. She made the world feel a bit brighter and more hopeful, and her smile and sense of wonderment will be sorely missed.

Rev. Ashworth was ordained Deacon in 1998 and Priest in 1999 in the Anglican Church of Canada. She served as an Assistant Curate at St. Philip on-the-Hill, Unionville, then as an Associate Priest at St. Mary, Richmond Hill and at Trinity Church, Aurora. Since 2008 she was the Incumbent of the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown (St. Mary Magdalene, Schomberg and Christ Church, Kettleby, and the Anglican Community of the former St. Alban's, Nobleton).

The family will be holding a private service later this week. Once the pandemic restrictions are lifted, there will be a public memorial service to which everyone will be invited.

Sheilagh requested that donations be made to either St. Mary Magdalene,

Schomberg or Christ Church, Kettleby. This can be done by emailing aplloydtown@gmail.com. You may also donate to the Toronto Urban Native Ministries at <https://sites.google.com/view/tunm/home>, Matthews House Hospice in Alliston at <https://www.matthewshousehospice.ca/>, or a charity of your choice.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites you to send a small arrangement to someone you love.

The family has requested that you do not drop off food, but instead donate food items to the King Township Food Bank or your local food bank.

Support from the community was strong during Sheilagh's recent battle with cancer. A prayer vigil held just before she died drew well over 45 participants. Residents and parishioners continually asked what they could do for her during her difficult time.

Cars passing by the rectory honked their horns to let Sheilagh know they were thinking of her.



This photo shows Sheilagh in front of hockey equipment that was donated by the community and sent to indigenous communities in northern Ontario in 2018.

Witnesses sought in fatal collision

Investigators with the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit are seeking witnesses following a fatal collision in King.

On Tuesday, June 23 at 2:20 p.m., officers were called to the area of Highway 9 and Jane Street for a report of a serious collision. When officers arrived they found that a red Dodge Charger had collided with a dump truck.

A passenger in the Dodge, a 20-year-old man from Barrie, succumbed to his injuries at the scene.

The driver of the Dodge, a 19-year-old man from Barrie, was transported to hospital with life-threatening injuries. He is now in serious condition but is expected to survive.

The driver of the dump truck was treated at the scene for minor injuries.

The investigation is ongoing and any witnesses who have not yet spoken with police, or anyone who may have dashcam footage of the collision, are being asked to please come forward.

York Regional Police is asking anyone with information to contact the Major Collision Investigation Unit by calling 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7704, or to call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

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ACROSS

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4. Quarrel
8. Tree trunk
12. Tam or beret
15. Miner's quest
16. Quartet with an absentee
17. Having wings
18. Muslim official
19. Sushi fish
20. Work for
21. Fully mature
22. Balderdash
23. Deli sausage
25. Monastery head
27. Study steadily
28. Nanook's vehicle
29. Recital piece
31. Refinery owner
33. TV horse
35. Specimen
38. Prize marble
41. Musical piece
43. Be enough
46. Chin beard
48. Diplomat
50. Now hear ____!
52. Baseball call

53. Flush
55. Water server
57. Broke a fast
58. Salt's beverage
60. Excitement
62. Duck's gait
64. Pharmacy offering
66. Jewish teacher
68. Color of emeralds
69. Wear away
71. Certain sports watch-dog: abbr.
73. Nonabundant
76. For heaven's ____!
78. Type of moss
82. Ship's cargo space
83. Inch along
86. Pin's kin
88. House wing
89. Navigate
90. Cobra's comment
92. Possessive pronoun
93. Add to
94. Charity
95. Image
96. Mouse catcher
97. Senate negative
98. Boundless joy
99. Moistureless

DOWN

1. Loamy deposit
2. Of a region
3. ____ of the ball
4. Dam up
5. Laud
6. Melody
7. Of musical pitch
8. Fishing hook part
9. Mixture
10. Baby computer?
11. Before, to Shakespeare
12. Billiard shot
13. Greek market
14. Communion plate
24. Word on a movie ticket
26. Warrant officer
27. Kilt fold
30. Work by Keats
32. Unfavorable
34. Marine hazard
36. Only or hazard, e.g.
37. Purr's relative
38. Absorbed
39. Squash
40. Croc's kin
42. Foursome

44. Tint
45. Legal right
47. Brownie
49. Bow wood
51. Recognized
54. Nimbus
56. Sitar music
59. Watch over
61. Overweight
63. Window curtain
65. Literary monogram
67. Pen filler
70. Remember
72. Expurgate
73. Luster
74. Fast dance
75. Wooden lane
77. Sap-sucking insect
79. Proclamation
80. Sacred table
81. Cranky
84. Hoar
85. Or ____! (threat)
87. Anglo-Saxon peon
89. Sink in the middle
91. ____ cube

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7-Day Weather Outlook

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Mainly Sunny High 31°C Low 19°C	Risk of T'storm High 30°C Low 19°C <1mm	Sunny High 30°C Low 18°C	Mainly Sunny High 32°C Low 21°C	Chance of Shower High 31°C Low 20°C <1mm	Chance of Shower High 31°C Low 22°C <1mm	A Few Showers High 30°C Low 21°C ~5mm
Wind NW 16k	Wind N 19k	Wind N 9k	Wind SW 11k	Wind E 9k	Wind N 5k	Wind SW 17k

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Ottawa supports community projects

Far too many seniors face isolation, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Government of Canada is committed to empowering seniors by supporting new opportunities for older Canadians to stay informed, engaged and connected.

Deb Schulte, Member of Parliament for King-Vaughan and Minister of Seniors, announced an investment under the New Horizons for Seniors Program of \$155,358 for eight projects in her riding that will support seniors' needs. After project funding was originally approved in early 2020, project criteria were modified this spring to support the needs of seniors during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Human Endeavour project received \$24,900 for its project Expressing Canadian Life Experiences Through Art, where seniors gather virtually and share stories of their life experiences through music. These musical workshops will support the social participation and inclusion of seniors. Beginning Friday, July 3, the musical program will run biweekly from 2 to 4 p.m. until Feb. 26, 2021. Seniors interested in participating should contact Human Endeavour at 905-553-9291 for more information.

Human Endeavour also created a tablet loan program for seniors. It provides seniors with a tablet and technical support so they can participate in online workshops.

To help isolated seniors to socialize, the Vaughan Community Health Centre received \$21,870 to provide 24 rural seniors with tablets preloaded with three months of data and IT support, so they are able to join Vaughan CHC virtual programming. In response to COVID-19, the Vaughan CHC relaunched its community programs to be facilitated digitally online to better connect with their clientele.

With this project, seniors can join group programs online to discuss topics like healthy living, self-care and learn from guest speakers on a variety of topics.

The Golden Age Village for the Elderly received \$25,000 to deliver food to seniors self-isolating at home. From April 20 to June 14, the organization provided hot meals once a week to over 300 seniors. Volunteers taking orders over the phone provided social interactions for the seniors they supported.

Caregiving Matters, Chabad of Maple, Mapleglen Seniors Residence and Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust also received funding for projects.

The New Horizons for Seniors Program provides grants and contributions for projects that help improve the well-being of seniors and foster their social inclusion.

"We're proud to work with local partners to provide programs and services for seniors that keep them connected. Because seniors are staying safe by isolating at home, we also need to provide new kinds of help. So we've provided flexibility for previously approved projects to be modified to meet seniors' needs during this unprecedented public health crisis. When seniors are respected, valued and included in our communities, their health and well-being are enhanced and our communities benefit," said Minister Schulte.

If infected by COVID-19, Canadians aged 65 and over, and those of all ages with compromised immune systems or underlying medical conditions, are at increased risk of more severe outcomes. Advice for those at risk is available here.

Every year, organizations are invited to apply for New Horizons for Seniors Program community-based funding through a call for proposals.

Community-based projects are eligible to receive up to \$25,000 in grant funding and, as of 2018, small grants of up to \$5,000 are available to organizations that have not received funding within the last five years.

Since 2004, the New Horizons for Seniors Program has funded more than 26,300 projects in hundreds of communities across Canada, with a total Government of Canada investment of more than half a billion dollars.

Testing encouraged for agri-food employees

Ontario's fruit and vegetable farmers continue to work closely with the Ontario government and health authorities to protect all essential, front-line, agri-food employees on Ontario farms during the COVID-19 pandemic. As part of these efforts, the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association (OFVGA) is recommending all agri-food employees get COVID-19 testing.

To support testing of agricultural workers, and address concerns workers may have about testing, the OFVGA is launching the following five-point plan:

- Work with government so that testing be made available on-farm, to decrease the risk of spread amongst workers congregating at central testing locations.
- Work with government to develop and distribute culturally appropriate communications that address stigma and fears associated with COVID-19 and positive status so that workers feel comfortable being tested.
- Work with government, public health officials and growers to distribute communications to workers that make it clear that no worker is at risk of being sent home if they test positive or develop symptoms.
- Work with government to ensure all employees that test positive or are required to isolate have access to WSIB or equivalent wage replacement coverage.
- Work with government to increase the use of active temperature screening of agriculture workers before work begins each day as a best practice by employers.

Based on information available on recent COVID-19 outbreaks on farms, it has come to OFVGA's attention that growers employing workers through provincial recruitment agencies can face an increased risk of an outbreak amongst their workers due to a lack of quarantine and public health protocol enforcement by some agencies. If growers choose to work with recruitment agencies, they should ensure that the agencies are strictly enforcing all quarantine and public health requirements.

"The industry is recognizing that there is a significant gap in oversight with respect to contract workers that move from farm to farm," said OFVGA chair Bill George. "The OFVGA is prepared to immediately work with government to develop regulations for how these recruitment agencies operate to ensure workers are protected and public health protocols are being enforced."

The OFVGA also strongly recommends that growers implement policies to create separate teams of agriculture workers to those residing on farm and those who do not.

More information about Canada's Temporary Foreign Worker Programs for agriculture, including employer compliance, can be found on Economic and Social Development Canada's website.



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Feds advance gas tax revenue to municipalities

By Mark Pavilons

The federal government is helping small towns and big cities across the country by advancing revenues.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced that funding delivered through the federal Gas Tax Fund will be accelerated this year to help communities as quickly as possible while respecting public health guidelines.

This means that \$2.2 billion in annual federal infrastructure funding for communities will be delivered in one payment in June. Early delivery of the full funding for 2020-21 will help com-

munities quickly move forward with infrastructure projects that will improve our quality of life and help restart local economies.

Communities have flexibility to use the funding to meet their local needs. Projects could include access to high-speed broadband, improvements to water and road systems, and the building of cycling and walking paths. These projects create jobs, and improve how Canadians live, work, and play.

"We are grateful to receive our annual gas tax funding in an accelerated manner, all of which has already been earmarked in our existing capital bud-

get. Unfortunately, the announcement didn't provide for any new money, and therefore really doesn't accomplish anything different, or more, for King Township," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini.

Since the start of the crisis, Prime Minister Trudeau and Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland have worked closely with premiers. The Government of Canada is working with the provinces and territories to look at ways to further support municipalities as part of this ongoing collaboration.

"From coast to coast to coast, Canadians are feeling the economic impacts of COVID-19, while they do what they can to protect the health and safety of their families and communities. That is why we are taking action to restart the economy, get Canadians back to work, and come out of this stronger. This funding will help communities address their immediate needs, while also planning the infrastructure they need for the future," Trudeau said.

"As we continue to face the greatest public health and economic crisis of our time, immediate investments in infrastructure will play a vital role in addressing the needs of municipalities and First Nations communities, reviv-

ing local economies, and improving the lives of Canadians. The Government of Canada is taking quick action to support communities across Canada by accelerating this year's payment through the federal Gas Tax Fund. This will put \$2.2 billion in the hands of communities now to fund local infrastructure projects like public transit, high-speed broadband, and recreation centres, and get Canadians to work," added The Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities.

In past years, payments to communities through the federal Gas Tax Fund have typically been made in two instalments, in summer and later in the year.

The federal Gas Tax Fund is a long-term, indexed source of funding for over 3,600 communities across the country. In recent years, it has supported thousands of projects annually.

The federal Gas Tax Fund includes 18 different project categories, including capacity building, sport infrastructure, and roads. Communities can also use the funds immediately for priority projects, bank them for later use, pool the dollars with other communities for shared infrastructure projects, or use them to finance major infrastructure expenditures.

Operating surplus directed to the tax rate stabilization

By Mark Pavilons

While King Township enjoyed a \$1.635 million operating surplus in 2019, much of it will be directed to keeping the tax increase at zero for 2021.

At this point staff are earmarking more than \$1.2 million for the municipalities tax rate stabilization reserve.

Councillors approved the draft consolidated financial statements for 2019, which included an update on King's reserves and surpluses.

While the \$1.6 million operating surplus for 2019 is "good news," it's offset by the financial strains brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"King is in good shape," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini, but admittedly, much of this will be used for tax rate stabilization. King directed staff to bring in the 2021 budget with a tax rate increase as close to zero as possible.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer said the surplus should be used for net expenditures that came from COVID-19 response. King, she pointed out, did save some money over the past few months by halting various programs and services. She wants a detailed financial analysis on the bottom line – costs and savings – from COVID-19. She said council has to remain diligent.

Councillor Bill Cober noted the pandemic is a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence. King, like Cober, has always been frugal and previous year's surpluses give the municipality a "leg up" in meeting future challenges.

As of Dec. 31, 2019, King had an operating surplus of \$1.635 million, up slightly over the \$1.44 million surplus in 2018.

The surplus, according to Treasurer Allan Evelyn, represents the combined value of incremental sources of revenue that, by nature, change depending on circumstances. Given this "unanticipated" windfall of sorts, the money should be directed to support unanticipated expenditures, or put into a reserve.

COVID-19 response is definitely unanticipated.

Of the \$1.635 million, \$400,000 is dedicated to the infrastructure serve.

The surplus, according to staff, was somewhat offset by the demands of the water and wastewater systems. For the year ending Dec. 31, 2019, there was an operating surplus of \$1.1 million, but wastewater saw a deficit of \$137,000.

Cash and cash equivalents rose by \$14.2 million over 2018. The most significant factors contributing to the increase was receipt of the mortgage related to the sale of the former municipal building, and contributions to infrastructure reserves.

The Township's long-term debt at Dec. 31, 2019, stood at \$22.6 million.

York Farm Fresh 2020 guide maps out

York Farm Fresh Association is excited to announce that their York Farm Fresh 2020 Guide Map is now available. This map lists 32 Farms offering direct farm gate sales and 6 Farmers' Markets in York Region. It serves as a guide for the community to uncover local farm fresh products within the region.

Maps are available at member farms and can be downloaded from their website – www.yorkfarmfresh.com/guidemap

The Passport to Fresh contest has gone virtual for 2020. Participants visiting member farms can take a photo of the location, or product purchases and share on social media with the #PassportToFresh hashtag to earn a virtual stamp. Stamps are entered for prizing on the York Farm Fresh website – yorkfarmfresh.com/passport Prizes will be awarded monthly on July 7, Aug. 11, Sept. 7 and for the grand prize, a Thanksgiving Harvest Basket, on Oct. 11. This basket is filled with everything needed to have a family feast with all the items sourced from member farms. To show appreciation for front line workers, winners will be asked to nominate a worker to receive an additional prize.

Founded in 2017, York Farm Fresh, is a non-profit organization uniting farmers, farmer's markets, small food processors as well as other stakeholders who care about food produced in York Region. York Farm Fresh exists to connect customers and community to York Region grown local food, beverage and products at farms, farmers markets and farm experiences by joint marketing, promotion and education initiatives with a goal to increase revenue for members.



Happy Canada Day

Wishing you and your family a safe and festive holiday.



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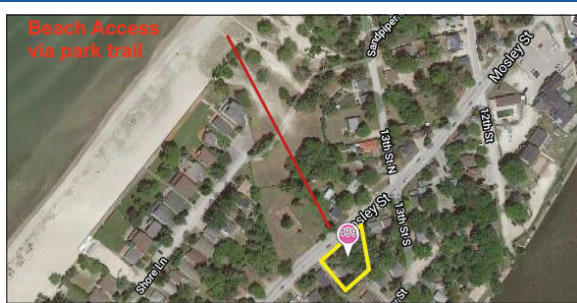
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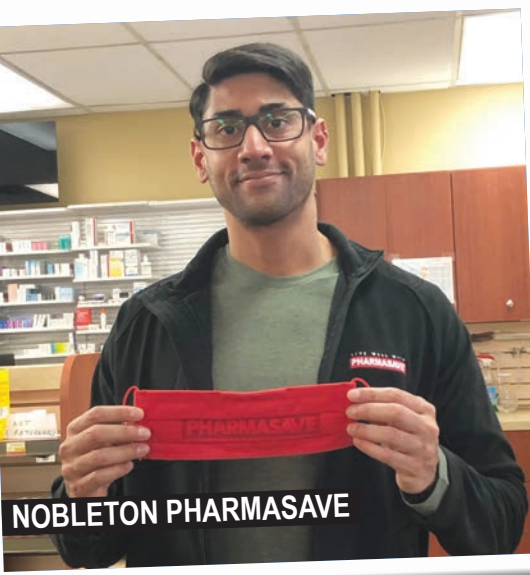
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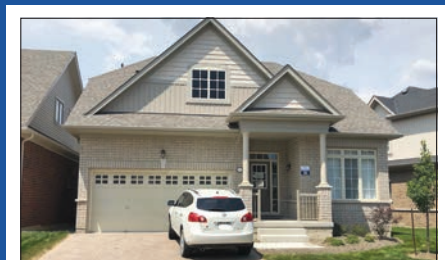
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Arts & Entertainment

King Library offers French storytime for youngsters

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

In a continuation of its efforts to reach out to patrons virtually, King Township Public Library (KTPL) has been offering French storytime, or Lire et Découvrir. It is posted on the KTPL's webpage, Instagram account, and YouTube channel every Thursday.

"We have had tremendous success with this program. There are many families in King that send their children to French Immersion schools. The library has created this program to support these families. Currently, for the six episodes we have posted, they have received 970 views in total from our YouTube and Instagram TV accounts. Our YouTube postings have

an average of 68 views per week," said Kelley England, manager of community engagement and marketing at KTPL.

The library plans to continue offering the program for the foreseeable future, or at least until they can safely offer in-person programming again.

Rebecca Robinson, library assistant special projects, is the face of the French storytime hour. KTPL recently expanded its children's French collection and has a great mix of books from beginner readers to chapter books in French for kids.

"I pick either beginner reader books or picture books, most of which are translated from English to French. This is because our youngest readers are



more comfortable reading about characters that they are already familiar with such as Pete the Cat, Elephant and Piggie or LEGO," explained Robinson. "At first, the task of recording myself and dusting my French skills seemed like a very daunting task. However, after many takes and perfecting a flattering camera angle each week it gets easier."

The program is geared towards kids in French Immersion in Grades 1-3 to help them learn the basics of French vocabulary.

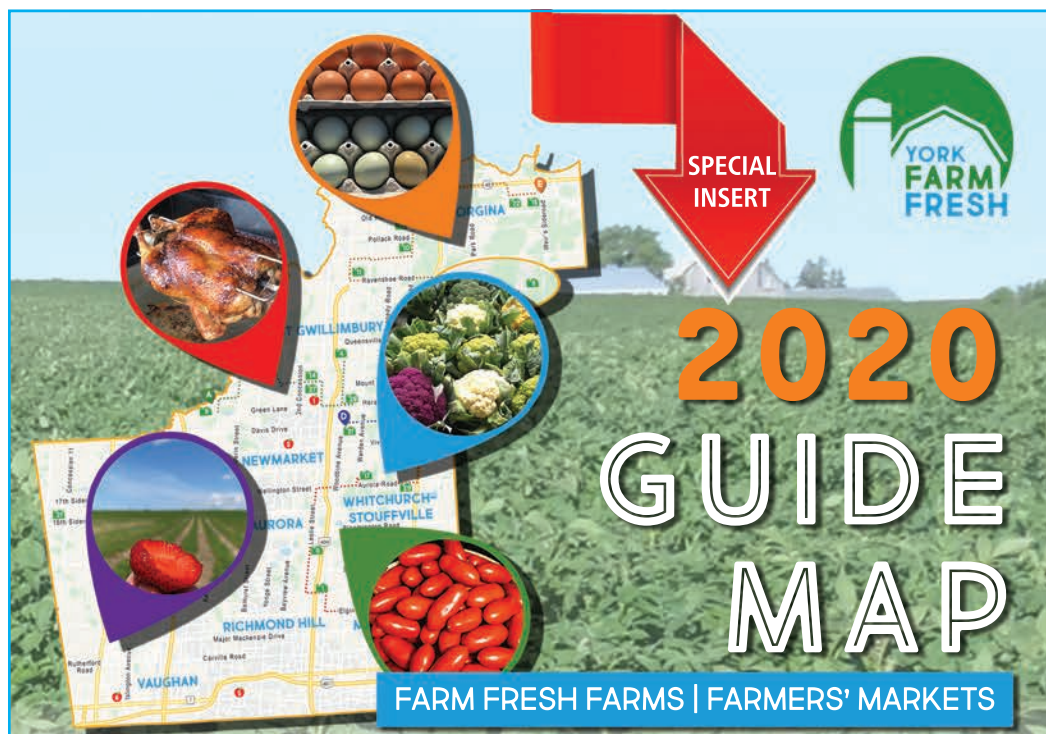
"We have received positive comments on Instagram from parents who enjoyed it. Offering 'Lire et Découvrir,' has been a great way to engage our French Immersion students in King Township and give them additional

exposure to the French language especially since the closures of the schools due to COVID-19. In addition, it's been a great way to keep up my French skills," said Robinson.

KTPL has also been offering curbside service for physical materials.

"We have had great reception from our patrons, happy to have access to resources again. In fact, visits to our library catalogue has doubled in the first week of June. This increase clearly shows that there is a strong appetite for physical materials and they are highly valued by the community," said England.

To log in to KTPL's French storytime, visit https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLefya--FVCwaN5_w_eIHUhrClG6ltzBm5.



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National Wildlife Centre to open in Caledon

Universal health care should include all Canadians, like beaver, geese, eagles, turtles, moose and bears to name just a few.

In 2002, while volunteering at the Prestige oil spill cleanup in Spain Sherri Cox, a vice-president at a Fortune 500 company watched helplessly as a heavily oiled seabird slowly died. The huge, oil drenched gannet was sitting on the bow of a fishing boat, too far away to be saved. It died along with 300,000 other animals in that one catastrophe.

She realized that, unlike all the Cuddles, Snoopys, Tweety Birds and other pets with names and owners, that majestic, wild bird had no one to take care of it.

Within a year, Sherri was preparing for veterinary school and by 2009 had left the corporate world, earned a veterinary degree and was working at a wild-

life centre in Toronto. In 2014, she started driving her travelling veterinary hospital all over southern and eastern Canada attending to injured, sick, dying and orphaned animals. But all that hard work and sacrifice just increased her understanding of the sheer magnitude of the life and death problems facing wildlife across Canada.

The problem needed a national solution. Since its start in 2014, the National Wildlife Centre has cared for more than 5,000 wild animals representing more than 200 native species.

While there are thousands of dedicated wildlife rehabilitators across the country, only trained veterinarians can perform the surgeries and other delicate veterinary procedures that can save the lives of these wild creatures. So, many injured, sick or orphaned animals are euthanized due to a lack of



available veterinarians, especially in rural areas.

In 2019, with support and startup funds from the Gordon and Patricia Gray Animal Welfare Foundation, a 100-acre site was obtained, and plans initiated for the first National Wildlife Centre in Caledon.

Another \$4 million is needed to build the first facility, organize a national network of local “rehabbers,” and train the dedicated wildlife veterinarians to work with them. The first veterinary internship was completed in 2018, and plans are in place to train five or more additional wildlife vets by 2022. To make it all happen, they need help.

The National Wildlife Centre has a mission – to protect Canada’s varied

populations of native wild animals and provide medical and surgical services for sick, injured and orphaned animals. By educating the public, creating collaborative opportunities for scientists and wildlife conservationists, and providing training to students, veterinarians, and wildlife rehabilitators, the Centre will be home base for a national network. Canada’s National Centre of Excellence in Wildlife will be the leading provider of surgery, rehabilitation, conservation and education for Canada’s wildlife.

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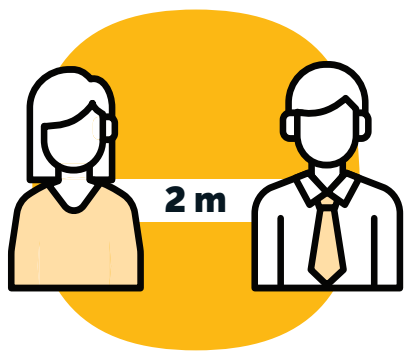


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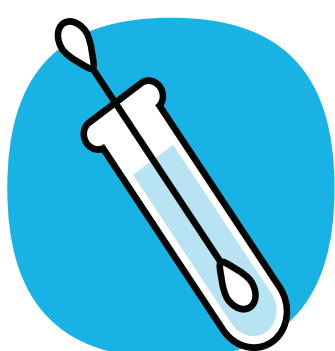
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Resident shares her experiences in bi-racial family

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

Amid the outrage following George Floyd's death in the U.S., as debates raged across different communities, a local resident took to social media to share her own story and bring awareness of the Black Lives Matter movement.

Ann Rockley's parents adopted Eric, a bi-racial child, in the 1960s, and he grew up as the youngest of four siblings in a caucasian family.

"My parents decided to adopt a child to round out their family to two boys and two girls after they had two chronic asthmatics in a row. Both my older brother and I spent a significant amount of time in Sick Kids with life-threatening asthma attacks. My mother wanted to give a home to a child who was considered unadoptable," said Rockley, a King resident. "In the 1960s, adopting a bi-racial child was almost unheard of. Eric and I were just two years apart in age. We were like most siblings; we played together and protected each other in school."

The decision to adopt Eric also stemmed in part from Rockley's mother's own experiences as an orphaned child.

"My mother was orphaned in the 1930s. She moved from foster home to foster home but never found her forever home. In those days, foster girls were like unpaid servants – cooking, cleaning, and taking care of children," explained Rockley.

While the family felt complete with Eric's arrival, things weren't always rosy.

"We faced many prejudices. Sometimes it wasn't intentional but people would be surprised and pull back when they saw him in the baby carriage. He faced discrimination when kids came over for play dates and their parents picked them up, or when he was invited for kid's parties. He was teased a lot at school when he was little and kids taunted him saying he was 'dirty' or had 'cooties' because of the colour of his skin," recalled Rockley.

Eric also had problems at school and went through a tough phase as a teenager.

"Today he would be classified as ADHD, but in those days it was called hyperactive. He couldn't sit still in class and was easily distracted, and was considered a disturbance," said Rockley, recalling that her parents had to go into school multiple times. A teacher made Eric stand in the corner several times a day and even locked him in a closet. Eric didn't learn to read until Grade 6, and his teachers said he was just lazy.

"My parents finally paid for their own assessment where they discovered he was hyperactive and dyslexic. They paid to have him specially tutored and he learned to read in just a few months."

In the 1960s, racism was often overt and unapologetic. Back in the day, Rockley's father received a job offer from the States and the family was preparing to move.

"They asked for the information about the children so they could arrange for schooling, but when they found out my brother was black they rescinded the job offer. My father had already quit his current job and he had to find another job very quickly," said Rockley.

Despite the prejudice from society, the Rockley family gave Eric a memorable and loving childhood.

"We'd rent a trailer and go camping to the Adirondack Mountains in the U.S., or to Prince Edward Island or places in Ontario. My father liked to get up crazy early, and be on the road at 3 a.m. This was in the days before seat belts, so Eric and I wore harness seat belts (vest and cable) that let us lie down in the large back of the station wagon but protect us if he had to stop suddenly. We'd make up all sorts of stories about all the reflections we could see in the windows as we drove through the dark. At the camp site we'd collect pine cones and sticks and build villages. We'd climb trees and get covered in pine gum. We swam and canoed. We played card games and drew pictures," said Rockley of their fond memories together.

Rockley, who runs a global high technology company, took to social media with her story because it made her think deeply about her deceased brother.



"Being a teenager is hard for everyone and Eric found it even harder than most, but he never got in trouble with the police. He often said he was black on the outside but white on the inside and it made it difficult to relate to either race. As a teenager and an adult, he was stopped multiple times for no reason by the police when he walked to a friend's house or to/from the bus stop."

Eric grew up to be a DJ but died of a heart attack in his late 30s. Rockley hopes her memory of him will serve as a reminder to people, especially in the dark times following George Floyd's brutal death.

"Eric died more than 20 years ago but I don't think he would have been sur-

prised about what is going on, because it was a constant in his life. I think he would have been angry things haven't changed in all these years," said Rockley, pointing to the racism that continues to exist in today's world. "I wrote about him because I want to let people know that these people, the people accused and killed by the police are fathers, sons and brothers. They could be somebody's brother, like Eric was mine! They have the same right to live, love, and experience success as anyone else."

Often, personal stories can be a medium of change and Rockley hopes that her family's experiences with racism will serve to be one.



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Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake goes virtual!

The postponed 2020 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake has been officially rescheduled, and this year's event is going virtual!

From Sept. 23-27 join the SL5K Virtual Challenge, a 5-day kilometre challenge to see just how much ground you can cover in support of the most urgent needs at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

This year's Nature's Emporium Run

for Southlake was originally scheduled for April 26, but was postponed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. With restrictions on large gatherings still in place, Southlake Foundation has embraced the opportunity to create a virtual experience unlike any other.

This re-imagined 5-day virtual kilometre challenge will allow participants to choose any distance goal and any number of distance-based activities –

run, walk, bike, row, or even hopscotch! Using the My Virtual Mission platform, which can sync to your favourite fitness app, participants will be able to track their kilometres, see themselves advance along the route, motivate fellow teammates through an interactive chat forum, and more!

Included with registration is a 2020 event t-shirt, finisher medal and race kit, which will be available for curbside pick-up at Nature's Emporium in Newmarket Sept. 18 and 19. Exciting new prizes are also available to reward participants for their fundraising efforts.

As Southlake's largest annual fundraiser, this event provides vital support to the hospital. The goal for the SL5K Virtual Challenge is to raise \$150,000 which will support the hospital's most urgent priorities, including new and replacement tools, equipment and technology not funded by the government. The support of our communities in participating and fundraising will ensure that Southlake's clinical teams have the tools they need to continue provide leading edge care, close to home for everyone who needs it.

Registration for the virtual event is now open. For full details about the SL5K Virtual Challenge or to register, visit www.runforsouthlake.ca.

Since the inception of Southlake Foundation in 1980, more than \$160 million dollars has been raised in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Working with members of the community, hundreds of volunteers, the Southlake Family and our incredible donors, Southlake Foundation will continue to support life-saving medical equipment, infrastructure upgrades and expansions, patient programs and staff education, all for the goal of providing leading edge care for patients and families, close to home. For more information visit: www.southlakefoundation.ca

The Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake is the evolution of the Bob Hartwell Challenge that began in 2002 to pay tribute to local businessman, civic leader and avid runner, Bob Hartwell. Through his incredible contribution to the community, Bob touched many lives in his 54 years. The Run for Southlake honours his legacy by raising much-needed funds for our local hospital, so that we can all continue to have access to the leading edge care that we deserve, close to home. This event has since evolved into Southlake's largest annual signature event and has become a fixture in our communities, with the first ever sold out event in 2018. Just as Southlake touches the lives of people beyond York Region, participants come from all over to join in. From South Simcoe, Durham and Dufferin Counties, Toronto and even as far north as Muskoka, participants from 3 to 80 years old come to support leading edge health care for their family, friends and neighbours.

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Police recover more than 40 stolen vehicles

Investigators with the York Regional Police Financial Crimes Unit, working in conjunction with the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and Italian National Police have recovered more than 40 vehicles stolen from the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

In April 2020, the York Regional Police Financial Crimes Unit were contacted by members of the CBSA, in regards to an ongoing fraud investigation. CBSA had flagged the export of a 2018 Audi Q7 as suspicious and became aware that the same vehicle was being investigated by the York Regional Police Financial Crimes Unit in an ongoing auto finance fraud investigation.

Investigators discovered a number of other vehicles involved, many destined overseas. These exports were also flagged and investigators contacted authorities in Italy, where shipping containers carrying the suspect vehicles were on stopovers at two Italian ports in Salerno and Tauro. The final destination of the containers was supposed to be Libya and Turkey.

Through a collaborative effort, York Regional Police along with CBSA officers and the Italian National Police identified 40 vehicles that were obtained by fraud or stolen from York Region and the GTA. 30 of these crime vehicles were seized in the ports of Italy. Additionally, 10 vehicles that were also related to crime were seized by the CBSA before they could be exported from Canada. York Regional Police are working with the CBSA, Italian State Police and the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) to have the vehicles returned to Canada where they can be returned to their lawful owners.

The total value of vehicles seized in Italy was approximately \$1.5 million dollars and the 10 vehicles seized in Canada were valued at over \$300,000 dollars.

On June 10, investigators with the Financial Crimes Unit executed a search warrant at the offices of RS Royal Services located 53 Bakersfield Street, in Toronto. As a result, investigators recovered further evidence and additional vehicles that are being investigated.

This investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Financial Crimes Unit at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 6612, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-tips or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

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York Regional Police warn residents about Bitcoin scam

York Regional Police is once again reminding residents about scams where fraudsters are claiming to be police officers and demanding payments be made in Bitcoin, after multiple victims come forward to report losses in the thousands of dollars.

York Regional Police has seen increases in reports of scams where the suspects are identifying themselves as government officials.

In recent incidents, fraudsters have made contact with victims by telephone and advised the victim that they are officers from either the Government of Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police or York Regional Police and that the victim's bank accounts or credit cards have been com-

promised. The suspects in some cases have been able to utilize software to alter their phone numbers to make it appear that they are calling from a police phone line.

Recent incidents have shown that the suspects are getting the victim to withdraw all funds from their bank accounts, attend a Bitcoin machine which are usually in convenience stores and use the machines to transfer all of their cash into a Bitcoin account number provided.

Bitcoin is a worldwide crypto currency which is not regulated by any central body, making it impossible for victims to get their money back once deposited into a machine and transferred to a fraudster's virtual wallet. Bitcoin

transactions are difficult to trace, which makes investigations where Canadian currency is turned into Bitcoin particularly challenging for investigators.

York Regional Police does not engage or participate in money or tax collection of any kind and does not arrest individuals in relation to overdue taxes. Any call or email of this nature should be considered a scam. If you have concerns about the possibility of your bank accounts being compromised, contact your financial institution or credit card company immediately. If you have concerns about overdue taxes, this should be discussed and confirmed directly with the CRA. More information on

the CRA can be found at <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca>.

York Regional Police is reminding citizens to be cautious and to confirm any suspicious calls or emails they receive before providing any information or payments. If a situation feels suspicious, trust your instincts and take your time to thoroughly check the facts out. Organized criminals use pressure tactics to convince you to act immediately and with a sense of urgency. Do not be talked into providing personal information or payments by methods that you are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with and call companies or agencies back to verify information first. Share this information with your family, especially seniors.



Students, local politicians join together in virtual 'Future Majority'

By Aidan D'Souza

I had the privilege of joining Future Majority virtual town hall June 23, for the King-Vaughan areas with other young Canadians.

We had a group discussion focusing on issues of student life after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some of the topics included mental health, income security, student tuition fees, and much more.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor Debbie Schaefer were also at the virtual event answering student questions.

As a post-secondary student from Seneca's College King campus, I felt my questions were heard and answered and now I can relate this back to my fellow students.

This was a wonderful opportunity to give students a voice and be heard.

Future Majority is a national non-profit organization that amplifies the concerns of young Canadians priorities and I was proud to be a part of that!

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Lions announce Grade 11 student as new captain

By Robert Belardi

There's a new body and mind at the helm of King City Secondary School's hockey team.

Graduating captain Carter Diceman passed the torch and the number 8 jersey over to Michael Critelli this past week.

Critelli scored the game winning goal in the YRAA finals against St. Brother Andre in the third period to seal the victory earlier this year. Following a third-consecutive YRAA championship and a Gary West Cup this past season, Critelli is honoured to be the new leader.

"It's a big honour to be captain. I've been on the team since grade nine. It's good to be captain now," Critelli said.

The Grade 11 student says he will approach things differently this year and hopes to lead the boys to victory. He says he idolized 2020 Hall of Fame Inductee and former captain of the Calgary Flames Jarome Iginla, praising his leadership by example.

Head coach Bradley Matwijec says his leadership by example from his rookie season influenced the decision by the coaching staff.

"In big games he played well he played big. That is a big part of it and the fact that he just went and got it done and even when he was in Grade 9 and Grade 10, he didn't wait for other people to help out our team he took it upon himself," said Matwijec.

Outside of school hockey, Critelli currently plays midget for the Richmond Hill Coyotes and participates in a summer league with the Carnivale Hockey Group.

Critelli will be taking it one season at a time. He says he will continue training this summer with the hope of a hockey season beginning on time and says he will continue to improve himself for future hockey endeavors.

According to Matwijec, Diceman is looking into joining the OJHL Toronto Patriots. Given the circumstances, there is also an opportunity to join a team in the NCAA.

"In his final year, he (Diceman) really showed the other guys what it takes to be a top-level high school player. He's going to win the Colin Hood OF-SAA award this year," Matwijec said.

"He's also going to win the most dedicated athlete at King City. He won athlete of the year last year. We got Lucas Ceccarelli winning it this year.

Matwijec says Diceman is a true athlete and has set the tone for the younger players on the team. The boys have seen what it takes to lead the group to a championship as the Lions seek their fourth consecutive YRAA title this upcoming year.

With 10 graduates this year and Nicholas De Angelis signing with the Windsor Spitfires, the landscape of the group is most certainly different. With only a few players entering Grade 12, majority of the team is young and other assistant captains and players are ready to grab on to the mantle of responsibility.

"Assistant captains Michael Termini and also Alex Dimitriadis, these guys are prepped and in a good position to pick up the reigns," Matwijec said.

The Lions hope to extend their undefeated record from last year into this season.



Michael Critelli (left) accepts his New Jersey from former captain Carter Diceman (right) as he looks to lead the Lions to a fourth consecutive championship this upcoming season.

Cycling's high demand comes at a steep price

By Robert Belardi

The biggest thing for Angela Scarsellone is adapting. Since opening up Potenza Cycling back in 2008 with her passionate cyclist and husband Sandro, the two have been servicing bicycles and selling brand-name machines to customers for 12 years.

Sandro has participated in the O'cup for mountain bikers. Angela on the other hand, is also a Grand Master in Tae-kwon-do, operating her strict schedule out of her home virtually with other students. She's even had to show up on the front door step, with a mask and gloves on just to present a shiny new belt.

Travelling and going mobile isn't something new for the couple. As a matter of fact, they've been active in the mobile market for years. Scarsellone has travelled to Nobleton, Oak Ridges and even out to Richmond Hill to service customers.

But with the COVID-19 pandemic still at large worldwide, the demand for bikes has gone through the roof and suppliers cannot keep up.

"I just feel like I'm constantly disappointing people," Angela Scarsellone said. She's constantly had to tell customers there's no inventory.

One of her suppliers won't have bikes come in until July 31. Another has said they would be lucky to receive their European bikes in September or October of this year. Then of course, there are a few companies that may cancel operations for the rest of the year outright.

"Some of the bike manufactures have opted to complete a non-manufacturing for 2020 and now they've started looking at 2021 production."

From what was a healthy cycling milieu has seemingly gone to a complete calamity.

Potenza Cycling is already without indoor-cycling classes and the King-Vaughan Cycling Club. There's no class to keep the business profiting higher but instead, all the company can do is service other customers curbside. And even that can be challenging.

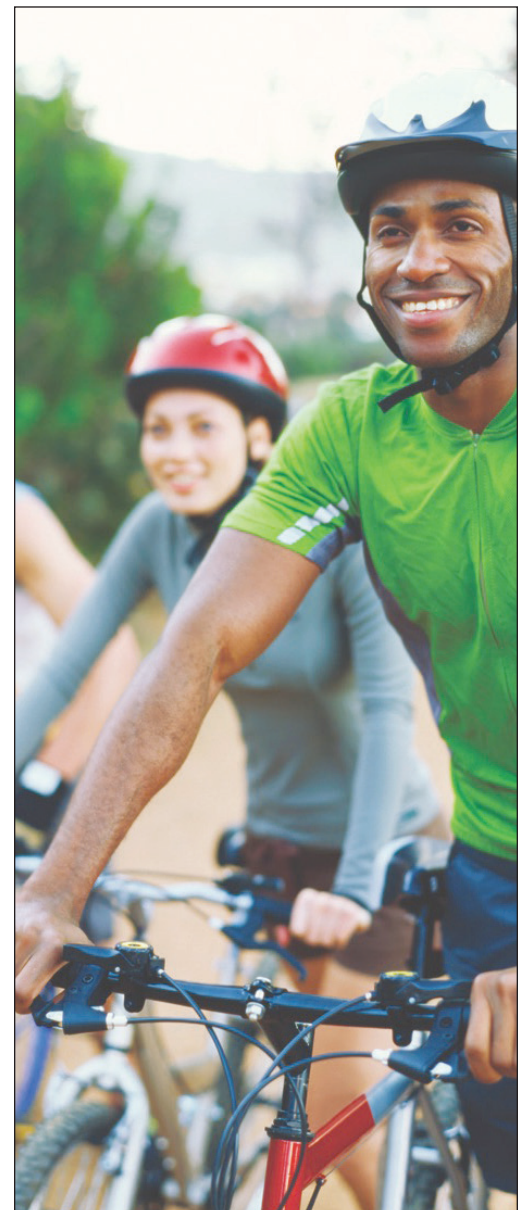
"Parts are almost impossible to come by. I'm talking about little trinkets like lights for the bike, bottle cases for the bike, tires for the bike. There's nothing."

All Scarsellone can do is offer high-end bicycles north of \$5,000 in price. All entry level bicycles have been snatched by consumers and the inconvenience of hefty prices is, of course, not suitable for all families.

It is unclear how the foreseeable future will unfold. If 2020 is a complete write-off there's no telling if people will still be in demand for 2021 if limitations are uplifted entirely.

They're anxiously waiting to get back into the shops and running classes. It will be gratifying that the shop can get back to their old ways. If someone wants a bike, the shop will cater the bike to the geometry of your body and customize it to your fit. Now that's something users might be looking forward to.

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In 2020 organizers will re-ignite the same passion and willingness to do good that exists in Canadians today. And inspired millions of Canadians to continue Terry's Marathon of Hope. While we cannot come together physically for now, we can continue his example of thinking of others.

This year, participate from wherever you are! Around your neighborhood, backyard, down the street or around the block. Walk, ride, run.

The 2020 Fox Run will be virtual, and that includes the one in King Township. It takes place Sunday, Sept. 20.

In these uncertain times, the one certainty we have is that cancer is not waiting for COVID-19 to be over. This year, Canadians will unite in spirit, not in person, for their own version of the run. Register as an individual, family or a virtual team and start your fundraising effort today. Because Terry asked us to try and it's the 40th Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope!

For further information or to order a 2020 Terry Fox Run t-shirt, please contact King Township Organizer Lisa Barenthin at lisakb.88@icloud.com. T-shirts are available in all sizes for \$20 (youth \$15). A list of other available merchandise can be found at www.shop.terryfox.org/collections

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Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

Nobleton and Schomberg United have decided to postpone in person services until September.

We continue to have recorded reflections each Sunday that can be found on the Nobleton Facebook page or can be sent via e-mail by contacting Rev. Carol-Ann.

Carol-Ann continues to send out regular newsletters and is available for outdoor social distance visits. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to serve you during this time.

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York Pines United

While the church building is closed, York Pines United Church continues to offer Sunday Worship Services. Services are pre-recorded and released via You Tube Sunday mornings by 10 a.m. Please go to <http://www.ypuc.ca>

York Pines United Church - ypuc.ca Sheltered amongst the tall pines is

a congregation of creatively faithful people called the York Pines United Church. Here God's word is proclaimed; community is formed; supportive service happens, and change is embraced. Visit our website at www.ypuc.ca and look under calendars for the URL to the service.

Rev. Andrew Lee and Rev. Bruce Rofey, along with Sunny Rakovac, New Hope United Church music director, and volunteers from York Pines, King City and New Hope United Churches prepare a wonderful service each week. Please join us in worship.

Horticulture By John Arnott

Tumbling over rocks in the rocky or a low stone garden (preferably limestone) wall is where this showy rich purple to rose pink beauty can be found profusely blooming late spring into early summer. There are some 20 species of this Old World perennial called aubrieta all native to the eastern Mediterranean region into central Asia.

The most common one to be seen in gardens in our area is aubrieta (after late Renaissance French floral painter

Claude Aubriet) deltoids referring to its 4 somewhat delta shaped petals. These 4 petals form a stubby cross shaped flower that marks it as member of the large mustard family (Cruciferae, Latin for cross carrying) with close cousins being arabis and yellow mustard while kissing cousins include cabbages as well as radishes.

Being a ground cover aubrieta grows only about 4 to 6 in./ 10 to 15 cm high forming a mat that can be 2 ft./ 60 cm round. Masses of tiny flowers cover the mound of small attractive leaves which can be semi to fully evergreen.

This easy to grow from seed perennial prefers light to medium good draining garden soil but will generally do well in heavier soil into which a goodly amount of sand has been dug. It likes lots of sun but appreciates some light shade, if at all possible, on hot summer afternoons. As with most plants dubbed rockcresses, rich soil, too much water and fertilizer will cause it to grow spindly and floppy with many fewer flowers.

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was the greatest gift of all
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A special face
A special son
I can't replace
With aching heart
I whisper low
I miss you son
And I love you so*

Luke, Dad, Myself and Kimberly have had a hard time just getting through a day without you. There's not a day that goes by with dry eyes and heavy hearts. Our house doesn't feel like home without you. I know you're watching over us, until we meet again Love always Mom, Dad, Kimberly and your furry little friends.

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*The hurt I felt when you passed
Cut me like a knife
I'll never be complete again
I never will be free
From this grief, a solid thing
Deep inside of me
I wear a mask of coping
But am in deep complete despair
I cannot mend what's broken
My heart's beyond repair
I'll smile if I have to
But that is just a mask
And I'll say that I'm okay
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King's Corners

King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

Although the GTA has moved into stage 2 of reopening and places of worship are permitted to open at a 30% capacity, we at King City will continue to provide the worship experience on Sunday online. In our congregation there are a significant number of people still being asked to isolate and this allows them to attend the worship from a safe place of their choice. As things are changing on a weekly basis we will keep you updated on any new happenings by email.

The Women's Prayer Circle is still "open for business," and we can still pray together, even if not in person. Although our weekly Tuesday morning meetings at the condo building on Burns Blvd. are still suspended, they will resume as soon as the government rules are relaxed. Meanwhile, if you need prayer, for yourself or a loved one, please call Deana at 905-833-5375 and your request will be shared by phone with other prayer sisters. Surely we all agree that prayer is needed now, more than ever. Be still and be well.

There is a Virtual Coffee hour offered on Thursdays from 2-3:30. 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 or through an email link provided to those who receive the emails. Bulletins, news and sermons in hard copy will continue to be updated via the website.

Ministers can also be reached by phone - Rev. Andrew Lee, 416-999-5615;

Rev. Bruce Roffey, 647-500-9138. The website is kcuc.net

St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

Please note, although the Ontario government has authorized the re-opening of places of worship for services across Ontario, the Session of St. Andrew's has decided not to open for worship services until September at the earliest. The church building will remain closed and all church and community groups using the facilities for services and meetings have been cancelled except for the King Township Food Bank which will follow their new directive. However, we continue to experience and share the love of Jesus in the community and beyond and want to know how we can bless you during this very trying time. Please contact us at the numbers below.

<http://standrews-kingcity.ca>
Grab a coffee or a cup of tea and meet via Zoom with Lynn Vissers and others on Thursdays 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

The Community is invited to our unique Quarantine Strawberry Social at All Saints, 12935 Keele St. on Saturday

July 4 from 2-4 p.m. Featuring curbside pickup of scones, rhubarb strawberry tart, strawberries and other goodies in a tea package.

Our new interim priest in charge, Rev. Michael Peterson will be on hand. Donations accepted and delivery is available. Phone 905-833-5432 to place your order and avoid disappointment.

Words to live by - Rev. Michael spoke on being freed from sin mainly based on last Sunday's Epistle from Romans 6 - "...you used to be slaves to sin ... You have been set free from sin, and have become slaves to righteousness."

"So what does it mean to be 'free from sin'? Historically we've either defined sin as the opposite of individual purity, which often makes Christians seem puritanical, or we've defined it in cosmic terms, as something profoundly wrong with the world, as in the doctrine of original sin. The problem with these two views is that the first downplays sin as something that we can fix by amending our own behaviour, and the second renders us helpless victims waiting for God to rescue us.

Our lived experience tells us that sin exists, in small acts that sometimes trip us up, despite our good intentions. Christians have a pretty good tool kit. We know what the Jesus-focused life should look like, we have a long tradition of Christian ethics, and we have hope that we can grow into the person that God wants us to be, a process called sanctification. But then there is big sin, the objective reality that we confront in the news each day, the long, complex web of wrongdoing and injustice that seems woven into the fabric of history and society.

For example, take the broad debate that has been raging since the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

The Black Lives Matter movement has drawn attention to the widespread killing of African Americans by predominantly white law enforcement.

Similarly, the opportunities for Canadians to learn about our indigenous brothers and sisters also point to patterns and structures that go back centuries. The Doctrine of Discovery, promulgated at the start of the west's colonization of the Americas, argued that the indigenous inhabitants of those lands were non-persons. This doctrine, like a cancer, infected the government policy, laws, that Canada was built on.

If you're a gardener, you've probably fought bindweed, a vicious persistent plant that chokes out the plants you love. Sin can be like that, pervasive, deep rooted, structural. Sin creates multiple layers of oppression - racial, economic, sexual - because it draws humans away from the good. If we think of God's creation as a flower bed, sin spreads through it, choking the beauty that was in the mind of the gardener. It has to be carefully and methodically pulled up.

So where is the good news in all of this? Well, we heard it in Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that we're liberated, we've "set free from sin," and we are no longer forced to live within old, sinful structures of oppression because God in Jesus has set us free. We are free to flourish in God's garden, which is creation.

We as the church have to be out there in the world, where we are able to recognize and respond to the need of others.

All Saints virtual church services have started on Zoom every Sunday at 10:30 - e-mail the church at allsaints3@bellnet.ca to get log in details. All are welcome.

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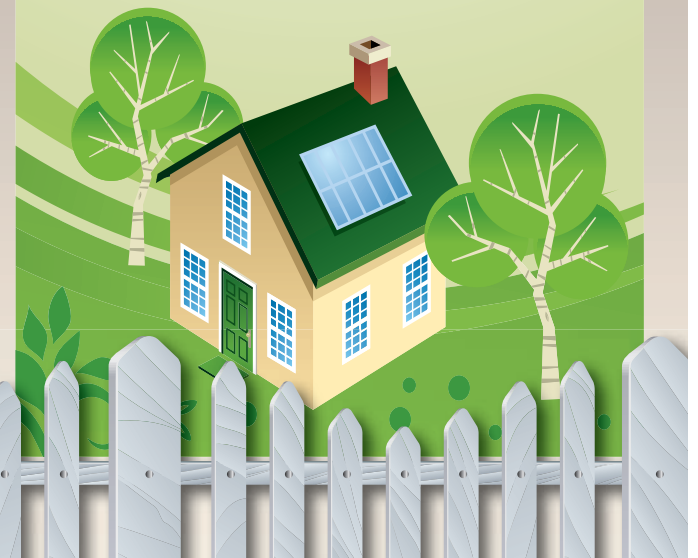
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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
416-917-0406

St. Paul's is open again. Limited seating will be available. We will continue to be online every Sunday on our public Facebook page. Just visit facebook.com/stpaulsnobleton at 10 and join us live for a time of worship. If you are not able to join us on Sunday via live or through facebook, you are welcome to visit stpaulsnobleton.ca/worship to watch later at your convenience.

Bible Fun Camp will be an at-home, online experience this year! We understand parents' concerns for kids' safety, so we're taking the physical distancing approach to our summer vacation Bible school for 2020 by putting it on our website. If you're interested in engaging your kids with a fun, Bible-centred online camp experience, send an email to secretary@stpaulsnobleton.ca and we'll get you registered. There will be a nominal cost of \$20 per household to cover activity packs that will be delivered to your front doorstep.

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.

St. Mary's and St. Patrick's reopen

We are pleased to announce that both St. Mary's in Nobleton and St. Patrick's in Schomberg have reopened with certain restrictions implemented by public health and the Archdiocese of Toronto. We welcome our parishioners for our regular mass schedule on a first come, first served basis. The church capacity is 42 at St. Mary's Church and 22 at St. Patrick's.

We ask that you kindly wear a mask or face covering. Please maintain physical distancing guidelines in church and on church property.

For more information please call the parish office at 905-859-5522 or go to our website, www.spmchurch.ca.

Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

Nobleton and Schomberg United have decided to postpone in person services until September.

We continue to have recorded reflections each Sunday that can be found on the Nobleton Facebook page or can be sent via e-mail by contacting Rev. Carol-Ann.

Carol-Ann continues to send out regular newsletters and is available for outdoor social distance visits.

You can contact Carol-Ann at minister@nobletonschomberg@gmail.com or leave a message at (picked up weekly) at 905-859-3976.

Nobleton Lions Club

Your Nobleton Lions Club is alive and well and practicing physical dis-

tancing, as mandated by health authorities. Like many other groups, we meet via Zoom at our regular meeting times, and continue to operate to the extent allowed. The Club has proactively reached out to those organizations which we usually support, to offer financial aid in line with what we typically provide. The local version of the annual Walk for Guide Dogs has been postponed, as we are hopeful of hosting the event later in the year. Stay tuned to this space for updates as they become available.

Hopefully events scheduled for the fall and winter may be permitted when the time comes. Updates will be shown on the club's website at <https://e-club-house.org/sites/nobleton/> Also located on the homepage of the website are links with options for anyone wishing to donate funds.

Of note is a new service that the Club is offering to people in self-isolation and others unable to leave their homes. The Lions are providing a free delivery service for Pharmasave prescriptions. Just call Club president Rick Evans at 1-905-806-9988, and we will drop packages outside your door.

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest via Zoom at an upcoming meeting by contacting our Club president. From all of us to all of you, please respect the guidelines from our health authorities, and Stay Safe! We're in this together! If there are any questions regarding the preceding please contact Tony Peters at 905-859-4788.

Horticulture

By John Arnott

One of my mother's favourite spring flowers is arabis, which is Greek for of

or from Arabia because this Old World low growing perennial evergreen, covered in tiny but showy clusters of white flowers at this time of year, grows wild in hot dry places. There are several species of arabis the 2 most commonly found in our area's gardens are arabis caucasica (native to the Caucasus Mts. in the Middle East), a closely related to a pink flowering variety and arabis albida (Latin for whitish) native to the same region.

Both of these species form ground-hugging mats which gradually spread out on tiny thread like fibrous roots. These mats will happily drape themselves over rocks in a rockery or a low stone retaining wall. They are perfect for edging a walkway or at the front of the border.

Arabis grows around 4 to 6 in./10 to 15 cm. tall with tiny round often scalloped gray green leaves that stay all winter. If mats get a bit raggedy looking or turn brown (after a wet winter) they can be sheared back gently after they've finished blooming.

Hybridizers have produced a most beautiful double flowering arabis that goes by the name albida flore pleno. It is often difficult to find but well worth the effort to look for.

This easy care, easy to grow (once established) spring beauty prefers poor soil that is on the dry side but will do well in average garden soil in a sunny location with some shade on hot summer afternoons.

Do keep in mind that nature has programmed arabis to grow in almost desert like conditions thus rich soil, too much fertilizer and too much water will cause it to grow tall, spindly then flop and the plant will die out after a season or two.

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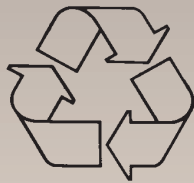
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