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Outdoor fun for local youth

These young skateboarders haven't let the pandemic keep them indoors. The great summer weather and the opening of King's outdoor amenities, such as the skateboard park in King City, has led people outdoors once more. The youngsters only got close to pose for the photo, otherwise kept their distance.

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Township staff continue to serve residents

By Mark Pavilons

While the municipal offices are closed to the public, King Township staff are busy serving residents.

The Municipal Centre has always been available for staff to use during the pandemic. However, officials encouraged staff to work remotely as much as possible.

"We've adapted to the new normal with our virtual conference calls - it's allowed us to be extremely efficient in getting work done," said Jason Ballantyne, King's communications officer.

He estimates there's never more than a dozen people in the building at any one time, most days less.

"We have extensive safety protocols in place, including continual deep cleaning, hand sanitizing stations, masking and physical distancing.

"We know that the community is looking forward to the re-opening of the Municipal Centre and our other currently closed facilities. We're looking forward to it, too. We have to, however, do it in as safe and responsible a manner as possible,

under the guidance of York Region and Provincial health authorities. The last thing we want to do is rush the re-opening and possibly set us back after so many months of hard work and diligence in flattening the curve."

Mayor Steve Pellegrini noted essential services never slowed at the Township and they've been "very prudent in our operations."

The mayor is proud that all staff are working and earning their pay cheques.

"I can look any taxpayer in the eye and say that everyone on our payroll is working," he noted.

Some staff have been redeployed and the Township is doing some belt-tightening, in anticipation of a zero tax increase in 2021. The layout of the municipal building allows staff who wish to be in the office to remain contained.

The mayor pointed out technology allows staff and councillors to do their jobs effectively.

Just recently, the mayor has decided to meet with residents on their front lawns, in keeping with social distancing measures.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, September 8th
6:00 pm - Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting at <http://meeting.king.ca>

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

There are no meetings currently scheduled.

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>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

WATER BILLS

Due Date: August 28, 2020

WATER BILLS have now been mailed. Please contact the Finance Department immediately if you have not received your bill.



PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Water	Bill Payment Options
X	By pre-authorized bank withdrawal (PAD)
X	At most financial institutions, including via personal on-line banking
X	By cheque
X	Through the Township Online Services portal at www.king.ca

If paying in person at a financial institution, please present the entire water bill.

When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select **Water**, enter your 10 digit account number with no decimal (i.e. 1234567890).

NOTICE: The Municipal Office is still CLOSED for making in person counter payments. Please use the drop box located left of the front entrance to the Municipal Centre, for all cheque payments.

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

Please visit our website for details.

PUBLIC NOTICES



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

York Region, including King Township, is now in Stage 3 of the province's re-opening framework. For regions in Stage 3, gathering limits increase to a maximum of 50 people indoors and a maximum of 100 people outdoors, with physical distancing still in place.

Gathering limits apply to all social gatherings and events, as well as some higher-risk activities and venues.

Gathering limits do not apply to settings such as beaches, parks, restaurants and bars, but measures to enable physical distancing may limit capacity at any given time.

The following list of Township recreation amenities re-opened effective July 24, 2020:

- Playgrounds
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment



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.

MASK OR FACE COVERING REQUIRED



Exceptions include people who cannot wear a mask for medical reasons, children under the age of five or those who require accommodation in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

Stay safe. Stay informed.
york.ca/COVID19



Please note this equipment cannot be properly sanitized. Residents are reminded to take extra caution and use outdoor recreational amenities at your own risk. Remember to wash your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based sanitizer after use.

The following list of amenities, programs and services will remain closed and/or cancelled until at least Labour Day:

- King Township Municipal Centre, and all municipal indoor facilities
- All municipal events
- All in-person camp programs
- King Township Public Library. Curbside pick-up only. For more info visit www.kinglibrary.ca.

For the most up-to-date information on how COVID-19 is impacting King Township's programs and services, please visit covid19.king.ca.

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.

What's Open - Parks & Recreation



Open

- Baseball Diamonds
- Tennis Courts
- Dog Parks
- Basketball Courts
- Open Spaces
- Cold Creek Conservation Area
- Trails
- Splashpads
- Skateparks
- Shade Structures
- Soccer Fields
- Playgrounds
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment

- Open for casual recreational use only (some exceptions)
- Maximum of 50 people when indoors and a maximum of 100 outdoors
- Keep 2 metres away from other people (who are not from the same household)

Updates (as of July 24th, 2020)

3 Effective Friday, July 24 at 12:01 a.m. King Township and York Region move into Stage 3

Camp in a Box #2
Registration closes Tuesday, August 4

Outdoor Mini-Fitness Sessions
Registration closes Thursday, August 6

Closed/Cancelled

- * Until at least Labour Day
- Nobleton Pool (Closed for the 2020 season)
- Indoor Facilities*
- Washrooms (Under evaluation)
- No Summer Ice*
- Indoor Facility Rentals*
- In-person Camp Programs*
- Municipal Events*

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- Keep inexperienced swimmers within arms' reach

BOATING EXCURSION?

- Check the weather
- Listen to the captain
- Wear a lifejacket
- Obey boating laws
- Tell a loved one where you're going

SAFE

- S**obriety: Avoid drugs and alcohol
- A**wareness: Be mindful of dangers and remove if possible
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Please see more King Township notices on page 5

Major steps in treating COVID-19 through vaccines and therapies

The Government of Canada is aggressively pursuing the purchase and development of COVID-19 vaccines, treatments and related supplies to protect Canadians and is working to strengthen Canada's biomanufacturing sector.

This includes engaging with international and domestic scientists and with businesses and manufacturers that are stepping up to fight COVID-19. The Government of Canada is investing in projects that will position Canada at the forefront of the global race to find a treatment and a vaccine for COVID-19, while building domestic capabilities to fight future pandemics.

The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry (ISED), and the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement (PSPC), announced several measures being taken by the Government of Canada to secure a future supply of COVID-19 vaccine and therapies.

Minister Bains unveiled the members of the COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force, who are advising the government on how best to support vaccine research in Canada and help ensure Canadian leadership in vaccine development, related bio-manufacturing and international partnerships to secure access for Canadians to safe and effective products.

The Vaccine Task Force includes vaccine and immunology experts, as well as industry leaders with a proven ability in developing and commercializing vaccines. The co-chairs are Joanne

Langley, Head of Infectious Diseases at the IWK Health Centre in Halifax and Professor in the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology at Dalhousie University, and J. Mark Lievonen, former President of Sanofi Pasteur Limited in Canada.

Task Force members have reviewed vaccine and bio-manufacturing applications from domestic candidates for which it has provided advice to the ministers of ISED and Health on the most promising options aimed at providing Canadians with safe, effective vaccines as soon as possible, as well as a robust manufacturing sector to increase secure access to vaccine production. The Task Force has also provided scientific and technical advice to the government on a portfolio of leading international vaccine candidates.

Minister Anand announced that, following the careful review and recommendation of the COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force, the federal government has entered into two agreements with Pfizer and Moderna to secure millions of doses of COVID-19 vaccine candidates. Pfizer will supply its BNT162 mRNA-based vaccine candidate, while Moderna will provide its mRNA-1273 vaccine candidate. All potential vaccines will require Health Canada regulatory approval prior to being used to vaccinate Canadians. Active negotiations with other potential vaccine suppliers are also under way.

The government is negotiating and signing agreements with a number of leading pharmaceutical companies to establish a guaranteed supply base of

potential vaccine candidates.

PSPC is also procuring the equipment and supplies that will be needed to perform the final manufacturing and packaging stages of vaccine production in Canada, as well as the materials needed to support safe, efficient immunization such as syringes, needles, alcohol swabs and other supplies.

In addition, following the recommen-

ation of the COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force, Minister Bains announced an investment of up to \$56 million to support clinical trials for a COVID-related vaccine candidate from Variation Biotechnologies Inc. (VBI) through the Strategic Innovation Fund.

See 'Therapeutics' on Page 6

Financial impacts of COVID-19 in York

York Regional Council received an update of the current financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to the Region.

To date, the financial impact on York Region is \$63 million. If the current emergency lasts until the end of 2020, with recovery throughout 2021, the total impact could increase to \$173 million in 2020 and with a further \$98 million in 2021.

Previous assumptions had the pandemic lasting until the end of June with a six-month recovery period until the end of the year (2020).

Included in this forecast is the cost of purchasing 300,000 masks to help the most vulnerable population protect themselves from COVID-19. This is in accordance with council's endorsement from York Region's Medical Officer of Health Dr. Karim Kurji to issue an instruction directing operators of enclosed public spaces in York Region.

There are many factors impacting the projected costs and current estimates are based on best information available at this time. Staff will continue to monitor expenditures and report back to council in September.

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"A newspaper is the center of a community, it's one of the tent poles of the community, and that's not going to be replaced by websites and blogs."

- Michael Connelly

Will we all be gone one day without a trace?

One minute we're here, the next moment we're gone.

Nothing, not a trace.

It was if we were never here.

Other than trinkets, baubles, clothes and a mess in the bathroom, when we vanish from the face of the earth very little of ourselves remains. Hollow, material things, made by strangers, adorn our walls and shelves.

Not very reassuring, not one bit.

I am still struggling with the mortality of it all, and the finite existence we all have. Two people I knew passed away recently. One was only 39 and the other in his 80s. Loss sucks.

I thought about the whole circle of life but fell deep into despair, into a dark, bleak spot in my head. It's like taking a huge, human family portrait and just cutting people out, one by one, as they pass. No more smiling faces, no more untucked shirts or crooked ties. No more anything.

And that makes me sad beyond description.

What will I do when I have to face the final curtain, when my time is up? I don't want to go. I never want to disappear into nothingness, let go and depart without a trace. That's horrible.

Go, go where, exactly?

If I knew, I may be somewhat comforted at the prospect. I like to be prepared, all packed, with my toothbrush, pills, a change of clothes and my wallet, just in case.

If I am taken, with or without my consent, will I have to leave with the clothes on my back? Now, I have quite the collection of colourful Hawaiian shirts and any one of them would suit me fine. In the blinding whiteness of the great beyond, I'd be sure to stand out. Sure, at that point there is no one to impress, but I don't want to be lost, without direction and without purpose. I don't want to be all alone.



Mark Pavilons

Blend in, blend in with who, where, for what reason?

I have never been one to melt away into the glob of human goo.

Will Heaven be different?

It won't matter what I'm wearing if the next plateau - the next and perhaps final destination - is but a black, empty void, a blanket of thick nothingness that wraps around my very soul and sucks every bit of essence from me.

Then where would I be?

I just left my home world, a place I had finally gotten used to after so many decades of challenges, hurdles, tears, joys and pain. And to leave it all behind, for what, an endless nightmare, a dream where I can't scream, can't move, can't get away?

Not my cup of tea, as the Brits say.

I like being a human being, with all of my faults, frailties, shortcomings, indiscretions, bad habits and bad moods. I like chicken wings, cold pizza and

Crown Royal. I like the smell of campfires, the sound of waves reaching the shore. I like the feel of sunshine on my crumpled, scarred face. I like petting my dogs and hearing my kids laugh. I love seeing my wife smile.

Will these things abound in the afterlife, like moving Harry Potter-like pictures on the wall of some immense castle in the sky?

Not bloody likely.

I don't want to share the Bates Motel of the next life with millions of strangers, all wandering around in their hospital gowns.

I don't want to be anywhere that I can't feel, touch, smell, see or taste. I want to exist, and continue to thrive, in some form or another.

I'd even be happy with being a spirit, a ghostly shadow of my former self, floating around the world. Oh, the places we'll go:

"There are some, down the road between hither and yon, that can scare you so much you won't want to go on," according to Dr. Seuss.

When I watch apocalyptic movies about zombies and vampires, most of humans would rather die than live as monsters. Not me! Hell, if the only option is to roam about mindlessly in search of flesh, I'll take it. And I can keep on wearing my floral shirts for all eternity!

Death, in my opinion, is overrated. It is not the ideal end to a life here on earth, a journey in the flesh. It's not a fitting end to anyone's story.

Even Frankenstein's monster wanted to live.

As we move forward and our species continues to evolve and progress, I wish science would create a way to save and preserve our essence, our soul if you will. If we can be "downloaded" or "copied" or even "posted" on the internet,

we would have a morsel of everlasting life.

If my family doesn't want to keep me around in a holographic alarm clock so be it. Send me to another port or USB and bid me a bon voyage! Or, shoot my tattered remains, in cryogenic stasis, into deep space, to one day be revived by an advanced species who are just dying to be regaled by my stories of wit and humour!

I enjoy learning about Ancient Greek, Roman and Mayan civilizations. I have a fondness for antiquities and have a small collection of artifacts. Am I keeping the flame of gladiators and medicine men alive, and honouring their memory in some small way? Perhaps.

But will future generations uncover and proudly display a button from one of my aforementioned shirts? Will someone, in transcribing earth's internet history, come across one of my columns and be inspired?

Again, not bloody likely.

We have a set of wind chimes in our back yard. They make the most beautiful sound in the summer. They clang together whenever there is a breeze. They're not aware of their actions because they're not alive. But they will continue to chime as long as there's wind. They have the potential to last forever.

I know, too, that one day our sun will die, and our planet will be reduced to a frozen wasteland, void of life.

None of us will be around of course, and neither will our great, great, great grandchildren. But it's still not fair. It's not how a race should meet its maker.

So, if anyone has any comforting words about mortality, lay them on me! Time for a great big group hug and sigh, as we are all merely players on an immense stage. We don't know when our show will close, but it must.

Schomberg Country Run goes online

Keeping the memory alive, the Schomberg County Run Committee is fine-tuning its plans to hold the 10th anniversary of the run.

The late Rev. Sheila Ashworth was the inspiration behind the Schomberg Country Run and organizers will be honouring her in this year's run.

Over the last nine years this event has raised over \$50,000. Its participants have included members of both the parish and the community at large, all who have generously offered their support. Seeds that were planted have clearly grown and borne fruit.

Because of the COVID-19 restrictions, it will be a virtual run. Participants will have 10 days to complete the run along the routes we will suggest, starting on Sept. 16. On Saturday, Sept. 26, the traditional day for the run, we will have some kind of closing ceremony.

Funds raised will be going to the Toronto Urban Native Ministries (TUNM), which is based at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Trinity Square in Toronto. TUNM is a joint Anglican/United Church ministry and is supported through FaithWorks. FaithWorks will be matching our donations dollar for dollar. The Pikangikum Water Project, to which our funds went in the past, is over subscribed, which is why organizers made the decision to support TUNM this year.

Registration information will be going out soon, along with further details of how this year's virtual run will unfold.

Please mark the dates and spread the word.

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WHO COUGHED?!

Thought of the Week

It's hard to get out of the way!

When two people approach one another in a barren hallway or corridor, it's virtually impossible to avoid a collision. A strange dance usually precedes a near miss.

Trivia Tidbits

DNA controls such functions as the production of protein molecules in the cell, and carries the template for reproduction of all the inherited characteristics of its particular species.

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Results from last week's poll:

Are you reluctant to send your kids back to school in September?

a) Yes **67%**

b) No **33%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Have your children found summer jobs?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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Pandemic impacts planning documents

I have been trying to raise the enthusiasm to respond to King's latest revisions in the draft proposed modifications to the Township of King - Our King: Official Plan, 2019 (as of July 30, 2020).

This exercise has demanded a great deal of time and energy from the municipality, the mayor and council, and interested citizens over the past few years. Kudos to King's planning team and council for their attention.

The changes are neatly worded and take public input into account. I only want to comment that everything has changed since COVID-19 arrived, necessitating not only a review, but a complete re-think around development and the finite landscape upon which growing human demands are imposed. The potential for an on-going, or future pandemic, is not mentioned anywhere in the draft plan, not even as a footnote. This topic must be addressed in all plans and policies from now on.

We know this pandemic exposed the glaring paucity of outdoor parks and natural areas after indoor facilities had to be closed. We understand dense human populations within closed (or even limited open) areas present great reservoirs for disease transmission. Municipalities spend far too much money on indoor recreational centres, and too little on outdoor parks and connected natural areas.

The recent draft official plan allows neighbourhood parks at a skimpy pre-COVID 0.5 hectare per 1,000 residents. Obviously, social distancing requirements of a MINIMUM of two metres could not possibly apply there, when "filled." Even outdoor conservation areas and parks were closed due to over-use by throngs of people, showing how over-populated the area has become, compared to the essential need for outdoor recreation (and intact oxygen-producing and carbon-sequestering forests). This pandemic is nowhere near over.

What existed before COVID-19 is land

Letter to the Editor

use cramming to permit more cheek-by-jowl developments, not land use planning. Surely, we need to consider threatened species and ecological systems and services, already under dire threat from current human activities.

Now, give me a second to take BILD President & CEO, David Wilkes, to task here for his article in the July 31 issue of the Toronto Star, explaining why BILD (Building Industry and Land Development Association) "will continue to advocate at the municipal level for caps on parkland fees."

Wilkes states "with infill development in existing neighbourhoods, parks are generally already in place, which leads us to wonder what new home buyers are paying for with their parkland fees."

Earth to David: a growing human population, continuing to expand within the same fixed area, via new infill development, means existing stagnant parklands become increasingly insufficient to meet the needs of growing human numbers. More parks are imperative. Savvy?

As I continue down the list of King's revisions, I note one obvious flaw every time a section ends with the proviso "in accordance with Provincial Plans." Good grief! Have you examined provincial policy lately, King?

The Conservatives are using the COVID-19 pandemic as an excuse to shut down any and ALL public debate. I thought the Province had been doing a really good job of managing the pandemic since late March, but then came the legislative changes that handed all power to the Conservative team. Apparently, the Conservative caucus, in its infinite wisdom, is capable of diagnosing any and all planning issues and addressing them with swift on-going (almost never-ending) revocations of, or revisions to, existing policies; otherwise, they bring in enormous new omnibus bills, such as the current Bill

197, of which Schedules 19 and 20 permit expropriation of lands for highway development, allowing the creation of a process to receive comments from landowners as an afterthought.

If you are vigilant about the Environmental Registry of Ontario, which has been extensively used for notification purposes only over the past year, you will see ERO Posting 019-1883, where the government explains how Ministry of Transportation projects will be exempted from the Environmental Assessment Act. Not just streamlined, as in earlier iterations of policy revisions. Now, we are talking outright exemptions.

Exactly what kind of detailed backgrounds in science, engineering and education, and associated practical applications thereof, do these provincial magnates possess, allowing them to circumvent all public consultation on these matters? If they are so well-informed, why not explain their decisions to us tax-paying peons, allowing us to draw from their deep well of knowledge?

First came Bill 195, permitting the Conservative government to extend/amend emergency orders month by month for up to two years, without legislative consultation. Message to the public: just trust us, the back room here knows what it's doing.

That set the stage for Bill 197, which affects all other legislation, ranging from education to planning and beyond. Any citizen would expect such a wide-reaching bill to require extensive consultation. Instead, this bill was introduced on July 8, then received second and third readings, plus Royal Assent, on July 21. Two weeks and fait accompli! While Ontario remains hesitant about the need for mandatory use of masks across the province to curb the spread of COVID-19, Bill 197 represents one massive public gag order applied right across the provincial domain.

Bill 197 will allow the government to exempt various developments from

review under the Environmental Assessment Act. It appears the Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Min-MAH) hi-jacked the provincial government because he is the one who introduced this Omnibus bill, while the Conservative caucus bound itself as a willing "hostage" to the conditions of Bill 197.

Showing favouritism toward developers, the province now allows the Min-MAH to issue iron-clad appeal-proof Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZOs) to permit destruction of wetland and forests for the sake of new developments. At one time, MZOs were rarely used, primarily in remote parts of northern Ontario. Now, MZOs stand ready to supplant the Planning Act.

MZOs dispense with the charade of Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) hearings, which were already rigged against public participation through new rules that applied to hearings chaired by publicly unaccountable, unelected, politically-appointed members of the LPAT, who were parachuted into hearings across the province, re-writing Official Plans in the process. No one is even pretending to listen to the public now.

With my apologies to Shakespeare's Macbeth, it seems the province views any Municipal Official Plan as a tiresome feudal exercise: "It is a tale, told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

The government's excuse for using MZOs is "cutting red tape." Not good enough.

Bill 197 must be withdrawn due to its pathological "origin," which can be attributed to COVID-19, and also to the Min-MAH's unconscionable Bill 197 power grab. Democratic? Not by a long shot.

Kingston area MPP Ian Arthur says Bill 197 is potentially illegal because it lacked public consultation completely. He has asked Auditor General Bonnie Lysyk to investigate.

Vicki Hotte



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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE



PROJECT: 15th Sideroad
Reconstruction

LOCATION: Highway 27 to
8th Concession Road Reconstruction



WHY?

To improve the existing cross-section, pavement structure, road surface and condition of this section of road, including replacement of two large existing road crossing culverts.

IMPACTS?

The Township of King/Contractor has planned detour routes. Traffic delays and noise during the construction will occur.

CONTACT

WHEN? Start: July 2020 End: November 2020	Owner - Township of King Wayne Pinkney wpinkney@king.ca 905 833 4575	Consultant - Ainley Group Charlie Tardif tardif@ainleygroup.com 416-451-0197	Contractor - Forest Mario Ruffolo Mario.ruffolo@forestgroup.ca 416-951-2163
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NOTICE OF COMPLETION

WATER/WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN

The Township of King has identified the potential need for new water and wastewater projects to accommodate approved growth within the Township of King.

The Township of King has undertaken a Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) study for this project in accordance with Schedule 'B' of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011 & 2015). Public consultation is a key component of the Master Plan process.

PREFERRED SOLUTIONS

The Preferred Water Servicing Solution is to expand and enhance the existing water distribution system. The Project File identifies 8 water system improvement projects that should be implemented to accommodate the planned growth.

The Preferred Wastewater Servicing Solution is to expand and enhance the existing wastewater collection system. The Project File identifies 11 wastewater system improvement projects that should be implemented to accommodate the planned growth.

The Water and Wastewater Projects fall into the following categories:

- **SCHEDULE A AND A+ PROJECTS:** The Master Plan Class EA fulfills the review requirements for these infrastructure improvement projects, and these projects are considered pre-approved and may proceed to design and construction.

A Project File has been prepared. The report details the problem/opportunity statement, the evaluation of alternative solutions and the preferred solutions, as well as public and agency consultation conducted during the study. The report is available for public review and comment at Township's website and will be open for comments from **July 23, 2020 to August 31, 2020**.

In the wake of COVID-19 restrictions, the Project File Report can be accessed through <http://www.king.ca/WaterMasterPlans/Pages/default.aspx>. If a printed copy is required, please contact the Township to coordinate a curbside pick-up of a printed copy at one of the following locations (arrangements to be coordinated three business days in advance, please):

<p>King Township 2585 King Road, King City By Appointment</p>	<p>Nobleton Library 8 Sheardown Dr., Nobleton By Appointment</p>	<p>Schomberg Library 77 Main St., Schomberg By Appointment</p>
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Interested persons may provide written comments to the King Township Representative listed below within the review period:

Mr. Wayne Pinkney, C.E.T., King Township Public Works
2585 King Road, King City, ON. L7B 1A1.
(905) 833 4575

If concerns cannot be resolved through discussions with the Township of King, a person may request the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks issue a Part II Order requesting this project comply with Part II of the Environmental Assessment Act. **A Part II Order Request must be received by the Minister at the address below no later than August 31, 2020.**

Honourable Minister
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
777 Bay Street, 5th Floor, Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

A copy of any Part II Order Request must also be sent to:

<p>Township of King Clerk's Department 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1</p>	<p>Director, Environmental Assessment Branch Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks 135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor Toronto ON M4V 1P5</p>
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Please note that information related to these studies will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record. Thank you for your interest in these studies.

Therapeutics Task Force sets priorities in virus fight

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VBI's project is in direct response to the global fight against COVID-19 and contributes to Canada's ability to secure an effective vaccine. This investment is funded from the government's \$600 million to support COVID-19-related vaccine and therapy clinical trials led by the private sector and to support Canadian bio-manufacturing opportunities. Other projects are still under consideration.

Minister Bains also announced the members of the COVID-19 Therapeutics Task Force. The Therapeutics Task Force is providing expert advice to the government on the development of COVID-19 treatments, including how best to prioritize financial support for promising COVID-19 treatment projects. The Task Force includes experts drawn from research and industry who have a proven ability to develop and bring new therapies to market in Canada.

From the beginning, the government has worked across all departments and agencies to meet the challenges posed by COVID-19 with the goal of protecting the health of all Canadians. Today, the government also announced investments that will help support the development of and access to treatments for COVID-19, including:

- Support of more than \$3 million for Nova Scotia-based IMV Inc. to advance clinical development of its vaccine candidate for the prevention of COVID-19 infection. This support is being provided with contributions from the National Research Council of Canada Industrial Research Assistance Program and the Next Generation Manufacturing

Canada Supercluster.

- Support of more than \$19 million in funding through the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), in collaboration with the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), to leverage the expertise of researchers in the natural sciences and engineering and their partners across Canada to address this unprecedented crisis. This investment will support 369 COVID-19 research projects, including work related to vaccines.

"The government is committed to protecting the health and safety of Canadians. That's why we are working hard on all possible fronts to deliver safe and effective treatments and vaccines against COVID-19 for Canadians as fast as possible. Guided by the expertise of these task forces, which has informed the VBI investment announced today, we are leaving no stone unturned in exploring every promising option to enhance our research and development capacity for long-term emergency preparedness," said The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry.

"Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have been working diligently to secure the necessary personal protective equipment and supplies needed to protect frontline healthcare workers and combat COVID-19. While that work continues, we are now squarely focused on preparing Canada for an eventual vaccine. Given intense global competition, we are taking an aggressive approach to secure access to the most promising candidates so that we will be ready to vaccinate all Canadians as

quickly as possible. We are extremely pleased to establish these agreements with Pfizer and Moderna. Canadians can rest assured that the Government will continue to do everything possible to keep them healthy and safe," added The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement.

"Canada has flattened the curve, but COVID-19 remains dangerous without a vaccine. Over the last months, our government has been investing to fight this virus. We have been committing important funding toward research and preparedness to develop a vaccine and treatments. Today's announcements will build on the work already started to support COVID-19 research in Canada and will give us more chances of having a vaccine and treatments," noted Health Minister Patty Hajdu.

On April 23, 2020, the Government of Canada announced more than \$1 billion in support of the Plan to Mobilize Science to fight COVID-19 that includes developing vaccines, producing treatments and tracking the virus. This includes \$600 million through the Strategic Innovation Fund to support COVID-19 vaccine and therapy clinical trials led by the private sector, as well as to support Canadian biomanufacturing opportunities. The Strategic Innovation Fund contribution to VBI is part of this plan.

This investment in VBI is part of the Government of Canada's ongoing commitment to protect the health and safety of Canadians and to Canada's economy. This investment will help create and maintain up to 30 full-time jobs.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force, with a secretariat supported by the National Research Council of Canada, is mandated to provide advice to the Government of Canada on developing and producing COVID-19 vaccines.

The COVID-19 Therapeutics Task Force, supported by a secretariat housed at Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, is mandated to provide advice to the Government of Canada on COVID-19 therapeutics.

At this time, there are no vaccines authorized for the prevention of COVID-19, but there are many in clinical trials or in development. For each candidate vaccine, once additional studies have been completed, Health Canada will review evidence of safe-

ty, efficacy and manufacturing quality to make a decision on whether the individual vaccines will be approved for use in Canada.

The Vaccine Task Force will be in place for at least twelve months, and the Therapeutics Task Force for at least six months, subject to extension at the discretion of the Government of Canada. Both task forces meet regularly as needed.

Public Services and Procurement Canada, the Public Health Agency of Canada, Health Canada, and Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada are working together, along with the COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force, to prepare for the procurement of COVID-19 vaccines and related supplies.

As active negotiations with other potential vaccine suppliers are under way, the Government of Canada cannot disclose contract details at this time.

Pfizer is a biopharmaceutical company involved in the discovery, development and manufacture of health care products, including medicines and vaccines.

Moderna is a biotechnology company focused on the discovery and development of medicines and vaccines made of messenger RNA.

Water restrictions

With the hot and dry summer weather, York Region is advising residents about water use bylaws.

In King, premises assigned even numbered street numbers or where street numbers have not been assigned, premises on the north side or west side of the road, may use water on the even days of the calendar month between the hours 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Premises assigned odd numbered street numbers or where the street numbers have not been assigned, premises on the south side or east side of a road, may use water on the odd days of the calendar month between the hours of 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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5. Jean Paul __, author
11. Hebrew unit of dry measure
12. A type of scientist
16. Greek goddess of discord
17. For Red Sox MVP
18. It checks your speed
19. Made dirty
24. The First State
25. Lodgings
26. Spiritual leader
27. Bradley Int'l Airport code
28. Native American people
29. Sharp pain
30. Touch
31. Slowly disappears
33. Indigenous Russian people
34. Narrative poem
38. Some are bad
39. Small quill feathers
40. Tattles
43. Pupples
44. Beneficiary
45. Clothed
49. Payroll firm
50. Lower Normandy's largest city
51. Binary compound of halogen
53. The Fighting Irish
54. Skilled, paid worker
56. Eyelashes
58. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet
59. Large, stocky lizard
60. Made poisonous
63. Former US Secretary of State
64. Sticky substances
65. A type of gin

DOWN

1. To return an echo
2. Displace
3. Japanese religion
4. Predilections
5. Partial
6. Poisonous plant
7. Roast open
8. Atomic #81

ACROSS

9. Accomplished American composer
10. Oh, God!
13. Potato state
14. Most melancholic of descent from an ancestor
15. Supportive framework
20. Hollywood's Pacino
21. A title for women
22. Popular Grammys alternative
23. Check
27. Bolivian river
29. South Dakota
30. Wonderful
31. Supervises flying
32. Commercial
33. More (Spanish)
34. Even distribution of weight
35. "Arabian Nights" hero
36. Compact mass of a substance
37. Bachelor of Laws
38. Halfback
40. Some of it is ground
41. They play in the trenches
42. Atomic #18
44. Chinese Prefecture
45. Fabrics
46. Being in a direct line
47. In slow tempo
48. Flood
50. Long-necked bird
51. Secondary school
52. Artificial intelligence
54. Structure by the water
55. Lather
57. What happens there stays there
61. A bone
62. The Great Lakes State

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Catholic board appoints Mary Battista as new interim director

The York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) appointed Mary Battista as Interim Director of Education and Secretary of the Board for the York Catholic District School Board, taking over for Ab Falconi who is retiring on Aug. 31.

Ms. Battista will be Director Designate starting August 1, 2020, and will take on the Interim Director role effective September 1, 2020.

As Interim Director, Ms. Battista will assume all regulatory responsibilities of Director of Education and Secretary of the Board, in keeping with the Ontario Education Act and related regulations, until the search for a permanent director is completed.

"On behalf of the YCDSB, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to Ms. Battista on this well-deserved appointment. She has done an excellent job in her role as Superintendent of Curriculum and Assessment in leading the YCDSB's distance learning plans. As we welcome families back to school this fall during this challenging and unprecedented time, Ms. Battista will continue to pro-

vide exceptional leadership and continuity. We are confident that with her leadership, the YCDSB will experience another successful school year," said Maria Marchese, chair of the board of trustees.

"I would like to congratulate Ms. Battista on her appointment. Ms. Battista has been with the Board for more than 30 years and I have every confidence that YCDSB will be in good hands with her as director designate and as Interim Director when she assumes the role in September," said Ab Falconi, Director of Education.

Ms. Battista is an experienced educator, who brings with her a wide range of skills through her various leadership roles in the Board. Ms. Battista started her career at the YCDSB in 1982 as a French as a second language teacher. She subsequently assumed roles of junior, intermediate teacher, special education teacher and teacher librarian, before becoming a vice principal and principal.

Ms. Battista has held a number of Superintendent positions at the YCDSB

over the past decade, responsible for Curriculum and Assessment, Safe Schools, and School Leadership, respectively. Ms. Battista is committed to change management, organizational relationships and strong leadership. She has a dedicated commitment to raising awareness of and eliminating all forms of racism and discrimination, and in so doing, will create a supportive welcoming learning and teaching environment for all stakeholders in the board.

Along with her educational qualifications, Ms. Battista has held leadership roles on numerous staff committees. Ms. Battista believes that Catholic educational leadership is best achieved when working collaboratively with all partners, and has faithfully strived throughout her career to build strong, dynamic, relationship-based, Catholic learning communities.

"I am honoured and excited to continue to serve the YCDSB in this new role as Interim Director, and look forward to assuming my position on Sept. 1. Over the course of my career with the YCDSB, I have embraced opportunities to work collaboratively with all our partners, and I remain committed to ensuring that all members of our school system are empowered to work together to achieve excellence and equity in the education of our students," said Mary Battista.

With this wide and varied background, and her strong Catholic faith, Ms. Battista brings a wealth of relevant experience to the role of Interim Director. She will provide strong leadership and the required continuity to support the needs of our board while the search for a permanent director takes place.

Province introduces preferred route for new 400-series highway

The Ontario government is taking steps to make commuting and travel easier in the Greater Toronto Area by confirming the preferred route for a new 400-series highway and transit corridor across York, Peel and Halton regions. Advancing the GTA West corridor will reduce travel times for drivers and support economic growth and job creation.

"The Greater Golden Horseshoe is an economic driver for the province and addressing transportation needs in this region is essential to the competitiveness of our economy," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "The GTA West Corridor will help alleviate traffic congestion and improve the movement of people and goods across the province."

The GTA West corridor will include a four-to-six lane 400-series highway, separate infrastructure dedicated for transit and passenger stations, as well as intelligent transportation features and truck parking. By 2031, the overall traffic on this route is expected to exceed 300,000 auto vehicles trips per day.

Feedback from public consultations have been reviewed in consideration of the confirmed Preferred Route and 2020 Focused Analysis Area. The preferred route incorporates feedback received from stakeholders and the public as well as new land use and environmental information.

The preferred route consists of the route and interchange locations for the GTA West corridor. Preliminary design and further consultations will be moving forward over the next two years as the design is further developed.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) for the GTA West Corridor is expected to be complete by the end of 2022.

The GTA West EA will identify and address transportation needs in a study area covering portions of York, Peel and Halton regions.

The province held meetings open to the general public in September and October of 2019 to gather feedback on the draft Technically Preferred Route.



Memorial for cyclist

This memorial pays tribute to a 54-year-old Richmond Hill man who was killed July 24 while cycling in King. Police report the collision occurred in the area of Keele Street and Cavell Avenue. A 20-year-old Toronto man has been charged in the collision.



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James Morning and Sons celebrates 50th anniversary

By Robert Belardi

James Morning worked for King Township for 10 years. A standard 7 to 5 job in the 1960s. He always had the ambition of beginning his own business on the side. Why not? It's some extra money.

Thoughts began percolating within in his mind. What if this business turned into something big? He could pass it down to his children and begin not just a business, but a generational enterprise.

In 1969, Morning began working his business part-time with one water truck. Morning would extract water from wells and fill up residents' pools in the local area.

"I quit the township after two years. Started, full time in the business. Ended up buying a second truck. It was a gravel truck and I put a tank in the back for a water truck. I always thought at the time, 'if I kept the business, I'll stay in the business year-round,'" Morning said.

Fast forward the tape 50 years lat-

er. The 85-year-old Aurora native and current Kettleby resident is happily retired, while two of his sons – Drew and Grant – are at the forefront of the business. His grandson Aaron owns a share of the business and drives the trucks.

The company has nine trucks – a testament to this successful family business.

"We're busy. We travel from Oakville to Barrie, Orillia, Owen Sound. We work for pool companies and they give us the work."

Morning says he had no idea the business would get this big. He still recalls his very first job. It was a Saturday morning and he hauled water to a customer for their pool. He kept the job for weekends only and in his first two weekends, he hauled 40,000 gallons of water.

The children were in their early teens at the time. They both were working for him slowly and in 1985, Drew and Grant officially began working for James full time. That's when the company earned its name – James Morning and Sons Ltd.



Up until five years ago, all the work wasn't as arduous as you might think. But, one job for Consumers Gas came around, and the employees worked all through the night.

"It was a 24-hour deal. I don't know how many gallons it was. But we had to work 24 hours to do this job," Morning said.

"That was the biggest job we've ever done."

Most of the jobs take place in the summer. In the winter, it is a lot quieter.

Morning says he does believe this will be a generational enterprise that will run in the family. He says his sons and his grandsons enjoy what they do and are proud to don the Morning name.

The office is located at 3050 Lloydtown-Aurora Rd. in Kettleby. The office can be reached at 905-727-9097.

Mosquitoes in York test positive for West Nile

The Regional Municipality of York monitors West Nile virus activity by setting mosquito traps and testing for West Nile virus. To date, one mosquito trap in the City of Markham has tested positive for West Nile virus. The positive trap is located near the intersection of Warden Avenue and Highway 7.

"West Nile virus can be passed through the bite of an infected mosquito and may cause serious illness," said Dr. Karim Kurji, York Region's Medical Officer of Health. "Although the chance of being bitten by an infected mosquito is rare, residents are advised to take precautions when outside in the early morning and evening to prevent mosquito bites and reduce the chance of getting West Nile virus."

For more information on West Nile virus, contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653, TTY 1-866-512-6228 or visit york.ca/westnile

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Portable gym class fills a need

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

A local mother designed a portable gymnastic class when the COVID-19 pandemic forced businesses to shut down.

Jennifer Yardley, a Schomberg resident, has been passionate about gymnastics and trampolines since her own childhood.

“My mother runs a privately-owned summer day camp so I have worked with children while helping her out. I became officially certified to coach at the age of 16 and enjoyed doing it a lot. I taught in Ajax and then in Bradford,” said the mother of four.

Yardley’s own son became a competitive gymnast three years ago.

“We had to drive all the way to Brampton twice a week for training. It was exhausting and we barely made it through each week with the demands of school and meeting the needs of his other siblings as well as participation in other local sports,” she said.

The pandemic closures came as almost a relief. Yardley and her family took the health measures very seriously and hunkered down at home.

“I slowly brought out mats and other stuff to keep my kids busy. I thought about all these other kids that can’t even celebrate a birthday party safely, and athletes who share our passion and are anxiously awaiting for the green light to return to training,” she pointed out.

It turned into the perfect opportunity to offer backyard gymnastics to families who wanted to stay socially distanced while still remaining active. Over the years, Yardley had collected a few pieces of gymnastics equipment

and set them up around the house but wasn’t quite ready to offer it professionally.

“When we missed some training sessions I would encourage my son to use what we had to keep up his strength. Once I had collected several pieces of equipment I began visualizing how I would set up a gym and run a program that was better than busy programs in cities today, full of crowded gyms and athletes sitting and waiting turns. The time just wasn’t right and the requirement for equipment to run a proper program would be very expensive.”

When the pandemic hit, Yardley invested in the equipment she needed, bringing in extra sanitizing routines, and began posting locally, hoping that other parents would see it as a safe way to keep their children active.

“People were honking horns for local kids as they drove by their homes on birthdays and I wondered if I could do something more to not just make one day memorable, but their time during the pandemic memorable and possibly life-changing. I also decided to add therapy animals so it would be inclusive for kids with special needs, who are even more isolated,” she pointed out.

Yardley said she has received a phenomenal response.

“I have offered to have my home location available with more equipment but can take portable equipment with me to other homes if needed. Hands-on coaching is often needed to attain skills so some exercises will be hands-on while some come with physical demo and verbal instruction.”

Yardley can be reached at skating-skol@yahoo.ca.

Lecce vows to keep students safe

By Mark Pavilons

As students prepare to get back to school, teachers and parents are a bit apprehensive about what to expect.

Ontario’s Education Minister Stephen Lecce said Ontario’s plan to reopen schools is the “strongest in Canada.” Ontario has the most comprehensive masking policy, and the government has provided more funding for cleaning, testing and staffing.

“We will continue to keep students safe,” he said.

Lecce said the Province will continue to step up in significant ways, to respond to the risk as it emerges, and to demonstrate to parents in “action, more than words, we will do whatever it takes.”

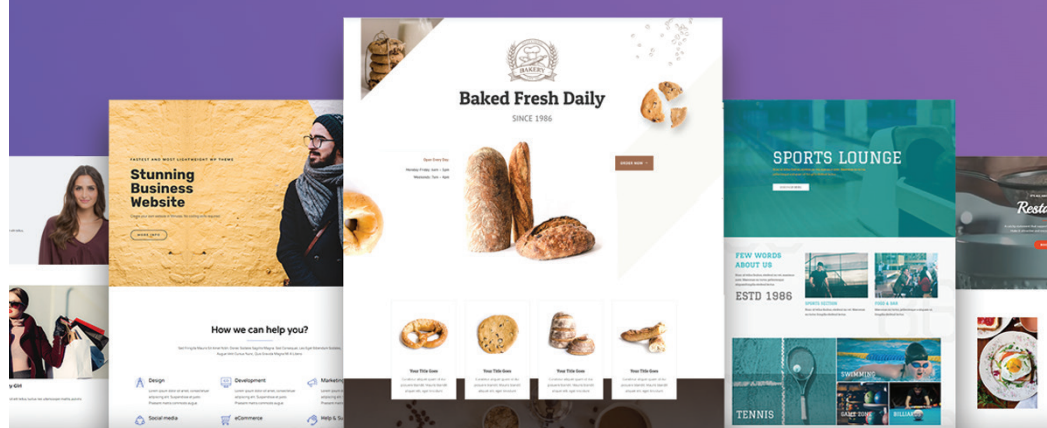
Lecce said everything they’ve done is “because we’ve listened to the science. We have to take a multitude of actions and layers of prevention. We will continue to do that.

“We will continue to be there for our parents and kids.”

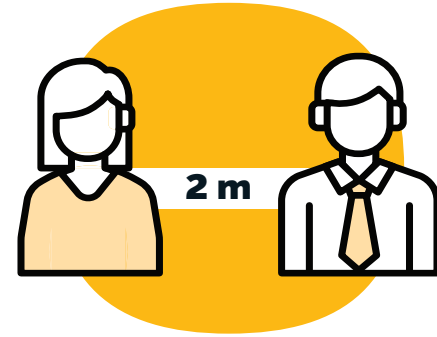


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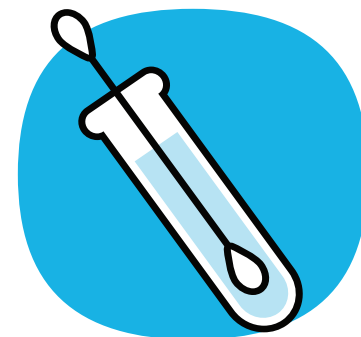
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Arts & Entertainment

Caledon girl works alongside stars in new film 'My Spy'

By Alyssa Parkhill

A 12-year-old Caledon resident has wanted to be an actress ever since she was a little girl. Keller Viena would often park herself in front of the TV and dream about being one of the stars of her favourite shows.

Having learned of her daughter's acting aspirations, Lauren's mom, Jacqui signed her up for acting classes, where she got to experience what the industry is all about, and the process it takes to get onto the big screen.

"I really enjoyed it. The acting coach then recommended me to an agent and it all really started from there," Keller said.

In the new movie, 'My Spy,' Viena starred alongside other big industry names, including Dave Bautista, Ken Jeong and Kristen Schaal, just to name a few.

"Everyone was really funny on set and super nice, like the assistant directors and even the director Peter Segal, was very nice," said Viena. "We got to do a bunch of fun stuff because there was a lot of kids on set, so it wasn't bor-

ing at all."

She added: "I got to meet so many people like Chloe Coleman, who was the lead. She played Sophie and she was super nice and really talented."

The movie is about a young girl who catches a CIA agent watching her family. In order to keep her quiet, and his cover intact, the agent teaches her how to be a spy, but things take a twist.

Viena plays Emmy in the movie, who is a bit of a mean girl.

"She's a catty girl, the kind of mean girl in school and she would make fun of Sophie because she was the new kid and picked on her, which wasn't very nice. It was fun to play her because right when the camera's turned off, everyone was back to being nice," she said.

Keller admitted it took some work to be able to turn into someone she wasn't, but it was good learning for her.

"It was different because I've never played a mean girl before and it was different because now, I know the different ranges of personalities that I could play. It's cool to see how someone can really switch on an opposite of your own personality," she said.



Canada Post launches contest to showcase small businesses

To continue operating during COVID-19, small businesses across Canada were forced to transform. Canada Post is launching the "Small Business Tales of Triumph Contest" to celebrate those local, small businesses that adapted to extraordinary times in extraordinary ways.

Small business owners are invited to share their stories of resiliency and evolution, describing how they revamped their business strategies to survive COVID-19, support their communities and set themselves up for future success.

Prize packages include credits for Canada Post Parcel and Smartmail Marketing™ services, promotion on Canada Post digital and social channels, paid advertising and national exposure, and a coaching session with one of the contest judges.

The contest is open to Canadian businesses with less than \$5 million in annual gross sales. Any small business is eligible to enter and has a chance to win.

Entries can be submitted at canadapost.ca/talesoftriumph through Aug. 26. An expert panel of judges, who represent varying industries focussed on small business, will select 15 finalists – five finalists for each category, which will be narrowed down to one grand prize winner and two runner up winners.

Finalists will be announced on Oct. 15, while winners will be announced on Oct. 30.

The 2020 Tales of Triumph categories are:

Offline to Online – These businesses have shifted or adapted their business model. They've moved from brick and mortar to e-commerce, added new revenue streams, adjusted their marketing tactics, or transformed their business for the digital age. They've evolved for continued growth in light of dramatic and permanent shifts in the behaviours and expectations of their customers.

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For more information on the contest, prizes and to apply online, visit canadapost.ca/talesoftriumph

Keller knew she wanted to be an actress at a young age and has been grateful to be able to pursue that dream. But she understood the importance of always having a back-up plan. If for some reason, she decided to pursue another occupation to shape her future besides acting, she claims to have always wanted to be a dermatologist.

"Acting is not a guaranteed job, unless you get a recurring role in something. I'd love to do acting if it were to work out, but if not, I would love to be a dermatologist," she said. "I think there's something so fascinating with what dermatologists do

and stuff like that. I think that'd be super fun."

At 12, Viena has tons of time to figure out what she wants her future to look like. She plans to continue pursuing her acting career, but is comfortable with the knowledge that there is something else she's interested in, as her back up plan. Having acted in other major films, including Good Witch and The Boys, her acting career is off to a great start.

"I'd love to do acting again because you get to meet so many cool people and have so many different opportunities," Keller said.

King's Fox Run goes virtual

Forty years ago Terry Fox's Marathon of Hope inspired millions of Canadians through a selfless act of courage. Terry asked us all to come together as a nation to inspire each other for a greater good. He inspired us all to be better, to make a difference. His values inspired us, because he allowed us to see them in ourselves. We believe a part of Terry exists in every Canadian.

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 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!

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Bibles mark their 60th anniversary

By Mark Pavilons

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A Nobleton couple has reached an impressive milestone. Bill and Helen Bible recently marked their 60th wedding anniversary. They were married in Palgrave United Church on July 23, 1960. Bill was born in Palgrave and Helen was born in Nashville but grew up in the Palgrave area. They bought their home in Nobleton in 1963 where they still live today.

They have seen many changes to what was then a quiet little village. Bill worked for over 50 years as a meat cutter and meat department manager. Helen was a stay at home mother until the children were teenagers, then worked in Nobleton and Schomberg in retail.

Bill and Helen were both very active volunteering in the community. Bill was chairman of the Arena Board when the new arena was being built and later was co-founder of the first Nobleton parks committee.

Helen kept busy canvassing for various causes and received a 50-year service award from the Canadian Cancer Society, as well as a volunteer special recognition award from the Township of King.

They have been members of Nobleton United Church for many years. Bill and Helen have two children – Debra (Jan) and Ronald (Kimberly). They also have two granddaughters – Nicole and Danielle.

Their advice to younger couples is to always respect each other.



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Reintroducing school sports will have to wait

By Robert Belardi

Schools will have to deal with organized team sports this fall. The York school board and St. Andrew's College have shed some light on what the fall season will look like.

When Education Minister Stephen Lecce announced the reopening of schools in Ontario two weeks ago with specific plans at the elementary and the high school level, there were also very explicit details pertaining to where all the money is going to be invested.

A total of \$308.7 million, is going to be used to purchase PPE, more staffing such as 1,200 custodians, cleaning supplies, health and safety, cleaning and PPE for transportation services through the school, testing capacity, 500 nurses, mental health and special needs students.

By and large, sports will have to wait.

"We've been told specifically for right now, there are no extracurriculars

right now. That doesn't mean it will be for the year. That's not what is being said. What is being said, is a wait and see thing and that makes sense to me, even as a coach," said Bradley Matwijec, the head coach of King City Secondary School's hockey and soccer team, as well as the physical education and weight training teacher.

It does make sense. Why would the school board bring sports back when students aren't even in the classroom yet?

While Matwijec continues to receive information every single day from the York Region District School Board (YRDSB), Sick Kids and the ministry have held conversations regarding a number of sports that may be deemed unsafe to return to play.

Football and wrestling have been discussed. And that makes sense, too. Who wants to grab another individual right now and forcefully bring them to the ground while sweat droplets are coursing mid-air right to vital entry

points into the body such as the eyes, nose and the mouth?

Probably nobody. Realistically, it's not the time for that now.

What has been mentioned to return is indeed soccer and hockey. Matwijec said that students may be required to wear a plastic face shield while playing hockey for this season if it does, indeed return. Soccer is outdoors and although Matwijec says he is nervous and will coach it, there are still are potential health implications and the fact that the boys' season, would traditionally begin in September.

Matwijec guesses that the school board will look into a decision after one month in school.

"It's all going to be what the numbers dictate," Matwijec said.

"They're talking about a vaccine in December. So, what, if the vaccine doesn't come until January. Doesn't matter. That's going to solve a lot of problems when it comes to the sports."

As for the private school division,

the CISAA has their return to sport plans, return to sport staircase and a proposed multi-phased approach that looks at bringing sports back as soon as possible by stage. The league confirmed, their staged process is not the same as the provincial government's.

In the Multi-Phased Approach, the CISAA looks to bring back low risk sports such as swimming and cross country as well as individual sports in class and intramural sports within the schools. The organization, looks to ease the return of moderate-risk sports such as basketball and soccer. Modified practices would begin for higher risk such as football, wrestling, lacrosse and dance when deemed safe to do so.

These three documents were highlighted within St. Andrew's College's return to school guidelines.

On The Country Day School's website, there's no mention of a return to sport just yet. Patrons could anticipate it might look very similar to St. Andrew's College's return to athletics guidelines, with sports such as yoga, spin, track and field and mountain biking all being considered.

St. Andrew's will also allow for open gym sessions supervised by a SAC faculty member and intra-school leagues are being looked at as well.

The YRDSB is considering gym classes in limited capacity and pushing for classes to be outdoors. Sports, such as tennis, ultimate frisbee, soccer and other outdoor activities are being considered.

What every adolescent also needs is a leader for their mental, physical and social fitness.

"Right now, what we need is leadership. We need leadership right from the Ford government, from the school board, from our unions and the teacher level. The teacher level is huge. That's what the kids are looking for they need leadership right."

Matwijec is urging that the care of the students is of the utmost importance. Students' education through sport is lost for now, and the things we need remember and what forges who we are, are the experiences with our friends, the repour from our coaches, the memories in the game and the respect of your opponent.

Whenever the school boards decide to discuss a plan to implement the game and should the novel coronavirus remain as far away from schools as possible, these factors must be considered.

Health is a priority, there's no question. No debate. If it can be done, for a lot of these students sports is more than a game and it's a part of their development just like the books.

Sports were permitted within the return to school announcement, as long as they adhere to all physical distancing protocols, all equipment is cleaned and areas are sanitized.

Charlottetown likely the right spot for Premier League

By Robert Belardi

The Canadian Premier League announced July 29 their newly dubbed "Island Games" set to be held at the University of Prince Edward Island (UPEI) will begin on Aug. 13.

In full perspective, it is a great idea. It makes sense to move to an island with low coronavirus counts and to be completely sequestered away from other sports leagues and from the main land itself.

P.E.I. won the vote, defeating Langford, British Columbia and Moncton, New Brunswick. All three can be argued as very safe places. But, down the ladder of consideration, Team Canada Rugby 7s will be beginning their training in Langford this month. So, maybe

that was why British Columbia's island wasn't in the mix. Why New Brunswick didn't win their vote was not confirmed.

According to P.E.I., upon arrival, visitors entering the Atlantic province must self-isolate for a 14-day period. But, Commissioner of the Canadian Premier League David Clanachan said in a Zoom conference call with reporters, players, coaching staff and front office will be self-quarantining for 14-days prior to departure, being tested twice for the virus in the process.

"Once we land, along with our health and safety protocol folks along with their health and safety people our players will be tested yet again, twice more in a five-day quarantine period," Clanachan said.

He dubbed this as a "bubble, within a bubble." While teams take up rooms in Delta Hotels along the waterfront, nobody is permitted to interact with residents on the island.

In what has been a year of sports, truncated by a global pandemic, the Canadian Premier League has wisely chosen to take their time.

"The key here was, we didn't have to rush back into it because we hadn't started our season. That's the key thing. A lot of other leagues are trying to finish season's that they already started," Clanachan said.

And he's right. There was no need to rush. The only thing Clanachan had to worry about was getting a year in before winter comes around and that was plenty of time to form a decision and to ensure the safety of everyone in the league and including travelling media.

In deciding some of the adjustments to the league, Clanachan has paid close attention to other soccer leagues glob-

ally. He will be adopting the five-player substitution rule instead of the traditional, three substitutions per match. Roster sizes will remain the same at 23.

This Island Games tournament will be a 35-game season set to finish in September. All eight clubs will play each other once in the 28-game first phase, with the top four clubs entering a six-match group stage. The top two clubs, will then battle it out in a winner-take-all final.

The tournament will feature, last year's champions Forge FC against Cavalry FC kicking off.

But with the NHL and NBA returning, Clanachan believes soccer in the country will look will not be overshadowed by the other competitions.

"You're looking at the only Canadian league that's playing. Soccer supporters are different. I think we have a real opportunity. People are looking forward to live sport," he elaborated.

"Truthfully, ours is a great game. It's action oriented and played at a great space. I think we're going to find more fans because of this Canadian league coast-to-coast."

One Soccer holds the rights to all matches however, Clanachan revealed the CPL is currently speaking to two-linear broadcasting companies in Canada to broadcast matches live on television.

This has posed a challenge not just for the league, but for clubs. Tactically, this can be one of the most exciting tournaments around. Every team is playing as if it is their last game. No team can seemingly fall behind without the potential of falling out of the tournament before it even began.

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Passed away peacefully at the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre, in Ottawa, on Wednesday, August 5th, 2020. George Bartlett, at the age of 101, beloved husband of the late Elizabeth Fay (Ainslie). Loving father of George Edward (Galina), Thomas James (deceased) (Marion), Mary Elizabeth (David) Pettigrew. Loving grandfather of Thomas, Monica, Leona, David, Deborah, Tim, Mike and his 6 great-grandchildren. Dear son of William James and Mercer Bartlett. Predeceased by his 6 brothers and sisters. Family meant everything to George, nothing was more important. Visitation was held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 from 11:00 am until time of service at 1:00 pm. Cremation will follow with an interment service in the Elizabeth Bay Cemetery, in the near future. Donations to the Perley and Rideau Veterans' Health Centre <https://perleyrideaufoundation.ca/>, 1750 Russell Rd., Ottawa, ON K1G 5Z6, would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbrams-FuneralHome.com. (Following the Provincial Government's Guidelines, controlled restrictions will be placed on the number of people entering the funeral home throughout the visitation period. Attendees must wear facial covering masks and maintain social distancing while in the building and in the parking lot).

Frizzell: Dylan John

Tottenham, Ontario, formerly Leaside, passed away July 22nd, 2020 in Royal Victoria Hospital, Barrie, age 48. Son of Debbie and Art Frizzell, brother of Sarah (Jeremy) Marsh, Joanna (Pete) Hinton, all of Halifax, Jeff (Genevieve) Frizzell, Ottawa. Uncle of Ben, Aaron, and Luke Marsh, Dexter and Allison Hinton. Nephew of Rowena Moyes, cousin of Mark (Alex) Moyes and their sons William Cooper and Theo, all of Toronto. Predeceased by grandparents Philip and Marie Moyes.

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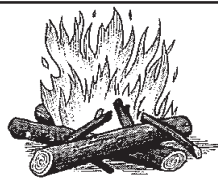
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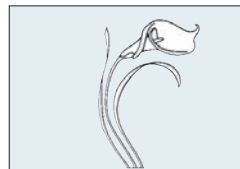
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**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

Rev. Andrew Lee and Rev. Bruce Roffey are on vacation for the month of August. We will reopen our worship on Aug. 30 and look forward to being able to gather in person, however, we are still under discussions on how that will happen. If you have an emergency please contact the office which is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1 to 5:30. Alternatively you may contact Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

The opportunity to worship online with over 200 United Churches across Canada is possible through the link provided on the home page of our website. We hope you will take the month of August to visit and worship with one of our fellow faith communities for a new experience. We look forward to seeing you back on Aug. 30.

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.

The next Virtual Coffee hour is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 14 through Zoom. If you are interested in participating please send an email to sls131@rogers.com

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Ministers can also be reached by phone - Rev. Andrew Lee, 416-999-5615; Rev. Bruce Roffey, 647-500-9138. The website is kcuc.net

King Bible Church

The next in-person Sunday services is Aug. 30.

Preparations are well under way to ensure that when you return in a few weeks, we can provide a safe place for you and your family to worship. Like the world around us, things are going to look different. You can read about the specifics in our Re-Opening Plan which you will on our website (www.kingbiblechurch.com).

If you are not yet ready to return to in-person gatherings, the service in its entirety will be recorded and posted on our Facebook page later Sunday afternoon for you to enjoy. As well, during the weeks we are not gathering in person, we will continue to meet online Sundays at 11 a.m. available through our Facebook page.

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

St. Andrew's is looking forward to reopening in September! Our first worship service will be held Sept. 13, at 10:30 a.m. More information to follow!

The King Township Food Bank is continuing with safe monthly food distribution, following their new directive.

We are continuing to worship in our homes Sunday mornings by going to our website <http://standrews-kingcity.ca> at 9:50 a.m. for the "Call to Worship" and announcements followed by joining Knox Church, Waterdown for their worship service, led by the Rev. Grant Vissers. He continues to live-stream each Sunday at 10 a.m. There is a link on our website. If you miss the service, it is on YouTube. Short devotionals are also recorded which are a blessing.

The Women's Prayer Circle is meeting in spirit! Concerned about COVID-19's impact on you, your family and others or other concerns or joys you wish to share? Contact Kathy Patterson, 905-833-0391.

Lynn Vissers, Director of Congregational Ministries, will be back from vacation Aug. 17. Text or call for pastoral care, 416-998-4652. Calls can also be made to our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Paul Johnston at 705-341-7738 or the Clerk of Session, Kathy Patterson at 905-833-0391.

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

**All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage**

Please join us every Sunday for All Saints Zoom Worship at 10:30 with sermon by Rev. Michael Peterson and organ interludes live from our historic chapel. Phone our office at 905 833 5432 for log in details. All are welcome.

Words to live by = Rev. Michael Peterson spoke last Sunday on this story about Joseph from Genesis 37: They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."

"Would you want to be known as a dreamer? The answer would depend on the type of dreams. If they were dreams of escape and fantasy, then I doubt that any of us would take being called "dreamer" as a compliment. But, if the dreams were idealistic, of a better world, then we might be pleased to be thought of as a dreamer, because some of the greatest men and women

of history have been dreamers and visionaries.

"Dreamers often pay a price for their dreams. Go to Memphis, Tennessee, outside the Lorraine Hotel, where Dr. Martin Luther King was murdered, and you'll see a plaque quoting Genesis: "They said to one another, 'Behold, here cometh the dreamer; let us slay him and see what will become of his dreams' Today the Lorraine Motel marks an achievement but not a victory. The street protests since the murder of George Floyd this summer show us that King's dream is still alive, if not fully realized.

"The story of Joseph in Genesis is also a story of a dreamer. It's a story of how God can turn the worst of human impulses to the good. Here the hatred of his brothers to Joseph is provoked by their father Jacob's favouritism of his youngest son, which threatens their future security and power. Annoyed and jealous, at first the brothers plan to murder Joseph, but in the end settle for a living death by selling him into slavery and deceiving their father into thinking him dead. God chooses to work through Joseph.

"His dreams continue, and earn him his freedom and the favour of Pharaoh, they save Egypt from famine, and allow Joseph to rescue and forgive his brothers at the end of the story. The story of Joseph and his dreams is ultimately a story about how God works in the midst of human affairs, as messy and sordid as they may be, because God's dream for us is always a dream of justice, forgiveness, reconciliation, and new beginnings.

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Nobleton Notes

By **Angie Maccarone**
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St. Paul's is open again, with the exception of Aug. 16 and 23, at which time premiere broadcasts will still be available. As York Region has implemented a policy that requires the use of face masks while in indoor public spaces, the wearing of face masks will be required to participate in the live-to-air worship gathering. If you don't have one, we will have one for you.

We will continue to be online every Sunday on our public Facebook page, with the exception of Aug. 16 and 23 as mentioned above. 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.

Stay tuned as we are excited to have several online events coming up – for all ages. Our Bible Fun Camp, although online was a huge success, and so much fun (and learning) was had by all the participants.

Are you curious about what it means to follow Jesus? This fall, we will be offering an online ALPHA course, where you can meet via weekly Zoom chats to watch a video and have a conversation about the basics of the Christian life, the hope we have in Jesus.

Jeff's messages are also posted at www.passionatelyhis.com each week in addition to the above links. 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 Church

The return to church has still the same restrictions, that is it is on a first come first serve basis. The capacity for St. Mary's is only 42 people. We ask that you arrive at least 15 minutes before mass begins. Families from the same household may sit together, large families may be required to sit in different pews due to seating capacity. As well, social distancing is still in effect.

All those coming to church are asked to bring a mask or face covering and wear it upon entering the church.

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

Anglican Parish

By **John Arnott**

Deep in the Tian Shan mountainous region of central Asia lurks a deadly bacterium known scientifically as Yersinia pestis, named in honour of Alexandre Yersin, a French-Swiss physician specializing in bacteriology who discovered this bacterium is the cause of bubonic plagues.

Many fleas native to the Tian Shan region carry the Yersinia bacteria and they bite their "food source and trans-

portation" rats especially black Asian rats which have a very wide range even to seaports hundreds of miles/kilometres away. Many sea going ships in ancient and medieval days became infested with these unwelcome and dangerous stowaways. These deadly rodents also accompanied merchants, guides and soldiers travelling the Silk Road across central Asia linking China and India with African ports on the Indian Ocean as well as ports around the Mediterranean Sea.

Now bubo or buboes is pus filled swellings that develop on humans and turn blackish in colour and these gave their name to the plague they inflicted. As well fingers and toes of plague victims stiffen and turn black.

Bubonic plague has inhabited planet Earth for millions of years. In Sweden in 2018 a prehistoric grave dating to the late Neolithic Age was discovered and excavated. Tests done on the single male occupant showed evidence of Yersinia pestis raising the grim possibility that the highly contagious disease produced by these bacteria helped wipe out the whole late Neolithic Era in Europe!

In 451 AD grain stored in the huge granaries in the Egyptian port of Pelusium (modern Suez) was being loaded on ships to be delivered to equally huge granaries in Constantinople the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire better known as the Byzantine Empire. Along with the much-needed grain scores of flea infested black rats made the trip. Bubonic plague would now spread into Europe wreaking havoc and death for some years from Greece to Gaul (France). At its height some 5,000 people a day died in Constantinople and surviving records say this resulted in nearly half the city's population dying of this disease. Soon there was no place

to bury the dead thus bodies of high and low piled up in the streets and were left to stink and rot. Procopius the Byzantine historian wrote that the entire city was enveloped in the stench of death

Even Emperor Justinian I, after whom the plague is named, caught it but fortunately recovered. Anyone who caught this disease and survived became immune to it.

It is claimed that over its course of several years this virulent pestilence with its several spikes took between 25 and 100 million lives. Bubonic plague still exists. China a few days ago locked down a village in its Inner Mongolian region a resident died from it. The U.S., Russia and China all have Yersinia pestis "bombs" in their biological arsenals but antibiotics available today make using such very much less dangerous. And of course, if your ancestors include Emperor Justinian I you've got it made!

St. Alban's Anglican community in Nobleton notes this tragic event is the second recorded pandemic to strike the planet even though some historians refer to it as the "first plague pandemic."



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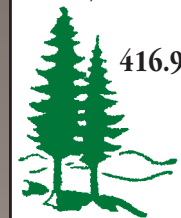
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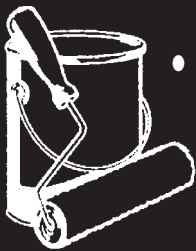
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First things first, you'll need to get your finances in order. This can be easier with the help of a financial planner. An expert can help map out a plan to set aside money for your down payment and addi-

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A financial planner will investigate and present you with options to help your savings grow and maximize funds you already have. For example, the federal government offers a first-time homebuyer's plan, which may allow you to withdraw money tax-free from your RRSP to put towards buying a house.

You should also consider getting pre-approved for a mortgage. This means a lender has looked at your credit history and income and will grant you a mortgage for a specific amount. Pre-approval will prevent you from bidding on a property and then getting rejected by a financial institution for the mortgage amount you need.

Once you have a realistic handle on your finances, start looking at locations with a critical eye. You may be tempted by fancier neighbourhoods with turn-key homes. But remember that you'll pay a premium to live in these types of areas. Larger,

newer homes often mean higher utility bills and property taxes. Do your homework on these costs in areas you're interested in to get a full picture of what your monthly expenses would be.

You can also look closer at land lease homeownership, a lesser-known but effective way of entering the housing market. This option allows buyers to purchase and own their home, but lease the land on which it sits. The purchase price of a land-lease home can be up to 30 per cent less than a comparable freehold home in the same market. As a bonus, land lease communities managed by companies like Parkbridge offer amenities such as pools, recreation facilities and bike paths.

You may need to start small or think outside the box to buy your first home. Whatever path you take, you'll build equity and value that will go on to help you move into your forever home.

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4 TIPS for a smooth move

(NC) Moving can be an exciting time that usually signifies a new stage in life. Whether it's your dream home, growing family or new job that has you packing up, don't let the bustle stress you out. Here are four tips to ensure a smooth move:

1 Book your movers. Once you've confirmed moving dates, book your moving arrangements. Weekends and the summer months can be busier times. Whether you're renting your own truck or booking professional movers, schedule them as soon as you can so you know you're covered and won't be left short of hands. If you live in a condo or apartment, also remember to reserve an elevator with your property management. A few days before your move date, confirm your truck rental or the scheduled arrival time of your movers.

2 Be prepared. Give yourself time to pack. Early on, order moving boxes and packing tape, so you're not rushed in the final sprint. Most moving companies will supply packing materials and may even offer packing services. If you're doing it on your own, label all boxes and identify which room they're going to in your new place for an easy transition. Remember to not pack personal documents or medications until last, and also consider packing a small suitcase of essentials to use the night of your move.

3 Purge and create an inventory. Packing is the perfect opportunity to purge and create an inventory of your belongings. Many people underestimate the value of their things. Having an accurate list and sharing those details with your insurer will make sure you have the home or tenant insurance you require, so you can be adequately compensated in the event of a loss. Insurance companies like Belairdirect offer a downloadable personal inventory form to help you keep track of everything you own. Just remember to keep it in a safe and secure place. And rest assured, while you are moving, your belongings will still be protected by your insurance.

4 Change your address. Finally, don't forget to send a change of address notice to the federal and provincial governments. Also notify other services and providers such as your bank, insurance company, utilities or internet providers. The postal service offers a mail forwarding option that may be worth exploring.

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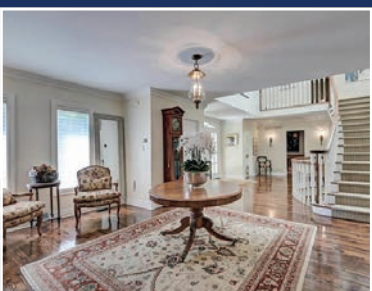


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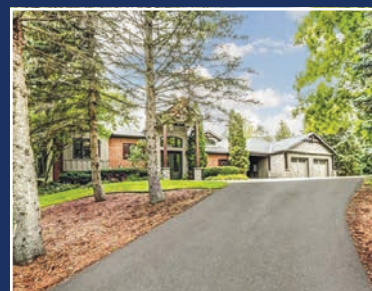
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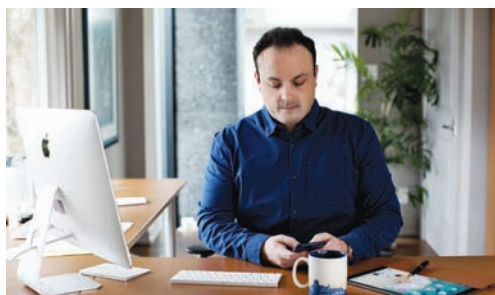


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HOLY COW BATMAN! MY HOUSE DIDN'T SELL....

What to do if your home does not sell?



By **Julien Laurion**
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

UNDERSTANDING WHY your home did not sell is a hard question to answer because every property is unique. However, taking the time to understand why your home did not sell can provide a lot of insight on how to proceed going forward.

There may be a variety of reasons why a home did not sell. For example, the price may be too high, or the home may seem dated and buyers believe it requires too much work, there may be lots of similar types of houses on the market, or by sitting on the market for an extended period of time, buyers may think there something wrong with the house. Regardless of the reason, if your home did not sell, you need to pause and take inventory of your home and assess what changes you need to make to better market your home.

First, you and your realtor need to look in your neighbourhood and determine if other similar homes are selling. If yes, why? If homes are selling this shows that there are buyers out there and you need to do something to make them want to buy your home. Conversely, if homes are not selling you may have to be patient. As I look at the overall data for Aurora and King City, I see that homes are selling, so now we have to ask why your home did not sell.

Are the homes that did sell comparable in size and finish, are there items that could use some updating to be competitive or did you happen to go onto the market a bit late? Sometimes simple upgrades like paint, carpet and flooring can make a huge impact. It can refresh the home and help it look clean and smell new

with a minimal amount invested. Getting rid of stale odour can do wonders for a home. You would be surprised to know how many times I've had buyer clients want to leave homes because of the smell.

Also, the time of year you put your home on the market can impact home sales. Springtime is usually best, fall is great as well, but the summer and winter months tend to be slower. However, the COVID-19 pandemic is currently throwing off these trends and the market trend is staying very hot this summer. Now let's say you did do the upgrades and listed in the summer but had no action for months. Buyers will see that a home has been on the market for a while and the number one question will be, what is wrong with this place? At times, this can be a challenging stigma to overcome. It may mean taking it off the market and waiting for a better time to relaunch it.

Finally, you need to have an honest conversation with your realtor and review the marketing strategy for the sale of your home. Typically, full-service realtors earn their full commissions by actively marketing your property above the basics whereas, more budget commission conscious realtors tend to do less marketing. In markets where homes are slower to sell, it is quite difficult to sell, let alone get top dollar, without a full-service marketing strategy.

Selling a home can be tricky since there can be many variables at play, it is always best to do your homework and speak with professionals of various fields before any major decision. As always, I am only a phone call away if you have anything more you would like to ask!

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Real Estate Market Update – Aurora

Eager Buyers Choosing Aurora

An incredible 26 percent increase in homes sales of all types continued through the heat of July compared to the same time tracked last year in Aurora. There were 122 homes sold at an average price of \$1,122,551 a 32 percent increase in value year over year. Even if we took away the highest and lowest sale for the month from the sold scenario, the median price of \$989,000 is a 21 percent stronger gain in value.

Homes sold typically within 23 days of being for sale on MLS® and Seller's yielded 99 percent of their asking price in the majority of cases. There were 194 homes placed for sale which was 33 percent more inventory than last July yet 23 percent fewer homes of all types remained for sale at the start of August with 212 available to purchase. At this current rate of supply and demand, it would take 2.6 months to deplete the supply of homes on sale now as the market seems to continue to favour Sellers.

Every town across York Region continued to have an increase in home selling activity and there was far more action taken in Aurora on homes priced above \$2 Million with 10 sales reported. Year to date is where the decrease

is still notable with sales down by almost 14 percent however considering the COVID-19 pandemic is still of great concern consumer confidence has improved with these numbers in the past couple of months and we continue to work towards flattening the curve.

Stay safe and as healthy as possible and if buying or selling real estate is on your mind call a REALTOR® today to discuss and create a plan of action with all COVID-19 safety protocols known in advance of taking action.

– Written by Connie Power

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*The statistics provided herein were obtained from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board; Regional Housing Market Tables; York Region, Aurora for July of 2019, 2020 and the Summary of Existing Home Transactions of all home types, July 2020 for all TRREB Areas.

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Yes, even resale homes can come with a warranty

(NC) Are you looking to buy – or have you just bought – a resale house or condominium unit that is less than seven years old?

If so, there's a very good chance you still have some warranty coverage. That's because the standard warranty on new homes in Ontario stays with every home even after it's sold by the original owner.

Knowing how much coverage you have and how the warranty works will come in handy if you notice any issues. Read on for answers to the most commonly asked questions by buyers of resale homes that are still under warranty.

HOW DO I FIND OUT IF MY HOME STILL HAS WARRANTY?

With the online Ontario Builder Directory, it's easy to figure out if your home is enrolled in the province's warranty program. Enter the address on the Tarion website, the private corporation set up by the Ontario government to administer the new home warranty program. It only takes a few moments to determine if your home is covered and how much warranty is left.

HOW DO I TRANSFER THE WARRANTY TO MY NAME?

If you want to take advantage of remaining warranty coverage, provide the home warranty administrator with a copy of your purchase agreement. As soon as your name is on file as the current owner, you're good to go. You can even register online to submit claims and access your home's warranty history.

WHAT DOES THE WARRANTY COVER?

Ontario's new home warranty is broken down into one-, two- and seven-year coverages. The one-year warranty is a comprehensive warranty that covers general defects in work and materials. The two-year warranty covers the following: defects in your home's plumbing; electrical and heating systems; water penetration through the foundation or other parts of your home; defects related to exterior cladding; and, Ontario Building Code violations that affect health and safety. Finally, the seven-year warranty provides coverage against major structural defects.

Whether you have one, two, or more years left in your coverage, make the most of it. Find more information at tarion.com.

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Things to consider when choosing a mortgage

(NC) When you buy a home, you might want to consider choosing a mortgage that includes flexible prepayment privileges. Prepayment privileges allow you to increase your regular mortgage payments without having to pay extra fees.

Prepayment privileges are sometimes included in the agreements for closed mortgages. If your lender is a federally regulated financial institution, such as a bank, it must indicate the prepayment privileges in an information box at the top of your mortgage agreement.

If you increase your regular mortgage payments, even just a bit, this will have a significant impact on the long-term cost of your mortgage, and how long you have to pay. To see how much you can save, in money and in years, try using the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada's Mortgage Calculator.

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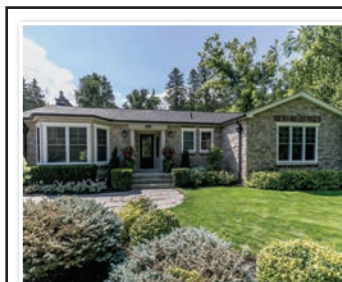
Some lenders may charge extra fees if, for example, you make more payments than the number allowed, if you break your mortgage agreement or if you transfer it to another lender before the agreement ends. These penalties can cost you thousands of dollars. You can avoid them by respecting the terms of your agreement.

Before signing the agreement, confirm with your lender if your mortgage includes prepayment privileges, and ask about the following:

- What is the maximum amount that you can pay, in addition to your regular payments, every year without a penalty? What is the frequency of these payments?
- What is the amount of the penalty if you violate the conditions for prepayment privileges?
- Can you stop making prepayments at any time and without a penalty if you are no longer able to make them?

When shopping for a mortgage, compare the advantages offered by potential lenders. Ask questions about anything you don't understand. It could save you thousands of dollars. Find more information at Canada.ca/money.

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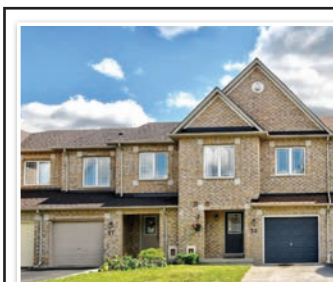
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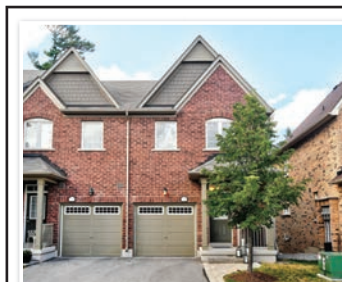
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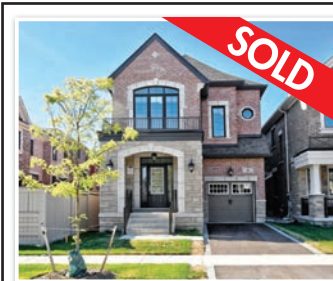
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Remember to hire a registered builder for your custom home

(NC) If you're thinking about hiring someone to build a house on land that you own, you owe it to yourself to understand what illegal building is and how you can avoid its potentially devastating consequences.

With very few exceptions, anyone who wants to build and sell a new home in Ontario needs to be registered with Tarion, the company that administers Ontario's new home warranty program, and is required to enroll the property in the program.

Builders who are not registered are usually operating illegally and can harm buyers in different ways. For example:

- They may not be following the Ontario Building Code, and the homes they build may contain serious defects and health and safety issues.
- They often ignore other laws, leaving buyers vulnerable to significant financial loss.
- They may not be providing the mandatory warranty coverage that every new home buyer in Ontario is entitled to.

So, how can you be sure that the builder you're thinking of hiring is following the rules?

Start by knowing when you should be concerned. Here are some of the things an unregistered builder might say:

- "You don't need the new home warranty because I offer my own."
- "You don't need a warranty if you leave my name off the building permit and say you're building it for yourself."
- "I could give you a warranty, but it would cost extra."
- "I built the house for myself, but decided to sell it instead."

Before you enter into any agreements, look up your builder in the Ontario Builder Directory, which will tell you if they are registered. If your builder doesn't appear or their registration is not active, contact Tarion for assistance – you could end up saving yourself a lot of money and stress.

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(NC) Warmer weather means barbecues, road trips and patio season. But it also brings flash floods, power outages and other emergency situations. Here's how to ready your home and keep your family safe:

KNOW THE RISKS. The types of emergencies or natural hazards we could face vary across Canada. Knowing what to do is an important part of being prepared. Knowing the risks in your region and how to prepare for different situations is a crucial step to ensuring your safety.

PREPARE AN EMERGENCY KIT. You may have some common items already lying around the house, such as a flashlight, a wind-up radio, food, water and a manual can opener. Make sure they're organized and keep them in a backpack in an easy to find location in case you need to evacuate quickly. Make a second kit for your car with the same items as well as a whistle, jumper cables, road flares, a shovel, paper maps, sand and road salt.

MAKE AN EMERGENCY PLAN. It will only take you about 20 minutes to make a family emergency plan. Some things to include are safe exits from your neighbourhood and home, including at least two exits from every room, health and insurance information, the level of risk in your region, location of your fire extinguisher, designated

meeting places and key contacts. Make sure everyone in your household is familiar with the plan and take the time to practice it.

DIY FLOOD-READY FIXES. Go for an ounce of prevention by doing some updates around your home to prevent flooding or reduce its impact. Install backwater valves or plugs for drains, toilets and other sewer connections. Make sure your downspouts extend at least two metres (six feet) from your basement wall. Raise large appliances, furnaces, hot water heaters, and electrical panels up on wood or cement blocks above the potential water level.

GET HEATING BACKUPS. In case of a power-outage, consider installing a non-electric standby stove or heater in case of a power outage. Remember that it's important to adequately vent the stove or heater with the type of chimney flue specified for it. If you have a wood-burning fireplace, have the chimney cleaned every fall in preparation for use and to eliminate creosote build-up which could ignite and cause a chimney fire.

TALK TO YOUR KIDS. Your kids might be wondering what you're up to as you assemble emergency supplies, so take a few minutes and involve them in your planning. Talking to children about different kinds of emergencies can help them feel safer and know what to do if something happens. Show them educational videos online to get the conversation going.

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When will open houses be more common again, we want to see properties in person before buying?



Community health safety will always be a priority locally, regionally and beyond. If buying a home is the priority reach out to your REALTOR® and design a strategy of timing, needs, wants and lifestyle preferred. Prior to going out on any showings Buyer's may want to attend Open Homes as well but even with the COVID-19 - Phase 3 of reopening and health and safety guidelines in York Region in place Sellers are coming to realize that much of the viewings of their home can occur safely online to reduce search time and risk to the Sellers as Buyers narrow their choices prior to viewing the home. Look at the photos, the videos, the virtual open houses, ask your Buyer agent if there is additional footage that's been taken of areas not as commonly photographed that may be of concern.

Many Real Estate Brokerages are strongly recommending that open houses are not conducted unless strict protocols are followed. The recommendations may be open house by appointment only, guests must sanitize their hands, wear gloves, masks and bootie covers, no greater than 2 guests in the home at a time. Strict protocol guidelines would be best posted on the front door to help guests understand the process prior to entry. Reminders of guest etiquette may also be posted throughout. Guests can expect to be questioned on their health, and while touring the home with the agent hosting the guests should stay within eye view safely distanced apart as 'no touching' is an important rule Seller's are asking their agent's to stress and enforce. The REALTOR® leading the discovery tour will likely be equipped with hand sanitizer and wipes to wipe

surfaces that have had contact as the tour progresses. All washroom facilities would be off-limits.

The recommendation is that marketing feature sheets can be created however shared digitally to home buyers or their Buyer's Sales Representative to reduce health risks that present with paper contact.

Identification will be required for contact tracing and under The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) sharing of this data would only be for COVID-19 contact tracing and not for solicitation. It is recommended that Sales Representatives also take temperatures of the guests prior to entry of the home.

Hiring a Buyer agent to navigate showings through these uncertain times would mean that many of the required protocols would be known in advance and prepared for and showings could be booked more smoothly to reduce time and delay or aggravation waiting. Before looking at homes it's best to be pre-approved financially. With homes selling as quickly as they have been across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) be prepared to take swift action; when that ideal home has been found; offering action can follow especially with so much competition existing in this strong Seller's market.

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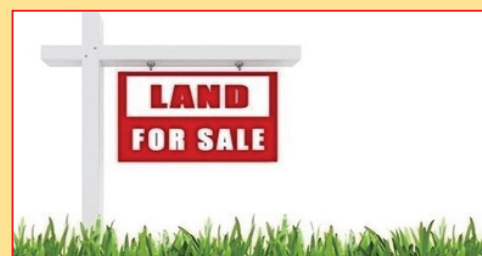
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