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King keeps some facilities closed to end of year

By Mark Pavilons

King is maintaining a "cautious and gradual" approach to its reopening.

Township staff have been evaluating safe, contained and fiscally responsible measures in determining the re-opening plans of some indoor facilities, through to the end of 2020.

Based on continued efforts to contain transmission risks and adhere to public health guidelines, as well as uncertainties with the anticipated risk of a second wave this fall, for the safety of the public and staff, King is focusing on gradually reopening a limited number of indoor facilities this fall.

"We need to be mindful that the virus is very much still active," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "Right now, I feel that the cautious approach is the best approach. All the hard work that helped flatten the curve can be undone if we don't remain disciplined in our actions. This means we need to continue wearing masks and practicing physical distancing and good hygiene."

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At this time, King Township is focusing its efforts on further expanding service levels through a limited reopening some of its indoor recreational amenities this fall, in a phased, cautious approach.

Although the Municipal Centre will continue to be closed to the public to the end of 2020, staff will be introducing future "in-person, by appointment only" services, including commissioning, marriage licensing services, garbage bag tag and bin purchases. Details of these services will be announced in early September.

Indoor recreational facilities will be evaluated for potential phased re-opening later this year, subject to continued containment of COVID-19. Only those that can practically provide for future indoor recreational programs in a safe and realistic service model. Subject to this evaluation, the Township's intent is to pilot the reopening of one facility in October (subject to user demands, viability of programs).

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, September 21st
5:00 pm - Committee of the Whole Working Session
• Active Transportation Strategy
• Traffic Calming Strategy
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

Wednesday, September 9th
6:00 pm - Committee of Adjustment
Virtual meeting at <http://cofameetings.king.ca>

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

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



PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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

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

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 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 until the end of 2020.
- 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

King's cautious and gradual approach of expanding services during Stage 3

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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.

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ABOUT THE STUDY

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We are inviting members of the public to learn more about the project and share their feedback. Your input will help inform when and where the Township's active transportation projects get built, creating a more comfortable environment for residents to walk and cycle to their destinations.

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Thursday, September 10th, 2020

- 12:00-12:15 pm - Presentation
- 12:15 - Questions



Registration: speaking.king.ca/ATactionplan

Cannot attend? For more information about the Active Transportation Action Plan, please visit: speaking.king.ca/ATactionplan



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POOLSIDE RETREAT?

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- Eliminate tripping hazards
- Discourage horseplay
- Learn where the nearest AED is
- 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
- F**irst Aid Kit: Keep all your safety essentials close
- E**ducation: Get trained in first aid

King's Official Plan reaches its final stages

By Mark Pavilons

King has reached a pivotal point in its history.

Council gave the green light to tweaks by York Region to its long-awaited Official Plan. With a couple of site-specific additions, the Our King planning document will be in the hands of York Region, awaiting final approval this fall.

Several planning consultants, representing landowners in King, wanted their parcels given special consideration within the OP.

Council did agree to include logistical changes to two properties on the Aurora Lloydtown Road (Capobianco-Turner) to recognize their unique situation. Councillors also agreed to eliminate the deferral on a Laskay property.

The Capobianco-Turner properties exist as two separate addresses with two homes. The plan is to sever the 22-acre parcel to recognize this long-standing situation. The owners have no plans to develop the property, but merely wanted the logistics sorted out at this time.

Planner Brad Rogers said King can permit lot creation and he doesn't see this as setting a precedent, due to its unique nature.

Councillors agreed that it meets all the conditions of two separate lots and have been working with the owners for many years on sorting this out.

Planning director Stephen Naylor did point out in this particular case, it goes against provincial policy and the Township's legal experts agreed. While the Township wants to make this change, it can't under the legislation. Naylor pointed out the Township has to apply the rules set out by the Province at the local level.

This is where councillors raised their objections, and supported the application.

Councillor Bill Cober said he was "sick" of provincial policy. Queen's Park is giving municipalities the authority to make local planning decisions, and yet under PPS2020, they're hands are tied.

"Let's make this happen," Cober said.

King passed its Official Plan back in September of 2019, following years of legwork and extensive public consultation. The OP establishes a detailed policy framework to guide growth and development in King's three villages, hamlets and the rural area for a planning horizon of 2031. It has been decades since the OP has been updated.

York Region, the upper approval authority, has been reviewing the OP to make sure it conforms with York's OP and follows all provincial policies and regulations. As a result of the review, York made a few modifications to bring it into conformity.

Staff noted the OP doesn't take effect until York gives it the stamp of approval, anticipated for this September. After that, there's a 20-day appeal period, so the OP will come into force in October.

A lot of the modifications have to do with provincial policies, such as Bill 108, and a new Provincial Policy Statement (PPS 2020) which took effect May 1.

Staff pointed out the majority of the changes are minor in nature, and help improve the clarity of policies, without altering the overall policy direction.

Some of the changes included clarifications of future growth in the Nobleton Village Reserve area; employment growth forecasts, and hamlet boundary expansions as per the provincial Growth Plan. Other tweaks included natural hazards, land use compatibility, on-farm diversified uses.

King, York and conservation staff have worked together to develop modifications for the Natural Heritage System (NHS) to strengthen the policies and provide clarification.

There are some village site-specific policy areas that will be added to the OP to reflect recent LPAT decisions in King City.

The Township did receive public comments and submission prior to the recent council meeting.

Residents raised some concerns regarding population forecasts for Nobleton, which is expected to grow to a total of 6,750 by 2031.

Several submissions were also received from landowners outside of the urban area of Nobleton. Currently, the Nobleton Village Reserve is not planned to accommodate any significant growth in this time frame.

King refined and delineated the boundaries of hamlets within the Greenbelt area, an exercise that began many years ago with the Oak ridges Moraine Conservation Act.

Three submissions were received regarding lands in Laskay.

Westlin Farms asked to be kept within the hamlet boundary and designated as a rural area. It's subject to an outstanding appeal to York's OP and the Region recommended a site-specific deferral. This is where council stepped in and recommended this deferral be removed.

Regarding growth in King's hamlets, all are planned as residential communities, with appropriate and compatible small-scale commercial and employment uses. Staff noted the hamlets are anticipated to accommodate limited growth in the form of infilling, in a "manner that protects and enhances their unique identities and ensures that they remain distinct from the Township's Villages."

King has seven hamlets, and four of these have significant vacant tracts of land, designed Hamlet Rural Area. Staff are considering the locations for future uses such as hamlet residential, commercial and employment, through site-specific OPAs.

The proposed modifications approved by council will head to the Region, to be approved by staff. Once York Region Council makes its decision, the 20-day appeal period follows.

Staff continues to evaluate needs

From Front Page

Subject to facility audits, operational plans that meet all health and safety guidelines, as well as financial impact and feasibility of operating responsibly, further announcements will follow. Staff is working closely with the recreational facility user groups to assess their needs, as they too are evaluating if/how they can effectively offer fall/winter programs to their participants. Additional arena capacity may be considered subject to demand and based on these discussions.

Any indoor facility used by the public will be subject to York Region's requirements of mandatory face coverings/face masks. Caution and prioritization of safety is at the forefront of decisions being made.

King continues to expand virtual services, introducing innovative ways to continue to service our residents and businesses conveniently and safely. Introducing safe indoor public services and safe indoor recreational programs will be considered and phased, as we continue to adjust with the evolving pandemic.

The government is strongly recommending everyone to continue following public health advice, including practising physical distancing with those outside your household or social circle (up to 10 people), wearing a face covering when physical distancing is a challenge or where it is mandatory to do so, staying home when ill, and washing your hands frequently and thoroughly. These measures are critical as more Ontarians return to work and access more businesses and services.

For more information, please visit our King Township COVID-19 Information Hub for all the latest updates at covid19.king.ca.

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Dreams are necessary in our life's journey

"We are the Music Makers and we are the Dreamers of Dreams" — Willy Wonka

He was wise, that Wonka fella. Supertramp, in its 1974 hit, criticized someone for being "nothing but a dreamer," and not making their dreams come true by acting on them.

It can be argued that tomorrow is, in fact, today's "dream" for it has yet to transpire.

There are literally thousands of pithy, inspirational quotes about following your dreams. Hallmark movies are filled with such stories, all of which have happy endings.

Dreams, the wide awake hopeful desires, are what motivate us. Call them hopes, goals, ideas or mental pictures. Yes, there's a fuzzy smokiness associated with "dreams," which gives them the connotation that they're not attainable.

But don't we raise our children on the premise to "follow their dreams" and explore their hopes and desires? Are we being honest, or are we hypocrites?

Gloria Steinem once said that without dreams – leaps of imagination – we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming is a form of planning.

Mike Tyson said he has to dream and reach for the stars. Even if he misses, he still grabs a handful of clouds.

For more than 100 years we've been sitting around campfires, rowing our boats merrily, exclaiming that "life is a but a dream."

We're told to hold on to our dreams. We're also told to dream big.

Martin Luther King had a dream, a great one, one that society is still struggling with. In his iconic 1963 speech, the civil rights leader simply wanted equality:

"I have a dream that one day this na-



Mark Pavilons

tion will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'

"I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

I can't understand why, almost 57 years later, we're still struggling with this.

Is it too much to ask? Why hasn't this "dream" become a reality?

Along similar lines, Harriet Tubman said every dream begins with a dreamer and "you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

Eleanor Roosevelt was also optimistic, noting "the future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their

dreams."

I don't recall any major "dreams" when I was a youngster or teenager.

My dad was a bit of a downer, a realist. One of his biggest dreams did come true, however, when the Berlin Wall came down in 1989 and communism retreated from his homeland of Latvia, making a return trip possible.

The war, cold war and communism definitely hindered his dreams for many years.

But his dream of coming to Canada, settling down and raising a family did come true. He and my mom were thrilled with their rural Caledon home-stead and life they built for us. I considered myself lucky and blessed.

I still do.

But my dreams are now reduced, limited, curtailed.

I dream and hope for great futures for my children. I encourage them to dream. They don't have to reach for the stars; I'm their biggest cheerleader and always will be.

I think all parents want something better, perhaps easier, for their children. We want them to succeed, to rise above challenges. We try to teach them, prepare them for the battles they must fight.

We give them all the tools they need – love, compassion, self-esteem, protection, support, money and an education. The rest is up to them.

Mother bird's wings are large, more than capable of wrapping around all three of our kids and keeping them safe, warm and free from harm. She never tires. I don't know how she does it.

This year, COVID-19 has interrupted countless dreams. It's sad and in some cases, they may be so far off track, they

may never get back on their journey. Many dreams will come to an end. Will they be replaced by new ones? Perhaps, but the sting of this nasty virus will be felt for a long time to come.

I have one child starting college, and another who recently graduated university. The future, right here right now, is still a bit uncertain. Career plans may have to change.

Again, there's nothing more deflating for your young minds than roadblocks and seemingly insurmountable hurdles.

Sure, this too will pass, but its end can't come soon enough. Millions of people around the world want to get on with their lives, careers and dreams.

We also need courage and strength. Oprah said the only courage anyone really needs is the courage to follow their own dreams.

Dreams aren't enough, but they're a start.

My wife and I do what we can, what we must. Okay, our kids may hang around the house longer than we anticipated, but hey, that's okay.

Adults, who are nearing the end of their working careers, have their eyes on retirement and the freedom it brings.

At this point, I don't have any post-working dreams. Sure, I'd love a little shack by the sea, but at this point, that's just a pipe dream. All we can afford right now is a hammock.

I don't have any plans to stop working, at least not for another 10 years or so.

Will I stop dreaming? No.

And I hope people still have dreams, big and small. Martin Luther King's work is still not done. There are still billions of stars out there within our grasp!

Letter to the Editor

Sign vandal promotes hate

After running a community Facebook page for 4 years, I really thought I'd seen it all. Sadly, after receiving a post for approval which included a threatening racist threat, I realized I was wrong.

It was about early one morning when I was just making my morning coffee. The post, apparently from a community member, was in the form of a warning to all "Schombergians." He was warning that he'd be coming around, taking the "Indigenous Lives Matter" signs and burning them. It was filled with hate, anger, ignorance and misinformation about our indigenous people.

The signs were the brainchild of Alicia Turner and Michelle McCabe Hubert, who had them printed at their expense, along with "Black Lives Matter" signs and distributed both for free to anyone interested in showing their support against racism and inequality in our community.

Police were called and a case file opened. That seemed to be the end of it, or so I thought, until the threat was acted upon. Signs along Main Street were taken and burned behind the community centre on the Schomberg fairgrounds. Police were once again called and an investigation is now ongoing, along with King Fire who is involved with the arson aspect of this crime.

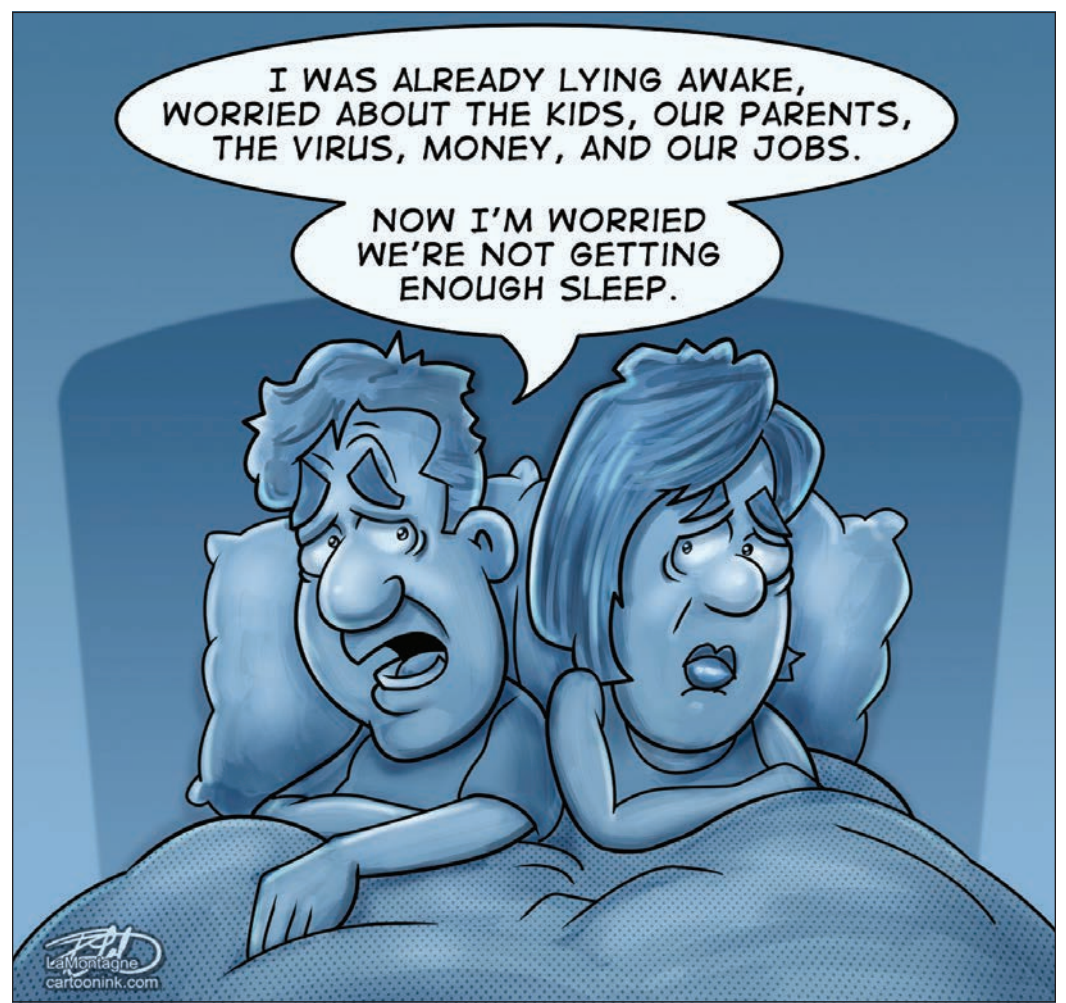
It's sad to see this kind of thing in our wonderful community. In my experience this community is so supportive and helpful. When asked to assist or help each other they never fail to step up and overwhelm all with their kindness and generosity.

Luckily, in my experience this kind of hatred and ignorance is in the minority here. The signs will be replaced and hopefully the perpetrator brought to justice.

"Darkness can not drive out Darkness; only light can do that.

"Hate can not drive out hate; only love can do that." – Martin Luther King

Susan Heslop



Thought of the Week



Why aren't we there yet?

We're all asking this question more these days. Waiting is indeed hard, but when it's over ...

Trivia Tidbits

A bountiful crop is often referred to as a bumper crop. Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary dates the noun bumper ("a brimming cup or glass") to the year 1676. The adjective, meaning "something unusually large," dates to 1885.

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Results from last week's poll:
Have your children found summer jobs?

a) Yes

b) No

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100%

Do you think young people are irresponsible when it comes to social distancing?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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Consider forming a local 'Walking School Bus'

By Susan Beharriell

As if parents and students are not faced with enough uncertainties as school is about to begin, yet another major decision looms. How will the children get to school safely?

Yes, students who live in rural areas well outside the villages likely need to take the school bus. I suggest that individual chauffeurs are not a good option. Think of all the extra pollution next to the school, safety and traffic issues and waste of time, fuel and money if every family drives their children to school!

However, those who live in and near the villages have a real option. What

about organizing and volunteering for a "Walking School Bus?" Everyone in the villages lives within 3 kilometres (or 2 miles) of a school. Unless a child has physical/mental challenges, why not walk to school – even the Grade Ones? This way physical activity would be increased, some "excess energy" would be gone on arrival, safe distancing would be maintained and there would be nothing to clean through the process!

Walking School Buses have been "rolling" for years in parts of Ontario, particularly the south western region where 15 schools are involved. No, there are none in the GTA yet. Why not

be the first?

In Canada The Walking School Bus, led by the Canadian Cancer Society, is a project that allows elementary school children to walk to school together, accompanied by adult volunteers. It is a free, safe and supervised activity. It has planned routes and stops and is organized and run by local volunteers. Internationally, the concept was been successfully helping children and parents for many years.

Visit <https://walkingschoolbus.cancer.ca/>

The web site has simple suggestions for starting and maintaining buses in your area – wsb@ontario.cancer.ca, 1-888-939-3333

Why not contribute to a greener neighbourhood, help your child become

a better pedestrian, increase concentration in class for about 4 hours and increase their physical activity? Parents, why not share responsibilities with other parents, safely expand your social network, enjoy the sense of belonging and contributing to the common good and keep fit yourself?

Walking School Buses reduce traffic and pollution around the school, increase safety for pedestrians and mobilize parents around a project that brings people together safely.

King would see benefits as well. There would be fewer cars, less traffic, families would be involved with active transportation, and emissions of GHG would go down.

See 'Walking' on Page 6

Letter to the Editor

Praise to all for Fox run support

The following letter, to King Terry Fox Run participants, volunteers and supporters, was submitted to the King Weekly Sentinel.

It is hoped this letter finds you, your families and staff well during this challenging time.

It has been a very difficult and unusual time for all of us, in many ways. The impact of COVID-19 and the uncertainty of what lies ahead has affected us all. We have felt torn apart in some ways and have come closer together in others. As a community, it has brought us together, as we remain 2 meters apart.

This unprecedented time has resulted in the Terry Fox Foundation making the very difficult decision to celebrate Terry Fox's 40th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope virtually.

This fall, no physical run will take place in King City. The basis for this decision was the health and safety of volunteers and participants and Public Health Agency of Canada advisories on "mass gatherings."

I can't thank you enough for your years of support. To this end, as we can't physically join together to celebrate, we hope to maintain the tradition of Terry Fox Run Day - Virtually.

Please consider making a donation. Go to www.terryfox.org; follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/KingCityTFR>), post your virtual challenge or event and celebrate:

Virtual Terry Fox Run Day, Sunday, Sept. 20.

One Day. Your Way.

Thanks again for your continuous support. Stay healthy. Stay safe.

To order a 40th Anniversary t-shirt email lisakb.88@icloud.com or go to www.terryfox.org

Lisa Barenthin

Coordinator, King Township Terry Fox Run



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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 & 2019). 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 curb-side 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.

NOTICE OF PASSING OF AN OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King passed By-law Number 2020-039 on the 10th day of August, 2020 under Section 34 and By-law Number 2020-038 (OPA Amendment No. 96) under Section 17, of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, c. P.13, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") in respect of the by-laws by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King not later than the **8th day of September, 2020** a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-laws and the reasons in support of the objection, together with 1 cheque in the amount of \$300.00 per by-law (certified cheque or money order only) payable to the Minister of Finance to cover the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") fee, and a cheque for \$225.50 per by-law representing the Clerk's Department Administrative processing fee, payable to the Township of King. Should this date fall on a holiday or weekend, you will have until 4:30 p.m. of the next business day to file your appeal. If you wish to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"), a copy of an appeal form is available from the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") website at elo.gov.on.ca or from the Clerk of the Township of King. Please note the Tribunal will only accept filing fee payments by certified cheque or money order.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"). A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Comments received and considered during the public meeting of November 18th, 2019 were summarized and included in the Planning Department Recommendation Report (GMS-2020-09). The report is available on the Township's website www.king.ca. Comments at the meeting of November 18th, 2019 along with the Committee of the Whole on August 10th, 2020 were received by Council (relating to the devaluation of properties, density, height, privacy, traffic and safety concerns due to increases in volume of vehicles and traffic entering and exiting the surrounding area containing residential uses). These comments have been taken into consideration during the review of the application and have been responded to both generally and specifically throughout the recommendation report. Based on these comments, Council is satisfied that all matters have been appropriately addressed and as such, Council adopted the Amendments, which are available on the Township's website at www.king.ca.

The lands to which the Official Plan Amendment apply to are also subject to an amendment to the Zoning By-law (File No. Z-2019-08). The site specific Zoning By-law (2020-039) amends the zoning by-law for the above noted subject lands to a site specific Core Area – King City, Exception Section 7.5.2.9 – Holding (CAK-9(H)) zone with provisions to address Height, Stores, Floor Space Index and Density to facilitate an apartment dwelling condominium measuring 6 storeys (23 metres) and providing a total of 284 units with a floor space index of 2.5.

Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of the decision (including the person's or public body's address) is made to the approval authority. The approval authority is the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-laws are available on www.king.ca.

DATED at the Township of King this 20th day of August, 2020.



Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services
Township Clerk
Telephone: (905) 833-5321
Email: kmoyle@king.ca

Comments and personal information are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter c.P. 13 as amended, and will become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form. Personal information will be protected in accordance with Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (MFIPPA), all information received other than personal information may be included in the documentation which will become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information, please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321.

KING FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Back to school

Summer break is almost over and children will be walking and riding their bikes to schools in a few short weeks.

As always - **SLOW DOWN**, especially in residential areas.

Don't rush through traffic signals, stop signs, or crosswalks - your car is bigger than they are!

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Record deficit in Ontario

By Mark Pavilons

The strain on the economy brought about by the pandemic has led to Ontario's biggest deficit in history.

The Ontario government is continuing to support the province's recovery from COVID-19 over the long-term, sending costs skyrocketing.

Queen's Park released its 2020-21 First Quarter Finances and an update to Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19. To protect the health and economic well-being of the people of Ontario, the government continues to invest and budget for further contingencies in the fight against the COVID-19 outbreak, including providing support to families, businesses, workers, municipalities, long-term care homes and those on the front-lines of the pandemic.

The government is now projecting a deficit of \$38.5 billion in 2020-21, which incorporates the most up to date economic information and additional supports for the pandemic recovery period and the safe restart framework. Private-sector forecasts, on average, project that Ontario's real GDP will decline

by 6.6 per cent in 2020, down significantly from when the March 2020 Economic and Fiscal Update was finalized. Total revenue is projected to be \$150.6 billion in 2020-21, \$5.7 billion lower, and program expenses are projected to be \$13.1 billion higher than forecast in the March 2020 Economic and Fiscal Update.

The investments bring the government's COVID-19 response action plan to a projected \$30 billion, up from \$17 billion announced in Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19 on March 25.

"Dealing with COVID-19 wasn't a choice for any of us, but how we responded was," said Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance. "From the very beginning, we chose to do whatever was necessary to protect the people of Ontario from this pandemic and support them as they deal with the unprecedented impact on their lives."

Since announcing the first steps in the government's response to the global pandemic, the government is making additional investments in the fight against COVID-19, including:

See 'Province' on Page 9

Police lay charges in a hate motivated incident in Schomberg

Investigators with the York Regional Police Hate Crime Unit and the #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau have charged a 39-year-old man after lawn signs were stolen and destroyed.

Police report that on Tuesday, Aug. 11, they received multiple reports that lawn signs with the message "Indigenous Lives Matter," had been removed from yards overnight on Main Street and Mill Dam Court in Schomberg. Further information revealed that some of the signs were found burned in a nearby fairground property.

Investigators identified a suspect and on Thursday, Aug. 13, with the assistance of officers with the Emergency Response Unit a warrant was executed at a residence on Main Street and the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

The man was charged with mischief and uttering threats. He's scheduled to appear in court in Newmarket Nov. 24.

York Regional Police stressed they do not tolerate hate crime in any form. "Those who victimize individuals based on race, national or ethnic origin, language, colour, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or mental or physical disability will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law," they said.

Anyone with additional information can contact the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigation Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7141, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

Walking offers many benefits

From Page 5

Remember that King and Canada both have declared a Climate Emergency. Also, folks would be involved in an inter-generational project and our social fabric would be stronger! Sustainability in action!

Did you know? Nearly 60% of Canadian parents say that they always walked to school when they were children but only 28% say that their children are doing this today. Yes, these are different times, but walking with parents in a group is different, too.

The exercise that children get by walking to school increases their ability to concentrate for the next four hours or so.

Each kilometre covered on foot daily is associated with a 5% decrease in the probability of becoming obese. It also reduces the risk of having cancer later in life.

Only 14% of young Canadians between 5 and 11 years old are sufficiently active. We have just had 6 months without any team sports so imagine the rate now!

If a child does not learn the basic "Rules of the Road" for pedestrians while in elementary school, then when will they learn these skills? We all know that the best way to learn is through doing. Why not start now?

Of course, if enough children in an area have helmets, bicycles with bells and locks, then consider organizing a single file "Peloton" or bike train. In Nobleton and King City with the busy regional roads, such groups need only cross them once, if at all.

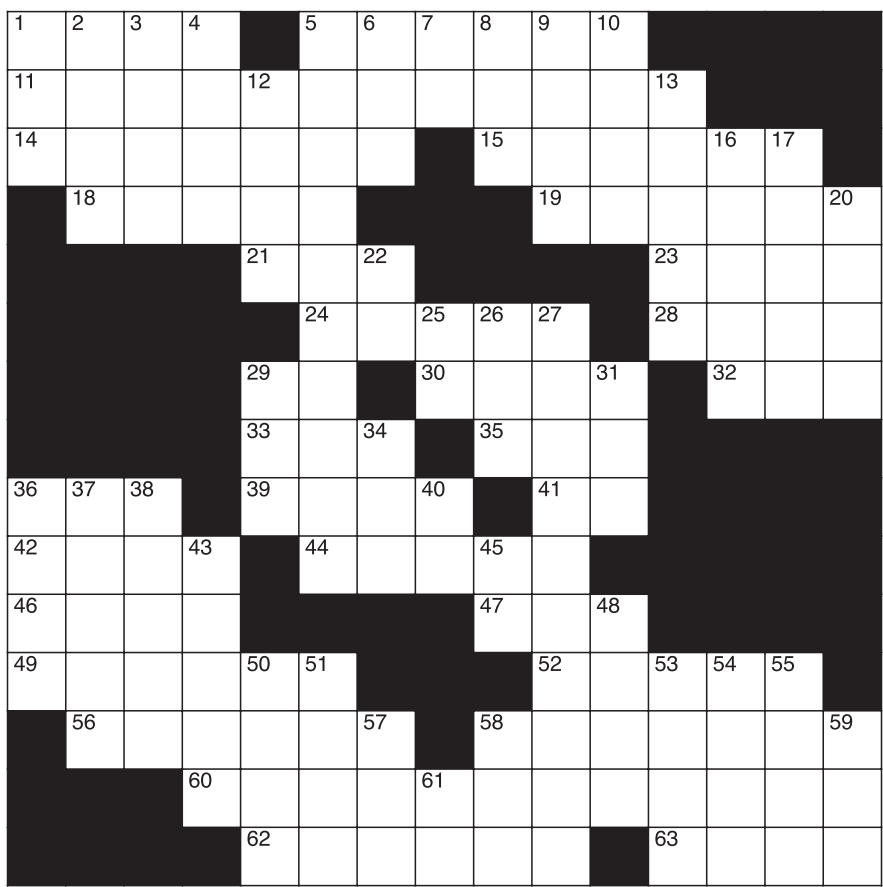
In King children 14 and under may ride courteously on sidewalks. The author was unable to determine, in time for publication, if the escorting "Peloton" adult bike riders could do the same under special arrangements with the York Regional Police. Indications are very positive, however.

All this is to say that transportation to school, particularly when you live in a village, is one aspect you can control. Go ahead. Make a difference in your neighbourhood and have some safe fun while you are at it!

"The wheels on the bus go 'round and 'round ...'"
 Keep well, keep safe and keep sane!

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ACROSS

1. Popular musical awards show
5. Speech in one's honor
11. A state of poor nutrition
14. Not ingested
15. More lacking in taste
18. "Popeye" cartoonist
19. Helps to reduce speed
21. January 1 greeting (abbr.)
23. Georgian currency
24. Proverb expressing a truth
28. Jewish calendar month
29. Volume measurement
30. Fair-skinned
32. Patti Hearst's captors
33. Have already done

35. Touch lightly
36. Autonomic nervous system
39. Plant part
41. College degree
42. Military alliance
44. Tokyo's former name
46. Carpenter's tool
47. Before
49. Consent to receive
52. Passages
56. The Duke of Edinburgh
58. Utter repeatedly
60. Linked together in a chain
62. Quality that evokes pity
63. Maintained possession of

4. Grab quickly
5. Being everlasting
6. Vase
7. Atomic #3
8. Type of medication
9. Encircle with a belt
10. Belonging to you
12. American state
13. City in Zambia
16. Good Gosh!
17. Of the country
20. Helsinki district
22. 36 inches
25. Reporters' group
26. The voice of Olaf
27. Explains in detail
29. Tooth caregiver
31. One point south of due east
34. Scottish river
36. Elsa's sister
37. Civil Rights group
38. Line of poetry
40. Doctor
43. Fatty acid
45. Avatar (abbr.)

48. Awe-inspiring garden
50. Fall down
51. Rock icon Turner
53. Asian country (alt. sp.)
54. UK museum network
55. Stairs have at least one
57. Part of (abbr.)
58. Simpson trial judge
59. Sun up in New York
61. Exclamation of surprise


Solution on page 19



King

7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, August 20 to Wednesday, August 26

THURS 20TH	FRI 21ST	SAT 22ND	SUN 23RD	MON 24TH	TUES 25TH	WED 26TH
						
Sun/Clouds High 24C° Low 16C° Wind S 12k	Mainly Sunny High 29C° Low 18C° Wind SW 15k	Sunny High 29C° Low 18C° <1mm Wind SW 14k	Risk of T'storm High 25C° Low 16C° ~10mm Wind SW 15k	Sun/Clouds High 23C° Low 14C° Wind NW 17k	Mainly Sunny High 23C° Low 15C° Wind NW 15k	Risk of T'storm High 23C° Low 15C° 1-3mm Wind S 32k



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Funding to ensure a safe return to school in September

By Mark Pavilons

Queen's Park is offering millions in funding to ensure the transition to school in September is a smooth one.

The Ontario government is providing more than half a billion dollars in supports to school boards to ensure schools across the province will reopen safely in September and to protect students and staff. These supports will enable school boards to provide more physical distancing in classrooms and direct funding to utilize non-school community spaces, and will allow boards to make adjustments based on their local needs.

Details on these important updates for the 2020-2021 school year were provided by King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, and Dr. David Williams, Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, following extensive consultations with leading medical experts across Ontario.

"We have demonstrated throughout this outbreak that we will deliver the strongest and safest plan in Canada for Ontario students, with a recognition that we will continuously strengthen it over time," said Minister Lecce. "This investment and access to reserves will enable more social distancing and improve air quality, and ultimately strengthen the layers of protection to keep students and staff safe."

The government is allowing boards to make necessary adaptations, in consultation with their local public health unit. Adaptations could include smaller class sizes and leasing additional space. Additional measures include:

- Unlocking access to reserves up to \$496 million, an increase of \$244 million, by allowing boards to access up to 2 per cent of their operating budget from their prior year accumulated surplus. This funding can be applied to local priorities of each board, based on the immediate needs on the ground to prepare for the start of school. For boards that do not have sufficient reserves, the government will provide up to an additional \$11 million in funding to support equitable school re-opening plans province-wide.

- Providing a record-setting \$50 million in one-time funding to support improved ventilation, air quality and HVAC system effectiveness in schools. School boards will continue to maxi-

mize their use of existing school renewal funding, which totals over \$1.4 billion this school year. Boards will focus on improving air systems in older schools, portables, and in neighbourhoods with higher rates of community transmission.

The government is also releasing a Policy/Program Memorandum (PPM) that ensures students receive a high quality and consistent teacher-led remote learning experience. This directive will significantly strengthen minimum expectations, as well as provide a consistent approach across the province to ensure students are fully engaged in their learning, and have a predictable timetable for synchronous, live learning.

It will include ministry-set requirements on the minimum time for synchronous learning by grade, protocols for communicating with parents and students and access to technology. The directive also outlines effective practices, such as training and technical support, which will enhance the implementation of synchronous instruction for students and staff.

In addition, the government is ensuring accountability for parents and an improved remote learning experience by investing \$18 million to help school boards hire principal and administrative support to better deliver and oversee synchronous, live learning. Students will continue to have several opportunities throughout the school year to re-enter classroom learning, and boards need to provide at least one re-entry point in the fall.

"We are taking action to ensure live, synchronous learning is improved, providing parents with consistency and a timetable to mirror the in-class experience," said Minister Lecce. "In order for remote learning to be successful, we are urging unions to embrace this form of learning that parents expect and students deserve."

The ministry will continue working closely with public health and school boards to monitor and report on the health status of school communities as part of the government's outbreak management plan.

"Whatever happens this fall, we will be there for our school boards. We will continue to step up, to invest, hire more staff, do whatever it takes because we

recognize that when it comes to our children we have a moral responsibility and we want to get this right," Lecce said.

On July 30, 2020 the government released the Guide to Reopening Ontario's Schools, which was developed in consultation with leading medical experts and approved by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. This plan committed over \$300 million in funding to support a safe reopening of Ontario's schools, which is part of the evolving layers of prevention the government is providing to students, parents, staff, and the communities they live and work in. The provincial guidelines provide a baseline and school boards are encouraged to adapt them to meet local needs and support students and families.

They include in-person classes for elementary school students five days per week for the 2020-2021 school year; masking for students in Grades 4-12; focus on cohorting and limiting student contacts.

The Ministry of Education is working in partnership with school boards to deliver access to the fast, reliable and secure broadband internet connectivity needed to support modernized, digital learning in school. All secondary

schools are on target to have access by September, and elementary schools by September 2021. As of June 30, 2020, broadband modernization has been completed at 2,252 schools, including 755 rural schools and 461 northern schools. Work is currently in progress at 2,685 schools, including 338 rural schools and 40 northern schools.

In the 2020-2021 school year, the government is investing approximately \$1.4 billion for school renewal needs, which meets the standards outlined by the Auditor General of Ontario.

The Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (MGCS) will supply key personal protective equipment (PPE) and cleaning supplies to schools. Supplies needed for September are ready to be delivered to schools by mid-August.

Prior to school starting, School Mental Health Ontario will provide school boards with a professional learning framework and tool kit to support the mental health of all students that can be tailored at the board and school level for different audiences. The professional learning will have a strong focus on building students' social-emotional learning skills so that they can build resilience, manage their stress and build positive relationships.

Job numbers point to renewal

By Mark Pavilons

Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, is optimistic that recent job stats point to economic recovery.

"Economic growth and recovery remains a key priority for our government in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Statistics Canada released its monthly employment numbers, which showed an employment increase in Ontario of 150,700 in July and follows gains of 377,900 jobs - 66,200 of them manufacturing - in the month of June.

"These new employment numbers are so much more than a statistic: they represent business owners and workers who are back on the job, families getting back on their feet, and communities beginning to flourish once again.

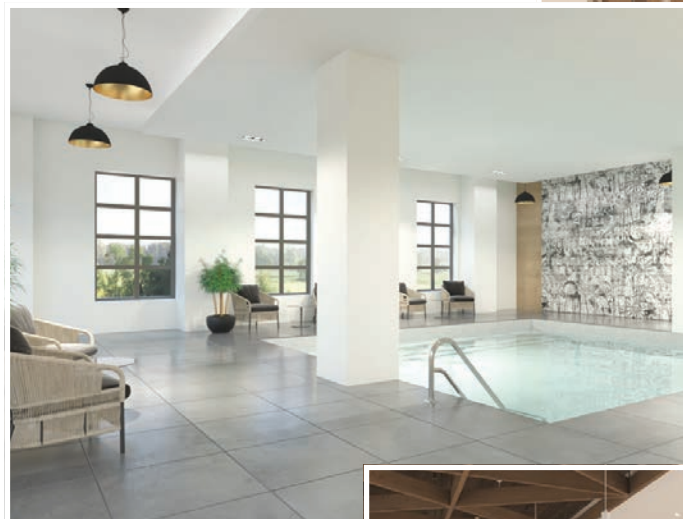
"While these numbers are an indication that our economy is continuing to find its footing, the road of recovery will still be a long and difficult one. As the province gets back on the job, we will continue working with businesses to develop a comprehensive safety plan to better protect workers, customers and clients.

"Over the last several months, our government has been working hand in hand with the people and businesses of Ontario to develop the right framework to safely reopen the economy and build a strong foundation for our future prosperity. From the introduction and passage of the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act to the ongoing work of our Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee, we have a made-in-Ontario plan to create more opportunities and bring jobs and prosperity back to every corner of our province."

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Council okays large condo development in King City

By Mark Pavilons

Zancor Homes was given the green light to proceed with their six-storey condo development in King City.

Councillors approved Zancor's Official Plan amendment, allowing the height and densities associated with the project.

The six-storey building will contain 284 units, two levels of underground parking and surface parking, outdoor shared amenities spaces, along with roof terraces, balconies and patios.

Currently, 171 of those units will be one-bedroom, while 59 will include a den and 42 will be two-bedroom units. There will be 11 three-bedroom condos and one bachelor. The building keeps its initial C-shape and has become a complete six-storey structure on all sides.

Proponents made additional changes to the project, from its initial public meeting at council.

Underground parking has increased to 447 spaces. The main entrance has shifted to face the intersection of King Road and Banner Lane and the south side planting strip has increased to three metres. Planter features will be installed on tiered south-facing balconies to address privacy and overlook concerns.

The project will contain some sustainable features, including a green/white roof, electric vehicle charging spaces, and individual water and hydro metres in each unit.

The one-hectare site is located on the southeast corner of King Road and Banner Lane (former King Township office site). Four existing properties back onto the site on Banner Lane. The fire hall and King City Secondary

School are just to the east.

Under the new Official Plan (pending approval by York Region), the property remains in the village core designation, which allows for medium density residential development. While the new OP allows for a maximum of three storeys, there is an allowance for six storeys, as long as certain conditions are met. These include that the building is compatible in the area and has sufficient setbacks and buffers. Staff noted the plan's height and density will be consistent with the policies in the new Official Plan.

Provincial policy does mandate more intensity in existing urban areas and King does lack mixed housing and apartment units.

Staff pointed out the population forecast for King to 2031 sees an additional 8,600 residents. York allotted King 920 more units. This application will contribute 30% of the Township's intensification target.

Township staff have worked with Zancor on some of the changes. Staff are asking that more green features be incorporated into the zoning bylaw. When the project was first unveiled, there was some concern about the rear setback and impact on existing neighbours. The developers have agreed to stick to the standard, 3-metre buffer. A 1.8-metre-high privacy fence will also be added.

The units at the rear will also be tiered above the third floor.

The revamped plan actually provides more parking than required. As well, outdoor amenity space has been increased to exceed minimums. An outdoor courtyard area exceeds 800 square metres and the roof top area will be



more than 1,000 square metres.

Staff did admit that the visual impacts of taller buildings like this one "require careful consideration."

The building will be placed up against the boulevard and it steps down in height towards the rear. This tiered effect achieves a 45-degree angular plane from the lot line and will effectively minimize privacy and overlook concerns.

"In practice, this means that the building will not infringe on a sight line of a person standing at the south property line looking upward at a 45-degree angle."

Buffer and planting areas, according to staff, will also minimize the impacts of the building's height. Zancor has agreed to incorporate urban design and architecture techniques to address visual impacts.

Staff said materials used, such as brick, precast concrete, metal and glass "is an effective design approach to integrating larger buildings where lower building forms are prevalent."

The impact of density is also addressed by placing parking underground, freeing up the site for enhanced landscaping and amenity spaces.

Patios on the ground level adjacent to King Road contribute to what staff call "an interactive streetscape."

The building elevations have been broken up using articulation, step backs and balconies to a contribute to a

"dynamic building facade, while minimizing the impacts of building mass on the street and surrounding lands."

The increased number of units does mean increased traffic. Forecasts put the number of peak morning trips at 25 inbound and 70 outbound, moving to 74 inbound and 47 outbound on peak afternoons.

Studies will look at intersection improvements and a possible left-turn.

Staff supported the new design, noting it meets density requirements and the new design fits in better with the existing community. It also provides desirable housing options and a greater range of choices.

This will be the largest single development in the core area.

The plan drew praise from councillors and at least one member of the public.

Resident Susan Beharriell hoped the building can lead the way, and be the first net zero impact building in King. She urged Zancor to build this "the right way and make a difference."

Consultant Don Given noted Zancor has made significant changes since it first presented the proposal and has listened to the public.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer is pleased the developer has utilized many environmental initiatives.

"It's set to be a first-class development," she said, something King City residents should be thrilled about.



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This investment will also generate nearly 900 new licensed child care spaces to ensure families across the province are able to access child care in their communities.

Details were provided by Premier Doug Ford and Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education and MPP for King-Vaughan.

"Our government is making a significant capital investment in our school system," said Premier Ford. "By making these smart investments today, we will ensure our students and teachers have access to modern facilities to learn with features like high-speed Internet, accessible ramps and elevators, and air conditioning, while providing parents with access to more licensed child care spaces."

The government is investing over \$12 billion in capital grants over 10 years, including over \$500 million invested in this year alone to build critical new school capital projects and permanent additions. This announcement continues to build upon the government's commitment to invest up to \$1 billion over five years to create up to 30,000 licensed child care spaces in schools, including 10,000 spaces in new schools. These new projects will also result in the creation of new jobs in the skilled trades as over \$500 million of major infrastructure projects break ground in short order.

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Province notes costs of responding to pandemic

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- An increase of \$4.4 billion for a total of \$7.7 billion to provide ongoing support for health care to build hospital capacity, prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19 in long-term care homes, ramp up testing and purchase personal protective equipment and critical medical supplies.

- An increase of \$7.3 billion for a total of \$11.0 billion to support people and jobs, which supports investments in a temporary pandemic pay for more than 375,000 eligible frontline workers totaling over \$1.5 billion, \$4 billion in targeted funding to help municipal partners and transit agencies to continue to deliver critical services, and temporary immediate relief for residential, farm, small business, industrial and commercial electricity consumers.

When announced in March, Ontario's Action Plan: Responding to COVID-19 contained historic levels of prudence and flexibility, including a dedicated \$1 billion COVID-19 Health Contingency Fund, a \$2 billion Support for People and Jobs Fund, a standard Contingency Fund of \$1.3 billion and an unprecedented reserve of \$2.5 billion, the largest in Ontario's history. Given the continued economic and health uncertainty, the government has included additional prudence totalling almost \$9.6 billion to ensure the Province is prepared for future scenarios stemming from the ongoing uncertainty of COVID-19.

While no economic downturn is the same as the last, it took between 24 and 88 months to return to pre-recession peak employment across the last three recessions. However, as Ontario gradually reopens, there have been recent signs of economic recovery.

In June and July, Ontario's employment increased by 528,600 net jobs and the unemployment rate decreased to 11.3 per cent. Home resales in the province rose 56.6 per cent in May and 67.0 per cent in June, after declining for two consecutive months. Ontario manufacturing sales increased 17.5 per cent in May, while retail sales rose 14.2 per cent, after both declined for two consecutive months.

"From the outset, our government determined that putting public health first not only would save lives, but was the smartest economic policy," said Phillips. "The faster and steadier the progress to contain the outbreak, the sooner restrictions can be lifted so customers can return to businesses and employees can get back to work. While we still have a long road to recovery, defeating the virus is essential to getting

our economy growing again and to ensure the long-term sustainability of the public's finances."

The Province's next fiscal update will be a multi-year provincial Budget, to be delivered no later than Nov. 15.

Ontario is extending the interest and penalty-free period for businesses to make payments for the majority of provincially administered taxes by one month to Oct. 1, increasing the potential cash flow available to Ontario businesses over the six-month period to an

estimated \$7.5 billion.

Ontario sold a record \$21.9 billion in long-term debt in the first quarter of this fiscal year, with an average term of over 10 years. This has ensured the Province's solvency has been safeguarded with adequate liquidity to meet any unforeseen economic or public health circumstances.

Ontario is now projecting a deficit of \$38.5 billion in 2020-21. In comparison, Canada is projecting a deficit of \$343.2 billion in 2020-21 based on its economic

and fiscal snapshot from July 8.

The net debt-to-GDP ratio is now projected to be 47.1 per cent in 2020-21, 5.4 percentage points higher than the 41.7 per cent forecast in the March 2020 Economic and Fiscal Update. In comparison, the federal government's federal debt-to-GDP ratio is estimated to be 49.1 per cent in 2020-21.

The 2020-21 outlook maintains a \$2.5 billion reserve to protect the fiscal outlook against unforeseen adverse changes in the province's forecasts.

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Arts & Entertainment

Artist uses human body to spread awareness for mental health

By Sam Odrowski
Local Journalism
Initiative Reporter

For most people, carving a brain sounds like something out of a horror movie.

But, for Tottenham sculptor, print-maker and photographer Tiffany Folmeg, it's just another way to boost awareness around mental health while creating art.

A few years ago, Folmeg got involved with the Baycrest Foundation's Brain Project, where she spent around 50 hours mapping out and chipping away at a 250-pound limestone brain to raise awareness around dementia and Alzheimer's.

"Generally, when you knock it down at first it doesn't take much time ... it's all like mathematics, you're just sitting there measuring," Folmeg explained.

"It ended up going off without a hitch and was displayed at Todmorden Mills, which is across the highway from Evergreen Brick Works, down in the city (Toronto)."

Folmeg still spends time carving brains, hearts, or other pieces of human anatomy, but also focuses on creating pendants, prints and masks.

As an artist, she's very open about her battle with mental health and uses her art as a platform to boost awareness, eliminate stigma and advocate for others.

Folmeg is a high school art teacher and works to educate her students on these topics as well.

"Tiffany approached the Canadian Mental Health Association York Region

and South Simcoe Branch over four years ago as part of her personal commitment to raise awareness and erase the stigma associated with mental illness," said Rebecca Shields, CEO of Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) York and South Simcoe.

"As an artist and teacher, she constantly inspires by creating new ways of evoking conversations around mental health in a safe and compassionate manner. I always look forward to discovering her newest projects."

Folmeg said participating in artisan shows in Tottenham and throughout Simcoe County is a great way for her to share her art with the community while raising awareness around mental health.

She noted that it's unfortunate that they've all been sidelined this year, due to COVID-19.

"I've had people from paediatrics, doctors, heart surgeons and brain surgeons who come and chat with me about their stories ... I've had people who've had brain injuries or mental health concerns," Folmeg said.

"They've told me their stories, which is really endearing to the point that my friend and I - she sometimes helps me out - we've become like a therapy tent, at times, which is really sweet because when you're a teacher you want to listen. You want to listen to these stories and I feel that it's really benefited my practice as a sculptor, artist and teacher."

The communication component of sculpting and creating art is what motivates Folmeg the most, she said.

"It's the really neat commentary that

comes from it, like that they're very personal about their experiences and it really truly touches my heart strings because you realize that you're doing something for the greater good," she said with a smile.

"Being in touch with the local community and supporting the broader community ... it's really neat to be a part of that and be very communal."

Meanwhile, a subsidiary of Folmeg's work is the Carved Anatomy Project, which involves hand carving a fully-grown, life-sized wooden skeleton, accompanied by soapstone organs. When complete, the skeleton will be used for education about anatomy and garner donations for the CMHA.

A full-size skeleton has been purchased for the project, which Folmeg said will mirror with her carving.

When complete, she said it is hoped the piece will help to merge science and the arts together as one. The project is a long-term goal, and, in the meantime, Folmeg said she's getting lots of great practice for it through her commissioned pieces.

This past month, Folmeg carved a commissioned brain that's heading to Russia and a commissioned heart that's being sent to Pittsburgh.

A majority of her commissions come through her Etsy store where she also sells necklaces made up of the debris and chipped away pieces of stones from her larger projects to eliminate waste and raise funds for the CMHA.

A unique part of Folmeg's art is the connection she has with each customer and the story behind their purchase.

Sometimes when people hear that

she carves anatomy and internal organs they get grossed out, but after seeing and feeling the pieces in-person, they develop a greater understanding.

"Because I carve primarily out of soapstone, it just has a beautiful feel to it and people seem to be very enamoured and they realize it's not about disgust, it's about appreciation out of what we're made out," Folmeg explained.

She said her work is also meant to examine the incredible nature of the human body.

"The really neat thing about our body, despite if we get angry at it because we get hurt or it takes longer to heal - it heals," Folmeg said.

"It is such a complex infrastructure that does a lot of things on its own without you thinking, so the goal for me is to continue that commentary."

Concerts in the Park

By Brock Weir

It is hard to practice social distancing when rehearsing with your band, but if there is a will, there's also a way - provided you have enough space.

Fortunately, for Soul Benefit's Steve Falk, there was plenty of room to go around in the parking lot of his Industrial Parkway North-based business Prime Data.

Since the easing of restrictions allowed them to get together once again, the sounds of Soul Benefit, a popular local band which pools their talents to help local charities and non-profits raise funds for a variety of worthy causes, have rung out from the asphalt, with the occasional coyote or feral cat sauntering down nearby railway tracks their only audience.

That audience is set to get a whole lot larger next Wednesday, August 26, when Soul Benefit takes over the bandshell of Town Park as part of the Town of Aurora's popular Concerts in the Park summer series.

"We want to make people feel awesome," he says, conceding that building a program for a concert where people are required to stay in their social bubbles, refrain from getting up and dancing, and are even discouraged from singing along, has been a bit of a challenge. "We couldn't do an hour and a half of keeping it down - we're not a zen meditation band!"

"This is a tough time and music is good for the soul and we want to be able to produce some of that."

For more on Aurora's Concerts in the Park lineup, including how to register for the 100 spots available in Town Park, visit aurora.ca/concertsinthepark. Showtime is 7 to 8.30 p.m. and on-line registration is free. Concerts are also streamed live on YouTube and through the Town's social media channels.

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King fire truck starts service in Nicaragua

By Mark Pavilons

King's former Ladder 363 has found a new home in Central America.

Through a team of compassionate individuals, the vehicle was purchased and donated to help serve residents in Nicaragua.

The 1993 55-foot aerial device was bought used in 2006 by former Fire Chief Bryan Burbidge. It was in service until the spring of 2018 when it was retired.

This ladder truck was stationed out of the Schomberg fire house where it was used to protect the industrial park and surrounding areas. The vehicle was traded in to Dependable Emergency Vehicles.

A chance meeting with Patricia Celio set the whole thing in motion.

Celio said in February 2019 a group of paramedics and a friend of hers went to Nicaragua for vacation. They were part of a group that donated an ambulance to Nicaragua.

"When my friend returned and spoke about the need of this country regarding emergency vehicles, he put the bug in my ear if I would consider helping with getting emergency vehicles over to Nicaragua. The country has gone through political unrest and during this time many emergency vehicles were destroyed or damaged. Nicaragua is a country that is reliant on volunteers, a place where volunteers can create the most effective changes directly helping a community, and a country."

Celio admitted she's the type of person who wants to make change happen and to help others in the process.

She started "Delta Wellness Connections" for this reason, to make change happen, at the individual and also corporate level.

"So when I heard about Nicaragua, I just felt I could help. I never really thought about the challenges ahead, just figured that I would make it happen. I always believe that when you believe in yourself and you want to help others you create the energy around you that will help you accomplish your goal."

Fortunately, the fire truck literally fell into her lap. During a fundraiser for SickKids, a mutual friend introduced Celio and Pino Natale, from Dependable Emergency Vehicles to each other. As luck would have it, Pino happened to have a perfect vehicle and donated it to the cause.



Once Dependable Emergency Vehicles donated the fire truck, Celio sprung into action. King's Theresa Sherwood and her husband Steve Karakatsanis donated storage space and Global Fire, a Toronto-based charity, helped move the vehicle to Nicaragua.

"Once I partnered with Global Fire, my mandate was to raise money so that we could transport the truck to Nicaragua. Every great partnership you have roles, and my role was to raise money for the transportation and Global Fire would look into options on getting the fire truck to Nicaragua."

Through the Denton Program, they were able to arrange for the donated fire truck to be flown by the US Air Force (C5 aircraft) from Niagara Falls, NY to Nicaragua.

Celio said they raised more than \$6,500 to cover the costs of transporting the truck, with the help of the York, Vaughan and King communities.

Celio admitted to be ecstatic when the plan came together.

"I can't explain the feeling I received when I saw the picture of the truck coming off the aircraft and onto Nicaragua soil. They sent a video of the volunteer firefighters on the truck as it drove through the city of Leon. I started to cry when I saw that video because I knew all the nights of lost sleep, was worth it."

"I felt lucky to be part of a team of awesome people that heard my voice, my vision and together we were able to make it happen. I believe in power of community, and this is a pure example of that."

Nicaragua is a country of contrasts, known throughout the region for its diverse cultural history, vibrant art and grand literature. The country is one of the poorest in the western hemisphere, with 76% of the population living on less than \$2 per day.

Celio noted she's learned a lot about this process and has already started on truck number two.

"The first step is always getting the donated vehicle. The two biggest costs are storage and transportation. If storage costs can be donated then you only have to raise money for transportation."

She's excited to announce that Global Fire has a second fire truck that they would like to move to Nicaragua. She's reopened her fundraising page to help raise money to get the second truck to Nicaragua.

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Young man recovering from cancer surgery in Schomberg

By Robert Belardi

In the summer of 2019, Springhill, Nova Scotia native, Curtis McCormick was working in a Canadian Tire warehouse in Amherst. He had experienced periodic chest pain.

He went to the doctor and was prescribed Tylenol and Advil temporarily. Everyone at work said to him it's most likely muscle strain from lifting product. He didn't think of it too much, and went off to college in September two hours away from home.

On Oct. 3, McCormick endured a horrible night's sleep. He felt an intense pain in his chest that prohibited him from breathing properly and turning. It became unbearable and it was time to go to the hospital.

He went to emergency after class that day and the doctors couldn't feel a heartbeat on the left side of his body. The hospital ran scans and discovered a large mass.

McCormick was sent to Halifax for a biopsy. The family waited a week for a bed to be available in the hospital.

"We were told over the phone, about seven or eight days later, that it was suspicious for something called Synovial Sarcoma. We asked if that was cancerous and they said yes," his mother Linda McCormick said.

The hospital said this needed to be removed immediately. McCormick's breathing was laboured and he often coughed when he spoke.

In November, McCormick's tumour was removed. His mother said it was the size of a cantaloupe. It was 29 centime-

tres in diameter and it sat, entrenched, behind his left lung.

The doctors removed 95 per cent of all that was there. The surgeons could not extract everything.

Without prior knowledge of sarcoma, the McCormick family researched the condition on the internet, searching credible pages, seeking answers and further direction.

McCormick was sent to see an oncologist. The oncologist was convinced, this could not be removed by surgery. One week before Christmas, on Dec. 18 there was apparently nothing the oncologists could do. All they could do was run a Computed Tomography (CT) Scan. In other words, a fancy x-ray.

On Dec. 27, the family was told again, there's nothing the doctors can do. McCormick was 19 years old at the time.

From what was a worrisome time, a period of the "what ifs" and "how long do we have," seemingly became the ubiquitous thought process in the household. McCormick was in imminent danger of the unknown.

Following the scan, the family was directed to Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto to see sarcoma specialist Dr. Abha Gupta.

"She said, 'there's lots that we can do. Don't worry, you're not going to die,'" Linda McCormick reiterated.

That was in January 2020. McCormick was directed to receive chemotherapy treatments immediately in Halifax.

Back home, each treatment was three to four days long. It was a lot of time spent in hospital enduring what



was going to be a tough road.

And then, the ominous COVID-19 pandemic swooped into our world wreaking havoc within the medical system.

For the last two treatments, McCormick sat in the hospital alone.

He finished chemotherapy in May. There were a lot of boxes that had to be filled with the infamous checkmark for surgery to be done. There had to be no other form of cancer and the tumour had to be shrunk to a minimum.

The tumour had shrunk from therapy and there was no spread. But there was one existential problem.

"The cancer had developed a resistance on the last treatment to the chemo," Curtis McCormick explained.

The family waited for a call from Toronto for surgery and radiation. They all hung on to hope by a thread.

If the tumor grew and the cancer spread, surgery may not have been feasible and the end, the family thought, would have been around the corner.

Curtis's surgery was overshadowed by COVID-19 and delayed further than expected. The tumour grew larger every day.

In June, McCormick had another CT Scan in Halifax and was told, for the third time, nothing can be done.

Linda sent the scan and tirelessly emailed Princess Margaret in Toronto. Two weeks later, Princess Margaret said they can perform surgery.

In July the family drove to Schomberg. Linda McCormick grew up in Schomberg. She moved out to Nova Scotia where her husband was from. Her sister currently resides in the town. Under these circumstances she was going to stay with her sister and her return to her home town was not for the reason she would have hoped.

But once they arrived, McCormick's health began to decline.

"He could hardly walk, he couldn't do stairs, he wasn't breathing well, he was in pain all the time. We thought once again, everything was not going to happen," Linda professed.

The family pleaded to enter the hospital and after the fourth time phoning Princess Margaret, they were allowed to enter and the surgery was set for July 30.

For an hour that day, the community came together at the McCormick residence to wish Curtis well while receiving a complimentary ice cream bar from the family.

The surgery was successful as far as they can tell. They were able to remove all the cancer they found and the doctors believed a few more radiation sessions would eliminate all the remnants left over.

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Pop-up patios on Main Street in Schomberg support businesses

Pop-up patios have been installed on Main Street in Schomberg in front of local dining establishments, including at Leonardo's Pizzeria and Smoke House and Grackle Coffee. The patios expand outdoor dining space while supporting physical distancing within Schomberg's historic commercial core.

King Township, in partnership with Central Counties Tourism, have provided the patios. The primary intent of the Patio Pilot Program is to activate Main Street, support local business and enable physical distancing to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for residents and visitors.

"We are delighted to be creating such an innovative use of public space," said King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "In these COVID times these patios will provide additional outdoor dining capacity for the community, as well as stimulating the economic recovery of our local businesses and adding to the charm of Main Street."

In light of ongoing COVID-19 requirements, Township staff supports improving physical distancing within the downtown core. The Township has been working with the Main Street Business Management Committee to discuss the best way to support local businesses without compromising the safety of patrons, residents and visitors and has been actively supporting Main Street businesses through the <http://www.schombergmainstreet.ca>

ca website and Facebook page @mainstreetschomberg.

"As new owners of Leonardo's Pizzeria, we are very thankful for the support of King Township as they have been very helpful to support our family's initiative with our new business," said George Lindner of Leonardo's Pizzeria and Smoke House. "Our goal is to provide a premier product and to earn the support of our community through a dedicated and reliable service. I believe the Patio Program that has been initiated by King Township will result in an exceptional customer experience and will allow for much needed access to outdoor dining especially during these challenging times"

The pop-up patios were installed Aug. 14 and 17 and will remain in place through to Oct. 31. Measuring 18 feet long by seven feet deep, each will occupy approximately one on-street parking space and add 130 square feet of patio space.

For those requiring parking for a period of less than three hours, ample street parking will remain along Main Street and Dr. Kay Drive. If you are looking for parking for more than three hours, you can make use of the Green P lot beside the Post Office or park in the Parks Depot/Old Arena parking lot on Western Avenue. King Township will assess the Patio Pilot Project in the fall to see if there is value and benefit of reintroducing the patio program next year.

The businesses on Main Street are looking forward to seeing many residents and visitors out, enjoying dining and shopping safely and socially distanced. Please use hand sanitizer often and remember masks are mandatory while shopping indoors.

For more information please visit <http://www.schombergmainstreet.ca>

Tough fight for family

From Page 12

The surgeons removed his left lung, a piece of his diaphragm and the lining of his lung.

The impossible became possible. Call it a miracle if you will. Curtis is alive.

So, now, they wait. The family has not heard from the hospital and Linda is actively on the Sarcoma Support Group learning on what typically happens in this scenario. There will be a follow-up scan, the family believes, in two to three months.

"It's not really a done deal yet. We have to wait for the follow up scan and give some time and then another scan to see if anything else is growing," Curtis said.

"Having people pray for us all over the place has been a huge help for us to get through this. Our faith that God is good, even when times are hard and that nothing is beyond him," Linda said.

"It hasn't been easy, it's been extremely hard but that has definitely carried us through."

"I do certainly feel like, God has given me the strength to get through all the really hard treatments that I didn't think I had and I feel like he certainly blessed my recovery from surgery because I'm recovering, a lot quicker than I thought I would and it seems a lot quicker than what the doctors estimated as well," Curtis explained following his mother's comments.

Through this unprecedented time and situation, the McCormick family is overwhelmed by the heart-felt support from the Schomberg community. Their story has been shared on the Facebook page. Citizens were bringing the family food, offering wheelchairs and enquiring on his status.

Through this traumatizing experience, Linda is quite unhappy about the visitation policy within hospitals. She and her husband endured a tough process in order to receive special permission to see their son, who turned 20 years old through this time.

"We would have been happy to have gotten a COVID test every week to go in. We would have been happy to do anything to have been able to have spent more time in hospital. The surgery was delayed and that was a problem and that caused problems for sure. But the visitor policy was what hurt us the most," Linda said.

Now living with her sister, Linda and Curtis must wait another two to three weeks until Curtis becomes healthy enough to travel back home to Springhill, Nova Scotia.

The King Weekly Sentinel extends its prayers for the McCormick family and wishes Curtis a full recovery.

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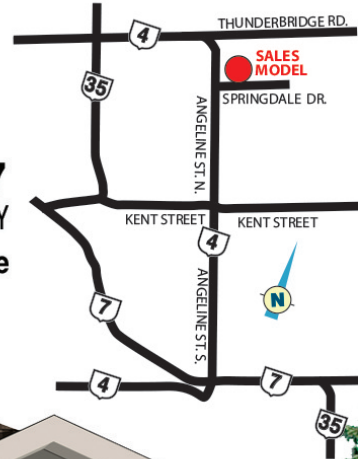
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Ford tells AMO the province stands by municipalities

By Mark Pavilons

Municipalities across Ontario got some positive news, courtesy of Premier Doug Ford.

Ford provided some opening remarks Monday at the annual Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) 2020 conference.

"It's never been more important to bring our municipal leaders together and stand united because these are extraordinary times.

"My friends, the relationship with our municipal partners is more important than ever. And now more than ever, the people of Ontario expect us to work together."

The premier admitted the pandemic has created hardships for municipalities and many taxpayers are struggling.

Ford said wanted to bring some hope in the big picture. He noted before the pandemic, our economy was on fire. Ontario was booming.

He's optimistic, in fact positive, the

province can rebound quickly. "I see it out there," he said, during his travels and meetings with political leaders, business owners and average workers.

"People are ready to get back to work, ready to rebuild what we have lost."

That doesn't mean municipalities haven't had their share of challenges.

"As the level of government closest to the people, you've been on the front lines each step of the way.

"Companies and stores are opening back up. People are getting back to work.

"But as Premier, I can't stop and I won't stop until we get every community back on its feet.

In the offing is some \$7 billion in federal funding for Ontario. It's earmarked for health care, for transit, for childcare, and for testing and contact tracing.

Up to \$4 billion will support the frontline services delivered by municipal partners.

Up to \$4 billion will support shelters,

food banks, public health, child care, and transit.

"This is a great deal for Ontario and it's a great deal for our municipalities."

The province itself is delivering \$1.6 billion as part of this first round to help municipalities address immediate needs.

Queen's Park is also delivering up to \$30 billion to support the front line health care system, to provide relief to families and businesses, and to ensure municipalities can respond to urgent priorities.

That includes \$510 million through the Social Services Relief Fund, \$15 million to enhance transit cleaning, and \$14 million for community-based mental health and addictions services.

"These supports are critical to helping communities recover and helping people get back on their feet."

As local governments begin planning their 2021 budgets, Ford told AMO members the government is maintaining the \$500-million envelope and structure of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund. This funding will help municipalities support local priorities, and recognizes the unique challenges facing our northern, remote and rural communities.

"We will continue to review the program in consultation with our municipal partners to ensure it meets the needs of our communities, especially for our small, rural and northern municipalities. No community will be left behind.

"I won't stop until every community is back on their feet. And we're well on our way."

He pointed out more than 528,000 jobs were added in June and July. Over half a million people are back to work 72,000 new jobs in manufacturing and 47,500 new jobs in construction.

This recovery in jobs has brought employment to over 90 per cent of pre-pandemic levels.

"And there's no better way to get our economy going than making critical investments in infrastructure. That's why we are making it easier to get shovels in the ground and build roads, bridges, highways, and transit."

Ford said highway construction can start up to 12 months sooner and transit projects will face "fewer roadblocks."

Modern long-term care homes can go up in months, not years.

"We won't waste a single second. We won't waste a single dollar getting these projects built."

The premier pointed to funding for major infrastructure projects, which include \$27 billion for hospitals over the next 10 years; \$12 billion for schools and \$2.6 billion in highway networks.

These projects will create hundreds of jobs, generate billions of dollars in economic activity, and improve the quality of life in hundreds of communities right across the province, he noted.

"We will ensure every region can recover and prosper. My friends, we face a tough road ahead. But I feel very optimistic.

"Thanks to our municipal partners, thanks to our frontline heroes, thanks to the great people of Ontario, we are in the strongest position possible to recover, rebuild and prosper."

Ontario provides autism support

Ontario is providing families in the Ontario Autism Program (OAP) with services to support their child's ongoing learning and development. Foundational family services such as family and peer mentoring, caregiver workshops and coaching will be tailored to the unique regional and cultural needs in different communities.

These services will build on existing virtual and remote options introduced during the COVID-19 outbreak. The first phase of foundational family services is part of the ongoing implementation of the new needs-based, sustainable and family-centred OAP.

"Feedback received through public consultations and the OAP Advisory Panel highlighted the importance of having ongoing capacity-building supports available to families," said Todd Smith, Minister of Children, Community and Social Services. "That's why family supports that put children at the centre of care are a key element of our new needs-based Ontario Autism Program. We know having virtual services as an option during this challenging time has become critical to families and service providers."

The first phase of foundational family services launched Aug. 7. Services will be offered at no cost in a variety of formats with individual and group supports and virtual and in-person sessions. Options may vary during the first phase of implementation as providers continue to expand their services and as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. For example, families may participate in an online group workshop to learn strategies to help toilet train their child and then receive one-on-one clinical follow-up afterward, or they may access coaching sessions to help with managing challenging behaviours. The services are based on a family's changing needs over time and their child's needs, strengths and developmental stage.

"In these unprecedented times, the needs of children and youth on the autism spectrum and their families are greater than ever," said Marg Spoelstra, co-chair, OAP Advisory Panel. "It is encouraging to see the new foundational family services being implemented province-wide as recommended by the panel and now through the sustained efforts of the OAP Implementation Working Group."

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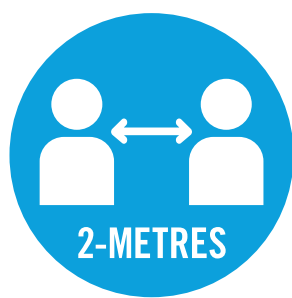
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Cougars head coach is ready to pounce on more player signings

By Robert Belardi

It's almost the end of August and hockey is still going. The National Hockey League is blaring all over Sportsnet from mid-day through to the early morning the next day.

With the big show having figured things out, there's more to figure out for junior leagues; in particular, the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

The PJHL has not formally made an announcement on when the league will begin, but head coach of the Schomberg Cougars Brett Delmas says there has been some discussion about October and November.

"We've doing our best to get our team back together. We don't know when the league is going to start yet. They say maybe October 1 maybe November 1, I don't know."

With the Trisan Centre closed in Schomberg, players, have been getting back on the ice in enemy territory in Alliston. Hornet land. The team, the Cougars went 1-5 against in the regular season, conceding 32 goals, against the number one team in the North Caruthers division.

"The Alliston stuff is a power skating guy and a skill guy that's just getting the players out on the ice. The odd time there's potential's that I'm looking at and the odd time there's some of our vets if they're available and they want to get their legs going again. We're trying to get together as a team."

Looking at his roster, Delmas knows this year will consist of making some big decisions ahead of the first puck drop.

"We have some over aged players that won't be coming back, we have six

over-aged players and we're allowed four so we have to get rid of two. One of our players made Junior B where he's going to school so he won't be coming back, another player moved back home after graduating from school so he's being traded to another division," Demas explained.

Through this pandemic-ridden-off-season, Delmas says he has been in touch with his players and is proud of their camaraderie through this time. The boys, have been out golfing together on numerous occasions. Players have been exercising and some have enquired with the coaching staff on workout ideas. This is the most crucial aspect of the offseason in Delmas's eyes. These boys need to be in shape come game time.

For the most part, Delmas says the club has resigned eight to 10 core players. There has been meetings for the past few weeks discussing further direction and an avid interest from a few people to become a member of staff.

The club is interested in signing a total of six players to the roster and potentially more given the circumstances.

As September rolls around and the end of summer is near, Delmas says he believes the PJHL is awaiting municipal decisions within all the towns with a team to decide on when to begin the season.

Delmas hopes a decision will be made this month. One thing is for sure, Delmas says the league has discussed since April, all players might be wearing an entire face-shield bowl attached to their helmets. It might cost a bit more, but safety is the number one priority and he sees it as a definite possibility.

Nine Stripes come back to earn first point in the Island Games

By Robert Belardi

The Canadian Premier League might never have thought their second season as a professional entity would be held in a hub city.

Held at the University of Prince Edward Island's (UPEI) artificial turf field in Charlottetown, its 35-match tournament began Aug. 13 between Forge FC and Cavalry FC. Already dubbed a unique tournament by York9 FC head coach Jimmy Brennan, the league's presser prior to the first official kick-off informed fans, players and media of a creative beginning to the games.

"The Mi'kmaq Community blessed land for the commencement of the Canadian Premier League Island Games in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Blessing and Ceremony were performed by the first Mi'kmaq Poet Laureate of PEI, Julie Pellissier Lush and The Mi'kmaq Heritage Actors, a group established in 2011 and made up of Indigenous youth," the press release wrote.

The press release also mentioned that every team will honour Black Lives Matter before every match, making a statement at the centre of the pitch, where Black Lives Matter is written.

Brennan said everyone is in the same boat. Fitness levels are as good as they can be, but it will all be about making the right adjustments at the right time and bringing in the right guys off of the bench.

He also said the bond with the group is becoming stronger. Seeing each other every day and having access to ping pong tables and television in the hotel has given all the players enjoyment in a very restrictive bubble.

The Nine Stripes began without Christopher Manella, captain Manuel Aparicio and Michael Petrasso due to injuries. One of the favourites of the tournament, already down three men.

Central defender Luca Gasparotto wore the captain's armband.

With Nigel Reed and former Canadian International Craig Forrest on the

commentary for CBC in this game, this tilt, was off to a slow and scrappy start.

New signing from Spain, Alvaro Rivero rifled a strike directly at goalkeeper Nacho Zabal. Joseph Di Chiara threatened the opposition in the 23rd minute with a low shot that trickled past the post and passed a trailing Gabriel Vasconcelos who couldn't tuck it in.

Towards the end of the first half, it was Atleti Ottawa that began to control the tempo of the game. Fullback Vashon Neufville sprinted past Ryan Telfer on the left-hand side of the box and his low-cross into the 18-year area found Mohamed Kourouma who tucked the ball into the back of the net for the first goal in Ottawa's new franchise.

The club's second goal didn't take long. One minute in the second half, Miguel Mista's men got on the board again. Francisco Acuna was sent in behind the defence from an over-the-top pass and fed the ball across to Malcolm Shaw for the second goal.

The celebrations didn't last long however, as Neufville was given a second yellow card after a collision with Di Chiara and Ottawa went down to 10-men.

Just over seven minutes of being on the pitch, Max Ferrari made a surging run down the right flank and sets up Wright for the easy tap in to bring the game back into arms reach. The Brampton native, became the youngest CPL goal scorer at 16 years, 11 months and 26 days and said it meant a lot to be the first one to score for the club this year.

"It means a lot. First, I got to give thanks to God, for blessing me to be able to do that and I got to give thanks to the gaf Jim and Stalteri for trusting me," Wright said after the game.

Over two minutes, Y9 was awarded a penalty and Joseph Di Chiara tied the game up from 12 yards out.

The match ended 2-2 with York9 coming close to completing a comeback.

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Head Golf Professional Stefan Kerr (left) and Director of Golf/Tournament Coordinator Jon Moss (right) present the trophy to Victor Ciesielski (middle) following his exceptional -6 score in the PGA of Ontario tournament.

Nobleton Lakes hosts PGO championship

By Robert Belardi

It's not every day a public golf course hosts a prestigious event like the PGA of Ontario.

It is, in fact, usually meant for membership golf courses to take the reins. It's not for precedence or anything like that. It's easier to relay to the club's cohort, their course will be hosting a prestigious event. Who doesn't like that kind of stuff, knowing your course is up for hosting pro golfers?

But, since COVID-19 landed on Canada's green, things weren't exactly easy and membership courses took a hit.

Cue, Nobleton Lakes Golf Club.

"It's good PR, to know that there are amazing public golf courses out there that can provide a championship level golf course and we certainly stepped up to the plate. Our superintendent Jason Bindi has done a wonderful job getting the golf course ready. We had nothing but positive reviews from all of our golfers," said Director of Golf/Tournament Coordinator, Jon Mozes.

Mozes says he received plenty of emails last Wednesday morning from golfers, praising the conditions of the course. Not bad for a public course that hosts roughly 300 players every day.

Mozes also says this might change the minds of the PGA of Ontario to consider public golf courses.

"This might change their tune, if other golf courses step up good for them. I know we're going to put our hat in the ring again on a yearly basis because we really enjoyed it. Our public enjoyed it because they've got to play this golf course in the best conditions we've ever had."

The players were representatives of their own golf club all across the province. Some are head golf pros, general managers or teaching professionals participating.

Players had to pay an entry fee to play and the top 25 players earned prize money in the end.

The tournament lasted two rounds last Monday and Tuesday and Victor Ciesielski, from Galt Country Club Limited, walked away with a victory with a -6, shooting 68 on the first day and 70 on the second. Ciesielski won the grand prize \$5,500 dollars.

"He's played in a Canadian Open. The man can get his ball around; he's a real nice young gentleman, and he's a well deserving champion."

Dan Payton from Oliver's Nest and David Sheman from Emerald Hills Golf Club finished -2. Colin Murray (Great Lakes Tour), Nick Kenney (The National) and Keir Smith (The National) tied for fourth place at -1.

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York9 proved it can compete

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York9 took 11 shots in the second half and held a 60.1 per cent possession.

"I was disappointed going into half time conceding in the 47th minute," said Brennan in the post-game press conference.

"It was a terrible goal for us to concede. We had a good conversation at half time. Said what we needed to work on and we came out in the second half flat footed. Made those changes right away brought on the young boys to give us some life and changed our formation as well."

Y9 began the match in a 4-4-2 diamond formation and transitioned into a 4-3-3.

Brennan acknowledged this is the first competitive match and at times there were some moments where the club did the right things. It was a scrappy first half and to it took time for the guys to get into rhythm and Brennan felt that the team did create chances at some points in that game.

The gaffer began a lot of his experienced players on the squad, before bringing in some of the young players. He says, his young players proved a point.

"We told them, go out there, go express yourself, go play your football and enjoy it. They did today and then they proved a point and more or less, showed us, they can play. They can compete in this league."

This will provide Brennan and his staff flexibility in the starting lineup and provides confidence to the younger players on the roster.

The Nine Stripes took on Pacific FC on Tuesday (results not available at press time) and will play Valour FC this Saturday at 1 p.m.

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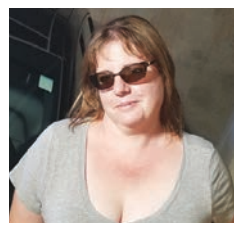
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Laura Dekker



It is with great sadness that the family of Laura Dekker of Loretto and formerly of Maryhill, Ontario announces her sudden passing on August 9, 2020 in her 43rd year. Wife of Adrien Larouche. Loving mother to son Jackson. Much loved daughter of Patricia and the late Ralph Dekker (2019). Dear sister to Jennifer (Jeff) Meyer and Joanne Dekker. Doting Auntie Nori to Shelby, Brandon, Elizabeth, Jaiden and Evangeline. Laura will be missed by Adrien's parents Marcelle and Loretta Larouche, his sister Crystal (Jeremy) and their children. She is also missed by her many aunts, uncles and cousins. Laura was a dedicated nurse, working more than 20 years in the critical care unit at Southlake Regional Health Centre. She worked tirelessly, giving her all to the care of others, even through the COVID crisis. Laura was always on the sidelines cheering Jackson on as he played hockey and enjoyed many camping trips with her family. The family will receive friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, 905-936-3477 on Monday, August 24th, 2020 from 6-8 pm. Donations in memory of Laura to Southlake Regional Healthcare Centre or The Canadian Mental Health Association would be appreciated by the family. Please visit www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com to book your attendance at the visitation. (All Attendees must pre book).

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Tiffany Pattison



Tiffany Pattison (née Pratt), 47, of Alliston, Ontario passed away at her home this past Wednesday, August 12, 2020 following a courageous year-long battle with stomach cancer. In her final days and moments, Tiffany and her family were surrounded by invaluable love and support from her community. Tiffany was born to Joan Hammond on December 14, 1972 in Toronto, Ontario, and grew up on Wilson Street in Tottenham. She attended and graduated from Banting Memorial High School in 1990, and for many years during that time was a dedicated employee of the Simcoe Manor, where she began her career. She later went on to graduate near the top of her class from the Toronto School of Business in 1996. For many years, she applied those skills as a valued team member at Stevenson Memorial Hospital, in the medical office of Dr. Mohammad Keshoofy, and most recently at the Caring Hands Midwifery in Alliston. Above all, Tiffany was known for her uncanny ability to draw out the best in those around her, and lived a meaningful life of love, committed friendship, and service. She is survived by her dedicated mother, Joan, and her loving sister, Norine (Phil). She was married for 26 years to her loyal husband and high school sweetheart, Neil Pattison, who is the father to Kyle (Jennifer), Julia (Brandon) and Emelia. She was a grandmother to three beautiful young girls - Charlotte, Alice, and Nora - as well as an aunt to Laura, Dalton, Peyton, Ashton, Hayden, Brittney, Colton and Jesse. She will also be fondly missed by her parents-in-law Barry and Betty Pattison, as well as by her brother-in-law Shawn (Karen). Lastly, she will also be deeply missed by the many new family and friends with whom she bonded, and who had the immense honour of knowing her while she was with us. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home on Sunday, August 16, 2020, and a Private Family Funeral Service was held on Monday, August 17, 2020. In lieu of flowers, Tiffany wished for donations in her name to be made to the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre or to www.mygutfeeling.ca. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's is open again, with the exception of Aug. 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. 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.

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

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

Anglican Parish

By John Arnott

Days honouring St. Bartholomew, St. Aidan, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, and the Transfiguration of Christ all come in August.

Not much is known about St. Bar-

tholomew other than he was chosen by Yeshua to be one of his 12 Apostles and he is Patron Saint of Armenia where he was an active missionary and where he was martyred by being skinned alive.

St. Aidan was probably born in Ireland and as a teenager came to the Monastery of Iona on the island of the same name just off the west coast of Scotland where he trained for the priesthood and later traveled to the English kingdom of Northumbria establishing his headquarters at the Monastery of Lindisfarne on a small island of the English coast.

St. Bernard was a French abbot who took over and reformed the newly founded French Cistercian monastery of Clairvaux. A scholar, his advice was constantly sought after by popes/clergy and kings.

Jesus seems to have two natures – one spiritual, one human. And we catch just glimpses of his spiritual nature in the Christian writings of the Bible called the New Testament

Perhaps Yeshua's spiritual nature is most clearly seen in the description of the transfiguration, when with 3 followers, Peter, James and John, he went to pray on the slope of an unnamed Judean mountain (now known as the Mount of the Transfiguration).

This is where amazingly his face and robes began to glow with radiant light as he was joined by Moses and the prophet Elijah with a voice from above calling him Son.

One Christian author states there is a remote possibility that this happening never actually took place and it's the happy faces of a small group of people holding an outdoor prayer meeting blown out of all proportion and was turned into a fantastic piece of religious propaganda by subsequent au-

thors. Irreverents, some of whom are biblical scholars, claim all the earthly participants were probably mildly high on some kind of "hallucine juice" made from widely available and widely used pot.

Interestingly early Christians believed that as Yeshua moved ahead of his companions he shed his robes and it was from within his naked body that dazzling white light radiated as he stood with his heavenly visitors.

God takes no notice of how fashionable or shabby they are but instead sees our true souls enrobed in our nakedness just as he saw Yeshua's that day on that hillside.

The word transfiguration like metamorphosis means to change from one state into another more beautiful one and in this case from an ordinary earthly human state to an extra ordinary state that is both spiritual and beautiful.

But why then were only 3 of his disciples present to see this transformation instead of all 12? The Bible doesn't give an answer but according to Jewish law out set out in Deuteronomy in the Jewish writings of the Bible called the Old Testament things witnessed by 3 reliable adults were deemed to be true. As well Yeshua made it clear that he wanted to keep this happening secret until after his resurrection.

Christ's wonderful, albeit brief, change into the mystic spiritual showing his 3 companions who he really is and just a glimpse into his future glory was over in minutes as mist shrouded the participants clearing away as quickly as it came with everything now as it was before.

There is no mention of it the much-edited St. John's gospel, so many question whether it took place at all.

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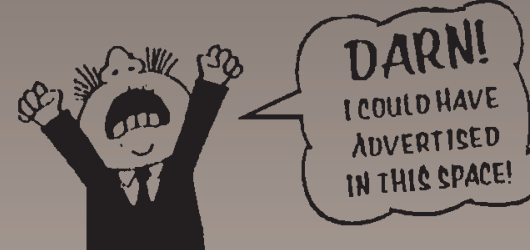
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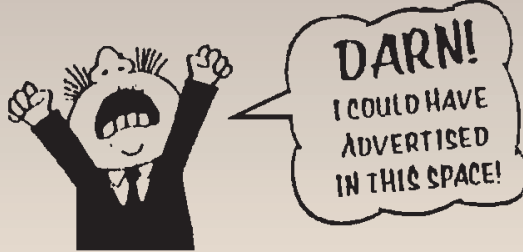
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King's Corners

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.

Meanwhile, if you need prayer, for yourself or a loved one, please call Deana at 905-833-5375 and your request will be shared by phone with other prayer sisters. Surely we all agree that prayer is needed now, more than ever. Be still and be well.

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

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 City Seniors

To all paid-up members of the King City Seniors. Please note that your membership has been extended to cover 2021. You are not required to renew as it will be done automatically.

King Bible Church

Join us for our next in-person service on Aug. 30 at 10:30 a.m.

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 10:30 a.m. available through our Facebook page.

Finally, in order to open safely we need your help.

We need you to please be gracious and commit to following the various guidelines that we have had to put in place to ensure everyone's health and safety.

We need you to sign-up each week that you plan to attend our in-person services. A link is available on our website for you to reserve seats for you and

your family.

If you have any questions please email: Lisa Lethangue (lisa@kingbiblechurch.com)

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!

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 Viissers. 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.

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

All Saints Anglican Church

By Patrick Gossage

Our virtual worship offerings - Live Sunday Zoom services at 10:30 a.m. with sermon and organ interludes. Call the church at 905-833-5432 for log in information. Wednesday morning prayer service can be found at <https://youtu.be/R0g-hxx77Xk>. Video of past services and other information is on our parish Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsking>

Words to live by - Last Sunday Rev. Michael Peterson continued his reflections on the story of Joseph, particularly the description of him reunited with his brothers from Genesis 45 - 2 "And he

wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it."

"Today we find ourselves almost at the end of the long Joseph story. It speaks to forgiveness and reconciliation. This vivid climax to what is sometimes called one of the bible's great novellas makes us think about how complex, and necessary, forgiveness and reconciliation can be in our lives.

Let's review the story. After being sold into slavery, Joseph ends up in Egypt and is a servant in the house of Potiphar. He is falsely accused by Potiphar's wife, and ends up in prison (Gen. 39) where he makes a reputation for interpreting dreams. Joseph comes to the attention of Pharaoh who recognizes him as 'one in whom [there] is the spirit of God' (Gen 41.38). Pharaoh puts Joseph in charge of all Egypt, and because of his dreams, Joseph is able to save Egypt from a seven-year famine.

His fame spreads. Joseph's brothers come to Egypt to buy grain. Joseph tests his brothers and sees their devotion to their father Jacob, then finally reveals himself. One of the remarkable things about this story is that Joseph does not take revenge. Joseph sees God's guidance in all of this. He says to the brothers 'now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life' Gen 45.5. Joseph firmly believes that God brought him to this power, where he can save his family from starvation. Thus, the story of Joseph is tied into the big story of Genesis, of God using Abraham and his descendants to be blessings to all peoples.

Joseph is also a blessing to his family because he forgives them. The work of reconciliation is not easy.

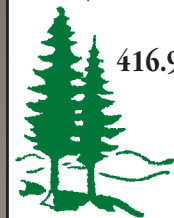


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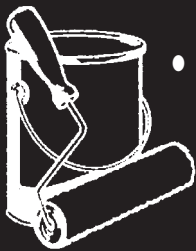
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