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Pop-up patios in Schomberg

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.

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King offers in-kind support to internet providers

By Mark Pavilons

King is going all out in helping internet service providers reach every corner of the township.

Council okayed staff recommendations to provide in-kind support to YorkNet and other providers who are applying for the Improving Connecting in Ontario (ICON) program.

On June 3, the Ontario government announced the new ICON program, providing \$150 million in a two-stage program. Funds will be used to expand access to broadband and cellular connectivity in identified areas of need. This need is defined as areas that don't have connection speeds of at least 50 Mbps download, and 10 Mbps upload.

The government will evaluate applications based on their ability to effectively deliver program objectives. One criteria is that providers and municipalities be partners in the process and the support can be financial or in-kind.

The stage one application deadline was Aug. 21 and suc-

cessful applicants will be notified by Sept. 25. Applicants have until Nov. 28 to apply for stage 2 funding.

If all goes well, work can start in April 2021.

YorkNet submitted an application and was looking for collaboration from Vianet, Bell and Rogers. Vianet, staff noted, has developed their King plan, which includes roughly 25 kilometres of new fibre, providing internet connectivity to roughly 300 homes and businesses.

Staff pointed out the ICON funding is for a maximum of 25 cent of project costs.

Staff are also waiting on word about the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) to support ICON projects in King.

In-kind support includes use of municipal right-of-ways to build new telecommunication infrastructure; accelerated municipal permitting and support with the permit process.

"Staff will continue being actively engaged and proactive in supporting improved internet service in King through the ICON program and other potential future funding 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

- Building Inspector – closes September 4 at 4:30pm
 - Project Manager - Development – closes September 4 at 4:30pm
 - Project Manager - Environmental – closes September 4 at 4:30pm
 - Water/Wastewater Assistant (contract) – closes September 4 at 4:30pm
 - Stand-by Equipment Operator (winter contract) – closes September 11 at 4:30pm
 - Seasonal Road Patroller (winter contract) – closes September 11 at 4:30pm
- Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

REMINDERS

WATER BILLS

Due Date: August 28, 2020

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



PAYMENT OPTIONS:

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

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

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 (i.e. commissioning, marriage licensing services, garbage bag tag and bin purchases). Details of these services will be announced in early September.

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.

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



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

• Open for casual recreational use only (some exceptions)

• Maximum of 50 people when indoors and a maximum of 100 outdoors

• Keep 2 metres away from other people (who are not from the same household)

Updates (as of August 21st, 2020)

Stage 3

King Township and York Region are in Stage 3.

- covid19.king.ca
- york.ca/covid19
- ontario.ca/covid19

X Closed

- Municipal Centre (Closed until at least the end of 2020)*
- Recreation Facilities (Under evaluation)

Under Evaluation

- Pilot the reopening of one Facility in October
- Future in-person by appointment services*
- Modified Fall Recreation Programs
- Modified Municipal Events

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY!

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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!

Stop for school busses when their lights are flashing and the STOP sign is out - it's the law.

Educate children about crossing roads safely and obeying street signs and signals.



NOTICE OF COMPLETION WATER/WASTEWATER MASTER PLAN

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

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

PREFERRED SOLUTIONS

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

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

The Water and Wastewater Projects fall into the following categories:

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

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

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

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

Mr. Wayne Pinkney, C.E.T., King Township Public Works
2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1

(905) 833-4575

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

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

A copy of any Part II Order Request must also be sent to:
**Township of King
Clerk's Department**
2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1

**Director, Environmental Assessment Branch
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto ON M4V 1P5

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.

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Funding committed to rural fair activities and events

By Mark Pavilons

Agricultural societies and fair boards will bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic. New provincial funding will help these organizations get back on their feet.

The Ontario government is expanding eligibility for agriculture societies to apply for funding to help offset the financial losses due to the cancellation of fall fairs, exhibitions and activities during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

For this year only, nearly \$1 million will be made available to all qualifying agricultural and horticultural societies to help ensure operations. In previous years, organizations could only qualify for provincial funding if they operated fall fairs.

The announcement was made by Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

“Our agricultural and horticultural organizations are part of the backbone of rural Ontario. We know that the decision to cancel their fairs and events was a difficult but important one in order to do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19,” said Minister Hardeman. “We are providing this funding to help continue operations and relieve some of the burden they are experiencing during this difficult time.”

“Our horticultural and agricultural societies have educated and entertained us on the importance of agriculture for more than a century,” said Laurie Scott, MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock. “This funding will help support this important sector of Ontario’s economy as the province recovers from the

impacts of COVID-19.”

The Schomberg Agricultural Society cancelled the 170th Schomberg Fair this past April. Organizers hope to present the best ever in 2021, and will seek available funding.

The Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OASS) has reported that over 175 fall fairs and events have been cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19.

“The Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OASS) is grateful for the Ontario government’s support,” said Vince Brennan, OASS Manager. “This investment shows the confidence and appreciation that the Ontario government has for our over 200 Ontario Agricultural Societies, their members and volunteers and the significant contribution they make to their communities and rural life in Ontario.”

“Thanks to the Ontario government for all of the support and assistance they have shown to all of the Societies/Clubs affiliated with the Ontario Horticultural Association (OHA),” said Charles Freeman, vice-president of the Ontario Horticultural Association. “Ontario’s continuing support of the 27,000 plus membership across the province is appreciated by everyone involved with the OHA.”

The province provides some funding to individual agricultural societies through grant payments enabled through the Agricultural and Horticultural Organizations Act. Under the Act, Regulation 16 sets out that in the year an agricultural society is paid a grant they must hold an agricultural exhibition, such as a fall fair. The COVID-19

restrictions have prevented the events that would help to meet this criteria in 2020, with some societies at risk of closing their organizations without this support.

The OASS is a provincial association representing over 200 agricultural soci-

eties from across the province.

The OHA is a volunteer charitable organization that encourages interest in gardening and related environmental issues representing over 280 horticultural societies from across the province.

Ontario selects external agency to review York Region Children’s Aid Society

Queen’s Park has enlisted the help of an outside agency to help with the operational review of York Children’s Aid Society.

“On July 31, our government announced the launch of an operational review of the York Region Children’s Aid Society in response to several troubling allegations of racism, bullying and harassment. Our government has no tolerance for racism, discrimination, bullying or harassment of any kind. These allegations are deeply troubling, and we take this matter very seriously,” said Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister of Children and Women’s Issues.

“We have selected an external, third-party agency with expertise in human resource concerns to help the York Region Children’s Aid Society fully address these issues.

“The government has retained Agree Incorporated to carry out an assessment of the society’s workplace culture and human resource policies and procedures. Agree Incorporated has extensive experience conducting workplace evaluations, assessments and cultural audits and will support the ministry’s review of the society’s operations. The analysis will also consider the impact on services to ensure the children, youth and families of York Region continue to receive the supports they need.

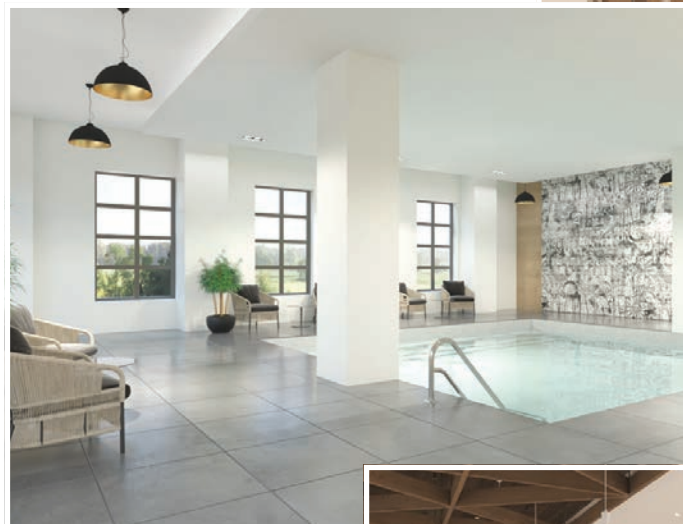
“While this work is taking place, our focus remains on the well-being of the children, youth and families who rely on the York Region Children’s Aid Society, and of the staff who support them. I want to assure the residents of York Region that we are committed to full transparency and ensuring these matters are thoroughly addressed.

“The operational review, including the findings of the assessment and recommendations for action, will be made publicly available by York Region Children’s Aid Society once complete.”

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~ Michael Connelly

Canadian consumers are in fight or flight mode

The fallout from the pandemic has infiltrated our wallets and purses.

"We can't afford that," will likely become the new battle cry for average Canadians.

A national survey by Credit Canada reveals that the COVID-19 pandemic has drastically affected consumer spending, habits and confidence with many still running on "survival mode" and focusing on short-term goals.

The Financial Priorities Poll, an Angus Reid study of 1,500 Canadians, sponsored by the non-profit credit counselling agency, found that paying bills is the top financial priority for Canadians (54%). Meanwhile, 44 per cent said cutting back on spending takes precedence during COVID-19. Other financial priorities include:

- Having a positive bank balance at the end of the month (36%); having an emergency savings fund (35%); paying off debt (32%).

I would have thought these are priorities all the time, not just in unprecedented economic turmoil.

"While it's encouraging that Canadians are taking financial responsibility by focusing on paying bills and cutting back on spending, it's significant that six-in-10 don't consider a positive bank balance or an emergency savings fund as a matter of great importance," said Keith Emery, Co-CEO of Credit Canada. "Emergency saving funds are designed for just that – emergencies – and the COVID-19 pandemic has caused an emergency state."

I don't know about you, but those with "emergency" or slush funds have



Mark Pavilons

likely already tapped into them to pull up the slack. Many citizens and businesses applied for relief funding. Many others were lucky to have their mortgage or rent payments deferred.

If we were mortgage-free, we would be away to the races, and have much more financial freedom. It was an attainable goal in my parents' day, but today it seems quite impossible.

"Of additional concern, almost seven-in-10 don't consider paying debt to be of great importance and a staggering nine-in-10 do not prioritize having a high credit score," said Emery.

As significant labour market challenges remain for younger Canadians,

18-34-year-olds have different financial priorities than older Canadians.

While having a positive bank balance at the end of the month is a top financial focus for younger Canadians (43%), this number drops to 32 per cent for 35-to-54-year-olds and 35 per cent for those aged 55+.

Similarly, two-in-five 18-34-year-olds (40%) rank having an emergency savings fund as a top financial priority. This declines as Canadians age with the 35-54-year cohort at 36 per cent and the 55+ cohort at 30 per cent.

The reason finances are so prevalent is they're the major reason for stress in a relationship, or household. It's sad that all that we are, all that we have become, comes down to dollars and cents.

Most of us are coping with COVID-19 the best we can. There's no doubt we've all experienced some new stressors in our lives. We thought we had seen it all, done it all, but we were wrong.

Parents have witnessed the gamut of behaviour from their offspring. I can't even count the number of times Kim and I have had to encourage our kids to get a part-time job, keep the job, and the importance of having that said job.

Once they have money in the bank, they love the freedom it brings.

While none of our kids has any real daily living expenses, the oldest is paying her share of the car insurance. Her OSAP payments will begin this fall.

Lexie graduated from university this spring and now faces the daunting challenge of pursuing her dreams and kick-starting her career.

But the cloud of COVID-19 has cast a huge shadow over immediate prospects.

It's been a very long time since I was a new graduate, pursuing my goals and dreams. I managed to get a job in my profession quickly and the rest, as they say, is history.

I can't imagine how tough it's going to be for the class of 2020. I also sympathize for students heading into post-secondary studies in just a couple of weeks. I imagine this fall will see a combination of online and in-person studies. I have never witnessed such a thing in my lifetime.

Many industries – almost every profession – have suffered. Some may not recover. Some will change their operating procedures forever and the workforce of tomorrow will have a totally different make-up.

I'm not sure how that impacts post-secondary students. Will some opt for another path, or switch their current program? Will some suffer simply because online studying is not for them, or not what they expected from their college or university experience?

Add to that a beleaguered economy. Many students depend on part-time jobs to get them through school.

I always smile and chuckle to myself when financial advisors tell us to put money aside, make sure we top up our RRSPs and take a close look at our "portfolios."

I don't know about you, but my "portfolio" is non-existent. In order for average Canadians to save, invest and buy RRSPs, they have to have a decent amount of money "left over" at the end of the month. Sadly, that's not the case for the majority of working Canucks. If we had it, we'd love to invest it!

A substantial number of typical workers are leveraged, mortgaged and loaned out. The current economic conditions have tested everyone's limits.

How this will affect everyone in the long-term remains to be seen.

We may not all be in the same boat, we're sure rowing against the same current in these turbulent waters. God-speed everyone!

Letter to the Editor

Health remains top priority

As our economy starts to reopen, the health and safety of Canadians is our number one priority.

That's why the Government of Canada is acting now to put the right tools in place before a potential second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic hits.

We have negotiated a Safe Restart Agreement with the provinces and territories that will invest \$19 billion to protect the health of Canadians and ensure they can safely return to work.

This agreement bolsters the capacity of the provinces and territories to conduct contact tracing and testing, with a goal to have capacity for up to 200,000 tests a day across the country. This is vital to containing future outbreaks quickly before they spread.

To better protect seniors in long-term care homes, we are funding infection prevention measures and expanding eligibility for federal infrastructure funds so they can be used to modernize and renovate long-term care facilities.

We have set up a contingency reserve of personal protective equipment so front line and essential workers have the vital protection they need to do their jobs.

The agreement also makes a significant investment to ensure sufficient and safe childcare is available for families. By ensuring staff and children are safe, parents will have the peace of mind to feel confident returning to work.

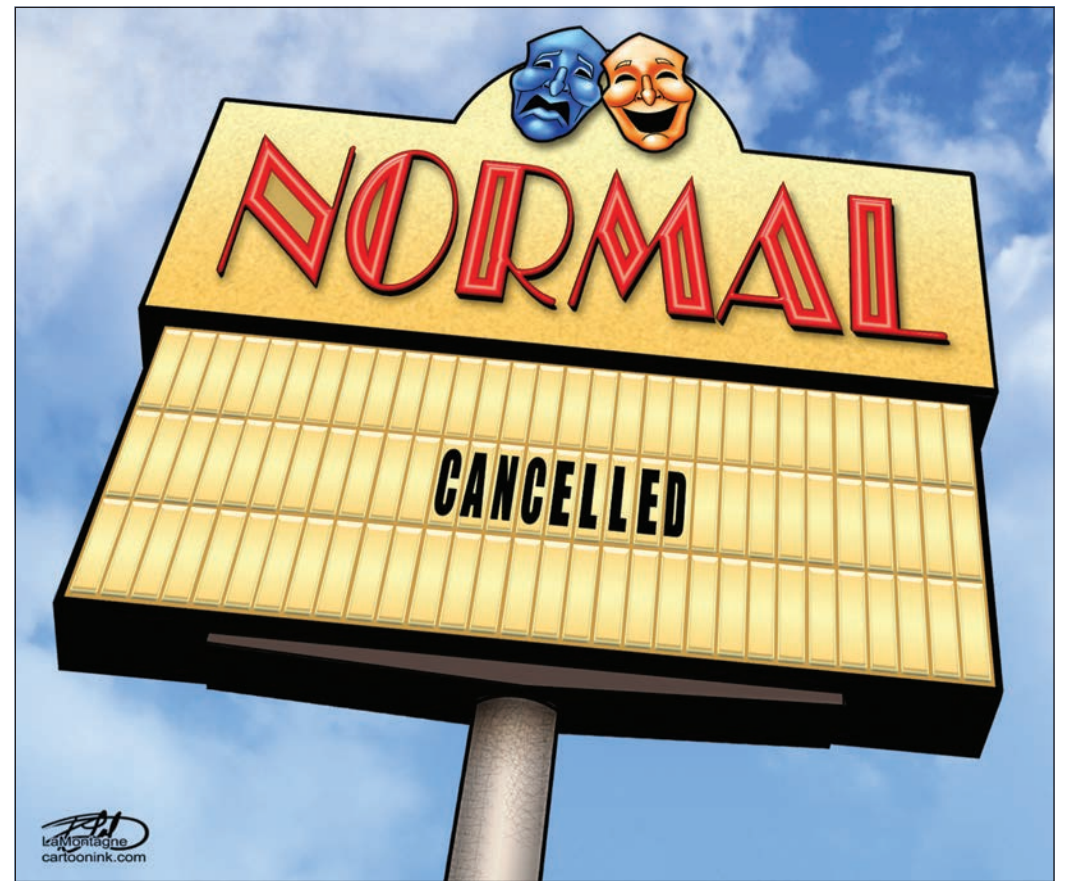
The federal government is creating a temporary national sick leave program so no one feels pressured to go to work when sick. The program will provide 10 days of paid sick leave to workers who do not already qualify through their employers to ensure they can stay home and get well.

Throughout these difficult times, Canadians have stood together to look out for one another and protect our communities.

Our government will continue to ensure that Canadians have the supports to stay safe and get through this pandemic.

Deb Schulte

Canada's Minister of Seniors



Thought of the Week



Old folks are nothing but kids with wrinkles!

Seniors, like children, tell it like it is. They like to laugh, play and eat candy, too!

Trivia Tidbits

Vatican City has the lowest population of any country in the world. Its population is less than 1,000.

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Results from last week's poll:

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

a) Yes **75%**

b) No **25%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Has wearing a mask in public become second nature?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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Group concerned about fast-tracking highway

By Sarah Buchanan
Program Manager, Clean Economy
Environmental Defence

Commentary

The Ontario government recently announced new measures to fast-track the environmental assessment for Highway 413, a proposed 400-series highway, also known as the GTA West highway. This would mean faster construction of a \$6 billion mega-highway from Vaughan down to Milton that we don't need. The Province claims building this highway will help with Ontario's economic recovery from the pandemic. But this controversial highway was revived against expert advice before the pandemic started. What they're actually doing is pushing through a destructive project under the guise of COVID-19 recovery.

Here are our top 6 reasons not to speed up construction of Highway 413. You can find out more in our recent report on why the highway should not be built.

1. We don't need this highway. We definitely don't need it faster.

An expert panel appointed by the provincial government determined in 2017 that "a proposed highway in the GTA West corridor is not the best way to address changing transportation

needs." Their results can be found here. Modeling showed that the proposed Highway 413 would save drivers a mere 30-60 seconds per vehicle trip.

The panel made a number of recommendations for how to get traffic and goods moving without building the highway. In 2018, the provincial government took the panel's advice and shelved plans for Highway 413 instead looking to alternatives like improving GO service to the GTA West corridor, improving cycling infrastructure, and other transportation options more in line with Ontario's plans to fight climate change, protect green spaces, and reduce air pollution.

2. This highway will destroy important green spaces and prime farmland.

The corridor needed for Highway 413 would be 170 meters wide and about 50 kilometres long. It would rip through the Greenbelt in Vaughan and across the Whitebelt in Caledon and Brampton. The highway would have massive impacts on natural areas such as rivers, valley lands, wetlands, conservation areas and forested areas, including ap-

proximately 53 river and stream crossings, and prime agricultural lands, including about 1,000 hectares in the Greenbelt in Vaughan.

But the government wants to start work on the highway before the environmental assessment is even finished. And they are proposing to start with bridges - which would go through some of the most sensitive areas along the route, where the highway crosses streams, rivers, and other natural features. A 400-series highway through important green spaces is not the kind of project that should be exempted from key parts of an environmental assessment.

This highway would also help developers unlock land to build sprawling subdivisions along the route. This will mean McMansions in green spaces instead of more density where services like transit and water pipes already exist. Aside from shaving less than a minute off commuting time, it's unclear how spending billions of taxpayer dollars will actually help anyone but sprawl developers.

3. Carbon pollution will increase, sooner.

Building a new highway gets more polluting cars on the road, and usually does nothing to relieve congestion over time. If you build more roads, more people decide to drive. This phenomena - called induced demand - has been well-documented in highway projects around the world.

Building the Highway 413 will mean more greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from vehicles. At a time when vehicles are already the biggest source of carbon pollution in Ontario, this will make climate change worse.

4. People who live along the highway route will breathe dirtier air and suffer health impacts once the highway is built.

More cars means more pollution, and pollution kills people. Our recent modeling estimated that pollution from traffic causes almost 900 premature deaths per year in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

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Study points to flaws measuring poverty

Due to the federal government's newly established official poverty line, some Canadian families earning more than \$60,000 annually are now considered impoverished, according to a new study released by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

"There's real poverty in Canada - hunger, misery and serious housing inadequacies - but Ottawa has now lumped in families and individuals with near middle-class incomes, which will do nothing to help eliminate serious deprivation in this country," said Christopher Sarlo, a senior fellow at the Fraser Institute, professor emeritus of economics at Nipissing University and author of A Critical Assessment of Canada's Official Poverty Line.

In 2018, the federal government established Canada's first official poverty line, choosing an existing low-income indicator - the Market Basket Measure (MBM) - to track the progress of poverty reduction in Canada.

But the MBM is fundamentally flawed. Traditionally, poverty has essentially been defined as severe material deprivation, which produces an unsustainable and unhealthy standard of living. The MBM, however, draws the poverty line above the basic needs level to include some families (based on location and other factors) that earn more than \$60,000 annually. Now, poverty in Canada is about more than basic needs, it's also about a lack of so-called "social inclusion."

"By essentially defining poverty as an inability to participate in society, the government has rendered poverty as immeasurable because there's no reliable way to connect societal participation or inclusion to an income level," Sarlo said.

"Many of our fellow Canadians lack the basic needs. Government should focus on identifying and helping those Canadians."

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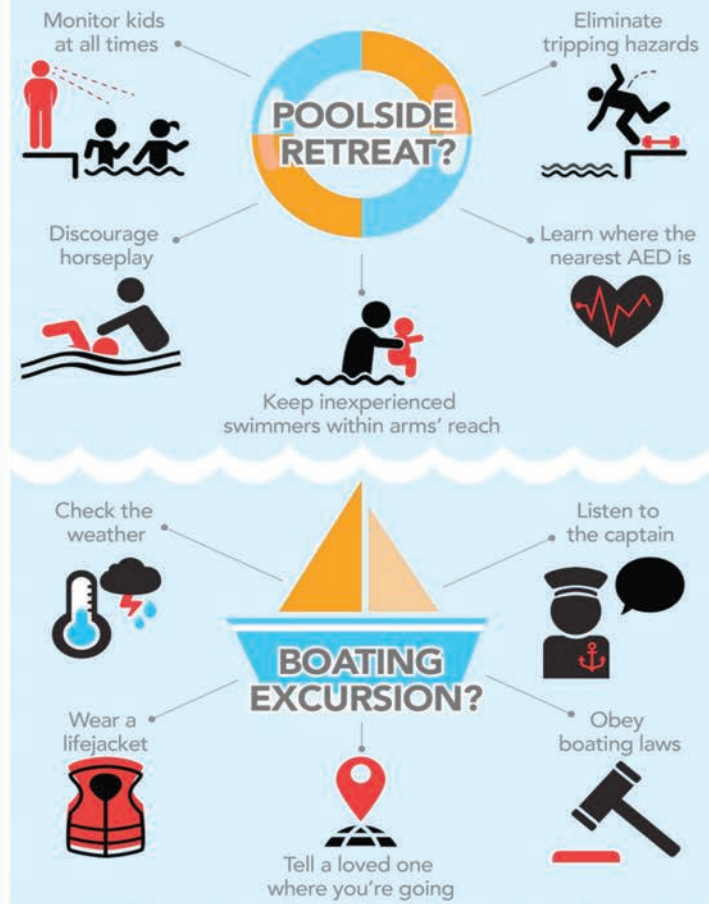


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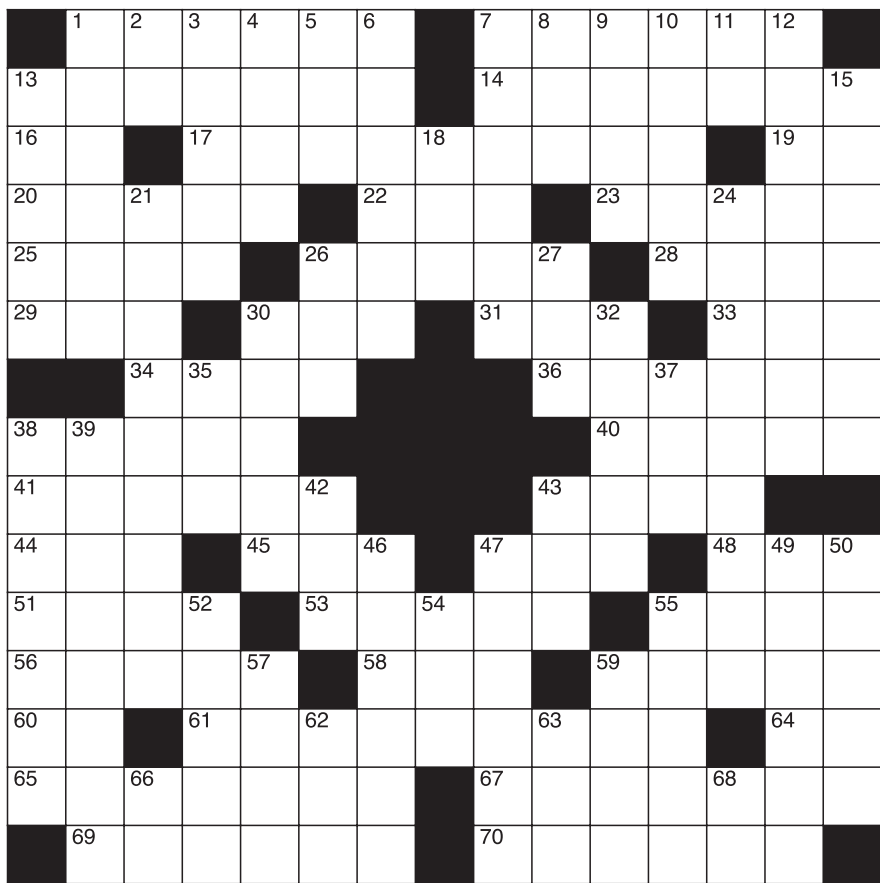
A Awareness: Be mindful of dangers and remove if possible

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- 1. Slopes
 - 7. Attacks
 - 13. One who has left prison
 - 14. Goes against
 - 16. Atomic #37
 - 17. Home of The Beatles
 - 19. Mac alternative
 - 20. A common boundary with
 - 22. Fluid in a plant
 - 23. Genus that includes scads
 - 25. Longer of the forearm bones
 - 26. Gradually disappears
 - 28. AI risk assessor
 - 29. Type of whale
 - 30. Jaws of a voracious animal
 - 31. Patriotic women (abbr.)
 - 33. Ancient Egyptian God
 - 34. Obsessed with one's appearance
 - 36. Erase
 - 38. A type of smartie
- DOWN**
- 1. Speak rapidly
 - 2. Trauma center
 - 3. River in W. Africa
 - 4. Ancient Greek district
 - 5. Bulgaria's monetary unit
 - 6. Children's ride
 - 7. Absorbed liquid
 - 8. Markets term
 - 9. Retail term recording sales
 - 10. Automaton
 - 11. Spanish form of "be"
 - 12. Divide
 - 13. Malaysian sailing boat
 - 15. Writers
 - 18. Cool!
 - 21. Popular tourist attraction studio
 - 24. Sets free
 - 26. An enthusiastic devotee of sports
 - 27. Unhappy
 - 30. Alternate term for Holy Scripture
 - 32. Influential French scholar
 - 35. What thespians do
 - 37. Local area network
 - 38. Free from contamination
 - 39. Coastal region of Canada
 - 42. Sun up in New York
 - 43. High schoolers' exam
 - 46. Fathers
 - 47. Call it a career
 - 49. Suitable for growing crops
 - 50. Rose-red variety of spinel
 - 52. Orange-brown in color
 - 54. Lowest point of a ridge between two peaks
 - 55. Late TNT sportscaster
 - 57. A way to wedge
 - 59. Cold, dry Swiss wind
 - 62. Hockey players need it
 - 63. Something highly prized
 - 66. Atomic #45
 - 68. Top lawyer

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Consider alternatives

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Peel Region is already a hotspot for air pollution from vehicles, and that this pollution is worst near highways and interchanges. People who live close to highways suffer greater health impacts from air pollution, and will experience higher risk of diseases like asthma, lung cancer, childhood bronchitis, and other cardiovascular issues.

We need more information about how much this highway will harm the health of residents who live near the proposed highway before racing forward with construction. In fact, public health groups recently requested a Health Impact Assessment for the highway. The Province has not committed to doing this, but it would be a smart move before starting construction.

5. We need time to consider alternatives to the highway

The Province's expert panel determined that alternatives to Highway 413 were a better approach to accommodate transportation in the growing region. Alternatives like Light Rail Transit (LRT) and GO expansion would help serve a rapidly expanding region where transit ridership is on the rise, and many proposed projects are still unfunded (for example, Brampton's Hurontario LRT extension). Ideas like giving trucks priority on the 407 would also help ease pressure on existing highways and speed up goods movement. These alternatives would also provide economic stimulus and jobs.

On top of this, we still don't know the lasting impact the pandemic will have on commuting patterns as more people work from home. Rather than racing to build a new highway, it makes more sense to explore emerging travel patterns which will impact future transportation needs.

After seeing how Highway 410 divided communities in Brampton, the city is proposing an alternative to the 413. As Highway 413 would go through one of the last undeveloped parts of Brampton, the City Council approved a plan to create a walkable, cycleable, 20-minute community based around a boulevard, instead of highway – a creative alternative to the destructive 413.

6. The \$6 billion needed to build the highway would be better spent elsewhere.

We face a critical choice with Highway 413. Do we sink \$6 billion of taxpayer money into highway infrastructure that may become obsolete due to rapid changes in transportation or business technology, such as shared mobility or more people working from home, or do we instead invest in public transit and active transportation projects?

We have an opportunity to cut GHG emissions and air pollution, improve commutes, and protect important green spaces by saying no to Highway 413 and backing the alternatives. Let's listen to the evidence we have and take the time to build back better.

Tell the Province and your MPP that speeding up Highway 413 is a bad idea.

YRP tow 20 cars for street racing

York Regional Police is continuing to prioritize road safety as we respond to increasing in incidents of excessive speeding, stunt driving and racing.

Beginning in July 2020, officers with the York Regional Police Road Safety Bureau began a project to address concerns of organized street racing in the City of Vaughan. Each weekend, officers targeted locations known to be used for gatherings of modified vehicles and organized races.

In total, officers stopped and inspected 28 vehicles for racing or for modifications. Twenty drivers had their vehicles towed and licenses suspended. More than 390 Highway Traffic Act charges were laid, 34 tickets for other provincial offences and 10 charges were laid for Criminal Code offences including Dangerous Operation, impaired driving-related offences and Flight from Police.

York Regional Police is making stunt driving offences a high priority to ensure the safety of streets for those people who are driving to work or going out for essential items. Anyone caught driving more than 50 kilometres per hour over the posted speed limit can expect to be charged, have their vehicle towed and their licence suspended.

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Trustee concerned with YCDSB's back-to-school plan

By Brock Weir

As parents across King and Aurora make their final decisions on whether or not to send their youngsters back to school for in-class learning this fall, the numbers in favour of that plan versus continuing distanced learning are being carefully eyed by the York Catholic District School Board.

Trustees representing parents and families within the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) met virtually for a nearly four-hour meeting recently to discuss their back-to-school plan, following the release of the Ministry of Education's plan for a safe return to schools.

As the meeting progressed, parents were in the midst of filling out registration forms detailing in which stream they intended to register their children.

Should parents change their minds in one way or the other, elementary school students will be able to switch between in-class and distanced learning options on Oct. 13, while secondary school students will be able to do the same on Nov. 16, following the end of their first "quadrimester."

Aurora-King Trustee Elizabeth Crowe, however, questioned the financial impact a large influx of students in one direction or other would have on the board.

"I have great concerns about setting up expectations for parents," said Crowe, adding this is a concern shared by many parents who had been in contact with her prior to the meeting. "We have a very large system and if 10 per cent of our elementary school parents decide to leave the classroom model and go to the online learning model, we would have to find approximately 128 teachers to do that. Ten per cent is a lot. In a class of 25, that is two to three kids that might decide to switch, yet we would need to find 128 teachers, which we do not have funding for.

"Even if we access our occasional teachers and put them into positions of teaching asynchronously or synchronously online, which they possibly aren't used to because they may not have been involved in the end of last year, it would still have a significant impact. I understand parents want flexibility, but I am really concerned about the Oct. 13 and Nov. 16 dates – how much notice would parents have to give us? It seems

very easy on a school-by-school and class-by-class basis, but the size of our system is logistically impossible."

This is something Maria Battista, Interim Director of the YCDSB, said had been considered but conceded "it is difficult to see what will happen."

"We are relying on the data we will receive next week and, at that point, I think we can make a better decision," said Ms. Battista of numbers that are rolling in this week. "Even if we had the dates, perhaps Oct. 13 isn't that far into the year where there can be some restructuring and we would have to see what the impact would be on the entire system."

Board staff confirmed the YCDSB will be establishing a timeline for parents to inform them, prior to the dates above, so future plans could be discussed "with all parties involved" including teachers and unions. These dates will be outlined in the future, they said.

This was just one of many questions raised by Crowe during the meeting, including whether secondary students

would need to be cohorted in more hands-on but comparatively small classes like auto shop and hairstyling courses at St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic High School.

Staff agreed that a closer look on enrolment in specialty courses was needed.

Crowe also emphasized the importance, in her view, of students having access to hard copies of textbooks and whether special provisions on mask-wearing were being considered for special needs students.

"There was a parent that I spoke to whose child is autistic and she felt her child would not be able to wear a mask the whole time; yet, she also felt that her child would stand out in the class by not wearing a mask," she said, also questioning what will happen if a student between Grades 4 and 12 refuses to wear a mask and if that would be subject to "progressive discipline."

Classroom teachers, alongside the individual school's principals, would work together to address these concerns, staff replied, working in consultation with parents.

"I do appreciate that parents will immediately think that the solution would be an exemption, but there are lots of options that we would like people to be aware of before we necessarily go to one solution," said Tina D'Acunto, Superintendent of Education (School Leadership). "There is a whole range of options and in our department we're investigating all kinds of mask options that would allow better breathability, clear mask options anti-fog masks – there is really quite a range. We would work with the parent to see what they would be most comfortable with and what the student would be most comfortable with."

"This is a teaching opportunity as well to develop a sense of tolerance where we can. We would work in partnership with the parent and their family physician to get some guidance as to what is the best accommodation we can provide. It is very individual and I think with everyone working together we can come up with a plan that will provide a range of options and trial which one works the best."

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Minister outlines Community Benefits Charge to AMO

By Mark Pavilons

Details of a new Community Benefits Charge were outlined by Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to delegates during the virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference.

Clark lauded the efforts of Premier Ford, noting he has been a “true champion for all 444 municipalities in tough negotiations with the federal government.”

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities said that at least \$10 billion in emergency operating funding was needed nationwide.

Ontario’s portion would be \$4 billion dollars, and that’s exactly the deal that was struck, he said. As much as \$4 billion dollars will flow to municipalities - up to \$2 billion for operating pressures and up to \$2 billion for transit. And recently, all municipalities received news of their initial allocations.

“The Premier fought hard to get Ontario’s fair share ... deal with funding and the flexibility needed to get Ontario back on track.

“Premier Ford knows that municipalities are on the front lines and he was relentless in securing a deal that would ensure our communities are supported through these challenging times.”

Clark said Queen’s Park has listened to municipalities and worked with them so they could respond quickly “to the evolving needs of your communities.

“Municipalities will be key partners in Ontario’s economic recovery.”

Early on, the COVID-19 outbreak pushed families, businesses, and all levels of government into uncharted territory.

Clark said the Province removed barriers that didn’t make sense during a state of emergency. They temporarily suspended decision-making timelines under the Planning Act, so municipalities could focus on local public health needs.

“We also extended timelines for existing municipal development charge bylaws that would be expiring during the emergency (and for six months after), so municipalities could keep col-

lecting revenue related to growth.

“As we continue to safely re-open our economy, we need to use every tool available to help Ontario’s municipalities recover.”

Clark said it’s imperative that “we pull out all the stops when it comes to supporting economic recovery. And I strongly encourage every municipality to use the tools they have to find local solutions so high-priority projects can move ahead without delay.”

Minister’s Zoning Orders are one tool they’re using to cut red tape to support Ontario’s recovery.

“I’m proud that we’ve been able to help municipal councils give their priority projects a jumpstart, allowing them to move ahead faster, and help stimulate their economies, all while protecting the Greenbelt.”

These MZO’s, he said, “help get shovels in the ground faster,” create jobs and support local priorities.

Clark highlighted some key changes for municipalities. Almost 80 per cent of municipalities chose to meet electronically during the emergency, and it boosted public participation.

“With our new legislation, municipalities and their local boards now have the option to meet electronically at any time - not only during emergencies.

“And municipal councils can choose to allow their members to vote by proxy in certain circumstances, like when members are ill.

“And we’re doing more to help our municipal partners reduce delays on critical projects that local communities need, by enhancing the Minister’s Zoning Order authority.”

He stressed that this tool can’t be used in the Greenbelt.

“Our focus on supporting economic recovery has not wavered - we’re helping to build more housing, long-term care facilities, and leveraging our transit investments, and that is the focus for the enhanced MZO.”

Clark went on to explain the new Community Benefits Charge. There will be two years to transition to the new framework, which adds many services to the list of eligible development charge services.

Long-term care, parks and recre-

ation facilities, libraries, public health, and more, will be 100 per cent cost-recoverable.

“The community benefits charge, on the other hand, is a new revenue tool that some of you will be able to use for higher density residential development. Municipalities will have the flexibility to choose to use the community benefits charge, in addition to parkland tools.

“These changes will help ensure that growth pays for growth, and provide

greater predictability for municipal revenues from new development, all while creating the certainty needed to bring more housing online faster.”

In the months ahead, Clark vowed to continue to work with you municipalities and public health experts to monitor the situation closely, and respond quickly if needed.

“It’s up to all of us to help stop the spread and keep driving those public health messages in every community.”

Successful AMO conference demonstrates critical partnership

The Ontario government joined hundreds of municipal officials for a successful virtual 2020 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference this week. It demonstrated the critical partnership between the province and municipalities and the willingness to work towards a safe and strong economic recovery.

Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark and ministers, associate ministers and parliamentary assistants held virtual meetings with more than 480 municipal delegations. They discussed topics ranging from infrastructure, broadband and transit to health care and supports for vulnerable populations.

“As we have all come together as a province in the fight against COVID-19, municipalities have faced unprecedented challenges and risen to every single one,” said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “I want to thank our municipal partners for everything they’ve done to keep our communities safe throughout the pandemic. Their success is Ontario’s success, and we will continue working hand in hand with AMO and its members so every community can come back stronger than before.”

During the conference, Premier Ford announced that Ontario will maintain the structure of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) for 2021. The OMPF is the province’s general assistance grant to municipalities.

In addition, the government announced further support for public health units as they continue to respond to COVID-19 across the province, by investing approximately \$47 million in one-time mitigation funding for both the 2020 and 2021 calendar years. This funding will ensure that municipalities do not experience any impacts as a result of the change to the 70 per cent provincial and 30 per cent municipal cost-sharing for public health units that came into effect in January.

The Ontario government is also providing \$77 million in additional funding to support paramedic services and dispatch centres, and increasing its funding to the Land Ambulance Service Grant by five per cent in 2020/21. This is in addition to a four per cent in-

crease last year.

Ontario announced municipal, transit and Social Services Relief Fund allocations under a historic federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement which provides Ontario’s municipalities with up to \$4 billion in phased emergency assistance. Municipalities will receive up to \$1.6 billion as part of the first round of funding.

This includes \$212 million in new funding for the Social Services Relief Fund, which is provided to municipal service managers and Indigenous housing partners to help protect vulnerable people from COVID-19. The funding will help service providers protect homeless shelter staff and residents, expand rent support programming and create longer-term housing solutions.

This brings the government’s total Social Services Relief Fund investment provided to service managers and Indigenous program administrators to \$510 million and builds on our COVID-19 Action Plan to Protect Vulnerable Ontarians.

“Municipalities have been on the front line of the COVID-19 emergency since the beginning and have gone to remarkable lengths to keep communities safe, maintain key services, and safeguard the economy,” said outgoing AMO President Jamie McGarvey. “With the support from the governments of Ontario and Canada, municipal governments will lead the economic recovery in every part of the province, in partnership with public and private enterprises, large and small.”

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the government has taken decisive action to keep Ontarians safe and to support individuals, families and businesses. By continuing to work closely with municipalities, the province is charting a path to a strong recovery and getting Ontario back on track.

Ontario is investing \$150 million in reliable broadband and cellular service to help create even more economic and educational opportunities in rural, remote and underserved areas.

The province is also investing \$30 million through the Connecting Links Program to help municipalities build, repair or replace roads and bridges across Ontario.



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Made-in-Ontario app notifies users of potential exposure

As Ontarians continue to do their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19, the Ontario government is encouraging everyone to download the new COVID Alert app on their smart phone from the Apple and Google Play app stores. This app lets users know if they may have been exposed to the virus. It is free, easy and safe to use. The more people who download the app, the more effective it will be in stopping the spread of COVID-19.

Work on COVID Alert was initiated in Ontario by the Ontario Digital Service and volunteers at Shopify, and was the foundation of the work by the Government of Canada. The app was developed in consultation with the Privacy Commissioners of Canada and Ontario to ensure the highest level of privacy for everyone using it.

"This important, made-in-Ontario COVID Alert app will be a critical part of our case and contact management strategy as more regions in Ontario enter Stage 3," said Premier Doug Ford. "This innovative tool was developed by some of the best and brightest minds in our province, working in partnership with Ottawa. As businesses open their doors and schools prepare for September, we need to help stop the spread and keep others safe by downloading this COVID Alert app."

The COVID Alert app uses Bluetooth technology to detect when users are near each other. If a user tests positive for COVID-19, they can choose to let other users know without sharing any personal information. Ontarians who receive an exposure alert can then get tested and take action to help keep themselves, their families, and their friends from spreading COVID-19 throughout the community. The app does not collect personal information or health data, and does not know or track the location, name, address, or contacts of any user.

"Built with a privacy-first approach, COVID Alert is a safe and easy-to-use tool that Ontarians can download to protect themselves, their loved ones and their community from COVID-19," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "This Ontario-made app keeps people informed about being potentially exposed to the virus and allows them to act quickly to stop the spread of the virus. It is a key tool in our case and contact management strategy. I encourage all Ontarians to download the app, as early detection of cases will be important as we continue to carefully reopen more of the province."

COVID Alert is a key tool to strengthen Ontario's comprehensive case and contact management strategy, Protecting Ontarians through Enhanced Case and Contact Management. The app supports the efforts of public health units, allowing the province to quickly test, trace and isolate cases of COVID-19 to stop the spread of the virus and prepare for any potential outbreaks without sharing any personal information.

"As Ontario safely and gradually re-opens, we continue to take a digital-first approach to delivering simpler, faster, better services to support Ontarians, including the COVID Alert app, which will leverage technology to protect the health and safety of the people of Ontario," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, president of the Treasury Board. "By making it easier for Ontarians to protect themselves, their loved ones and their communities, we continue to deliver on our commitment to build a smarter government that works for you."

If an app user receives a message from COVID Alert that they may have been exposed to the virus, they should follow the public health advice given on the app and get tested. To notify other people if an app user has tested positive for COVID-19,

they can enter their one-time key from Ontario's test results website (Ontario.ca/covidresults) into the app. A message will then be sent to other app users who have been within two metres of them for at least 15 minutes within the past 14 days, without sending any information that identifies the user, or the time and place of exposure.

To stay safe as more of the province reopens, Ontarians should continue to follow public health guidelines including physical distancing with people not in their social circle, wearing a face covering if physical distancing is a challenge, washing hands thoroughly and frequently, and if anyone thinks they have COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who has COVID-19, get tested.

COVID Alert is available for free

use and download from the Apple and Google Play app stores.

All aspects of COVID Alert are completely voluntary. Ontarians can choose whether to download the app, whether to use the app after downloading it, and whether to notify others if they test positive for COVID-19.

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Arts & Entertainment

Alton artist stretches creativity, learns new techniques

By Constance Scrafield

“We were closed for 94 days,” said Anne-Marie Warburton, owner of Gallery Gemma in the Alton Mill Arts Centre. “Of course, the Alton Mill is in Peel, so, it was designated a mall, but in the end, we have opened. I also reached out to by my regular customers; I gave 50 pairs of earrings to front line workers because without community, you’re nothing.”

Her comment: “We opened in late June and we had the best July ever.”

We interviewed Ms. Warburton, as she was driving to the Alton Mill and she began to talk about her life at the moment.

“Every year I travel somewhere to learn something new, to advance my skills – some artists are doing online classes - Zoom is part of it.

“This one I’m doing now is a six-month course, which I’m doing on line. These classes are videos and then you have Facebook groups to talk about trial and errors, to say how you’re doing and then, with the instructor to see how you’re doing. This is a female instructor I’ve been following for some time.

“This course is on creating Talisman,” Ms. Warburton said, defining it as, “kind-of a more personalized kind of jewellery: symbology, with precious stones, hand-made chains that sit on the body in a meaningful way, as dictated by the client. The jeweller is running this course and I picked up on it to broaden my creativity and my idea of beauty.”

As things go: “Then, someone came in and said it was her 50th birthday and she wanted something special – a talis-

man. I’m actually just at the beginning of the course, the first month. That was the first conversation: what does that mean to her; so, this is something special to her.”

She went to say, “For me, no matter what I’m creating in a piece of jewellery, it takes love and meaning. The talisman is taking it a little more, moving to different shapes when you’re making jewellery. You probably wouldn’t put a found object in a ring ordinarily. In a talisman, you probably would or could. It could be a stone on a beach holiday, a tooth of an animal, some money – a coin, a button. So, really stretching the boundaries. It will be wrapped in gold or silver. We will use precious metal and gem stones, shape and symbols with perhaps found objects that you wouldn’t see in the one of a kind jewellery that I usually make.”

And so, how was it that Ms. Warburton decided to make talismans her forte?

“I happened upon it – it came to me through Facebook,” she said. “I follow this particular artist on Facebook. She’s just completely the opposite from what I do. This is just stretching your creativity, using the same materials and adding some materials you never thought of for fine jewellery, expressing the unexpressed – if that makes any sense.

“I’m making things that haven’t been done before – expanding my skills and having fun: even if its online, you’re meeting people in this new world.

“Going forward, I sure hope I’m going some place physically, safely.

“At the same time, I’m doing another course in an ancient art – creating

chain. This goes back to the beginning of metal really, spiral chain; it’s very beautiful. So, I’m learning this ancient technique, which is classical.”

The Alton Mill Arts Centre was closed for 94 days. Quite a time for artists to have to make ends meet without a real source of income.

“We survived this by virtue of staying in touch with emails and social media. I feel so grateful for support from the community. That the Mill could survive 94 days of being closed says a lot about the Mill. It’s a beautiful place for social distancing – outside, inside – you can easily keep that social distancing.

“My ambition,” speaking to the future, “is, behind the scenes, I’m putting together my first online store so

that people can still shop, if they feel more comfortable, they can. It’s really when people are shopping for other people that they’re more comfortable to buy online. I want people to have that option; I want to continue to grow and create jewellery that people will love forever.

“At this time, we’re ready willing and available; we have wonderful individual pieces and I’m creating things for people and I’m just full of gratitude for everything the Alton Mill Arts Centre is and how much the community supports us, our creativity and the community realizing what a beautiful thing they have here.”

You can check at www.gallerygemma.com



Carrying Place GM Rich Morel shows off artwork by Bill Lunshof in the new gallery arrangement.

ASK and Carrying Place join forces

It was a stroke of genius when Carrying Place Golf & Country Club approached Arts Society King with the proposal of displaying and selling the work of its member artists, and the beginning of a wonderful partnership.

The call to artists was put out, and the Carrying Place House Committee was convened to make its final selection. The project was spearheaded by the general manager, Rich Morel, who ensured that a proper gallery hanging system was installed to showcase the artwork.

From now until Oct. 31, displaying on the walls of the clubhouse, in the entrance foyer and the dining hall, are the eye-catching creations of Dina Artman, Bill Lunshof, Andrei Krystoforski, Anna Medvedeva, Steve Silverman and Tom Wray. Congratulations to them!

Six different artists’ works have been similarly selected and will be displayed from Nov. 1 to Jan. 31, 2021. In 2021, the next call to artists is planned prior to May 1. All ASK artists may submit their works for consideration. All other artists wishing to submit are invited to join ASK by visiting www.artsocietyking.ca

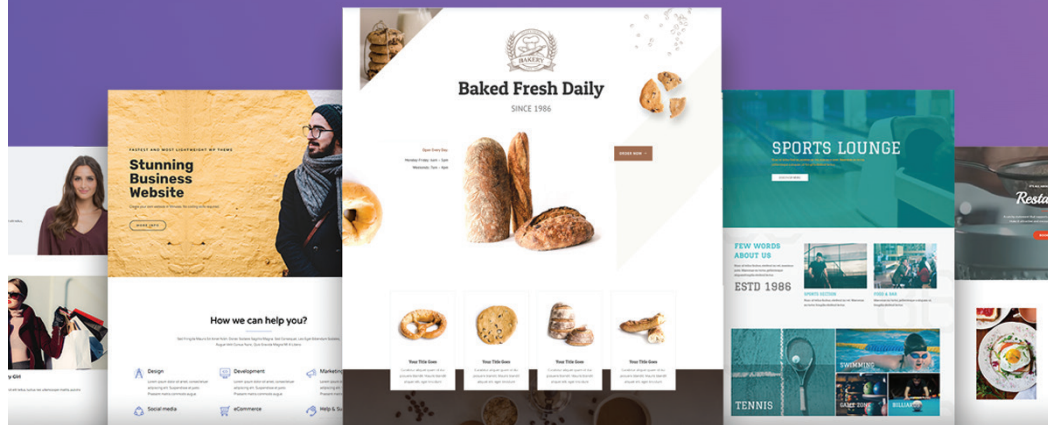
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The Ontario government is safely reopening more of the economy by easing restrictions for facilities that rent out professional meeting and event spaces.

Facilities can now have up to 50 guests for each indoor meeting room or event space within the facility. The facility would have to adhere to a plan approved by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

“As the province gradually and safely reopens, our government is continuing to promote a safe approach to reopening businesses to boost Ontario’s economic and social recovery,” said Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries. “Allowing for multiple meetings or events will allow convention centres, hotels and other professional meeting facilities to welcome back more visitors and employees.”

The current indoor gathering limit will now apply on a per meeting room or event space basis at professional meeting and event facilities, including convention centres, hotels, motels, resorts, banquet halls and conference centres. Outdoor meeting and event facilities remain subject to the 100-person gathering limit for the entire outdoor area. Capacity limits exclude employees or event personnel. Safely allowing these facilities to host more meetings and events is an important step in On-

tario’s economic recovery.

To operate and expand indoor capacity safely during Stage 3 of Ontario’s Framework for Reopening Our Province, convention centres, hoteliers and other associations have helped inform the development of a guidance document, which is the plan approved by the OCMOH. These measures ensure public safety based on public health requirements, operational best practices and industry guidelines prepared by the sector.

In addition, new regulatory amendments have come into force requiring contact information for only one person in a party entering indoor or outdoor dining areas starting today, with exceptions. This will reduce the administrative burden on businesses such as restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments, and tour and guide services, while continuing to support case and contact tracing.

Businesses not able to open or resume full activities due to Stage 3 restrictions, or businesses that have ideas to safely amend Stage 3 restrictions or requirements, can visit Ontario.ca/reopen to submit a reopening proposal. Government and public health officials will review proposals and contact businesses for feedback or clarifications. Proposals may inform the potential loosening of restrictions as Stage 3 progresses.

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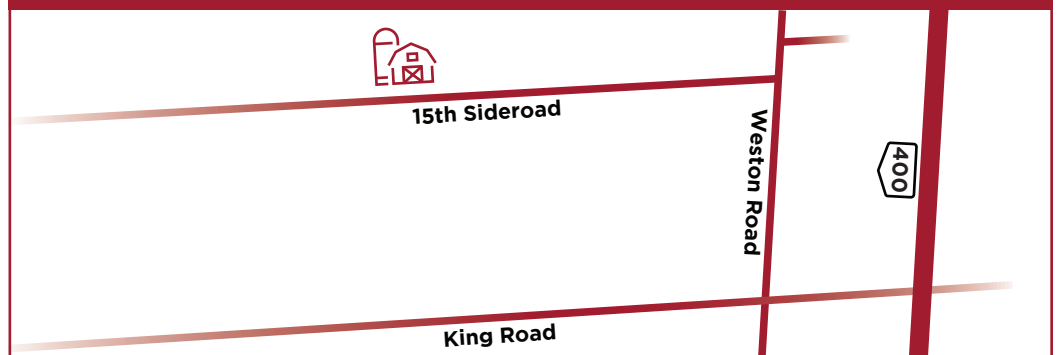


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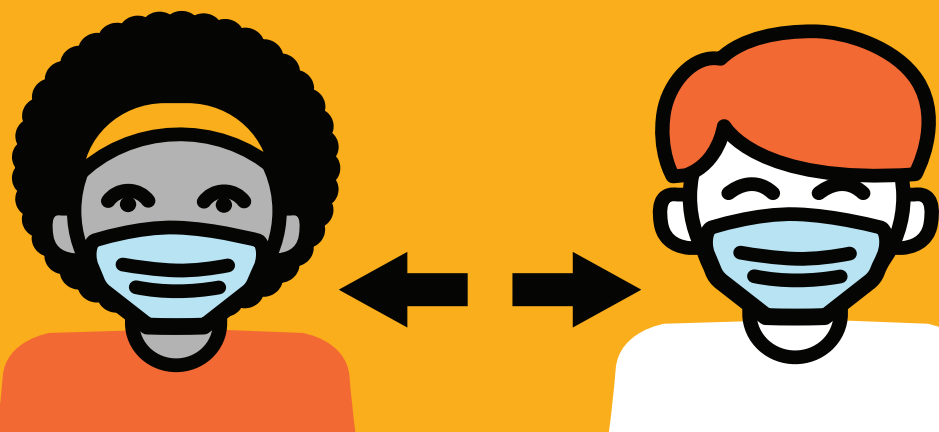
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Hammond, Da Silva appointed deputy chiefs

The York Regional Police Services Board announced the appointment of two new deputy chiefs of police for York Regional Police. Superintendent Cecile Hammond and Superintendent Paulo Da Silva have been chosen by the board to fill a current and future vacancy on the Executive Command Team.

Superintendent Hammond will take on the new role on July 20 and Superintendent Da Silva will commence the role on Nov. 7.

“Superintendents Hammond and Da Silva are exceptional individuals who represent the next generation of talent within the organization,” said board chair Virginia Hackson. “Both are proven leaders in the policing community and both support the work required to sustain the trust and confidence of the community.”

“I am looking forward to working with both new deputies, whose experience, talent and dedication will benefit our organization and our community,” said Chief Jim MacSween. “They are demonstrated leaders at YRP and I am proud to welcome them to the Executive Command Team.”

Superintendent Hammond has served in law enforcement for 22 years in a variety of operational and administrative roles including as officer-in-charge of the Integrated Domestic Violence Unit and as Inspector of the Real Time Operations Centre. More recently, Superintendent Hammond was responsible for overseeing Corporate Development Services tasked with modernizing member training and leadership development. Superintendent Hammond holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from York University and is the recipient of the Governor General Exemplary Service 20-year Medal.

She is a member of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and holds a Police Executive Designation with the Ontario Municipal Manage-



Paulo Da Silva

ment Institute. Superintendent Hammond has extensive OACP committee involvement including the Police Constable Selection System and the Education, Training and Professional Development Committees.

“I am extremely grateful to have been selected by the board to serve as Deputy Chief for the York Regional Police. I look forward to embarking on this journey working with the members of the Executive Command Team, the Police Services Board, our members and our community,” said Deputy Chief Designate Hammond.

Superintendent Da Silva has served with York Regional Police for 27 years in a number of operational and administrative roles including criminal investigations, community-oriented response and more recently as the Superintendent in Charge of Infrastructure Services where he oversees Capital Projects and Facilities, Information Technology, Information Governance, Property and Evidence and Logistical Support.

Superintendent Da Silva is the recipient of the Governor General Exemplary Service 20-year Medal, a graduate of the FBI National Academy, Quantico and the University Of Toronto Joseph L. Rotman School Of Management Police Leadership Program. He also has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto. Superintendent DaSilva is a member of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACPP), the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) and FBI National Academy Associates New York State/Eastern Canada Chapter (FBINAA).

“I am truly humbled and honoured to have been selected by the Board to serve as Deputy Chief for the York Regional Police Service,” said Deputy Chief Designate Da Silva. “I am equally as honoured to continue to work with the members of this Service and our Community.”



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Greenbelt council offers recommendations to Province

By Mark Pavilons

From preserving conservation authorities to addressing employment opportunities, the Greenbelt Council released their 12th progress report, serving up some important recommendations for Queen's Park.

Committee Chair David Crombie submitted his report to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Crombie stressed his group supports the diverse and important roles played by Conservation Authorities, recognizing their importance in enabling watershed management and monitoring, and their provision of expertise to communities across the Greater Golden Horseshoe. He asked Minister Clark for an update on the status of the regulation and the government's directions in respect of this council's advice.

The current economic turmoil makes some predictions difficult, especially those centering around population and employment.

There's a "very real potential to significantly change future employment and travel patterns and associated locational choice for existing and future GGH residents.

"Given this level of uncertainty, now seems like an inopportune time to be considering an extension to the planning horizon to 2051, especially when the proposed new forecasts are to be considered minimums that can be exceeded by municipalities. Council recommends the Province reconsider making such a significant change in the absence of evidence-based research and a clearer focus on the many changes to our society that may come in a post-COVID future," the report said.

The forecasts, they argue, should be based on a substantive analysis of the potential implications of Covid, both short and long term, on the amount and distribution of growth, development patterns, travel patterns, and infrastructure demands.

To help municipalities effectively plan for employment growth and change, the Province should:

- Undertake and provide detailed research and analysis on the changing nature of the economy and economic activity in the region, and implications for land use planning, including regarding

the types of urban environments that need to be planned.

- Provide information on strategies, policies and tools to deal with uncertainty around employment growth and change, including flexible land use planning.

- Provide information and strategies on effective approaches to attracting employment related land uses, integrating land use planning, economic development and transportation infrastructure investments.

To ensure that the Growth Plan and local plans are grounded in evidence, the Province should create a unit within Ontario Growth Secretariat that partners with stakeholders to conduct the needed research and analysis.

The Province should retain official plan planning horizons at 2046 to facilitate some flexibility later in the planning horizon to respond to changing circumstances should they arise.

Given the role the Growth Plan forecasts play as a foundation for land use planning, infrastructure investments and municipal finance, it is critically important that the population and employment forecasts reflect the scale and distribution of growth throughout the GGH. Forecasts that are not accurate come with high risks for municipalities and indeed the Province.

The Hemson report claims that the 2012 forecasts were largely on track up to 2019: that the forecast 2019 population is within 1 per cent of the estimated 2019 population, and estimated forecast employment is within 2 per cent of the forecast. However, that assessment compares estimated total population and employment levels in 2019 to what they were in 2012, rather than isolating the growth that occurred between 2012 and 2019. When focusing on growth only, which is the subject of the forecasts, it is apparent that the forecasts were off by significant amounts.

The forecasts underestimated population growth in the Toronto and Peel, and overestimated growth elsewhere. Estimated population growth from 2011 to 2019 in both Toronto and Peel exceeded forecasted growth by 13 per cent (as compared to the 1 per cent and 2 percent exceedances in total population reported by Hemson). By 2019, Toronto and Peel together were estimated to have attracted over 60,000 more new residents than anticipated by the 2012

Growth Plan forecasts. Meanwhile, in the regions of York, Durham and Halton, over 150,000 new residents expected by 2019 did not materialize.

On the employment side, previous forecasts did not reflect an adequate understanding of how the GGH economy is restructuring – new business location drivers – and what this means for the distribution of jobs across the region. In particular the forecasts failed to capture the significant shift of jobs to downtown Toronto that is associated with the growth of emerging sectors, and the correspondingly slow job growth in other municipalities.

On the population side, the proposed mix of housing and how it factors into the allocation of population needs to be examined in some detail.

The "Reference Scenario" reduces overall GGH population growth to 2041 by 170,000 residents compared to the 2012 forecast. The amount of population growth expected in the regions of York, Durham and Halton, and the City of Hamilton is decreased in the new forecasts, and expected growth in Peel and Toronto is increased.

Similarly, the GGH employment growth forecast for 2041 is reduced by 35,000 jobs. The forecast for Toronto is increased by 175,000 jobs, while every other GGH municipality, except Northumberland County, now has lower forecast job growth compared with current Schedule 3 forecasts. The employment forecast for 2041 for Northumberland County remains the same as in the 2012 forecasts.

Despite these modifications, the proposed new allocation of growth forecast to municipalities is likely still off base.

Given the relatively modest adjustments proposed in the new Growth Plan forecasts, there remain significant divergences between the 2019 MoF projections and the proposed Growth Plan forecasts. In particular, the proposed new Growth Plan forecasts assume significantly less growth in Toronto and Peel to 2046 than the MoF projections: 715,000 fewer new residents in Toronto and 333,000 fewer new residents in Peel. Correspondingly the proposed forecasts assume significantly higher growth than the MoF projections in the regions of Durham, York and Halton – over 600,000 more new residents – and in the "Outer Ring" – 279,000 more new residents.

To achieve the redistribution of growth of the magnitude proposed, one precondition is significant provincial and municipal investment in transportation and other infrastructure to make the "Outer Ring" municipalities and the regions of Durham, York and Halton more attractive to potential residents and businesses. For municipalities, the level of investment required comes at great risk, as there is no guarantee that the development related revenues required to recoup such investments will actually occur.

The proposed change to the Growth Plan to allow municipalities to plan for population and employment growth levels higher than those included in the proposed Schedule 3 forecasts is problematic. Given the planning horizon for municipal official plans is already proposed to be extended by 10 years to 2051, this measure seems unnecessary at best, and will enable the potential over designation of land leading to infrastructure inefficiencies, potential misinvestments, over consumption of agricultural land and pressure on the natural heritage system, at worst.

The council noted the primary goal of the 2006 Growth Plan was to reduce sprawl facilitated by the premature redesignation of agricultural land based on higher than realistic municipally prepared growth forecasts that collectively far exceeded growth forecast for the GGH as a whole. One of the reasons of the provincially prepared forecasts contained in Schedule 3 of the Growth Plan was to stop this practice and to ensure coordination with broader provincial infrastructure studies such as the Transportation Plan for the GGH.

Allowing municipalities to plan beyond Schedule 3 forecasts, they say, seems unnecessary from a quantum perspective given the planning horizon for municipal official plans is already proposed to be extended by 10 years to 2051 (or five years to 2046 as recommended by this letter). Permitting municipalities to individually prepare and implement growth forecasts which exceed those in Schedule 3 represents a step backwards in efforts to control sprawl and should not be permitted.

Within the Oak Ridges Moraine are long-standing matters raised by many municipalities which council would encourage the government to address.

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Teen Ranch founder Mel Stevens remembered

By Alyssa Parkhill

Melville Charles Stevens, also known as Mel, was known as a kind, loyal, giving individual whose faith inspired all.

Stevens founded Teen Ranch, first in Australia in 1960, before returning home to Canada a decade later to begin the Christian camp in Caledon. Mel and his wife Janet purchased 150 acres of land, boasting an old barn and farmhouse.

Mel and his family worked hard and held their trust in faith that they would battle through the hardships that came their way. The ice arena was later built, and an Olympic sized pad, called the Ice Corral, was constructed. Over time teams from the NHL and OHL would later train at the facility.

Mel's vision quickly blossomed into what we see at Teen Ranch today, where children have fun, train in their favourite sport and camp, just like their favourite hockey players. Families can enjoy a much-needed weekend getaway and even schools can visit their education facility. They host horse programs including trail rides, riding lessons and hunter and jumper shows for all horse lovers.

Mel Stevens passed away Aug. 8.

"Mel's God-given vision has been instrumental in pointing thousands of people to faith in Christ by coming to know Jesus on a personal level. Mel's unwavering faith and willingness to follow God's calling through fear, uncertainty, trials, and tribulations have left a legacy of a true and faithful servant," stated his obituary.

He spread his unwavering faith among those around him, including family, friends and the community.

For the past 13 years, he was the chaplain for the Toronto Argonauts. Alongside the Argos, he spent years working with players from both the Toronto Maple Leafs and Toronto Blue Jays.

"The Argos are saddened to learn of

the passing of former team chaplain Mel Stevens," stated on the team's twitter. "The Argos extend their deepest condolences to the Stevens family."

His passion for sports and his faith, many players were changed, inspired and motivated by Mr. Stevens, in more ways than one, says Paul Henderson, former professional hockey player and dear friend to Mel.

"The man that I loved and respected so much. You see, Mel led me to the Lord. Became a teacher, mentor and prayer warrior and actually modelled for me what it looked like to live each and every day in a manner worthy and pleasing to the Lord. And Teen Ranch became an oasis for the Henderson family and many other athletes back in the early '70s," Henderson said. "Mel had a heart of gold. He had the patience of Job with me and actually pushed me out of my comfort zones. Last week Ronny Ellis and I spoke to about 50 NHL, ex-NHL Hockey players and Mel Stevens was the center of about a 45-minute talk. So, Mel has influenced so many, so many people."

One of the six of Mel's children, Corrie Stevens Ensom, shared words of her father and how he inspired and taught her to be who she is today.

"When he made the decision as a young man to go anywhere and do anything God asked of him, I'm sure he had no idea how great and wide-spread his influence would be. He was humble and wise and had a gift of loving people," she stated. "He has taught me to love, forgive, assume the best in people, to serve others, to work hard and aim higher, to do things with excellence, to be five minutes early rather than one minute late, to be available, teachable and usable, to dream big, to trust in God in everything and always give Him the glory."

Staff members have been greatly impacted by the loss of their dear friend but are thankful for the time they spent with Mel. That includes Brian Smith, who has been a part of the Teen Ranch



family for roughly 20 years.

"I started working, serving Jesus at the Ranch in 2000 and for the most part have been there ever since. When people have asked me about Mel, I have always said that there isn't one person there who I have seen as a bigger role model than Mel. I've always said, if there was drywall to be done, Mel was there. If there was painting to be done, Mel was there. If there was construction of any kind to be done, Mel was there," said Smith.

He added, "I can't tell you how much he will be missed now that he's gone, by me and all the other people who have had the pleasure of meeting him. I truly believe that the first words he will hear now that he is gone are, 'well done, my good and faithful servant' and nobody deserves to hear those words more than him."

Mel's son Tim Stevens, who is also the director at Teen Ranch, stated how honoured he was to have a father like Mel.

"I was privileged to know Mel Stevens as a boss, mentor, friend, and father. As a boss, he set a high standard of expectation for himself and those of us who work at Teen Ranch," Tim said. "He instilled in us the ideas of giving more than we took, doing things with excellence and believing it a privilege to serve others and our community. His 'tagline' for the Ranch was 'Aiming Higher'. As a mentor, friend and father, he expected and encouraged us to be the best we could be. He would gently tell us if we were wrong or needed to make a change. He was never afraid to tell us he loved us."

He added, "Being able to share with

people that we could have a personal relationship with God through Jesus was his life's goal."

Ann Stevens, Mel's daughter-in-law, expressed her love for her father-in-law and who he was to her and her family.

"How is a 13-year-old girl transformed from horse-crazy to loving God more than horses in a camp week? Mel Stevens was instrumental. He loved God and he loved people. Mel naturally shared his faith in the God of the Bible. Mel lived out his faith daily, consistently, through the many years. As a result? Mel Stevens is a 'legend in his own time'," she explained. "Mel often spoke of how God gave him a life of adventure beyond his wildest dreams. But Mel humbly gave all the credit and glory to God for what he had accomplished in and through Mel's life. I'm reminded of the words to a poem by C.T. Studd, 'Only one life, 'twill soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last.'"

Mel was truly admired by those in his community from far and wide. Many had words to share about Mr. Stevens, including Solicitor General and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones.

"Mel's faith was central to how he approached life and serving community. His vision to expand a Christian summer camp into a year-round facility with the addition of the Ice Corral was literally a leap of faith," said MPP Jones. "I remember Mel sharing many stories over the years about his challenges building the Ice Corral and how often a former camper would step in to offer a service or materials. It spoke to the impact he and Teen Ranch has had on so many young people in Dufferin-Caledon, and now across the globe."

This year marks Fox Run's 40th

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

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

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

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

Register as an individual, family or a virtual team and start your fundraising effort today. Because Terry asked us to try and it's the 40th Anniversary of Terry's Marathon of Hope!

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Province invests over \$500,000 to improve health of Lake Simcoe

The Ontario government announced that it is investing \$581,000 in four new projects to help find better ways to reduce the amount of pollutants, such as phosphorus, from entering Lake Simcoe. Local projects like these are key to restoring and protecting Lake Simcoe and its watershed and support the province's commitment to protect our air, land and water, as outlined in the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan.

These projects will build on the significant progress already made. A report released by the Ontario government shows the health of Lake Simcoe is improving as a result of actions taken to protect and restore the lake and its watershed.

"Ten years ago, local environmental and conservation organizations, advocates and all levels of government came together as a community to restore the Lake Simcoe watershed, resulting in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan," said Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "Today, we are celebrating the progress we have made together to protect and preserve this vital region, and I look forward to continuing this work."

Lake Simcoe Watch, Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition and the Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition and their member groups have been campaigning together to engage the public in this significant policy review.

"The province's timeline on the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan policy review allows interested members of the public to analyze the province's reports, and to collaborate in order to provide the best advice possible about the LSPP review. We appreciate that. It also gives the province time to hear the expert advice of two provincial Lake Simcoe multi-stakeholder committees which have not met since 2018," said Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition Executive Director Claire Malcolmson.

Lake Simcoe's health is still struggling and it can not afford any weak-

ening of its protection policies, the groups maintain. In addition to the protections in place in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, this policy review now planned for the fall affords the province a chance to further strengthen the Plan by:

- Bringing down phosphorus loads to the lake to achieve or beat the targets of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan through a renewed Phosphorus Reduction Strategy.

- Increasing protections for natural heritage features like forests, wetlands and shorelines to help support biodiversity, and to address phosphorus loading, warming water temperatures, and climate change.

"We are pleased that the province is spending money on research and monitoring in areas that we agree are important to the lake's health," said the Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition's Executive Director Margaret Prophet. "Sound science, evidence and climate change projections need to form the basis of improvements to the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan. It is a science-based plan; it needs to stay that way."

The 10-year report on Lake Simcoe shows the restoration of more than 15 kilometres of degraded shorelines, the planting of more than 55,000 trees and shrubs, and the creation and restoration of 120 hectares of wetlands have resulted in encouraging signs of recovery including:

- A 50 per cent reduction in phosphorus loads from sewage treatment plants entering the watershed.

- Decreased amounts of algae over time.

- The successful reproduction of cold water fish such as lake trout, lake whitefish and cisco.

"The results of the 10-year report are very encouraging, but there is more work to be done," said Andrea Khanjin, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Barrie-Innisfil. "We all have a role to play to restore and protect the lake

and I am proud Ontario will continue working to keep Lake Simcoe clean."

Protecting and restoring the health of Lake Simcoe requires collaboration with key partners, including local conservation authorities, Indigenous communities, municipalities, agricultural and commercial sectors and residents. This fall, the government is inviting all its partners, including the general public, to participate in a 10-year review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan to see if it needs to be updated.

The restoration of Lake Simcoe and its watershed is a key commitment of the Ontario Government's Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan.

Since 2009, the province's actions to protect and restore Lake Simcoe have been guided by the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, which focuses on the lake's water quality, reducing phospho-

rus levels, caring for natural heritage, and addressing the impacts of invasive species and other emerging threats.

In the lake, total spring and ice-free (May through October) phosphorus concentrations have been consistently low since the 2015 Five-Year Report and have dropped significantly from 1980 to 2018.

Over the long term, the amount of algae in the lake has decreased, and deep water dissolved oxygen has improved, supporting the potential recovery of cold water fish.

Cisco, a cold water fish whose population was once in steep decline, are continuing to show positive signs of recovery. After a 13-year closure, the cisco winter fishery was reopened in 2015, and cisco continues

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where you can contact the Vendors for curbside pickup at vendors' specified locations and you can easily place your orders either by phone or email.

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Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

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

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

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

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

York Pines United

York Pines United Church has been offering online services since the end of March as a safe alternative to gathering together in person. Online services will resume Sunday, Aug. 30. Continue to stay safe everyone and enjoy the summer.

St. Patrick Parish

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St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

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The King Township Food Bank is continuing with its safe monthly food

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

For pastoral care, text or call Lynn Vißers, Director of Congregational Ministries, 416-998-4652 or the Rev. Paul Johnston at 705-341-7738, our Interim Moderator:

To contact Pastor Niyazi and Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship call 416-878-8499. They will also be starting back on Sept. 13 at 5 p.m.

May you know God's peace as we cast our burdens upon the Lord, for He does care for us. Philippians 4:6&7.

Keep in touch. See you soon in September!

All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage

Our new incumbent, Father Michael Peterson is usually in the church office

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Words to live by – Rev. Michael Peterson's sermon last Sunday spoke on the Gospel from Mark 16 in which Jesus asks his disciples, "But who do you say that I am?"

"Who do people say that the Son of Man is? This is the question that our identities as Christians revolve around. Peter's confident answer ("You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God") may come easily for some of us, while others might say, 'well, Peter, that was easy for you, you knew Jesus, you saw him feed all those people with just a few scraps of bread, and hey, he actually grabbed your hand and pulled you out of the water when you were drowning!' "I have known good, solid Anglicans, pillars of their parishes who have quietly admit to me that they don't always feel that they can check all the boxes of their faith, or say every item of the creeds with equal conviction.

"It's not up to us to believe as atomized individuals. Belief is not something that we have to manufacture within us. As Jesus tells Peter, belief is grace, given to us by God, and often the avenue of that belief, the way in which that grace is incarnated, is in the life and faith and witness of another believer.

"We are church because we all have

some answer to Jesus' question, 'Who do you say that I am?' If we are a church that can say something true and compelling about who Jesus, then we will be a church that will grow. So what if we could say something about Jesus that was true for us and compelling to others? Was there a time when you were hungry, starving for meaning and hope, perhaps out of a job, and someone fed you, either spiritually or physically? If so, then you can talk about Jesus as the bread of life. Was there a time where you hurt someone, either inadvertently or in some petty moment, and they forgave you?

Then you've lived the parable of the prodigal son and you get Jesus's message of forgiveness. Have you had someone stand with you when others abandoned you? They you've lived the parable of the Good Samaritan and you understand Jesus's message of love. Have you come through a profound loss or bereavement, and found hope on the other side? Then you know something about Jesus, the resurrection and the life. If you have experienced any of these things, than you have something good to say about Jesus and your life will reflect your faith in a real and attractive way.

"This is what I mean about 'true for us and compelling to others. Those moments are what make our faith real and compelling. A church that knows who Jesus is can show a living faith that makes a difference in real lives, that shows in joyfulness, compassion, and hope. Our Christian story is only as real as those who remember it and live it. It matters. It's the best story that there is. That story lives in our hearts and in our lives. Who do we say that Jesus is? We say that he is light, and love, and hope, and life. We say with Peter that he is Son of God. We say it to a world that needs to hear it."

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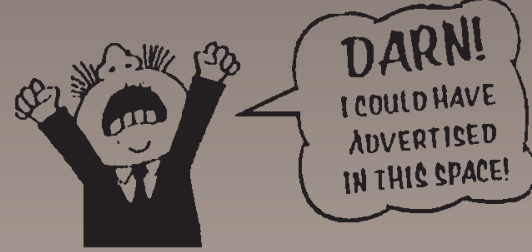
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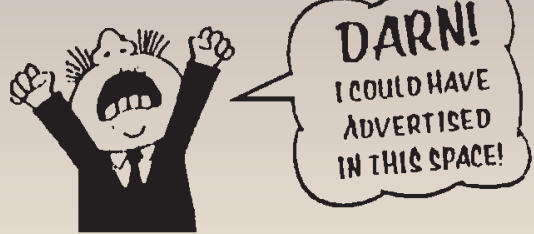
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Human trafficking issues continue amid pandemic

By Alyssa Parkhill

Human trafficking has consistently been an issue not only in the nation's biggest cities, but also in semi-rural regions like Caledon and Dufferin County.

The thought of vulnerable girls being lured into the arms of predators and pimps is sickening to the minds of most people, yet the reality is that it happens all too often here in our own backyard.

The average age of human trafficking victims is 13, with most of the victims known to come from homes of child abuse, homelessness or foster care. However, even the most stable of youth, with a comfortable background, can find themselves dragged into the disgusting underworld of human trafficking.

Caledon Dufferin Victim Services (CDVS) notes this is an issue that doesn't discriminate, with predators always on the lookout for young girls, regardless of where they come from.

CDVS has been helping, and supporting human trafficking victims since 2016, while constantly raising awareness on a growing issue in the Caledon and Dufferin community.

"Human trafficking is considered a form of slavery that has existed throughout history. There is no reason to believe that our communities have been exempt from this dehumanizing crime," explained executive director Dorothy Davis and programs manager at CDVS Pina Marino. "However, due to the increased awareness of

the issue in recent times, many service providers believe that what they had previously classified as intimate partner violence, sexual violence or runaway teens, may have, in fact been cases of human trafficking."

World Day Against Human Trafficking took place July 30. The annual event is held to raise awareness about human trafficking around the world. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the theme for this year's event was to honour the first responders who work on the front lines to end human trafficking.

"Over the past several months, those working on the front lines have faced unprecedented challenges responding to the ongoing threat of human trafficking and providing continued supports to victims during the COVID-19 outbreak. We deeply appreciate their unwavering dedication," said Dufferin-Caledon MPP, and Ontario's Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "As we mark this important day, our government is proud to recognize the many service providers, community partners and police forces across Ontario doing critical work to prevent this crime, help survivors, and bring traffickers to justice."

CDVS describes the day to be an awareness event that often brings change, stating "The more we know about it, talk about it, recognize it-the closer we will get to decreasing the incidents. Initiatives such as World Against Human Trafficking Day increases awareness of the issue and hopefully gets people interested and

motivated to learn more about HT and help."

Ontario, alongside Nova Scotia, are the two provinces with the highest rates of human trafficking in the country, according to Statistics Canada.

Ontario has accounted for roughly 68 per cent of all police-reported human trafficking reports since 2009, until 2018. There was a total of just under 1,400 human trafficking victims in Canada between 2009 to 2018.

Between 2018 and 2019, CDVS has helped 14 adult women, one adult man and seven youths directly with its programming, while offering varying levels of assistance to a further 11 adult girls, four adult men and one youth in the area. The organization has also helped three female witnesses to come forward and share their stories around human trafficking.

"Traffickers target vulnerable people and vulnerable people are found everywhere. Our areas may have been considered 'untapped markets' by traffickers who have found the bigger cities more competitive," said Davis. "Smaller towns are particularly attractive to traffickers because removing young boys and girls from their small towns provides instant isolation, which is one of the main ingredients of exploitation."

But how has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the ongoing issue?

"The consensus seems to be that the most vulnerable remain at the

highest risk when employment is precarious and financial security unsure, along with closing of shelters and public spaces. Certainly, all agree that technology is playing a huge role in recruiting and distributing sexual services and grooming individuals for sexual exploitation," said Marino. "At CDVS, we have not seen an increase in human trafficking numbers, but it is a very under reported crime."

Davis and Marino described the factor that impacts them the most when supporting human trafficking victims.

"All the cases I have supported have been women between the ages of 14 and 33 and they have all impacted me in many ways. It is a complicated, devastating experience for families of the victims who struggle to understand the hold that traffickers have over their daughters," they said. "Sadly, many women return to their pimp over and over again, even after intensive treatment. The saddest cases are from victims without family or safe supports who come to believe that being sold for sex has become their life."

"Visit our website; call our 24-hour crisis line; CDVS will present to your group. Articles such as these are very helpful to raise awareness. Many great online resources exist that shed light on the issue and provide information about the prevalence and what is being done."

For more information, please visit cdvs.ca.

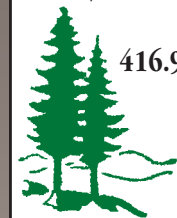


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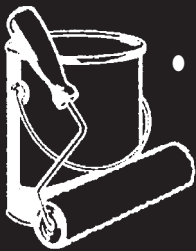
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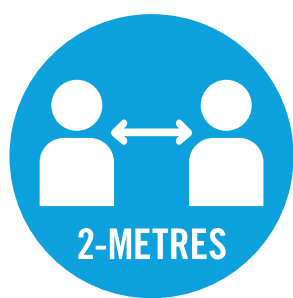


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