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Ministers carry message to centre

By Mark Pavilons

Childcare centres in Ontario can now offer the ratios that existed before the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MPP for King-Vaughan and Minister of Education Stephen Lecce joined Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues, for a tour of the Pope Francis Child Care Centre in Vaughan. The purpose of the visit was two-fold. Firstly, to see first-hand the safety protocols that have been put in place to protect children and staff. Secondly, to understand just how important childcare is to the continued economic recovery in Ontario.

"Child care is critical to the economic recovery of Ontario and for moms and dads across our province to return to work without worry," said Minister Lecce. "Childcare spaces will be able to open at the capacity which they are licensed for, along with strict health and safety protocols to keep kids safe. This step will further enable affordable and accessible childcare spaces in our community for working parents. I want to extend my most sincere thank you to the incredible staff here at Pope Francis Childcare Centre and across our community for stepping up in a big way to support our kids. Their hard work and can-do attitude are what we need to get through this pandemic and succeed in this province's recovery."

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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 TO BE RESCHEDULED**
6:00 pm - Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://meeting.king.ca>

Monday, September 28th
6:00 pm - Special Council Public Planning Meeting
Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments
Location: 12765, 12781, 12789 Keele Street and 17 Elizabeth Grove King City, ON
Owner: 2472498 Ontario Limited
Agent: Evans Planning Inc.
File Numbers: OP-2016-05 and Z-2016-18

Zoning By-law Amendment
Location: 13121 Keele Street
Owner: BTTW2020 Inc.
Applicant: Andriana Hannides
Agent: Thorstone Consulting Services Inc., c/o Dan Stone
File Numbers: Z-2020-05, SPD-20-24

Zoning By-law Amendment
Location: 5815 King Road, King City
Cosmocar Service & Collision Ltd. and Aqua Spa Inc.
Owner: Cosmo Oppedisano, 2093680 Ontario Inc.
Agent: Dan Stone, Thorstone Consulting Services Inc.
File Number: Z-2020-02

Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://meeting.king.ca>
To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

King Township Public Library
Virtual Board Meeting
September 15 at 6 p.m.

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

- Stand-by Equipment Operator (winter contract) – closes September 11 at 4:30pm
- Seasonal Road Patroller (winter contract) – closes September 11 at 4:30pm
- Manager of Budget and Financial Reporting/Deputy Treasurer – closes Sept. 21
- Manager of Revenue/Deputy Treasurer – closes Sept. 21
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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.

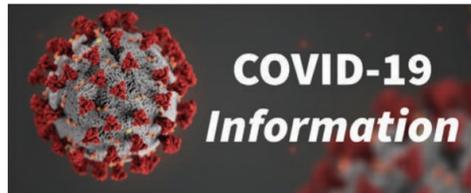
Educate children about crossing roads safely and obeying street signs and signals.



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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.

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.



What's Open & Closed

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

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

Under Evaluation

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

Closed

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

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

PARTICIPATE IN OUR VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

- Thursday, September 10th, 2020
- 12:00-12:15 pm - Presentation
 - 12:15 - Questions



Registration: speaking.king.ca/ATactionplan

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



Lace up for the Schomberg Country Run

The Anglican Parish of Lloydtown is holding the 10th Annual Schomberg Country Run this September to commemorate the late Rev. Sheilagh Ashworth and her commitment to Indigenous issues.

The committee is planning a “best ever” event to honour Rev. Sheilagh’s life of service. Rev. Sheilagh was a very early voice in finding ways to help the people of Pikangikum, with the first Run in 2011. Over 9 years of runs, more than \$50,000 has been raised for the Pikangikum Water Project and to support local ministry which included Rev. Sheilagh’s education and awareness projects.

In 2019 it was announced that Pikangikum’s needs were being met, and further funding not needed.

This year, in keeping with Rev. Sheilagh’s expressed wishes, 100% of the funds raised will go to Toronto Urban Native Ministry (TUNM), a joint project of the United Church of Canada and the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, and is located in Trinity Square, Toronto. Funds raised will be matched, dollar for dollar, through a generous donor to FaithWorks (a special outreach fund of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto).

The run will be a virtual event. Participants can run, walk, or stroll any time between Sept. 16 and 26. Participants may devise their own 5k route or follow the traditional route starting at St. Mary Magdalene’s Church in Schomberg available starting Sept. 16.

The entry fee for any individual is \$25 which includes a free Schomberg Country Run mask (adult or youth size). The family registration fee of \$50 covers all those residing in the same household as well as 3 masks.

The run opens at 6 p.m. on Sept. 16 at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church Street, Schomberg. On-site registration will be available, masks distributed, coffee and treats will be offered. The finale will be Saturday, Sept. 26 at St. Mary Magdalene’s Church starting at 9 a.m. On-site registration will again be available as well as mask pickup. Closing ceremonies will be held at 11 a.m.

Online registration is available on Eventbrite (<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/10th-anniversary-annual-schomberg-country-virtual-run-tickets-117354862553?aff=ebdssbdest-search>).

Additional information and forms are available on the Anglican Parish of Lloydtown website: <https://www.anglicanparishoflloydtown.com/social-justice/schomberg-country-run/>

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KTFB is most grateful to Len and Rita Mizzoni for again choosing them as the recipient for this campaign that raises thousands of dollars.

The timing of this campaign is critical to support the ability for the Food Bank to meet the ongoing needs of vulnerable and low-income residents and those affected by COVID-19 lay-offs. The Food Bank, which serves Schomberg, Nobleton and King City, is completely run by volunteers and provides food and food cards for more than 200 people in King Township.

You can purchase a chocolate chunk Smile Cookie for \$1 each. Forms to pre-order a box of a dozen cookies – perfect for families and/or colleagues – are available from ktfb.ca or by emailing ktfoodbank@gmail.com and must be submitted to the select Tim Hortons location at least 48 hours prior to pick up.

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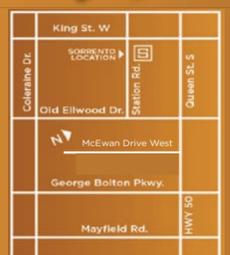
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- Michael Connelly

Facing adversity with nonchalant indifference

Lately, I’ve found myself being more apathetic, or at least mildly indifferent, to the goings-on around me.

A few unforeseen expenses, car repairs and events unfolding not as expected, have left me somewhat deflated. Along with that loss of air pressure is a feeling of “que sera, sera.”

The sentiment, “in for a penny, in for a pound” has also sprung to mind on more than one occasion.

But, I refuse to be held hostage by stress, depression and life’s challenges.

I prefer keeping my mental dimmer switch on “mellow medium.” I am altering my behaviour, opting instead for a detached and unconcerned approach.

Today, money just doesn’t seem to have the same value as it once did. Sure, it’s just as hard to earn and save as it was decades ago, but it just doesn’t seem worth very much.

When I was a teenager, \$20 could get you gas for your car, a meal at a fast food restaurant, AND a six-pack of beer. For a young person in the 1980s, \$100 was a lot of money.

Today, that barely scratches the surface of a person’s daily requirements.

You can’t leave a car repair shop with a bill under \$500. A dinner out with the family will ding you for at least \$250. A new faucet for the bathroom, anywhere from \$80 to \$300. A current basement project has revealed the cost of lumber and drywall these days.

My two daughters recently returned from a trip to Squamish, BC to see the sights and sounds of the west coast.

Being on their own for two weeks really taught them a lesson in frugality. They were constantly dismayed at the cost of taxis, a simple outing, or ferry ride. I was aghast at the cost of a shuttle from Abbotsford to Squamish. Granted, it’s a 90-minute drive and there are



Mark Pavilons

no direct bus trips between the two.

Paying for the girls to get away from it all put a definite dent in the savings account, and pretty much sidelined any chance for the rest of us getting away this summer.

I guess the “summer of COVID” will be one to forget for many Canadians. Travel was simply not an option for many.

Those lucky enough to have a cottage may have had extended holidays, depending on their work situation.

For me, the highlight was sitting on the front porch, soaking up the setting sun, eating a bowl of meatballs. You know the ones – the pre-cooked frozen variety that you can put in the microwave. But there’s always one or two that hide among the warm ones, still hard as an ice cube. The sunset was nice.

This all may be construed as whining or complaining. But I’m merely paint-

ing a personal picture. Like art, our own individual stories are quite subjective. Not everyone gets it, or even cares.

For us, it was also the summer of car chaos. Our reliance on the automobile is awful.

My oldest daughter graduated from university and desperately wanted a set of wheels. Her tastes are, shall we say, unique. The end result was perfect for her, a compact car in “Spirited Green Metallic.”

Battery died. Also had to re-fasten a heat shield.

My son had a very personal encounter with a deer one night in July. The end result was that his car made its departure from this earth and he is, alas, motionless, like poor Pluto after it got kicked out of our solar system.

Car shopping can be quite the chore. It’s frustrating at times. One would think responding to ads on Kijiji or autotrader is easy. Not so. “Buyer beware” has never been more relevant than it is today. I have seen ads for cars that don’t even exist, with scammers trying to squeeze a downpayment from someone before actually connecting. When car shopping, the term “too good to be true” is definitely right on.

My eyes widen when I see cars with low kilometres, only to be informed that the 100,000 kilometres are on the second engine, and the car itself has 300k on it.

I have driven more than a dozen cars in my life and never once have I had to replace an engine or a transmission. Never have I driven more than 300,000 kilometres in one vehicle. I’m not sure where people are going, but to put on 30,000k a year on a car is shocking.

And there’s people who say they rear-ended someone and had the bumper replaced, but the car has never been in an accident.

My wife’s tried and true mini-van, which has seen our family through countless moves, vacations, long drives with the dogs, and adventures to university and back, was past due for many needed repairs.

As a veteran car owner, I’m well aware of the need for auto repairs. But why do they come all at once, like a hailstorm on a beautiful August afternoon? Who has \$3,000 lying around, itching to give to their favourite mechanic?

Not many. And herein lies another of life’s unnoticed dangers.

How many cars are driving around with engine lights aglow; with loose bumpers, wheel nuts, mufflers, etc.? We hear of wheels flying off on the highway, often ending in tragedy.

The reality is, vehicle maintenance is expensive and many people and small businesses these days just can’t afford it.

I know that’s no excuse, but think about it. Does someone spend \$400 on a tail light lens when their hours have been cut back? Does a family give up back-to-school clothes in favour of new brakes?

These are real world decisions made, or neglected, by real people, every day.

Life is serious, challenging and expensive. Try to stay calm.

I am happy to share my dismay with the rest of you. May I suggest taking a nonchalant, supercilious stance? What have you got to lose?

Comment

Report says taxes higher than housing and food

The average Canadian family spent more than 42 per cent of its income on taxes in 2019 – more than housing, food and clothing costs combined, finds a new study released by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

“Taxes remain the largest household expense for families in Canada,” said Jake Fuss, economist at the Fraser Institute and co-author of The Canadian Consumer Tax Index, 2020.

Last year, the average Canadian family earned \$91,535 and paid \$38,963 in taxes compared to \$33,178 for the basic necessities – housing (including rent and mortgage payments), food and clothing combined.

In other words, the average Canadian family spent 42.6 per cent of its income on taxes compared to 36.2 per cent on basic necessities.

This is a dramatic shift since 1961 when the average Canadian family spent much less of its income on taxes (33.5 per cent) than the basic necessities (56.5 per cent).

The total tax bill for Canadians includes visible and hidden taxes (paid to the federal, provincial and local governments) including income, payroll, sales, property, carbon, health, fuel and alcohol taxes.

Moreover, since 1961, the average Canadian family’s total tax bill has increased nominally by 2,226 per cent, dwarfing increases in annual housing costs (1,641 per cent), clothing (793 per cent) and food (663 per cent).

“Considering the sheer amount of income that goes towards taxes in this country, Canadians may question whether or not we’re getting good value for our money,” Fuss said.



Thought of the Week

Always surprise yourself!

If you surprise yourself, or a loved one, you’ve had a good day and can go to bed with a smile!

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Results from last week’s poll:
Are you ready for the first week of school?

a) Yes **50%**

b) No **50%**

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THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

Are you worried the return to school will result in a spike of new COVID-19 cases?

a) Yes
b) No

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Protecting vulnerable workers during COVID-19

By Hope McManus
Head of Health and Safety
Peninsula Canada

Commentary

In Canada, some workers are considered high risk for severe illness from COVID-19. While employers are obligated to protect all workers from health and safety hazards at work, including viruses, some may require additional consideration and accommodation.

Workers with medical conditions, weakened immune systems and older adults have a higher risk of developing complications if they contract COVID-19. Under provincial occupational health and safety legislation and human rights legislation, employers are required to accommodate these workers up to the point of undue hardship.

At the very least, employers must be implementing capacity limits and physical distancing measures in their workplace, or installing barriers where distancing is not possible. Workplace hygiene practices, such as

disinfecting workstations and shared spaces, should be increased and workers should be reminded of personal hygiene best practices. Employers should notify at risk workers that they are aware of their heightened risk and that extra steps will be taken to protect them if necessary.

Failure to comply with the law may lead to steep consequences for businesses, ranging from penalties to prosecution from government bodies as well as legal claims from employees. Employers must also consider whether their employees are able to correctly use personal protective equipment (PPE) and if it is safe for them to do so. Even though more businesses are reopening during Stage 3, this does not mean that it is safe for all employees to return to the physical workspace.

Workers with asthma or other medical conditions that make it difficult

for them to breathe may not be able to wear masks or face coverings. This is an especially tricky situation given the current requirement for wearing face masks in indoor public spaces. In this scenario, employers may have to try to accommodate them with a remote work arrangement, an alternate work location, reassignment or increased distancing measures. If employees are not able to wear PPE or work from home, sending them home on leave, allowing them to use their paid time off or claiming unemployment insurance are some possible options.

Even if at risk employees may be safely able to wear PPE, employers should still take action to reduce their chances of exposure. Staggering shifts or allowing flexible start and end times allows workers to avoid rush hour on public transit. Likewise, allowing breaks outside

of regular times and providing isolated spaces where at risk employees can have lunch or rest are additional ways employers can provide accommodation.

Every worker who is considered high risk has their own unique circumstances. Employers are advised to consult employees with concerns about their health and safety to determine what additional measures and accommodations may be implemented to further protect them in the workplace.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

TOWNSHIP OF KING

Road Reconstruction of
Sideroad 15, Concession 8 and Concession 10
Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment



(REVISED) NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE NO.2

The Project

The Township of King initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for the reconstruction of three segments of roadway in the Nobleton area:

- 2.3 kilometres of Concession 10 from King Road to Sideroad 15
- 2.0 kilometers of Sideroad 15 (west) from Concession 10 to Regional Road 27
- 2.1 kilometers of Concession 8 from King Road to Sideroad 15.

The purpose of this undertaking is to improve the existing cross-section, pavement structure, road surface and overall condition of the above segment of roadways, as well as address sightlines and drainage improvements. This undertaking is classified as a Schedule 'B' project in accordance with the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Oct. 2000, as amended 2007, 2011 & 2015)*.

The Township of King hosted a Public Information Centre on November 28th, 2018 to gather the public's questions and concerns regarding the segments prior to the Project proceeding in the Environmental Assessment (EA) process. These comments have been included in the EA to develop the alternatives of the segments.

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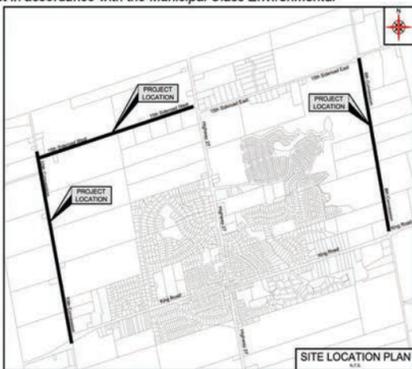
A Virtual Public Information Centre No. 2 (PIC) will be held on September 17, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the PIC will be to provide information on the project and allow interested parties an opportunity to review alternative solutions. To register and find more information visit <http://majorprojects.king.ca>.

Comments Invited

Public input is encouraged throughout this process and will be given consideration during the planning and design of this project. The deadline for the submission of comments following the PIC will be October 9, 2020. Information will be collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Except for personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. To obtain additional information or to provide input, please contact either of the following members of the study team:

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NOTICE OF

Public Planning Meeting Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

(Electronic Meeting pursuant to Section 238(3.1)(3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

As the Municipal Centre is now closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is an electronic meeting held remotely and live streamed via <http://meeting.king.ca>.

Purpose of the Public Planning Meeting

The purpose of this Public Planning Meeting is to receive information and provide comments on a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application to recognize the existing development at 5815 King Road, in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended*.

Public Participation

Anyone wishing to submit comments, which will form part of the public record, may submit written comments to the Township Clerk at clerks@king.ca by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting in order that they can be circulated to Members of Council prior to the start of the meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak to Council virtually (audio-telephone in) must register by contacting the Clerks Department at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than Monday, September 28th, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. (noon). When your registration is received, a confirmation message and instructions for participating in the virtual public meeting will be provided.

Please provide your full name, address, contact details and the item you wish to speak to when contacting the Clerks Department. Please note that all comments will become part of the public record.

Subject Property

Location: 5815 King Road, King City correction Nobleton
KING CON 8 PT LOT 5 AND RP:65R31006 PART 2
Owner: Cosmo Oppedisano, 2093680 Ontario Inc.
Cosmocare Service & Collision Ltd. and Aqua Spa Inc.
Agent: Dan Stone, Thorstone Consulting Services Inc.
File Number: Z-2020-02

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application, Planning file Z-2020-02, was submitted by Thorstone Consulting Services Inc., on behalf of the owner, Cosmo Oppedisano, 2093680 Ontario Inc. The application concerns a property located on the south side of King Road, east of Highway 27 and directly south of Wellar Avenue in the Village of Nobleton. The subject property measures approximately 0.9 acres and has 60 metres of frontage on King Road. The property supports an automated car wash, a coin car wash, and an automobile service garage, operating as Cosmocare Service & Collision Ltd and Aqua Auto Spa Inc. The Zoning By-law Amendment application proposes to permit a reduced planting strip to facilitate a second drive-thru lane for the existing automated car wash, and to permit a full range of mechanical repairs within the existing service garage.

The subject property was developed through a previous Zoning By-law Amendment Application and a Site Plan Development Application to facilitate the redevelopment of a commercial use, under Planning Files Z-2011-14 and SPD-11-19. The previous applications were approved by Council in 2016, and most recently, a series of amendments to the Site Plan Development Application was approved in 2019. The requests were heard on June 24th 2019, and Council adopted the recommendations in Planning Report P-2019-17.

What Are The Proposed Amendments?

The subject property is designated 'Highway Service Commercial Area' by the Nobleton Community Plan (OPA #570) and is zoned Commercial Highway (C2-1) by Zoning By-law #2016-71, as amended. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to amend the zone requirements for the minimum width of a planting strip and to amend the permitted uses within the C2-1 site-specific exception zone. As such, the application proposes to recognize an existing planting strip with a width of 0.98 metres (3.2 feet) along the southern boundary of the property in order to facilitate the second drive-thru lane for the automated car wash, and to permit a full range of mechanical repairs within the existing service garage. No new structures and/or development are being proposed.

Appeal Procedure

If a person or public body that would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"), does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Any person may attend the virtual public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. **Written comments will become part of the public record.**

How To Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at kmoyle@king.ca.

Additional Information

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, including supporting information, are available by contacting the Planning Division by telephone at 905-833-5321 ext. 1018, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or by email to Giuliano La Moglie, Planner I, at glamoglie@king.ca, by referencing the address or file numbers. Written comments may be mailed or emailed to the Planning Division.

Dated at the Township of King this 3rd day of September, 2020.



Kathryn Moyle
Director, Corporate Services
Township Clerk
Township of King

Comments and personal information (PI) are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13 as amended*, and become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form, also become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information (PI), please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321.

Ontario launches first-ever climate change impact assessment

The Ontario government has selected a consulting team led by the Climate Risk Institute to conduct the province's first-ever multi-sector climate change impact assessment. The study will use the best science and information to better understand where and how climate change is likely to affect communities, critical infrastructure, economies and the natural environment, while helping to strengthen the province's resilience to the impacts of climate change.

"Our government is committed to tackling climate change by reducing greenhouse emissions and helping communities and families prepare for the effects of our changing climate," said Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "I look forward to receiving the results of Ontario's first-ever climate change impact assessment, which will help the province, municipalities, Indigenous communities and local partners make more informed decisions on planning and infrastructure investments to keep communities healthy and safe."

As part of its work, the Institute will be reviewing a variety of information such as climate data, land use patterns and socio-economic projections. They will also develop an engagement plan to ensure the final assessment reflects the views and perspectives of Indigenous communities, municipalities, key economic sectors and the public. The assessment will be conducted over the next two years and it is anticipated that the final results will be released in 2022.

The climate change impact assessment is a key component of the province's Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan to combat climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. In addition to taking the next steps in the provincial impact assessment, last year Ontario also established an advisory panel to provide the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks with advice on the implementation of the province's climate change actions – especially how Ontarians can prepare for the costs and impacts of climate change.

The Ontario provincial climate change impact assessment will evaluate climate change impacts at a provincial scale, as well as focus analysis at a regional scale that takes into account the unique geographies, economies, municipalities and communities of those regions.

The assessment will also examine the impacts on a number of key themes, including infrastructure, food

and agriculture, people and communities, natural resources, ecosystems and the environment, and business and the economy.

The assessment will ensure that municipalities have access to the most up-to-date information about the regional impacts their communities will be facing, now and into the future.

Ontario's climate is changing, with more frequent and extreme events such as severe rain, ice and wind storms, prolonged heat waves and milder winters.

In 2018, insured damage for severe weather events across Canada reached \$1.9 billion.

The Insurance Bureau of Canada estimates that for every dollar paid out in insurance claims for homes and businesses, Canadian governments pay out \$3 to recover public infrastructure damaged by severe weather.

Ontario has also finalized an emissions performance standards program for large, industrial emitters to ensure polluters are accountable for their greenhouse gas emissions and proposed to begin transition to higher renewable content in gasoline in the coming years, without increasing prices at the pump.

Ontario has played an important role in fighting climate change and has already shown strong leadership by taking steps to significantly reduce its greenhouse gas emissions since 2005. Almost all of Canada's progress towards its 2030 Paris Agreement target has been driven by Ontario.

"Rigorous assessment of risk is an essential foundation for sustained, effective improvement in resilience to flooding, severe weather and other extreme climate events. The Government of Ontario's provincial climate change impact assessment is an important and welcome step forward toward the building of climate resilience across the province," said Paul Kovacs, chair of the Advisory Panel on Climate Change.

"The Climate Risk Institute is pleased to be leading this climate change impact assessment of vulnerabilities to Ontario's natural environment, economies, and communities, which is critical for prioritizing decisions that protect and create resilient investments, livelihoods, ecosystems, and public health and safety. The assessment will support decisions that are informed by science and local knowledge and will allow for a more strategic approach to climate change adaptation planning in Ontario," added Al Douglas, president of the Climate Risk Institute.

Governments extend child care funding

Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, and Ahmed Hussen, federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, announced an additional investment through the one-year Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement (ELCC) of nearly \$147 million to Ontario for 2020-21. This funding will help licensed child care providers and EarlyON child and family centres.

In 2020-21, ELCC funding supported measures to minimize the impacts of COVID-19. It will also continue to support initiatives outlined in the initial three-year agreement, including increased access for families and professional learning for staff. Funding provided through the ELCC is in addition to \$234.6 million being provided through the Safe Restart Agreement to keep children and staff safe in child care and early years settings.

"We are investing more in child care to ensure it is safe, accessible and affordable for working moms and dads," said Minister Lecce. "This agreement will ensure funding continues to flow so that child care remains available to parents as they return to work today and into the future."

During the closure and reopening periods, provincial funding was available to all child care operators to help them remain financially sustainable following the COVID-19 outbreak. Ontario also fully funded emergency child care for health care and other frontline workers during the closure period, and protected parents by preventing child care fees from being charged where care was not provided.

There are over 5,500 child care centres and 124 licensed home child care agencies across Ontario.



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From Thursday, September 10 to Wednesday, September 16

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Federal Government Provides \$2 Billion in Support for a Safe Return to Class

In Ontario the Safe Return to Class funding of up to \$763M can be used for:

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- ✓ Health and safety training for staff



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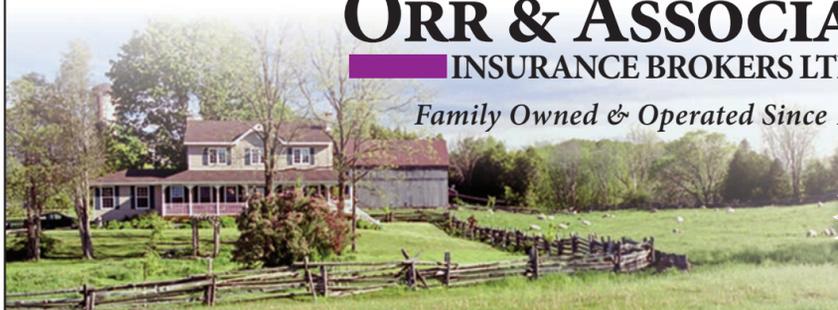
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Local girl raises funds to help zoo project

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

Six-year-old Charlotte Killman can't wait to see the new Orangutan outdoor habitat at the Toronto Zoo. As a participant in the Toronto Oasis ZooRun, she is helping raise funds for the project.

The virtual race, and her love for animals, has kept this Grade 1 student

busy this summer. As she trains to run in the race, Killman has beat her own best time by completing 1 kilometre in under 6 minutes.

"I learned about the Orangutans by watching the TV show Wild Kratts. I don't like people cutting down the forest and destroying their habitat," said Charlotte, adding, "My mom told me about the Toronto Zoo Oasis Run and how they are running to fundraise money for the Orangutan Habitat Project."

Charlotte made two videos telling people about her cause, showing her training and asking for donations.

"I posted her videos to social media. Since Aug. 2, she has run every single day for 1 km along with her dad, and sometimes with her sister and myself," said her mother, Meghan. "Neighbours have even started to cheer her on as she runs. We keep track of her times and record it. I post a photo of her daily run times to social media with the link to her fundraising."

The St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School student runs from her house to the Schomberg Library every day. She's motivated by seeing people donate to her page and knowing that she is making a difference.

"Every time she gets a new donation she wants to get even more for the orangutans. We started with a goal of \$200, then quickly had to change to \$500, \$750, and \$1,000 as the goals kept getting surpassed. She can't believe how much her family and friends have supported her," said Meghan.

Charlotte is thrilled that she has a project that everyone in her family is in-



involved in. She loves trying to break her personal best time, even if that sometimes means waking up at 5:30 a.m. to run with her dad Wesley before he goes to work. "She works out with her dad and his friends outside, and by dancing every day. She is a highland dancer," said Meghan.

Charlotte's parents we are proud and supportive of her goals.

"We hope that after the run in September, this experience will have inspired her to have a lifelong interest in fitness as well as have given her a first-hand understanding that she can, is,

and should make a positive difference in the world through her actions. We will always encourage her to continue to 'be the change she wants to see in the world'," said Meghan.

As for Charlotte, she can't wait to see the finished orangutan outdoor habitat next year at the Toronto Zoo, and know that she played a part in helping to give them a new and better home.

To donate to Charlotte's page, please visit: <https://raceroster.com/events/2020/27923/oasis-zoo-run-virtual-race-2020/pledge/participant/9737355>



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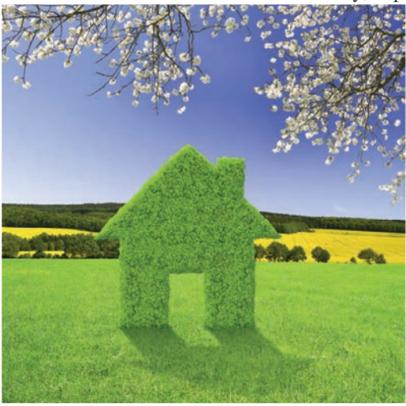
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Conservancy unveils 'Happy Trails Project' in King

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is announcing an updated hiking trail system at their privately protected nature reserves in the Happy Valley Forest, near King City.

Known as the "Happy Trails Project," the non-profit, national land conservation organization is aiming to create a new and improved visitor experience of its Happy Valley Forest trail system. The updated trails system includes new trail loops and links, trail and signage improvements, as well as some trail closures. The purpose of the project is to provide sustainable and nature-friendly hiking experiences, while protecting this important natural area.

"The Happy Valley Forest has become a popular destination these days, as residents and visitors seek out local natural spaces for much-needed outdoor recreation due to the situation around COVID-19," said Jenna Siu, NCC biologist. "The Happy Trails project is part of NCC's response to this growing interest in visiting NCC's nature reserves."

Visitors to NCC's Happy Valley Forest properties will find 6.4 kilometres of public hiking trails, new trailhead signs, trail maps with hiking guidelines, improved trail marking, new boardwalks and some trail rerouting in sensitive areas.

"We welcome hikers to our properties," says Siu, "but these properties are nature reserves first. We ask that visitors follow our permitted uses, keep their dogs on leash at all times, practice good trail etiquette – including social distancing – and respect neighbouring private landowners by staying on the designated and signed trails at all times."

NCC is also creating an accessible

trail and parking lot that will provide people with disabilities and mobility issues an opportunity to enjoy and appreciate nature amid the hills of the Oak Ridges Moraine. The roughly 1-kilometre trail is NCC's first in southern Canada and will travel through meadow and forest on NCC's Goldie Feldman Nature Reserve.

A new trail link will be named in honour of the late Don McGeachy, a long-time supporter of NCC's conser-

vation work in Happy Valley Forest.

The Happy Trails project is generously funded in part by the TD Bank Group and TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, and the Regional Municipality of York – a key partner in NCC's work in Happy Valley Forest for more than 15 years.

To learn more about the Happy Valley Forest Happy Trails project, and to donate, visit www.natureconservancy.ca/en/where-we-work/ontario/fea-

[tured-projects/happy-trails-project.html](http://www.natureconservancy.ca/en/where-we-work/ontario/fea-tured-projects/happy-trails-project.html).

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is the nation's leading not-for-profit, private land conservation organization, working to protect our most important natural areas and the species they sustain. Since 1962, NCC and its partners have helped to protect 14 million hectares (35 million acres), coast to coast to coast, with more than 84,000 hectares (207,000 acres) in Ontario. To learn more, visit natureconservancy.ca.



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Pandemic has changed many people's eating habits

By Mark Pavilons

The pandemic has left a lasting impression on Canadian diners.

Results of a study by Andie.work has revealed some interesting trends.

On a national level, Canadians feel significantly safer eating at independent restaurants (35.5%) vs. fast food (23.0%) or chain restaurants (11.1%).

Canadians feel safer on patios (21.7%) than indoor dining rooms (10.2%).

Over half of Canadians (56.8%) are still "only eating at home."

Men are the most concerned about "exposure to other patrons" at 58.3% vs. 41.7% (women).

Ontario men seem to really be missing buffets: 70.2% of the Ontario respondents that picked buffet as the safest place to eat during COVID were men vs. only 28.2% of women.

Ontario men (65.2%) and women (34.8%) are greatly divided on eating in at a restaurant dining room.

Ontario men (49.7%) and women (50.3%) are surprisingly equal in their choice to "only eat at home." Men 60.4% are much more in favour of patio dining than women 39.6%.

Andie.work, Canada's leading, free AI online and mobile app designed to empower consumers to avoid COVID-19 exposure, is expanding its functionality to keep Canadians safe when they dine in at a restaurant or bar or visit a patio.

As part of their plan to further protect consumers, Andie.work recently conducted a survey of 1000 Canadians to uncover and address their greatest concerns while dining out.

The app, which has been helping Ca-

nadians stay safe during COVID-19 by predicting the shortest wait times at liquor, grocery store, pharmacy, clinic, gas stations, and big box stores has added a comprehensive 8 category ratings protection system to keep Canadians safe at re-opened restaurants.

Through Andie.work's "Dining Defender" update, Canadians that use the app will be able to review ratings from other diners and rate their own experiences in real-time. Diners will rate the critical COVID touchpoints of utensils, bathrooms, staff cleanliness, food preparation, physical distancing, safety rules enforcement, guest PPE and availability of hand sanitizers and share those ratings in the app.

"We see this active ecosystem of diners on the app during COVID as a big step forward in protecting Canadians who choose to eat out," said Dan Snow, CMO of Andie.work. "For the sake of restaurants and patrons alike, we've expanded the Andie.work app to make eating out safer for Canadians and with the ratings system, they can dine with confidence."

Asked to identify their biggest barriers to eating out right now, nearly half (45.7%) said 'potentially catching COVID.' Exposure to other patrons (21.7%), 'unable to afford eating out now' (16.5%), and long lineups with other patrons (12.0%) were their top additional concerns.

Asked what touchpoints while dining out concern them the most, 32.2% said exposure to other patrons, followed by bathrooms (22.0%), lineups (12.6%), exposure to wait staff (10.4%), the food itself (9.6%) and utensils (9.3%).



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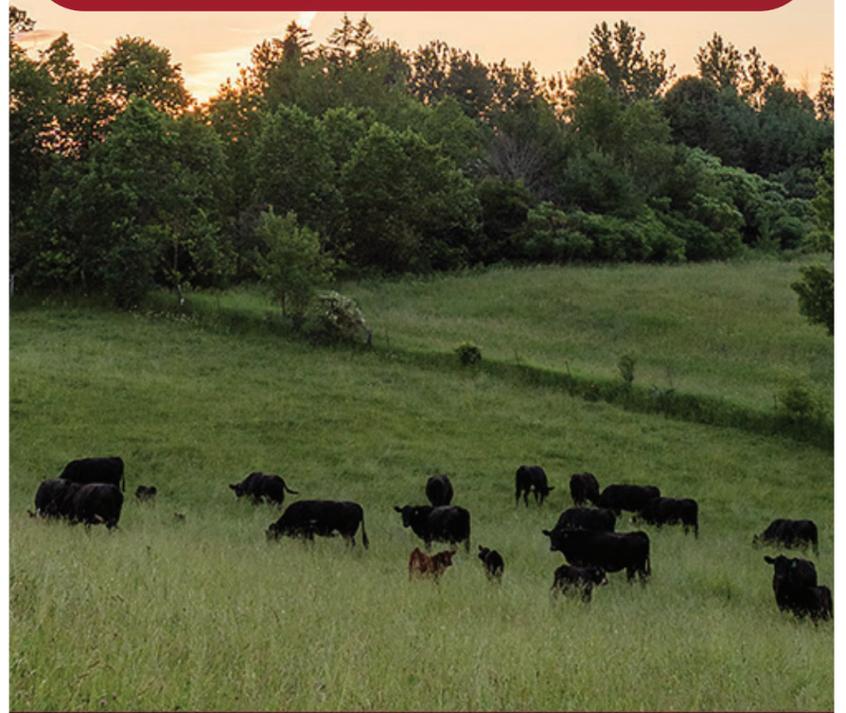
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Arts & Entertainment

Catching up with Stephen Sparks, a master of the stage

By Constance Scrafield

Away from the bright lights and the enthusiastic applause, well known, well loved actor, Stephen Sparks is spending his time fruitfully with his wife, Shelley Hoffman, in their Toronto home.

"I love to cook," said in a recent telephone interview. "I took home economics in high school. It was always a plan; I worked in a bistro on College Street at one time, for a while.

"I was also renovating houses with a crew," he added. "We (he and Ms. Hoffman) bought a real fixer-upper in Toronto; fixed it up and sold it and bought this one. And how I've spent my pandemic is doing work on the house. There's always something more to do: we've repainted the living room and stripped and stained the main staircase in the house."

He commented with a chuckle: "My wife enjoys when our friends say, 'Are you finished your renovations?'"

As chef of the house, Mr. Sparks likes best, "Italian - three to five ingredients. I got a smoker a few years ago and we have smoked bacon and squash

-it keeps me out of trouble."

Acting in Stephen Sparks' life began in junior high school.

"I stepped into acting and drama class - I was sort of shy and really liked the acting. My high school had an excellent drama teacher, Mrs Brant; she was English and taught English class. I was the drama kid in a not artistic school; it was more blue collar," he said. "I loved it. She did a big play every year and then a silly princess play. Then, she brought in a one act play about Jason and the Golden Fleece. It was hard hitting and emotional."

He added: "She's one of the reasons I continued on, as with a lot of my colleagues, who realized they could give acting a shot through a high school drama. Some in for a lark and then the other ones, for the discipline."

He commented, "Theatre is intellectually challenging if you do it right. (Norm) Foster's curiosity about how people behave is always thought provoking."

Over recent years, Stephen Sparks and his wife have made forays into play writing.

"My wife is a television writer and she write scripts for children's cartoons.

"All of us get an idea and we think we could write a play. I had this idea - something with my grandmother and Shelley said, 'Let's write it.' We have coffee in bed in the morning together; one kisses the other one awake. One morning, I said something about a story that has to do with a kid on the farm and how the sale of their farm went. I often work in regional theatres and I'm often aware of farm land. Shelley is the driving force: she said, 'I want to write this.'

And that's exactly what the couple did.

"She went to visit a friend in Vermont. So, while she was there, she just pumped out the first 20 pages. The way we did it, was one person would write something down and gave it back - an idea and yes that makes me think of that. We're collaborative."

Their play, *Buying the Farm*, premiered in the Port Stanley Festival Theatre, and was produced in the Royal Manitoba Theatre centre.



"It worked all over Manitoba," said Sparks.

Also, the show was staged at Thunder Bay's Magnus Theatre, where, incidentally, Sparks and Hoffman met in 1998 and one presumes the sparks flew ...

Buying the Farm was a hit, as well, in Kincardine, at the Blue Water Summer Playhouse.

"I have a few friends that run theatres. Putting together a season, there's a lot of reasons why you can't just put on any play. You have to balance your selections," he said. "The pandemic quashed that and a second play. They're the type of plays that would fit well in the theatres I work in. The first one is about a farm that is being eaten up by developers. It's heart warming. Magnus Bjornson is the old bachelor farmer who owns the farm. It's an Icelandic name."

So, what was the inspiration for the character?

"Shelley's best friend died and he left her his Equity RRSP. My wife and my mother love each other and she said, 'We're taking your mother to Iceland' and we took her and saw the waterfalls and we had a great great trip.

"My mother is full blooded Icelandic, but born in Saskatchewan and my grandfather was an Icelandic cowboy farmer," he remarked humorously.

"It's really interesting creating something with your life partner," continued Sparks. "There have to be fights because we have different viewpoints about how it should go and you're collaborating, so, you have to pick which hill he'll die on.

"We've been together for 22 glorious years. She used to be an actor and we met on a show at the Thunder Bay theatre. She's what we call a recovering actor."

He offered, "I will always act; it's been hard making a career of it. Shelley's self-employed and we're making a go of it. We have our house in Toronto - which is amazing.

"Because I am sporadically employed as an actor, I was doing the bathroom in the first house, and had it taken apart; she had a powder room downstairs and the gym for showering because I got a job and was going to be away for six weeks. There has to be a lot of give and take - when I'm working, I'm gone."

However, at Theatre Orangeville, it is a bit easier: "At Theatre Orangeville, I do the commuting during the run; during the rehearsal, I stay at the Lord Dufferin; so, it's 50/50."

As for the future, "Shelley and I are working on another play, for one. That's

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Resident sews, donates more than 1,000 masks

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

Tara McVeigh (Graham) may have lost her job during the pandemic but she gained much more. The single mother decided to use her sewing machine to make free masks for the local community.

“At the beginning of the pandemic, I was completely shocked and saddened to see how many people were hoarding sanitizer, toilet paper and other items, and reselling them at a higher price. I did not want to be a part of that. Everybody was scared of this new reality we have been dropped in, and I saw it as a way to give back to the community. Hopefully, I restored some of their faith in humanity by showing that not everybody is looking to profit,” said the Schomberg resident.

Over the past few months, McVeigh has sewn and donated over a 1,000 masks, with several hundred more in the works. When she was offered mon-

ey or materials, the single mother redirected them to the local food bank, requesting them to make a donation there if they were able to.

“When I put up my posts for a new batch of masks on local social media, they are often all spoken for within a few hours. I then put the others on a list for the next batch,” said McVeigh, who hasn’t earned a single penny from the masks. “Many people offered me money for materials. I have turned down their kind offers and encouraged them to spend that money towards a donation to the food bank,” she said.

When she did run out of materials, however, the community came to her rescue.

“Once I exhausted my personal sewing materials, I put a call out to the community and the response was phenomenal. The 900 masks that I am making right now are all from material donated by community members. I am over-



whelmed by their generosity.”

McVeigh’s grandmother taught her how to sew at the age of seven so she could make clothes for her Barbie dolls.

“When my grandmother decided to upgrade her sewing machine, she gave me her 1968 Singer and I have been using it ever since.”

For McVeigh, sewing the masks has been a distraction from the situation created by the Covid-19 pandemic.

“It’s a project to keep me busy. I have ‘met’ so many people in the community through social media and heard their stories of how the pandemic has affected them and their families. Ours is a lovely community full of lovely people. All the messages, stories and apprecia-

tion I have received from the community drive me to continue doing what I’m doing.”

Not surprisingly, her 11-year-old son takes after his mother. He has witnessed the hard work, long hours and the incredible community response that his mom has received by giving away masks for free.

“He and I were talking and I calculated how much money I could have made if I had sold the masks instead of giving them away for free. But he told me it was better that I gave them to people because they needed them. That made me so proud of him. He sees the value of people and how important it is to help others.”



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Post-secondary re-opening plan prioritizes health and safety

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has been working with the post-secondary sector to help ensure the health and safety of students, faculty and staff as institutions re-open for the

fall term.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak the government has partnered with post-secondary institutions to help establish best practices for in person teaching. This includes COVID-19 testing for

students who are in quarantine as a result of travel outside of Canada immediately before classes start. The province is also helping the postsecondary sector meet federal requirements for international students, including ensuring that quarantine and outbreak management plans are in place.

“Post-secondary institutions have carefully considered and developed plans to welcome students this fall, delivering programs in-class, online, and through hybrid models,” said Ross Romano, Minister of Colleges and Universities. “We have heard from our post-secondary partners about the challenges and opportunities involved with a safe return to campus, and we are building on the experience of the limited in-class summer reopening pilot programs. I want to thank our postsecondary institutions for their efforts to ensure all the necessary health and safety measures are in place for the fall.”

In addition to working with the post-secondary sector on the safe re-opening of the fall term, the province also conducted extensive consultations throughout the summer on the future of higher education in Ontario. Discussions focused on key initiatives such as digital learning, international students, micro-credentials, research and commercialization and financial sustainability.

“Ontario’s postsecondary sector has bold ideas on how to adapt post-secondary education and training to meet the needs of a rapidly changing job market and economy, and to fuel the future prosperity of the province,” said Minister Romano. “We have strong leaders in our post-secondary system, and I value their insight and perspective as we plan our next steps. We have a shared vision to build on the talent and skills of our students and graduates to drive Ontario’s economic recovery.”

To support postsecondary excel-

lence and accountability, Ontario remains committed to moving ahead with performance-based funding. In response to COVID-19, the government is delaying the activation of performance-based funding for up to two years to provide financial stability and predictability to Ontario’s publicly funded colleges and universities.

More than 15,000 students took part in the summer reopening pilot program that allowed “academically stranded” students to complete outstanding credits by returning to campus.

In 2018-19, more than 800,000 students enrolled in Ontario’s colleges, universities, Indigenous Institutes and private career colleges located in every region of the province.

On Aug. 26, the federal government announced important new measures on post-graduation work permit eligibility for international students beginning programs online. In fall 2019, approximately 169,500 full-time international students attended publicly-assisted colleges and universities. An additional 50,000 international students attended private career colleges or private language schools.

To support OSAP borrowers, on March 25, the government also announced a temporary deferral of OSAP loan payments and interest accrual. Coupled with the second year of a province-wide tuition freeze, Ontario is easing the financial burden on students and making postsecondary education more affordable.

“We’re grateful for the support we have received from Minister Romano and the government as we developed plans to protect the health of our students, faculty and staff. Colleges will deliver high-quality programs to students in a safe learning environment, whether those students are learning online or on campus. They will acquire the professional expertise that leads to rewarding careers and will help drive Ontario’s economic recovery,” said Linda Franklin, president and CEO, Colleges Ontario.

“Ontario’s universities look forward to welcoming new and returning students. While the experience will look different this year, universities remain committed to providing students with a safe, enriching, high quality educational experience. By working together, we can support the academic success of our students, continue to foster innovative research and ideas and help strengthen Ontario’s competitive economy and recovery – creating a better future for our students, communities and the province,” added David Lindsay, president and CEO, Council of Ontario Universities.

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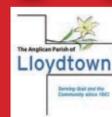
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Bill 184 could result in 15,000 evictions in York Region, says housing coalition

With the recent enactment of Bill 184: Protecting Tenants and Strengthening Community Housing Act, this is a pivotal time to bring affordable housing strategies to the spotlight.

Housing experts are predicting that approximately 10% of all tenants who will feel like they have no choice but to enter into rent repayment agreements with their landlords, will default due to loss of employment, limited income

and other hardships brought on by COVID-19.

Evictions are inevitable. The Affordable Housing Coalition of York Region (AHCYR) estimates that this bill could result in as many as 15,000 individuals being evicted in York Region alone.

AHCYR is a coalition of community organizers, housing advocates and concerned citizens across York Region looking to increase access to affordable

housing for residents. On Aug. 17, AHCYR and the Community Legal Clinic of York Region (CLCYR) held a tenants rights presentation to discuss the serious implications that Bill 184 has on Ontario renters.

“Compounding the problem of tenants’ with less income thanks to the pandemic, is that housing prices remain extremely high,” says Lee Webb of CLCYR. “Even larger landlords may now be tempted by the difference between market rents and those charged to their tenants, and choose to evict their tenants to renovate. These types of evictions seem to be increasing, and they often target the little low-cost private market housing that there is.”

With the current state of affairs brought on by COVID-19, affordable housing, now more than ever, should be viewed as a priority in York Region. AHCYR has launched a Right2Housing

York Region campaign to promote housing as a human right. This campaign exerts pressure on elected officials in York Region to influence change in housing policies and obtain commitments from decision makers to make land available and increase the availability of affordable housing.

They’ve started their campaign on Twitter and YouTube but influencing regional, provincial and federal policies doesn’t happen without the public. Follow and engage with them.

“Let’s create the change required to increase the availability of affordable housing options in York Region. Everyone deserves a place to call home,” the group said in a statement.

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Stephen Sparks, master of the stage

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how we’re being creative, just waiting for the pandemic, when we can go back to acting in the plays I’m booked for. Theatre will never go away. It’s always going to be there. It’s in for the long haul,” he promised. “Theatre never will shut down.

“That being said, I love what a lot of theatres are doing, being creative – holding things by Zoom; some performances are happening over the internet. Groups of friends that we know regularly get together that way.

“I got out of the house to see the Van Gogh Exhibit in the old Toronto Star building (1 Yonge Street). A computer adjusted animated showing of his paintings. It’s about a 40 minute program. This is the first thing I’ve done with an audience, but also at a social distance – beautiful variation of the

work by Van Gogh.

“It was a very moving experience and it seems pretty safe to me. There’s nothing you can touch; everybody must wear a mask but you’re still experiencing something together; there’s community, humanity. Just to see it live was incredible.

“Another thing that the pandemic has underlined, we’ve got to create internet infrastructure for rural communities. Hopefully there’ll be lessons, more independent financing.”

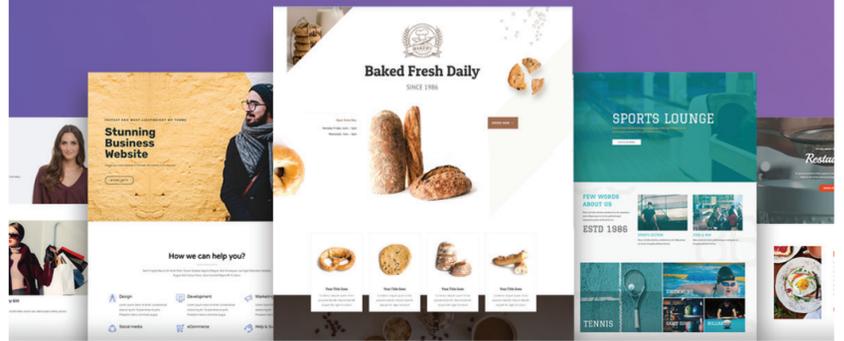
Reaching out, “I just want everybody to stay well and give those who make mistakes reminders. Please remember, I don’t want you to kill my mom [by not wearing a mask] and treat everybody with love.

“Mom’s in Edmonton,” he said. “They all just came home from a week on the lake and sent a photo of mom on a poodle noodle on the lake.”



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Canadians afraid to return to workplace, KPMG poll finds

More than half (54 per cent) of Canadians are afraid to return to the workplace given just how contagious the COVID-19 virus is, and six in 10 will refuse to go back if they feel it's not safe enough, finds a new poll by KPMG in Canada. Still, 82 per cent trust their employer to take and maintain all the necessary health and safety precautions.

"Our poll findings clearly show that Canadians are placing a great deal of trust in their employers to manage their return to the workplace and in keeping them safe," said Doron Melnick, partner and acting lead of KPMG's people and change advisory services practice. "The pandemic is forcing every employer in the country to adopt comprehensive protocols and safety measures, and to look at new ways of staying connected to their employees."

Virtually all Canadians (94 per cent) believe the pandemic is far from over, and 83 per cent say they're worried about catching the virus or transmitting it to their loved ones. But, as long as the number of COVID cases remain relatively low, as many as 72 per cent of Canadians would be okay going back to their physical workplace, although they believe there will be a second wave of infections in the fall or winter that will shut down workplaces all over again.

Key Poll Highlights:

- 94 per cent of Canadians believe COVID-19 is far from over.
- 83 per cent worry about getting COVID-19 or transmitting it to their loved ones.
- 54 per cent admit they're afraid of returning to the workplace given how contagious the COVID-19 virus is.
- Three in five (59 per cent) women say they're fearful of returning, compared to 49 per cent of men.
- British Columbians and Ontarians are the most fearful of returning, at 60 per cent and 64 per cent, respectively.
- 72 per cent are OK with going back to the workplace now when the number of COVID-19 cases is relatively low, but they think a second wave this autumn or winter will shut down workplaces all over again.
- 64 per cent would feel much or somewhat better about heading back into their physical workplace if their employer kept them updated in real-time about the level of health risk at their office and provided resources to foster their health and well-being.

In B.C. and Ontario, nearly 7 in 10 em-

ployees (69 per cent) would feel much or somewhat better.

Six in 10 Canadians (59 per cent) say they will refuse to return to their workplace if they don't feel safe enough.

82 per cent trust their employer to take and maintain all the necessary health and safety precautions.

The KPMG poll findings show that most Canadians (76 per cent) are satisfied with their work-from-home environment, and almost six in 10 (59 per cent) say they feel more productive.

However, they do feel their relationships with co-workers are suffering. An equal number (59 per cent) say their relationship with their co-workers is weaker in their current work-from-home environment. Seven in 10 (71 per cent) prefer in-person communication over any other form, including email, and 76 per cent say face-to-face in-person meetings are key to successfully building and maintaining long-term business relationships.

When returning to their physical workplace, more than three-quarters (77 per cent) of Canadians said their top concern was that their colleagues might come to work sick or be asymptomatic.

Nearly six in 10 (57 per cent) were worried about sharing common spaces like meeting or lunch rooms, and 40 per cent were concerned about the air ventilation and circulation. They were least concerned about having to wear a mask in their workplace and waiting for an elevator.

Three in five Canadians would use their employer's smart phone app to help them avoid busy and crowded office areas, with slightly more than a quarter (26 per cent) expressing concern about app geo-tracking privacy.

The more employers can do to keep their workers safe, the more likely they are to drive both loyalty and productivity.

The poll findings reveal that 84 per cent of Canadians said they'd be more loyal to their employer or willing to give the extra effort when they know their company cares and is focused on keeping them safe. That's in line with Ontario and below 89 per cent in Alberta and 87 per cent in B.C.

Nearly two-thirds of respondents in Ontario (65 per cent) would download an app from their employer that lets them know how busy office areas are so that they can avoid those areas. The national average is 60 per cent.

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York9 FC is coming back to Ontario after loss

By Robert Belardi

It's a ubiquitous feeling in the dressing room. Expectations were so high and the result is nowhere, where it should have been.

That's the part that hurts the most. Knowing you could go far until soccer's precarious wasp; for lack of a better metaphor, stings you. It's not one a sting that remains for a day. It's duration, passes on into the next year and the next season.

That's what the Nine Stripes have to be feeling right now. In the final week of the tournament, manager Jimmy Brennan stated the goal was clear. Defeat FC Edmonton to start and then challenge an incredibly tough Cavalry FC side with everything you've got.

Against FC Edmonton last Tuesday, the Nine Stripes walked away with a 1-0 victory. Captain Manny Aparicio

stepped up to the dead ball in the 44th minute and zinged his free kick past Dylan Powley's short post.

That was his second free-kick goal in consecutive matches, and the club's fifth set piece goal in three games.

"Manu's great in the dressing room. He leads by example on and off the pitch. The way he trains and plays he expects everyone else to do so. We're lucky, because we have a lot of experience in that dressing room," said head coach Jimmy Brennan after the match.

York9 ultimately walked away with the 1-0 victory against an Edmonton club in last place. Christopher Manella finally made his first appearance in that game following an injury that sidelined him for the tournament.

Heading into Saturday's crucial tilt with Cavalry FC, this would have been the first time in the entire bubble, York9 would be a healthy squad.



Manella and Michael Petrasso came into the final match healthy. That was a positive sign.

The negative of course, is the Nine Stripes lost to Cavalry 1-0 and with a Pacific FC win against FC Edmonton on the final match-day, it was all over for Y9.

The club didn't play poorly by any means, but execution has seemingly bit them in the behind once again.

In the final four matches of the tournament, York9 did not score a goal in free play.

Managing Consultant Angus McNab delivered a heart-breaking message to fans via Instagram.

"Our time in Charlottetown may

have ended prematurely but there were plenty of uplifting moments we can be proud of: some spectacular goals from our captain Manny Aparicio and recent signing Alvaro Rivero, Luca Gasparotto continuing to make CPL history by playing every available minute for our club, the solidarity and eloquence displayed by our group in raising awareness for Black Lives Matter and sharing their own experience of racism," McNab wrote.

There will be more to come next week from the club and a look at the biggest take-aways in York9's involvement in the Island Games.

The finals of the Island Games is set to be played on Sept. 19 at 2 p.m. EST.



Aurora-King Jays donate to All Kids Can Play

By Robert Belardi

Head coach Irene Skanderis and manager Brenda Badger of the 15U, Aurora-King Jays generously donated \$1,000 to the All Kids Can Play Program recently.

Since Badger and Skanderis have been with this club, both have chosen to donate every year and this time, they have decided to go with their local charity.

"Our team has always paid it forward, by providing a team donation to a charitable organization in each season. This season, we are continuing with our annual donation by giving to Sport Aurora - All Kids Can Play Program," Skanderis said.

"Our team contribution will help families with financial difficulties. All kids should have the opportunity to play sports and because our children are part of this community, this is why we felt that other children in Aurora should benefit from the team's donation."

Skanderis and Badger are thankful to of made everlasting friendships within the organization and are proud to of contributed to sport in Aurora.

Coach Skanderis has decided to step away from coaching competitively this year. She is thankful for all the friendships she has made during the many years of her coaching career and this was definitely not how she envisioned her final season. Irene Skanderis extends a big thank you to her Assistant Coaches Mark Alexander, David Molella, Brian Veloso and Team Manager Brenda Badger, as well as the players and parent group for their hard work and dedication throughout the years.

Comment

Into the conference finals we go

By Robert Belardi

It's finally now down to four teams in this year's NHL playoffs.

All four clubs will be playing their final games of hockey in Edmonton.

Sometimes, you wonder it's crazy how the league got here. The league battles a pandemic, plans hub cities, structures out a new playoff format all in the span of a few months and so far, knock on wood, it has all been successful and every player in the bubble is coronavirus free.

In this year's final four, the Las Vegas Golden Knights will be taking on a tenacious Dallas Stars squad in the west, while the pesky and resilient New York Islanders go up against a stormy Tampa Bay Lightning club, looking to get back into the Stanley Cup finals since 2015.

If you had it scripted any other way then it's not your fault. But two of the favourites are here and two of the non-favourites have it made this far.

Let's take a look at the match-ups.

Dallas Stars vs. Vegas Golden Knights

Off of the stick of defenceman John Klingberg, the Stars took game one. This club has been itching to get back into the Stanley Cup finals since their infamous victory in 1999 against the Buffalo Sabres.

See 'Knights' on Page 17



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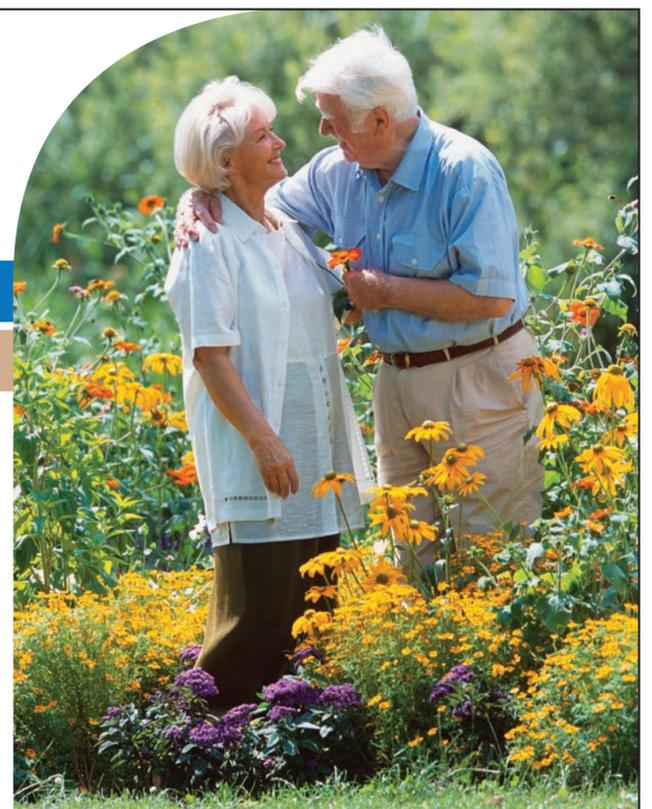
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Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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Schomberg Farmers' Market

Yes, Schomberg does indeed have a Farmers' Market, pandemic or not! Albeit, it is acting as a Virtual Market 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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Dufferin Marsh Fundraiser

Get your poster of our famous Northern Hawk Owl "Logito" at Nik, Nak, Nook in Schomberg. This poster is a fundraiser for the Dufferin Marsh in support of a new interpretive sign about the Northern Hawk Owl.

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

At a recent joint board meeting it was decided that we will not meet in person until Oct. 11 (Thanksgiving Sunday). A safety committee was formed that will create guidelines and protocols for in-person worship. Until that time, we will continue to have recorded on-line worship each Sunday. These videos can

be received by e-mail, viewed on the Nobleton Facebook page, or via the Nobleton YouTube channel. If you add your name to our e-mail list, you will also receive our Newsletters and links to some music selections.

If you would like a text copy of the service, please contact Carol-Ann so she can drop one off for you. Weather permitting, we will continue to meet Thursdays at 10 a.m. for social distance visiting behind Nobleton United. The safety of our community is our priority and we will continue to do whatever necessary to keep one another safe and do our best to ensure though we are not meeting in person that the church is very much alive.

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

Schomberg Country Run

Sign up and support the 10th annual Schomberg Community Run as we commemorate the late Reverend Shelagh Ashworth and her commitment to indigenous issues.

This year the Schomberg Country Run is a Virtual Event. You can run

anytime between Sept. 16 and 26. Participants may however follow the traditional route (starting at the Anglican Church 116 Church St. Schomberg; which will be marked from Sept. 16 to the 26. Otherwise, participants can devise their own 5K route.

One free mask (youth or adult size) will be given to each entrant. Families receive three masks. The kickoff is at 6 p.m. on Sept. 16 at St. Mary Magdalene Church, 116 Church St. Schomberg. Coffee and treats will be offered, masks can be picked up and on site registration will be available at that time. The morning of Sept. 26, at 9 a.m. registration will also be available and mask pick-up and at 11am closing ceremonies will be held. These registration options are alternatives to online registrations here on Eventbrite. Buy your tickets anytime!

The entry fee for any individual is \$25, mask included. The family rate of \$50 covers all those residing in the same household, 3 masks included.

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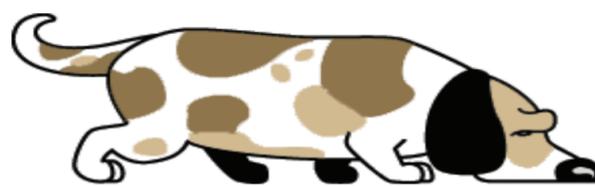
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Knights, Lightning favourites

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Now, the Stars have been surging towards another appearance and after falling short of the finals last season, losing to the St. Louis Blues for the western conference title, there's no question Tyler Seguin and captain Jamie Benn want to get in there.

Sophomore defenceman Miro Heiskanen leads the way for the Stars with 21 points; the most among any defencemen.

In front of them, is a Golden Knights team, juggling goaltenders and a mighty offensive prowess at the fore.

Defenceman Shea Theodore leads the way with 17 points and forward Mark Stone isn't behind with 15. The key to this series is going to come down to goaltending. After starting game one, can Marc Andre Fleury and/or Robin Lehner carry Vegas and can Anton Khudobin be consistent for the Stars?

It's a tough pick. Prediction: Golden Knights in 7.

New York Islanders vs Tampa Bay Lightning

Tampa Bay, the moment is finally here. The Lightning have seemingly dominated the NHL for years and only to fall short of expectations. They can't be proud of that.

What they can be proud of, is an 8-2 victory to open up the series against the Islanders Monday night, chasing Thomas Greiss, who got the go-ahead to start this one.

Brayden Point has amassed 23 points in these playoffs, including a five-point night in game one.

He will look to go head-to-head against Matthew Barzal of the Islanders in an interesting tilt to look out for.

In this series, the Lightning have a few advantages on defence and goaltending. The Islanders don't have a sure-fire number one stud on the back end and the Lightning, have Victor Hedman, Mikhail Sergachev, Ryan McDonagh, Kevin Shattenkirk and Zach Bogosian.

The reigning Vezina Trophy winner in goal, Andrei Vasilevskiy has just three losses in the playoffs.

Although this, is the first time since 1993, the New York Islanders are making it to the conference finals, the Lightning just might be too much to handle.

Prediction: Lightning in six.

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King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

We hope you had a great Labour Day weekend!

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Our churches have opened, adhering to the guidelines of the Province of Ontario, York Region and Shining Waters Region (United Church of Canada). Next Sunday's service, Sept. 13, will be held at New Hope United Church in Vaughan located just outside Vaughan Mills Mall. We ask that those who are attending to RSVP to New Hope Office at newhopeunited@bellnet.ca.

This services will also be posted online on our website at kcuc.net and copies of the sermon and bulletin can be found there. You may contact the office for more information at 905-833-5181 or Sheryl Sinka 416-450-0140.

Precautions continue to include: masks are required indoors and throughout the service. You may only sit with those from your household even if you carpooled together. You must read the screening questions and sanitize your hands prior to entering the building and you must provide your name and a contact number.

Full PDF of the Precautions and Procedures are on our website and if you would like a copy sent to you please contact our office at 905-833-5181.

We will continue to provide opportunity to worship online with over 400 United Churches across Canada is also possible through the link provided on the home page of our website.

The Women's Prayer Circle is still "open for business," and we can still pray together, even if not in person. Although our weekly Tuesday morning meetings at the condo building on Burns Blvd. are still suspended, they will resume as soon as the government rules are relaxed.

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

If you are in need of assistance please contact the office at 905-833-5181 and leave a message. Website: kcuc.net

King City Seniors

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

King Bible Church

Join us for our next in-person service on Sept. 20 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Mark will be continuing our series "This is My God" with "God Is Good."

We have ensured that we can provide a safe place for you and your family to worship. Like the world around us, things are going to look different. You can read about the specifics in our Re-Opening Plan which you will on our website (www.kingbiblechurch.com).

If you are not yet ready to return to

in-person gatherings, the service in its entirety will be recorded and posted on our Facebook page later Sunday afternoon for you to enjoy. As well, during the weeks we are not gathering in person, we will continue to meet online Sundays at 10:30 a.m. available through our Facebook page.

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

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St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's is looking forward to reopening in September! Our first worship service will be held Sept. 13, at 10:30 a.m. Children will remain in the sanctuary with the adults in their "Social Bubble" for now. Information has been sent out to all households. If you have questions or concerns, please call the office or Lynn Vissers, 416-998-4652 or 905-833-2325.

If you are not feeling well, stay home and seek medical advice. Also, if you do not feel comfortable with an in-person service, you can continue to worship in your homes Sunday mornings by going to our website <http://standrews-king-city.ca> at 9:50 a.m. for the "Call to Worship" and announcements followed by

joining Knox Church, Waterdown for their worship service, led by the Rev. Grant Vissers which will be live-streaming each Sunday at 10 a.m. There is a link on our website. If you miss the service, it will be on YouTube. You will also find Grant's short devotionals.

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

Art-for-the-Soul is starting back again. Please contact Lynn.

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 September 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

All Saints re-opens to worshippers this Sunday at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., with strict distancing and mask wearing measures. For those who are not comfortable with in-person group worship we will continue to offer Sunday Zoom services and prayer time on Fridays. Check out our parish Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsking>.

Words to live by - In last Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 18 15-21 Jesus ends with the reassuring passage, "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

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By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's is open again. As York Region has implemented a policy that requires the use of face masks while in indoor public spaces, the wearing of face masks will be required to participate in the live-to-air worship gathering. If you don't have one, we will have one for you.

King's Corners

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Aileen Van Ginkel, a lay reader at All Saints, gave the sermon and talked about when the lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic began, churches we're told to shut down along with most other places where people gather for worship, education, business or leisure.

She said that: "Our experience as parishioners at All Saints was, however, that, despite not having a building to gather in, we could continue to "be" church: we kept in touch by telephone; we used Zoom to connect for Sunday morning worship, Bible study and Taizé-style prayers; we made our hosta garden attractive for all neighbours walking through between Keele and Doctor's Lane. On Sunday, September 13 we'll be able to gather for worship in our building again.

"No matter how we connect with one another, we can continue to rely on the presence of Jesus in our midst, for, as he told us in Matthew's gospel, 'where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.'"

Just visit facebook.com/stpaulsnobleton at 10 and join us live for a time of worship. If you are not able to join us on Sunday via live or through facebook, you are welcome to visit stpaulsnobleton.ca/worship to watch later at your convenience.

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

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

Jeff's messages are also posted at www.passionatelyhis.com each week in addition to the above links. For more information about ANY of our activities or events, please contact the church office (905-859-0843) or visit stpaulsnobleton.ca

St. Mary's Church

New parishioners, if you wish to be a registered member of St. Mary's or St. Patrick's parish, please contact the parish office for a registration form. The form can be forwarded by email and returned via email to the parish office. Once registered, a box of Collection Envelopes will be assigned to you, which can be picked up at the church office (by appointment). Income tax receipts \$50 minimum are issued for your financial contributions. Pre-authorized giving plan is also available (form located in the lobby).

Call the office to ask us about it. The phone number is 905-859-5522, fax number 905-859-5410 and email address: stpstm_church@hotmail.com.

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

At a recent joint board meeting it was decided that we will not meet in person until Oct. 11 (Thanksgiving Sunday.) A safety committee was formed that will create guidelines and protocols for in-person worship. Until that time, we will continue to have recorded on-line worship each Sunday.

These videos can be received by e-mail, viewed on the Nobleton Facebook page, or via the Nobleton YouTube

channel. If you add your name to our e-mail list, you will also receive our Newsletters and links to some music selections.

If you would like a text copy of the service, please contact Carol-Ann so she can drop one off for you. Weather permitting, we will continue to meet Thursdays at 10 a.m. for social distance visiting behind Nobleton United. The safety of our community is our priority and we will continue to do whatever necessary to keep one another safe and do our best to ensure though we are not meeting in person that the church is very much alive.

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

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Boost your home's curb appeal with colour

(NC) With many of us spending more time at home, this summer is the perfect opportunity to reinvigorate your house with inspiring design that welcomes you. Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour marketing expert, shares her top tips on how to boost your home's curb appeal.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS COUNT. The front door sets the tone for your entire home. Whether it's a new coat of paint to freshen up a well-loved hue or adding a new pop of colour to your front door, don't be afraid to make a statement with your entryway.

"A richly saturated sapphire blue, like Blue Danube 2062-30, will add interest and elegance to your front door," says Grech. Looking to take your transformation one step further? "Painting the ceiling of a covered porch in a coordinating colour is a great way to add even more visual interest and appeal to your front entrance."

THE DIFFERENCE IS IN THE DETAILS. Not ready to repaint your whole exterior? Choose small but impactful areas to update. A fresh coat of paint to exterior shutters or window and door trim can instantly elevate curb appeal. Brighten up an otherwise neutral look with a vibrant new shade, or add neutrals to complement bolder hues. "Benjamin Moore Aura Grand Entrance paint is a perfect choice for Canadian home exteriors because it ensures a beautiful and resilient finish that will last for years," says Grech.

BRING THE INDOORS OUT. Get the most out of the summer months by creating inviting outdoor living spaces that reflect the style and comfort of your home. "Simple additions like a welcome mat, outdoor rug or cozy throws and cushions for your outdoor furniture are ideal ways to add texture. Adding flowers, plants and herbs in your own hand-painted pots will bring more colour and a seamless sense of indoor/outdoor living."

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIY. Don't want to do it yourself? Consider hiring a professional painting contractor who can achieve a flawless finish on your home's exterior. Hiring a professional will help you achieve beautiful results and has the added benefit of supporting small businesses in your community.

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By Julien Laurion
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

ing tradesmen it is your right to request to see their certifications and credentials before work commences.

Finally, should you require anything to be significantly altered an architect or engineer may be required, be sure to check your local bylaws to see when this may be the case. Hiding your head in the sand and not being aware of what is happening with all aspects of the project is what causes stress and unneeded expense. If you have your finger on the pulse it will hopefully decrease your stress level. Once your renovation is complete, I hope you will call me so we can market your upgrades correctly.

be moved but a permit is needed and plans must be drafted by an architect or engineer and submitted to the town of Aurora for permit approval before proceeding with the project. Also, once the work is completed, your work will have to be inspected before you can close up the walls with drywall.

There are many factors to consider when removing walls and it takes some serious knowhow, these are just some very quick and simple ways to identify load-bearing walls to avoid major issues that could arise. If you don't have the skills or know-how it isn't worth risking your biggest asset. Hire a professional!

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Dear TRR; I am about to undergo a minor renovation of my property to make it more appealing for resale in this HOT market. What are some key things to consider when undergoing a renovation?
Thanks, Stressed owner.

Dear Big Tuna;
My husband just opened a wall and we are unsure if the wall is load-bearing, how can we tell?
Sincerely, Negative Nancy

HELLO NEGATIVE NANCY, if you are in doubt you should stop what you are doing and seek out a professional before moving forward with your renovation dreams.

However, in the spirit of education, there are a couple quick, but not definite ways to identify a load-bearing wall.

Should you open up the wall and find the wall was built with 2 x 6 lumber instead of 2 x 4's, it is likely LB. Or if when you open that same wall and you find a steel post or beam; it is most certainly load bearing. Finally, if the wall in question has another wall directly above or below it on the other floors of your home, it could be LB. It is important to note, LB walls can

HI STRESSED OWNER. There is nothing to be too stressed about when renovating your home, in fact, it can be quite fun if you have your ducks in a row! Some things to consider are never accepting a quote over the phone when hiring a contractor, a good contractor will always need to see what is needing to be done before quoting the job. Have a plan and set a clear budget with wiggle room built-in for the upgrades and unexpected issues that arise. Also, if you require hir-

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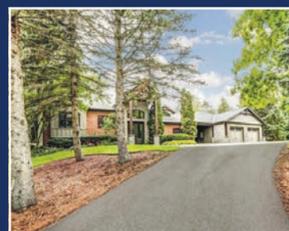
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Room for *relaxation.* Designer tips to create calming spaces

(NC) 2020 has been a year of unexpected challenges and change. Now more than ever, it's essential to make time to relax and rejuvenate, especially in the comfort and safety of your home.

As the weather cools and we spend more time indoors, fall is the perfect season to create a soothing oasis at home with calming shades. Drawing from natural tones of stone and sky can help destress and ground you. Here, Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert, shares her designer tips to help you create room for relaxation.

Uplift your mood with lighter hues. A sense of space and light can instantly lift your spirits, as we head into the colder months of the year. "Choose a light neutral palette to visually expand a room and soothe the senses," says Grech. "Using Benjamin

Moore Dune White CC-70, Collingwood OC-28 and Mount Saint Anne CC-710 throughout your home will create unified and harmonious spaces for comfort and relaxation."

Add soft textiles to bring comfort to the space. Pieces such as curtains, throw pillows or a cozy area rug in similar hues to complement a neutral palette and create an environment that encourages you to slow down and make time to unwind. Choosing touchable accents with natural fibres is a simple way to bring warmth and comfort to any room and establish a unified and calming atmosphere throughout your home.

Bring balance to your work-from-home space. Opt for soothing colours that support focus and calm all workday long, even during your most stressful moments. The green family is known to be the most comfortable for your eyes to process, especially if you spend most of your day looking at a screen.

Need another reason to add this colour to your home office? "Shades of green, like Louisburg Green HC-113 and even the more subtle Flora AF-470, encourage focus and productivity," says Grech.

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Easy home improvement projects

(NC) Ready for a refresh but in need of inspiration? Below are some easy DIYs that make a big impact:

Re-paint your walls and cupboards. Adding a fresh coat of paint to hallways or key gathering spots is a simple way to brighten your home. Try sticking to timeless, neutral colours that won't clash with your furniture – think crisp whites, rich blues or warm greys. Another great way to update your home is to paint outdated cupboards. Chalk paint is a fun option for doodling notes, and it doesn't require any primer or sanding.
Update light fixtures and bulbs. Light fixtures

from another time can age a home. By swapping out frosted glass fixtures and tasseled lampshades, you can quickly modernize your space. As long as existing wiring is in place, changing light fixtures is a simple DIY project. While you're at it, why not swap out bulbs for new, energy-saving LEDs? White lighting can make a space feel stark, whereas LEDs can bring out warmer tones.
Change your kitchen backsplash. The thought of a kitchen renovation has "cha-ching" ringing in



most of our ears, but there are quality peel-and-stick tiles that can transform your space at a low cost and with little expertise required. Use online tutorials to help and make sure you make measurements precise, keeping in mind any lighting or electrical outlets you may have to cut around.
Review your insurance policies. While updating

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3 steps for creating an at-home workspace for kids

(NC) Back-to-school is going to look different for many of us this year. And students of all ages will be doing more learning at home, so it's important to ensure they have a workspace that will help your child thrive.

Here, Sarah Gunn, designer and former teacher, shares her top tips for a productive space:

- 1 Create an inspiring environment. The first thing to keep in mind is how your child likes to work. Are they easily distracted, or do they enjoy the company of working around other people? Choose a space that best suits their learning style – whether it is a secluded spot, or a corner in the kitchen, dining room or living room.
- 2 Get everyone in on the setup. Involve your children in preparing their at-home workspace. Be sure to include a large work surface, a comfy seat and task lighting. Staples Canada is a great resource for modern workspace options. Once you have the basics, personalize the area with items like a favourite stuffed animal, photos of friends or their artwork.
- 3 Stock up for success. Have all the tools your child needs within easy reach and use colourful containers to keep supplies organized. If they work in a shared area, like the dining room table, designate a large container to store materials out of sight when they aren't in use.

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Demand has been higher across Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and the supply of homes for sale has been limited to meet the pressure. The asking price for the home is just that. A Buyer's Representative Specialist ABR® should probe further for the actual range of value for the home being sold and uncover the Seller's strategic pricing approach taken to generate a response from the market. Before taking action to buy, it's best to review a detailed comparative market assessment report of the neighbourhood and town being considered.

Buyer's captivated by the marketing promotion still need to be able to afford the home and pre-approval is absolutely necessary before placing an offer on any home. In every market, there are a variety of ways to price a home.

One strategy Seller's consider is to go for it, pricing at a high-value amount regardless of the comparable market analysis. There is no crystal ball that says this way of pricing won't work but the home will likely experience less exposure from qualified Buyers. If the price is much higher than the average price in the area many of the REALTORS® or Buyer's independently online searching may not be searching at the high price. Showing appointment activity, interest and offers may be low priced or non-existent no matter how great the marketing is until a price reduction occurs. If the home is financed and sold for a high above market value, the concern is whether the home will appraise

and whether the Buyers will have the money to bridge the shortfall in their financing.

Another marketing plan is to price at comparative market value, understanding the positives and negatives within the home compared to recent sales in the area. More showings and action may take place and competition may still occur which may also drive the sale to above-asking price values. Expect that the Buyer may still try to negotiate lower and that's OK, the value of the home will be clearer based on the market assessment and this can be communicated by the Buyer's REALTOR®. Buyers and Sellers may come to a mutual agreement quicker creating a win-win result when the asking price is easily justified.

Another approach is pricing below where the recent estimated market value for the property has been in an effort to generate multiple bid competition. There is no guarantee that multiple buyers will be interested in taking action or offering above the lower asking price. If competition does take place, researching market value is necessary before offering so that Buyers know where the price should be and understand in advance whether this price is affordable for them. In competition some Buyers opt to omit conditions on financing, inspection, insurance etc. and the risks of doing so must be discussed in advance before placing this type of offer in writing. Some Buyers feel this tactic is in poor taste setting up a false expectation of low value as opposed to pricing at fair market value.

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Summer Sales Peak

Across Aurora's 10 neighbourhoods 140 homes were sold in August; that's a 103 per cent improvement over August 2019 and 18 more than in July of 2020. The average home price was 14 per cent stronger at \$1,039,666 than at the same time last year. Typically Seller's received 100 per cent of their asking price and sold 37 per cent faster year over year on average taking 22 days to sell.

The number of homes currently for sale at the current demand is at a very low 2.4 months supply continuing the trend that it's a Seller's market in Aurora. There were 252 homes placed for sale in August and 262 were available for sale for September 1st Buyer's action.

Year to date sales activity in Aurora is almost even to 2019 lagging by 2 per cent incredibly as the pandemic has been such a new experience to live through as we continue our efforts together to flatten the COVID-19 curve.

If shopping for a new home is on the radar in the coming months, please continue to follow Health and Safety Protocols and speak to a real estate sales professional to get a better understanding of how to safely experience homes virtually and in person.

— Written by Connie Power

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Tips to prepare your home for the unexpected

(NC) While spending more time at home, it's critical that you take the necessary steps to help ensure your family is prepared in the event a home fire or carbon monoxide (CO) leak occurs.

CO is the number one cause of accidental poisoning in Canada and, according to the Canadian National Fire Information Database, 80 per cent of fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Make sure your home is ready for anything with the following tips and tools.

Alarm your home. Most of us are under-protected and unprepared when it comes to fire and carbon monoxide safety, according to a nationwide survey conducted by FirstAlert. Even if you have smoke and CO alarms, you may not be sufficiently protected if you don't have enough alarms throughout your entire home. The National Fire Protection Association recommends installing alarms on every level of the home, inside every bedroom and outside each sleeping area.

Test, maintain and replace. In addition to installing alarms, proper alarm placement, regular maintenance and replacement are essential for protecting your family and home. Test alarms regularly and change the batteries every six months. To make battery replacements a thing of the past, upgrade to 10-year sealed battery alarms, which eliminate low-battery chirps and battery replacements for a decade. Also, if you can't remember the last time you installed an alarm, chances are it's time for a new one. Alarms need to be replaced at least every 10 years.

Double up on safety. While many homeowners know the importance of protecting their property from the threats of smoke and fire, studies show that fewer households are equipped with CO alarms. Carbon monoxide is an invisible, odourless gas that is responsible for an average of 300 deaths each year, and it's impossible to detect without an alarm. For ultimate home safety, install alarms for two-in-one protection, such as combination smoke and CO alarms from FirstAlert that are equipped with 10-year sealed batteries for long-lasting protection.

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Water damage is on the rise – is your home protected?

(NC) In recent years, water damage from flooding has become increasingly common across Canada. In fact, the Insurance Bureau of Canada says that water damage accounts for nearly half of all insurance claims, and the frequency and cost of these claims has risen dramatically in recent years.

Some of this increase in property water damage is due to climate change, with strong storms becoming more frequent and lasting longer. Infrastructure in many areas is old or inadequate and unable to handle the volume of water associated with these new storms as well as flash floods or snowmelt.

Sewer backups are also occurring more often, both with old systems and with newer ones that are designed to handle both rain and sewer water. Faulty

plumbing is another factor that can contribute to water damage, especially in aging, poorly constructed or poorly designed buildings.

Despite these concerns, a poll from the Insurance Bureau of Canada revealed that more than a quarter of people don't know if their property insurance policies cover flooding, while another 45 per cent only "think" they do. Not knowing whether you have coverage for water damage can be costly.

Fortunately, according to Aviva Canada, one of Canada's largest insurance providers, there are things you can do to help protect your property:

- Perform regular maintenance on plumbing systems, including sanitary lines and hot water tanks. Have water and sewer lines scoped to reveal damage from tree roots. Test shut-off valves to ensure they will work in an emergency.
- Pay attention to your building envelope. Roof leaks are one of the most common causes of water damage, especially in areas that are prone to freezing weather, strong winds and hail. So, it's important to maintain the condition of your roof and clear your downspouts and drains of obstructions. Caulk your windows to ensure

an adequate seal, and make sure grading slopes away from your premises.

- Is your water hard or soft? Depending on where you live, the quality of water can affect your appliances and plumbing systems, causing them to deteriorate much more quickly. Water softeners are available for hard water areas, but you could consider using a softener for soft water areas too, as soft water can lead to corrosion of copper piping.
- Technology can monitor and even reduce issues related to fluctuations in building temperature. Water detection and shut-off systems can prevent damage from burst pipes due to freezing or leaking of your hot water tank. Installing these systems can help eliminate or reduce loss to your property, particularly when you're not there.
- Talk to your insurance broker about what level of water damage your current homeowner's insurance covers and what additional insurance you might need. Find one in your area today at aviva.ca/en/find-a-broker.

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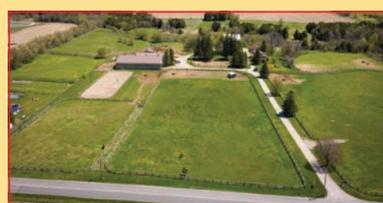
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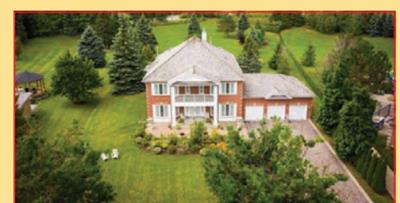
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