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Last Year's Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides raised almost \$10,000 for the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide program. Bev Berger, shown here with Lotus her fifth Dog Guide, has never missed a Walk and plans to participate again on Oct. 4.

Lions, Berger, gear up for 2020 walk

By Mark Pavilons

The pandemic has put a damper on many physical fundraisers.

But it hasn't hindered the efforts of the Nobleton Lions Club, and community participants.

This year's Walk for Dog Guides takes place on Sunday, Oct. 4.

The Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides is a national fundraising walk held in approximately 300 communities across Canada. It raises funds to help train Dog Guides for Canadians with visual, hearing, medical or physical disabilities. Each Walk is organized by local volunteers with support from Lions Foundation of Canada. To date, the Walk has raised more than \$18 million! Communities host walks in the spring and fall.

Last year, thanks to Bev Berger and to everyone who

participated in the Nobleton Dog Guides walk, almost \$10,000 was raised for this valuable outreach to the disabled.

This year, the local walk, organized by the Nobleton Lions Club and Friends of Lions Foundation of Canada, is scheduled for Sunday, October 4, at the Nobleton Library Gazebo. Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the walk gets under way at 10 a.m. To protect everyone's health, COVID-19 protocols will be in place. Masks are required at registration, but not on the walk. There is no registration fee and 100% of the funds you raise will go towards the cause.

Why participate in the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides? To help provide Dog Guides at no cost to the growing number of Canadians who need them.

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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, Nobleton
Cosmocre 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

Thurs., Oct. 8, 7 pm
Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board Electronic Meeting

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

- **Manager of Budget and Financial Reporting/Deputy Treasurer – closes Sept. 21**
- **Manager of Revenue/Deputy Treasurer – closes Sept. 21**
Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

WHAT'S NEW



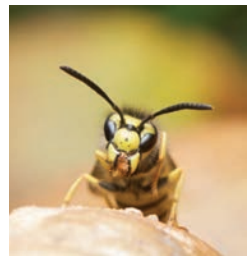
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Municipal water flushing

Ansorveldt, King City, Schomberg and Nobleton
In the spring and fall the Public Works Department flushes all water mains and hydrants. As a result, residents over the course of the next few weeks may experience low pressure and/or discoloration. This process contributes to the safe, effective delivery of municipal water and **does not** affect the quality of your water in any way. Should you require further information please contact Public Works Department at 905-833-5321.

Stinging insects in the late summer/early fall



Noticing more wasps and hornets around you during outdoor barbecues and activities? Wonder why that happens at this time of year? During the fall, some species of stinging insects become more aggressive because they are preparing their queen for the winter, and are more protective near the hive. This aggravated behavior is made worse as natural food sources, such as flowers and insects, are depleted with colder weather, and they grow hungry. These factors cause stinging insects to seek out artificial food sources, leading them to become more of a nuisance around outdoor events like backyard picnics.
The populations will decrease naturally once the weather gets too cold; however, it is still worth it to treat any nests in the fall. The queen will leave the nest to spend winter in a crack or void of a building, so treating the nest before this happens can reduce the likelihood of having a nest built on your property the following year.

Back to school

Summer break is over and children are now walking and biking to school.

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.



PUBLIC NOTICES



With guidance from York Region Public Health and in an abundance of caution for both residents and staff around the COVID-19 pandemic, King Township is responding with the following changes in operations:

- King Township Public Library remains closed but is offering curbside pickup service. Visit www.kinglibrary.ca for more information.
- The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. is closed to the public until the end of 2020.
- All essential services will continue, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection and roads and sidewalk maintenance.
- Some non-essential services may be impacted. For a list of all services please visit www.king.ca.

Citizens can still do business with King on our website at www.king.ca, by phone at 905-833-5321 or by email at serviceking@king.ca.

LATEST UPDATES

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

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

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

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

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

COVID-19 information

The risk to York Region residents of acquiring the virus in the community remains low.

Visit york.ca/covid19 for more information or call Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653. You may also contact Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 for medical advice. Telehealth Ontario is a free confidential service you can call to receive health advice or information. A registered nurse will take your call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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



What's Open & Closed

Open

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

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.

Public Information Centre

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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Help support Dog Guide walk

From Front Page

To enjoy a fun day out in your community. The event is pet friendly but you don't need a dog to participate.

Everyone is welcome – all ages and abilities – and you are not required to complete the route to participate.

Berger has participated in walks since receiving her first dog guide in 1989.

"I am pleased to continue this unbroken tradition – my personal way of thanking the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides for years of mobility and independence."

Berger said she's happy to walk for those who can't. If you like to support her, send her a donation to Bev Berger, 32 Simon Henry Ave., Nobleton, L0G 1N0

Since 1983, the lives of over 1,200 men, women and children from the age of 8 to 84, have been enriched by the services of specially trained Dog Guides from Lions Foundation of Canada.

For more information on the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides, to donate, and to register for the Nobleton Walk, go to: <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/locations/walk.cfm?ID=2377>

To obtain sponsorship forms or make a donation in support of a specific walker, please contact Jim McDonald at 905-859-5216 email jmcdonald2556@rogers.com

In addition, the Lions Foundation of Canada invites you to become an active supporter and participant in this hands-on humanitarian service. You may visit the following website to donate and to receive more information on Lions Dog Guides: www.dogguides.com/index.html

Smile Cookies support King Food Bank

The annual Tim Hortons Smile Cookie campaign runs from Sept. 14 to 20. This year, 100 per cent of the proceeds from Smile Cookies purchased at the King City (Coppa's plaza) and Nobleton Tim Hortons will go directly to the King Township Food Bank.

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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- Michael Connelly

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Our one act, donation and especially our vote can alter the future. Small daily baby steps can eventually lead to a long and productive journey.

We probably make a difference each and every day, maybe more than we realize.

As productive employees, we contribute to a company's success and the consumable products.

In my case, I help create and produce a tangible product – a newspaper – every week. It serves to inform, educate and express opinions on current events, inside and outside of King Township. It provides a glimpse into what it means to be a King resident, business person, volunteer or artist.

I hope this "product" helps make a tiny bit of difference.

Bob Riley once said that it's not only possible that one person can make a difference; it's essential. "And believe it or not, that person is you."

Ok, enough of the pleasantries. There is another side to this coin.

Sure, we are all change-agents, influencers and the map-makers of our own destiny.

But in order to leap tall buildings with a single bound we need some leverage, a pretty strong catapult of sorts.

An army of do-gooders, volunteers, fixers, builders needs a means, a practical way to do their work. They also need money.

World Humanitarian Day (Aug. 19) came and went without any fanfare.

Prime Minister Trudeau thanked aid and health workers for their service and



Mark Pavilons

the sacrifices they and their families make to keep communities safe.

"We pay special tribute to the real-life heroes who continue to offer life-saving support and protection to the most vulnerable – those affected by armed conflict, violence and unrest, as well as by the rise in extreme weather and natural disasters – all amid the COVID-19 pandemic. As the world continues to fight the pandemic, aid workers are facing unprecedented challenges to assist those in need – and working hard to overcome them.

"Humanitarian aid workers are the backbone of life-saving responses to crises and their protection is critical. Each year, they apply their knowledge, exper-

tise, and ingenuity to save lives. However, all too often, they face threats to their safety and security such as through targeted and indiscriminate attacks and acts of violence in violation of international humanitarian law."

Aid organizations, government agencies, NGOs and non-profits, have all stepped up during the pandemic. Not a day goes by where our fellow human beings don't need our help, somewhere on the planet.

Here, in a relatively wealthy nation, we talk about economic recovery and more online business opportunities.

But we have a strong economy and we are on our way to recovery. The same can't be said for many, many countries and citizens around the globe.

And at this point, massive, volunteer aid may be in short supply. With COVID-19 restrictions still in force, travel, boots on the ground and even raising money are all difficult. The much-needed support may have to wait. But those in need may not be able to wait.

They don't enjoy government subsidies, mortgage deferrals, or unemployment payments.

Multiple, potentially deadlier, waves of COVID-19 could continue to threaten millions of lives if leaders fail to prioritize vulnerable people everywhere, according to World Vision. A study they commissioned reveals if the virus continues to thrive in fragile countries, it will pose a perpetual health and economic threat to both the world's poorest people and the richest.

So again, it seems the fortunate, "have" nations will far outpace the "have-nots" in the world. Money talks, and money gets things done.

While this isn't anything new, it's a bit more evident. The divide, even in this country, between the affluent and

the middle class, continues to widen.

The middle class, who are the majority of givers, donors, volunteers, are currently suffering. The upper class isn't really faded, other than losing a few points on their large portfolios.

Oprah Winfrey admitted that what material success does is provide you with the ability to concentrate on other things that really matter. And that is being able to make a difference, not only in your own life, but in other people's lives.

Lady Gaga said she doesn't want to be a celebrity or make tons of money. She wants to make a difference.

Even Judge Judy said she has maybe 10 cases a year in which she makes a difference. And those keep her going.

But in all of their situations, they have the power that money and celebrity status bring.

Most of us don't. Many contest that love, kindness, compassion are never wasted. Every time we extend one of those precious qualities, we make a difference.

But the bottom line is the bottom line. Money is needed, here and abroad, to help our fellow human beings.

Some governments are doing what they can, even if it means hitting record debt levels. Other countries simply don't have the means. Their recovery is in jeopardy.

Unfortunately, our hands are somewhat tied. Without being able to be those boots on the ground, the only thing we can do is help support humanitarian organizations.

I understand the well is running dry, but maybe, in all of our hustle and bustle, we can take time to consider the much less fortunate.

Want to make a difference? Spread the wealth!

Letter to the Editor

Corridor may threaten hamlet

The GTA West Corridor (Proposed Highway 413) will cause damage to my hamlet of Laskay.

Dan O'Reilly has written a comprehensive article about the influence of Highway 413 on Caledon – <https://justsayincaledon.com/time-to-use-your-powerful-voice-to-save-caledon/>

Caledon is certainly not the only community that will be badly damaged by the proposed highway. I live in Laskay, and I think we might be in line for the community most badly damaged.

The air quality issues alone should ensure that we die off fairly quickly, or at least forget our way home. We will be at the junction of 400 and 413, with heavily travelled King Road at our norther boundary.

A year ago York Region removed 88 trees, to add a turn lane. Public Health Ontario, using the acronym TRAP (Traffic Related Air Pollution) describes our potential situation well: <https://www.publichealthontario.ca/-/media/documents/O/2016/ohp-trap.pdf?la=en>.

To further exacerbate things, there will be 2 exits for the GTA West (413) about a mile from us; one at Weston Road and the other on Hwy. 400.

I suspect King City residents may not fare so well in terms of air quality either, since the prevailing winds are westerly. But at very least, they will see a significant surge in truck traffic through King City during the construction phase – delivering aggregate over a 10-year period.

I assume that part of the 413 plan will include planting as many trees as they take down. But there will probably be a significant amount of time that there will be a net loss of trees. And no matter what they do, the newly planted trees are unlikely to suck up the higher level of pollution the new highway will create.

I try to do small things to help the keep our planet cool. Hang clothes on line till snow gets too deep, drive an electric vehicle, no air conditioning in our home. Of course I'm not really one of the good guys, but it's hard to do even these little things when it's clear whatever I do gets wiped out so easily.

Sherry Draisey



Thought of the Week



Don't be afraid to go back for seconds!

This has nothing to do with buffets! If you try something and like it, do it again and again.

Trivia Tidbits

The term "spaghetti western" originated in the 1960s, when it was cheaper to make movies in Italy than the United States. Moviemakers made their westerns there and had English dubbed in for the Italian actors. That's how Clint Eastwood's early movies were made.

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Results from last week's poll:

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

a) Yes **75%**

b) No **25%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you satisfied with government measures to combat the spread of COVID-19?

a) Yes
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Residents raise concerns over sales office

The following letter, to the mayor and council, was submitted to the Sentinel.

Letters to the Editor

My wife and I received a notice in the mail that a report prepared by the planning division to the Committee of the Whole with respect to the above application is scheduled for the Sept. 21 council meeting.

You will recall that if approved, the application will allow a developer to establish a sales/model office in an existing house on the corner of Carmichael Cres. and Keele St. (in a residential area) to promote the sales of a new housing development further east towards Dufferin St. In other words, the sales/model office would be outside the boundaries of the new development.

I understand that the report is not available to the public until Sept. 17. Residents (including council) will not

know before then whether the planning division is recommending the application be approved by council. Any written comments from residents on the report are due on the 21st by noon. This is less than 4 days after the report is released, which is not a lot of time to absorb a report that the planning division took 10 months to prepare. (I trust the pandemic was the reason the report took this long to prepare.)

Mayor, you will recall that the residents in the Carmichael/DiNardo Court and surrounding area voiced their strong opposition to this application last October when the application was first heard by council. I assure you that the residents continue to be strongly opposed to the application.

The proposal is simply inappropriate

and is not fair for the residents in the area. It also sets a bad precedent for future development in King Township by allowing developers to change the rules.

The developer is essentially attempting to insert a commercial activity in a residential area that is sure to create significant traffic congestion. This should be enough reason to reject the application. Plus, the same developer managed to sell all the new homes it built on Carmichael over a 3-4-year period without a sales/model home – they can surely do so again from their decor centre for its new development.

As important, if the developer wanted a sales/model home at this location, it should have been in the original plans for the homes it built on Carmichael. That way residents who moved into the new homes would have known there was going to be a sales/model home in the area. Simply put, the developer is attempting to get around the rules/conditions set out or in place when they built the new homes on Carmichael. These rules/conditions were in part the result of discussions and negotiations with the then existing area residents on Carmichael and DiNardo who wanted to ensure the new homes were in keeping with the rest of the subdivi-

sion – a requirement to which each of us who previously built our home had to adhere.

While we do not know whether the planning division will recommend approval, it remains a mystery to me how such an application in these circumstances could be given serious consideration, let alone be approved, by council.

Hopefully, the planning division will not support the application. If it does, I trust common sense will prevail among council members and they will support residents by voting to reject the application.

There is very little time between now and the 21st. I am concerned that residents these days are rightly more preoccupied with effect the pandemic is having on their day-to-day lives, including whether to send their children back to school, and may not be focused on this development.

Hence, I am ccing all members of council and also plan to forward this email to local media outlets to spread word about the soon to be released report and vote by council.

Nick Pantaleo
DiNardo Court
King City

413 raises its costly head again

In a recent edition you featured an informative article regarding plans to “revive” the GTA West Corridor (Hwy. 413).

To remind readers, this plan to build a freeway (likely toll road) from Halton to Hwy 400 just south of Nobleton right through the Greenbelt, sensitive nature, farmland, and protected wetlands, was cancelled by the previous government. Now we find that the Ford government has resurrected these plans, greatly reduced the need for environmental studies and is now proceeding.

I urge readers to educate themselves about the damage that will result from building this unnecessary infrastructure and let the government know what you think.

The idea of building the corridor came years ago and, even today, is based on inaccurate growth predictions for population and employment. To date, fundamental changes to our economy etc. post pandemic, have not been considered.

A major concern for the future for all of us is the economy and government costs (our taxes). According to the government’s own reports, there are 7 other transit projects being considered that will move 22,000-29,000 people per hour for the cost of \$6.9 billion. However, the GTA West corridor will move only 7,000 people/hour for a cost of at least \$6 billion plus expropriation costs. The government notes that Hwy. 413 may cut 30-60 seconds off the average transit time.

Does this make sense to you?

Yes, such an enormous project will provide temporary jobs. Yes, some drivers will turn onto Hwy. 27 to buy a coffee or have a meal. But many trucks will use King Road rather than paying the expected tolls, thereby adding to the traffic woes in both King City and Nobleton. The increased pollution from this large highway will negatively impact residents of King. The environmental damage will be enormous and our food production will decrease.

If you want to learn more about this project visit https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GTA_West_Corridor or <https://www.gta-west.com/>

If you wish to share comments concerning the plans (for/against), then consider writing to the Premier, the Minister of Transport, our MPP, Stephen Lecce and this newspaper.

I continue to make my voice heard. On behalf of your family, will you?

Susan Beharriell

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New funding helps York Region residents stay housed

The Regional Municipality of York has received \$500,000 in funding from the Government of Canada's Reaching Home COVID-19 Emergency Response to help people who are experiencing homelessness, or at-risk of homelessness, find or keep housing.

This grant is administered by United Way Greater Toronto and will be used to provide additional support through York Region's Homelessness Prevention Program.

"We know keeping people in their homes or helping them find suitable housing options is an important step in building strong, stable communities," said York Region chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "This is a great example of community partners coming together to work with government to find solutions to benefit some of our most vulnerable residents during unprecedented times."

The Homelessness Prevention Program supports eligible residents maintain their housing situation by helping cover costs such as rent, mortgage and utility payments. Offering financial assistance and support to people who have a stable income but are experiencing unforeseen impacts to their finances due to the pandemic will help them remain safely in their homes, support community safety and well-being and help with public health measures to contain COVID-19.

"COVID-19 has impacted our community and its most vulnerable people in ways we are only beginning to understand," said United Way Greater Toronto President and CEO Daniele Zanotti. "United Way Greater Toronto is proud to partner with

the federal government and The Regional Municipality of York to keep people safe and housed. Local investments in both immediate and long-term solutions will ensure York Region emerges from this pandemic strong and resilient."

Visit york.ca/homelessnessprevention to learn more about York Region's Homelessness Prevention Program or call Access York at 1-877-464-9675 Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information on COVID-19 in York Region please visit york.ca/COVID19

As the largest non-government funder of community services in the GTA, United Way Greater Toronto reinforces a crucial community safety net. United Way's network of agencies and initiatives in neighbourhoods across Peel, Toronto and York Region works to ensure that everyone has access to the programs and services they need to thrive today. Mobilizing the network and other community support, United Way tackles #UNIGNORABLE issues linked to poverty. United Way's work is rooted in ground-breaking research, strategic leadership, local advocacy and cross-sectoral partnerships committed to building lasting solutions to the GTA's greatest challenges. unitedway-gt.org

The Regional Municipality of York consists of nine local cities and towns and provides a variety of programs and services to 1.2 million residents and 54,000 businesses with over 650,000 employees. More information about the Region's key service areas is available at york.ca/regionalservices

Tollett appointed as new treasurer for King Township

Peggy Tollett has been named the new finance director and treasurer for the Township of King.

She assumed her duties Sept. 8.

Tollett has most recently been the General Manager of Community Services for the Town of Caledon. Under this role, she ran the largest department within the Town and oversaw the preparation of the annual operating budget, capital budgets, and long-range plans for each division.

She started her career at Caledon as Manager of Revenue, progressed to Deputy Treasurer and subsequently became Treasurer in 2014.

Tollett has had a progressive career in municipal administration as well as private sector environments, including a seven-year term for the City of Guelph.

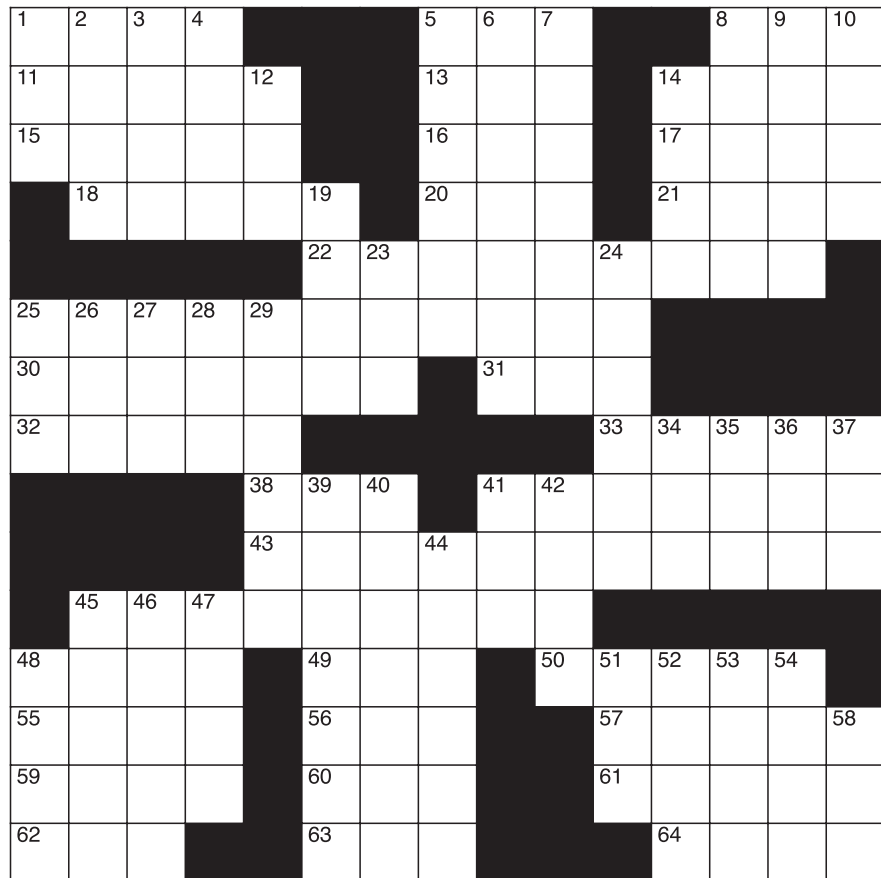
Tollett brings a wealth of municipal government experience and corporate leadership to the position. She is a Certified General Accountant/Chartered Professional Accountant.

"We are thrilled to have Peggy lead our finance team and join as a member of the senior leadership team at the Township of King," said King's Chief Administrative Officer Daniel Kostopoulos. "She has exemplary leadership and innovation strengths, which will assist in helping to transform King's corporate vision of continued process improvements and efficiencies, particularly in our current evolving delivery models during a complex time in our community's history."

"On behalf of King council and staff, I extend a warm welcome to Peggy in joining the King family," Kostopoulos added.

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- 5. Rural Free Delivery (abbr.)
- 8. Amount of time
- 11. Greeting
- 13. Form of "to be"
- 14. Israeli diplomat
- 15. Outfit
- 16. The 13th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 17. Deceptive movement
- 18. Anxious
- 20. Popular Letterman guest
- 21. Saints' signal caller
- 22. Intoxicate
- 25. Relationship
- 30. Ask for one's hand in marriage
- 31. Popular Will Ferrell film
- 32. Gargle
- 33. Warning sensation before
- 37. Midway between east and southeast
- 39. Anti-slavery treaty
- 40. A friendly manner
- 41. Military figure (abbr.)
- 42. Area units
- 44. Sudden incursions
- 45. Expressed pleasure
- 46. Covered with hoarfrost
- 47. Job
- 48. Donkey
- 51. Swiss river
- 52. Prejudice
- 53. Actor Idris
- 54. Light dry-gap bridge (abbr.)
- 58. Criticize
- 38. Returned material
- 41. Erases
- 43. At ease
- 45. Small branch of an artery
- 48. Mother of Hermes
- 49. Body part
- 50. Cavalry sword
- 55. Wellness chants
- 56. Helps little firms
- 57. Afflicted
- 59. Peep
- 60. Nellie __, journalist
- 61. Spiritual leader
- 62. Doctor of Education
- 63. Affirmative
- 64. Cheek
- 4. Drink quickly
- 5. A simple type of jet engine
- 6. Something for nothing
- 7. Painkiller
- 8. Siskel's pal
- 9. Strong spirit distilled in Turkey
- 10. Again
- 12. Imitate
- 14. Icelandic poems
- 19. Jacob __, American journalist
- 23. No (Scottish)
- 24. Newborn
- 25. Credit term
- 26. Nonprofit research group in CA
- 27. Male offspring
- 28. Important baseball stat
- 29. A way to compel
- 34. Fiddler crab
- 35. Jewish equivalent of "Sir"
- 36. Every

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Galt Family Foundation rewards local volunteer work

When John and Sandra Galt first moved to King 20 years ago, they were immediately struck by the selflessness of the community's volunteers.

Volunteers formed the backbone of their son's baseball league and daughter's Girl Guide troop, and were the driving force behind family events like the Schomberg Fair and Main Street Christmas. Charity auctions and dinners, hosted by the local Lions Clubs, were another source of entertainment for the couple.

"All the community events- the Lions' pancake supper, the Schomberg Agricultural Society's fair, the Parade of Lights, put on by King's farmers- they all brought the area together and created a sense of belonging to something unique," said John Galt. "You didn't feel like just a name or a number, as we did in the city at times."

Today, John, Sandra, daughter Julia, and son Thomas helm the Galt Family Foundation, a self-funded charity that aims to reward outstanding volunteer efforts in King Township and beyond. Founded in 2018, the foundation is a way for the family to give back to their community in a larger way than ever before.

"We've been fortunate in terms of our lives and some of the opportunities we've had," said Galt. "We'd been giving back with smaller donations for years and wanted to do so in a more meaningful way. So we formalized that into a foundation."

Galt, president and CEO of injection molding equipment manufacturer Husky Injection Molding Systems, has long been accustomed to the ins and outs of designating large-scale donations. Well before the formation of the Galt Family Foundation, he'd been annually involved in the selection of Husky's corporate beneficiaries. It was a position that allowed him to become familiar with the causes and volunteer groups in the area, and one that led him to the Galt Family Foundation's first charitable undertaking in 2019.

"Husky had been a sponsor of the Schomberg Agricultural Spring Fair for several years, and because of that Sandra and I were invited to a sponsor appreciation dinner with the



John Galt, Sandra Galt, Thomas Galt, and Julia Galt.

Schomberg Agricultural Society," said Galt. "Over the course of the dinner, the Society kept mentioning something about a bridge. We enquired and it went from there."

The bridge in question was the one connecting Schomberg's Main Street to the fairgrounds - a historic, frequently used structure that had stood in place for over 80 years. Cracks had been spotted in the bridge's foundation, and a survey of the structure had indicated it could not be repaired. With an estimated replacement cost in the hundreds of thousands, the society's stress was running high.

"The Agricultural Society has been volunteering their time and resources into putting on the Schomberg Fair and Main Street Christmas for decades and decades. Our family has been enjoying both events for years, so it was fitting that funding the bridge would be our first act as a foundation."

Though the process of replacing the bridge remains ongoing as of 2020, it

was not the only cause the Galt Family Foundation supported that year. With a self-described ethos to reward volunteer-based activities that raise money for community charities and healthcare, it made sense to support Orangeville's Headwaters Health Care Centre when the opportunity arose. To help raise money for urgently needed replacement medical equipment, the Galt Family Foundation committed itself to matching all donations received during the hospital's holiday fundraiser. The campaign was a resounding and unprecedented success, raising over \$374,000.

The Galt Family Foundation's newest undertaking represents another first for the family. They've been working with Newmarket's George Markow, a 99-year-old WW2 veteran who has, for the past several months, been circling the grounds of his retirement home in an effort to raise \$100,000 for medical research. In an effort to help Markow surpass his goal, the Galt Family

Foundation has pledged to match contributions to his GoFundMe (<https://ca.gofundme.com/f/99-yr-old-walking-100-km-for-medical-research>), dollar-for-dollar, up to \$100,000 - putting Markow's current donations at an impressive \$120,000.

"George exemplifies everything our foundation values: perseverance, hard-work, selflessness," Galt said. "Here's a man who's survived WW2, years imprisoned in concentration camps, health crises, and more, and is still, at 99 years old, finding a way to give back to the community."

As the Galt Family Foundation continues to grow in the coming years, John and Sandra hope it will provide support to those who feel their volunteer work isn't being recognized.

"We have people in our community who have spent their lives volunteering, and have never asked anything for it," said Galt. "It's these people that are the measure of a great community, and it's these people we aim to thank."

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York Catholic board earmarks \$21 million for reopening

The Board of Trustees of the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) approved a list of new investments, which total close to \$21 million to support the safe reopening of schools this month.

These investments are a combination of \$9 million in accumulated surplus from the Board's reserve funds, and \$11.6 million in new funding from the Ministry of Education.

Highlights of new YCDSB investments include:

- \$8.54 million to hire additional teachers (minimum of 76 full-time educators) to help alleviate class size pressures.
- \$2.7 million to improve ventilation and air quality, and purchase High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filtration units.
- \$2 million to hire additional lunchtime supervisors to support and improve student health and safety.
- \$1.5 million to address transportation-related service adjustments.
- \$1.5 million to purchase additional personal protective equipment (PPE).
- \$1.8 million to increase resources and capacity of remote learning, including the upgrading of the school broadband networks (\$500,000) and adding dedicated principals and administrators to support remote learning (\$1.3 million).
- \$1.3 million to hire additional custodial staff to support increased and enhanced cleaning.
- \$400,000 to ensure adequate supply of technology devices for students \$360,000 to support enhanced cleaning and PPE for transportation.
- \$330,000 to support special education.

- \$300,000 to address and support the mental health and well-being of students and staff.
- \$200,000 to support health and safety training

"This critical investment of almost \$21 million was approved with the health, safety and mental well-being of our students, families and staff at the forefront of all our minds," said Maria Marchese, chair of the Board of Trustees. "As we prepared for the upcoming school year, our Board was determined to explore additional ways to support the safe reopening of our schools. We are pleased to invest \$9 million from our board's reserve funds, along with the \$11.6 million we received from the

Ministry of Education. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank the Ministry of Education for their continued support through this additional funding. These additional investments will provide families with the confidence to know that we remain committed to supporting student success in a safe, caring and faith-filled environment."

"We are extremely grateful to the Board of Trustees for approving this investment to support the safe reopening of our schools in September. I would also like to thank our dedicated staff team for their work in putting our comprehensive school re-entry plan together. Whether students are

returning to in-person face to face instruction or participating in remote learning, we are confident that we are doing all that we can to create a safe environment for students to learn and grow," said Mary Battista, interim director of education.

For more information on the YCDSB's school re-entry plan, please visit www.ycdsb.ca/reopening.

The York Catholic District School Board is one of the top-performing school boards in Ontario. It delivers educational programming to approximately 53,000 students in 101 schools throughout York Region. For more information, visit www.ycdsb.ca or follow us on Twitter at @YCDSB.



Township, Chamber recognize anniversary

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Housing starts increased in August

By Mark Pavilons

An upward trend in new housing starts is encouraging. The trend in housing starts was 213,144 units in August, up from 204,597 units in July 2020, according to Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). This trend measure is a six-month moving average of the monthly seasonally adjusted annual rates (SAAR) of housing starts.

"The national trend in housing starts increased for a third consecutive month in August," said Bob Dugan, CMHC's chief economist. "Higher multi-family starts in Ontario, including Toronto, drove the national increase. We expect national starts to trend lower by the end of 2020 as a result of the negative impact of COVID-19 on economic and housing indicators."

CMHC uses the trend measure as a complement to the monthly SAAR of housing starts to account for considerable swings in monthly estimates and obtain a more complete picture of Canada's housing market. In some situations, analyzing only SAAR data can be misleading, as they are largely driven by the multi-unit segment of the market which can vary significantly from one month to the next.

The stand-alone monthly SAAR of housing starts for all areas in Canada was 262,396 units in August, an increase of 6.9% from 245,425 units in July. The SAAR of urban starts increased by 7.1% in August to 248,154 units. Multiple urban starts increased by 9.1% to 201,214 units in August while single-detached urban starts decreased by 1.0% to 46,940 units.

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Government must be transparent about COVID-19 outbreaks

The Ontario Health Coalition, which has been tracking COVID-19 outbreaks since the beginning of the pandemic, released two new reports tracking the trends in outbreaks to the end of August in health care settings and in non-health care industries.

The coalition has highlighted in each report the information that is either no longer reported by Public Health and the Ontario government, or has not been reported at all, but should be. The reports, Tracking of COVID-19 Outbreaks in Health Care Settings and COVID-19 Outbreaks in Non-Health-care Settings are available on the Coalition's website here. Previous reports dating back to the first outbreaks in March are also posted.

"Key information that was previously reported regarding the spread of COVID-19 in health care settings has been discontinued without explanation," reported Natalie Mehra, executive director of the Ontario Health Coalition. "In non-health care industries, no information is being reported to identify the names of businesses and services with outbreaks. This is unacceptable."

In a recent example, 184 staff who worked at two bakeries owned by the same company in Toronto contracted COVID-19 and one staff person died in May. The outbreak was lifted June 24. The information was not revealed publicly until mid-August. The Health Coalition found a cumulative total of 1,685 confirmed cases among agricultural workers, and the numbers continue to rise, by far the highest number in any industry outside of health care, but the names of farms with outbreaks are not disclosed. There are 87 active outbreaks in what we consider to be workplaces, including retail stores and warehouses, farms, public services and other industries that are not health care settings. We were able to find only a portion of these. People need to know, for instance, when a workplace or public setting has had COVID-19 cases to help contain the spread.

"Public Health Units and the Ontario government have disclosed the names of long-term care homes and retirement homes with outbreaks, even listing the gender and age of the people infected. So how is it justifiable that other outbreaks in businesses and services are being hidden?" Mehra asked, noting that some retail chains such as Metro and Loblaws have been openly and transparently reporting outbreaks in their stores and warehouses while others have tried to keep the information secret, and have been aided in doing so by the government's failure to report openly.

"This is vital public information. Not only does it make the public aware of the transmission of COVID-19, helping to remind people to continue to use the infection control measures recom-

mended by Public Health, but also it enables patrons and workers alike to take extra care when there are outbreaks which will help to contain the spread of the virus," she added. "There is no public interest argument for keeping COVID-19 outbreaks secret. This is a case of putting business interests before the public interest and the government must start full and transparent reporting of outbreaks."

In light of the return to school, the coalition is calling for the government to make clear that the definition of an outbreak is one person in a workplace, industry, or service, and one person in a school. This matters, because when an outbreak is declared, outbreak protocols can be effected. In long-term care, once the definition of outbreak was clarified to mean one person (staff or resident) and outbreak protocols were put in place it helped to begin to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus.

The coalition is also calling for clear and transparent disclosure of the names of schools, workplaces, services and industries with outbreaks, and reporting on the number of cases in each outbreak, just as there has been in health care and congregate care facilities.

Finally, the coalition is calling for the resumption of the reporting of details regarding outbreaks in health care settings as were reported prior to the beginning of June. The information is vital for researchers, advocates and the public to be able to see over time what the trends are regarding the spread of the virus. (Details of the information that is no longer reported are in the health care outbreaks report.)

Key findings in the Ontario Health Coalition's outbreaks reports:

In health care, the coalition found 54 new outbreaks over the six weeks from mid-July to the end of August, up from 30 new outbreaks in the previous month. However, the outbreaks are smaller than they had been throughout the first wave, with fewer people infected, and the outbreaks have been resolved more quickly. Across health care settings, including long-term care, hospitals, retirement homes, clinics, public health units and other congregate care settings, the Coalition found that case numbers stopped declining and have instead flatlined over the last 6 weeks with 197 new people, including staff and patients/residents infected (1.7 percent growth in cases almost identical to the month before).

The coalition expressed deep sadness as it reported that it found 46 patients and residents who died as a result of COVID-19 over this period. Since the beginning of the pandemic, the coalition has found a total of 762 outbreaks in 599

health care facilities including hospitals, long-term care, mental health and addictions facilities, retirement homes, clinics, public health units and other congregate care settings. Of these, the Coalition found that 669 have been resolved.

The cumulative total of patients/residents infected that the Ontario Health Coalition has been able to track in health care settings is 7,011; cumulative total staff infected 4,512; cumulative total of residents/patients deceased is 2,172; cumulative total of staff deceased is 14; cumulative total of volunteers/family deceased is 2.

Ontario has also seen a continued rise in COVID-19 positive passengers arriving in Ontario during July and August, when flight providers were allowed to seat passengers in the middle seats in each row, which had previously been prohibited to allow for better social distancing. In July there were 37 flights that arrived in Ontario with COVID-positive passengers and in August there were at least 45 flights.

Annual Fox Run arrives Sept. 20

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

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Arts & Entertainment

Artists participate in plein air 'Autumn Reflections'

By Dorita Peer

En plein air art is out there. No, really. Under the sky. No roof, no floor, no walls, except perhaps on the canvass.

The tradition conjures up images of dappled nudes lurching on a lawn. Of dapper men, their ladies under parasols, strolling beachward. Can you feel the sun on your shoulders? Smell the lavender sachets? Or perhaps it is the embattled pine clinging to bare granite that you recall. Or a shimmering lake reflecting gilded hillsides. The leaves crackling underfoot. The breeze chilling your nostrils. Brrrr!

Weather being changeable and ex-

treme at times, open air painting is often also done alla prima, meaning finished wet-on-wet, rather quickly. Despite the pressure, there is nothing like painting from the real thing rather than from a photograph, which already abstracts from light and dimension as the eye sees these. Outdoor artistry is an exercise in immediacy and rewards the intrepid spirit.

These days, safe gatherings among us are hard to come by. Summer gave us a little freedom to roam and safely meet. But here and now is our fall. Glorious, luminous Canadian fall!

Times like these call for creativity and where else has the tradition of outdoor painting run so deep as in this fair land. That other group soared to such lofty heights, inspiring artists far and wide, that it is in their true north spirit that Arts Society King launched "Autumn Reflections" En Plein Air contest, which runs from Sept. 18 to Oct. 3. Artists are invited to capture their impressions in and of any outdoor site anywhere in King Township for seven categories of prizes ranging from \$200 for Best in Show to \$100 for each of Most Original, Best Natural and Architectural Features, and more.

"Spot the Artist" runs concurrently with "Autumn Reflections" and invites residents and visitors alike on a photographic scavenger hunt for their favourite artists at work throughout the township. Your photos will be posted on ASK social media sites, and the most intriguing three will win a year's membership to Arts Society King.

Adjudicating "Autumn Reflections En Plein Air" will be none other than Andrew Cheddie Sookrah (www.



sookrah.ca) of the McMichael Gallery and featured on Canadian Landscape Artist of the Year. Local artists who took his plein air workshop last summer at March Winds Farm were treated to the perceptive and sensitive advice of an exceptional teacher, as will all the artists taking part in "Autumn Reflections" at the awards and exhibition.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, from 1 until 4 at The Pavilion, Cold Creek Conservation Area on 14125 the 11th Concession north of King Road, Andrew will comment on all the artwork and announce the win-

ners, who will speak to the audience about their subject and their vision. Visitors may be able to catch the judge himself on site, at his own easel, brush in hand. No matter what the weather, everyone can be comfortably and safely accommodated under current COVID protocols, which will be posted on site.

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Health, economy top priorities in Ontario's agenda

The Ontario government is returning to the legislature today, ready to continue implementing its made-in-Ontario plan for growth, renewal and long-term recovery. The government's fall legislative agenda will build on the work undertaken over the summer, focusing on job creation, skills training, attracting investment, strengthening communities, and fortifying the front lines of the province's health care system.

"Our government worked through the summer passing emergency legislation to protect individuals, families and businesses during one of the most difficult periods in our province's history," said Premier Doug Ford. "Over the past few weeks, we have heard from people in every corner of the province and from all walks of life that they continue to feel the impact of the pandemic each and every day. To start us down the road to long-term recovery, this legislative session will focus on implementing our comprehensive plan to get Ontario back on track."

Priorities for the upcoming session include:

Investing in Ontario's health care system to ensure the province is prepared for a potential second wave of COVID-19 and for any future public health challenges.

Building Ontario's production capacity for personal protective equipment, ventilators and other medical gear so the province never has to rely on any other jurisdiction again for these critical supplies.

Protecting families and those most vulnerable and helping them get back on their feet as the province reopens.

Helping young people and workers receive the skills training they need to join the modern workforce and contribute to the recovery of the province.

Accelerating the construction of critical highway, transit and broadband infrastructure projects to create jobs and boost the local economies of communities across Ontario.

Providing relief to main street Ontario and small business owners so

they can recover from the impact of COVID-19 faster and get back to the work of building their business.

Expanding manufacturing by creating the conditions to bring investment and jobs to the province and world-class, Ontario-made products to consumers around the world.

"When faced with a global pandemic, Members of Provincial Parliament came together in an unprecedented level of cooperation to protect people and support businesses," said Paul Calandra, Ontario's Government House Leader. "Working across party lines, we were able to quickly pass important programs and protective measures through a special summer sitting of the legislature. Now, as we return to regular fall sittings, the people of Ontario expect us to continue to cooperate to defeat COVID-19 and rebuild our economy."

In March and through the summer, the legislature met for special sittings of the Assembly, which included unprecedented and innovative public health protections to allow for the passage of emergency legislation. From March to July, the government was successful in passing 18 pieces of legislation, including emergency measures needed to protect public health and prepare for economic recovery, such as the Economic and Fiscal Update Act, the COVID-19 Support and Protection Act, the Protecting Small Business Act, and the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act. The expedited passage of much of this emergency legislation would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of the Official Opposition and independent Members.

Since the Ontario legislature reconvened in February 2020, the government has passed 17 government bills and one private member's bill. Of the 17 government bills passed, six of them received unanimous consent of all parties for expedited passage.

The legislature has sat for 22 days since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, with nearly 220 hours of committee study to date hearing from nearly 500 witnesses.

The government took steps to implement unprecedented measures to allow the full participation of all Members of the Assembly, while respecting public health guidance, including: Permitting Members to vote from the public galleries and in the lobbies adjacent to the Chamber; Permitting Members to sit at, speak from, or vote from any desk in the Chamber; Managing the number of Members present in the Chamber at any given

time; Permitting the use of virtual technology for meetings of Legislative Committees; Allocating additional Question Period questions to the Official Opposition and Independent Members; and completing an in-depth sectoral-based study at an expanded Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs to be conducted virtually to study the impact of COVID-19 on the economy and measures contributing to economic recovery.



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- **Hand hygiene** will be enabled with hand sanitizer and hand washing.
- **More nurses** will be in schools.
- **School cleaning** will be enhanced.



Ontario is expanding its seniors dental care program

The Ontario government is providing \$25 million to expand access to the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program. The funding will be used to support 78 infrastructure projects across the province, including building new dental clinics and renovating existing facilities.

The province is also adding eight new mobile dental clinics that will bring services directly to clients, making it easier for vulnerable seniors to access the dental care they need.

The announcement was made by Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and Raymond Cho, Minister for Seniors and Accessibility.

“Our government made a promise to Ontario’s low-income seniors that we would provide them with free, routine dental care – and we are keeping that promise,” said Premier Ford. “As part of the next phase of the program, we are enhancing our commitment, which includes more mobile dental clinics. We are bringing critical dental care right to the doorstep of our seniors and allowing for better treatment in underserved areas.”

The funding will be used to build new dental clinics and make upgrades and expansions to existing clinics at public health units, participating community health centres and Aboriginal Health Access Centres. These projects are expected to be completed by March 31, 2021.

The distribution is as follows:

- 50 projects will receive \$11.6 million to support existing clinics with upgrades and expansions.
- 28 projects will receive \$13.3 million to build new clinics that will help provide dental services in underserved areas, which includes eight new mobile dental clinics.

“Our government is investing in dental infrastructure projects across

Ontario to ensure low-income seniors will have better and faster access to the services they need, no matter where they live,” said Minister Elliott. “The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program is a key part of our plan to end hallway health care by providing seniors with access to quality dental care and keeping them out of hospitals.”

The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program will reduce unnecessary trips to the hospital and help to eliminate hallway health care, prevent chronic disease and improve the quality of life and overall well-being for eligible seniors.

“Our government is committed to making sure our seniors stay safe and healthy,” said Minister Cho. “Expanding the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program and offering mobile services will make it easier for those who have difficulty getting out of their home, or for those living in rural or remote parts of the province, to access the care they need.”

Eligible seniors can apply to the program online, or by picking up an application form at a local public health unit.

Ontario is investing approximately \$90 million annually in the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program.

The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program provides free routine dental care for eligible low-income seniors across the province who do not have dental benefits. Ontarians aged 65 and over with an income of \$19,300 or less, or couples with a combined annual income of \$32,300 or less will qualify for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program.

Once fully implemented, the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program will serve approximately 100,000 low-income seniors annually.

Two-thirds of low-income seniors do not have access to dental insurance.



Time to lace up for the 10th annual 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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Days of wellness at King’s Sherwood Farm and The Roost

By Brittany Grecni

Mindfulness, the art of maintaining moment-by-moment awareness of our thoughts, feelings, bodily sensations, and surrounding environment. Simply put, it’s being present, here and now in this moment in time. Sounds easy enough right?

In my experience, it’s a concept much easier said than done but I have found a simple way to step into the idea. Ask yourself “how many times during the day am I in a mindful state?”

Think about it, how often are you fully engaged in what you’re doing without invading thoughts of pending bills, busy schedules and any other thoughts fighting for your attention? Asking yourself this question will automatically put you in a heightened state of awareness.

At this point, the secret benefits of mindfulness meditation aren’t so secret anymore. Better sleep, decreased stress and improved overall health are just a few of the things possible when you take a step back and quiet your mind, even just for a few minutes each day.

Quieting the mind can become easier while doing engaging activities that you enjoy. If there’s one thing I can get behind, it’s participating in creative exercises that strengthen your sense of self.

In the coming weeks, Tiz D’Angelo from Stretching Canvas and her collaborators will be hosting several events centered on mindfulness, meditation and creativity at Sherwood Farm and The Roost Café.

Kid’s Art Explorations-every Thursday at Roost Cafe begin Sept. 17.

This provides children a safe open space to freely explore their creativity in a beautiful natural setting.

Horses & Art runs Sept. 26 at Sherwood Farm. Begin the day with a peaceful meditation followed by a journey of intuitive painting.

Paint & Wine fundraiser takes place Sept. 30 at Sherwood Farm. Reserve your seat for a peaceful night painting and sipping wine in support of Cortelluci Vaughan hospital’s mental health department.

Journey Through The Chakras arrives Oct. 3 at Sherwood Farm. Bring balance and harmony to the body and mind, fully connecting with your heart and soul as you paint your way through each chakra.

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King Food Bank gears up for distribution, fundraiser

This Saturday, all three centres are open to those registered with the Food Bank.

As usual, distancing measures are in place, and many are receiving 'porch deliveries' during these months. Those needing help and not registered should do so immediately through email ktfoodbank@gmail.com or by phone, leaving a message at 905-806-1125. Registration is readily available to all residents of King Township. In addition, families will be receiving donated masks supplementary to those distributed in the summer.

Remember to buy your Smile Cookie (or a box for more smiles) at the No-

bleton and King City Plaza Tim Horton Restaurants. Thanks to Len and Rita Mizzoni for naming KTFB as the beneficiary.

Sip & Savour is well under way. Tickets are available through www.ktfb.ca and Canada Helps. Each \$50 ticket purchase brings a cocktail package to your door, to enjoy in the comfort of your home, to sip and savour while you tune in to a live online presentation by the Food Bank from the lovely venue of Sher-



wood Farm Retreat and Venue, courtesy Theresa Sherwood.

There will also be draw prizes awarded to those who donate

beyond the ticket price. Each \$10 donation will create one ballot for prizes that include a CSA 2021 Basket courtesy Round the Bend Farms, an overnight stay with thanks to Deerhurst Lodge and more to come.

York Energy Centre and its parent company Capital Power have donat-

ed \$20,000 to King Township Food Bank. Of that, \$10,000 will help Sip & Savour reach its fundraising target and \$10,000 will be considered support of a general nature. Words cannot express the gratitude of the Food Bank.

Because food donations were suspended, the Food Bank was faced with the necessity of purchasing items for the menu boxes, adding 25% to the annual budget, over and above any increase in need amongst King residents.

Stay tuned as plans move along for our annual Sip & Savour cocktail party, and keep up to date with news at www.ktfb.ca

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LSRCA CAO announces retirement, celebrates 36 years

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) Chief Administrative Officer/Secretary Treasurer Michael Walters is retiring after a long career dedicated to protecting and restoring the Lake Simcoe watershed.

Walters has served the conservation authority for over 36 years, the last six at the helm as chief administrative officer.

"On behalf of the board of directors, I want to congratulate Mike on his much-deserved retirement, and thank him for his many years of service to the Authority," said York Region Chairman and CEO, Wayne Emmerson, Chair of LSRCA.

For decades, Walters has worked in LSRCA's science, research, stewardship and environmental programs and services. His extensive background in integrated watershed management, climate change adaptation, stormwater management and low impact development was the impetus behind a number of important and innovative LSRCA initiatives, such as its Phosphorus Offsetting, Urban Restoration, Low Impact Development and Stormwater Management Programs.

"I am just so proud of this organization," he said, expressing his gratitude to the board of directors, executive leadership team and staff at the Authority. "In 2015 I made a commitment to lead the organization through its 5-year strategic plan which ends in 2020. Now it's time to pass the baton to the next CAO."

Walters's efforts to spearhead new and innovative ways to deal with the



Michael Walters

challenges of our time have earned him local, regional and international recognition. An accomplished author, sought-after speaker and compelling advocate for integrated watershed management, Mike is well-known for his straightforward, positive and insightful approach to watershed issues.

While he announced his retirement at the July 2020 board meeting, the news of his retirement is being made official now as the search for a new CAO is about to begin this month. It's expected that a replacement will be in place by early December.

Music festival returns to Aurora

By Brock Weir

Aspiring York Region elementary and secondary school musicians are invited to apply to be a part of the Trailblazers Music Festival, set to take place next month at the Aurora Armoury.

A collaboration between the Aurora Museum & Archives and area musician Jared Stafford, the Trailblazers Music Festival is a revival of an initiative that took place in the same location as part of Canada 150 celebrations in 2017.

"When we started this in 2017, we had ambitions of making it an annual event," said Michelle Johnson of the Aurora Museum & Archives. "With the renovation of the Aurora Armoury, it was put on hold for a little bit and this is the first year we can do it again, albeit modified."

This year, the festival will take place over two evenings – Oct. 2 and 16 – on the patio of the Armoury, now home to the Niagara College's Canadian Food & Wine Institute.

The Canadian Food & Wine Institute will offer a ticketed option providing food and drink, but similar to the Town's popular Concerts in the Park summer music series, squares for social bubbles will be drawn out on the grass of Town Park just beyond the patio gate where people can register and enjoy the music for free.

"It is still being developed and headliners are being finalized, but we knew we wanted to offer this live performance opportunity because of COVID and we wanted to be able to extend these performance opportunities to new and upcoming musicians who might just be starting to find their place and their footing," said Johnson.

"This will bring live music back to the Armoury. As we know from our research, live music was always part of the Armoury. There would be garden parties, bands, dances – it was really that multipurpose space where the community came. We are just really happy again to bring live music back to the Armoury and continue that Live at the Armoury idea."

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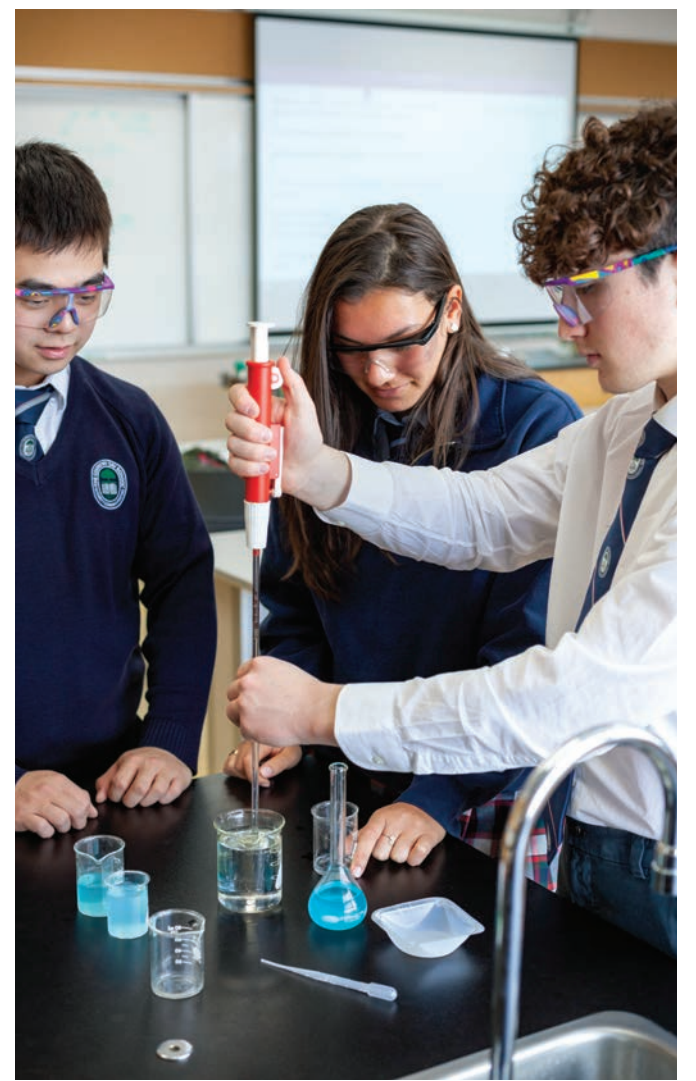


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Key take-aways from York9 FC's short campaign

By Robert Belardi

Analysis

You can commiserate for York9 FC. Encomiums written before the tournament suggested the team's off-season acquisitions had cemented the club as one of the favourites to win it all.

You feel for them, because in hindsight, their performances were good. Good, but not great and that was the difference.

Three ties to begin the tournament against Atletico Ottawa, Pacific FC and Valour FC was insidious and it helped other clubs to remain in the mix.

Sure, York9 earned a dramatic victory in the 905 Derby the next game against Forge FC, but a costly tie against the HFX Wanderers definitely applied some pressure. The Nine Stripes got the win against FC Edmonton, before bowing out against Cavalry FC 1-0 in the deciding match and HFX's win in their final match, secured a plane ticket home.

It was disheartening. Demoralizing. Place any adjective here to describe it. The boys only suffered one loss throughout the competition and that was enough to kiss a shot at the title goodbye. It's the cruelty of soccer. Even if you feel things are going well, they are not always as what they seem to be.

For now, here are some takeaways from the club's performance in the Island Games.

Big Time Defence

Let's begin with the positive news. York9 FC tied for first with the least amount of goals conceded along with Cavalry FC and HFX Wanderers with seven.

Luca Gasparotto, Roger Thompson, Morey Doner, Diyaeddine Abzi and Fugo Segawa (when called upon) did an excellent job holding down the backline.

The 2019 Ironman, Gasparotto, played every minute of the tournament as well as Doner and Thompson.

Gasparotto finished with a team high 14 interceptions and tied for fifth most in the league (as of this past Monday) followed by Thompson with 13 and Doner with 12.

This triple threat held down the back end for York9 FC consistently. Gasparotto led the team with 43 clearances as well, good for second most in

the competition.

These statistics may change as there are four teams still currently standing in the Island Games.

Y9 did not concede a goal from outside of the area in open play throughout the entire competition as well.

Finishing

Out of their eight goals, York9 scored two goals from free play. The rest came from a set-piece.

Free-kick genius Manny Aparicio ripped in a few glorious goals from the dead ball and Joseph Di Chiara capitalized from the penalty spot.

This was ultimately, York9 FC's biggest drawback. The club couldn't score in free play. They did not score a free play goal in the final four matches of the season.

The only two free-play goals came from Lowell Wright on match-day one against Atletico Ottawa and Alvaro Rivero on match-day two against Pacific FC.

Conceding Last Minute

The outcome could have been very different.

Instead of amassing two victories in seven matches, Y9 could have easily, obtained four victories in total and we would be having a very different conversation.

A last-minute goal against Pacific FC in stoppage time and one off of a free kick from Omar Kreim against HFX Wanderers are surely two talking points looking back.

Composure was key in the dying moments and Y9 showed flashes of losing their cool and not only conceding the goal, but also conceding momentum and possession when it mattered most.

Overall Rating (B+)

The club performed very well in this competition overall. Y9 was an injury ridden squad at times with the loss of Michael Petrasso, Christopher Manella and goalkeeper Nathan Ingham for multiple matches.

The youngsters, Lowell Wright, Ijah Halley and Max Ferrari made an instant impact for the team coming off of the bench. These players are a must-watch next season.

But with so many signings and little time to prepare, now is the time to make further preparations and really get Alvaro Rivero and Gabriel Vasconcelos accustomed to the system and learn how others play.

It was also an excellent tournament for Joseph Di Chiara, who led the club with three goals scored.



100 Hole Golf Marathon raises funds Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity

On Friday, Sept. 25, The Yellow Bus Foundation will be holding its 24th annual 100 Hole Golf Marathon at the stunning Glen Eagle Golf Course in Bolton.

Since its inception, this annual event has raised an incredible \$8 million in support of children with life-threatening illness, as well as disadvantaged youth living in our communities. This Golf Marathon aims to raise over \$400,000 each year with the help of about 40 golfers. Last year alone, The Yellow Bus Foundation distributed more than \$500,000 and helped more than 300 Canadian children and young people in need.

The Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity (JACC) is fortunate to be one of the charities selected by The Yellow Bus Foundation again this year. Each selected charity helps children who deal with serious illnesses every day by increasing their access to programs and support that will help them reach their full potential. This Golf Marathon continues to exceed its goals each year because of the dedication of the golfers who participate each year.

Approximately 40 golfers and their generous supporters make this unique event possible. Each player raises a minimum of \$3,500 in pledges to participate. This is a challenging but fun event for everyone. The day includes 12-hours of golf, a good group of participants, heartfelt testimonials throughout the day and the chance to win some great prizes.

The mission of the Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity (JACC) is "to improve the quality of life for seriously ill children and their families ... when love is not enough."

They act as a safety net for sick children and their families when they have nowhere else to turn, helping them access the medical care and treatment they need. JACC receives NO government or United Way funding.

"We are so grateful to The Yellow Bus Foundation for this incredible opportunity, and for the dedication of the participants of the marathon and those who sponsor them" said Jane Sleep, JACC's executive director. "The support that we receive from The Yellow Bus Foundation through this event makes an enormous impact on the families that come to us for help. This year has been especially difficult for our children and families due to COVID-19, and this support means that we don't have to say 'no' when families reach out to us."

"We are pleased to partner with the Jennifer Ashleigh Children's Charity" added Kim Carrigan, The Yellow Bus Foundation manager. "If you enjoy golf and helping seriously ill children in your community, come and join us for this fun packed, one-of-a-kind experience next year. This year's is extremely important as we focus on raising funds in support of our charity partners hit particularly hard by the COVID-19 pandemic."

To play in this challenging, fun and rewarding event, please visit www.yellowbusfoundation.com for more information.

Mighty Heart wins the 161st Queen's Plate

By Robert Belardi

You read the headline right. It was the 161st Queen's Plate at Woodbine this past weekend.

Not much has changed. There was lucrative prize money at stake, competitive racing from the horses and jockeys. Oh, maybe just one thing. A lack of fans. The stadium, usually riveting with noise was all but loud in this competition. Maybe it gave all jockeys a better chance to focus and maybe for those select individuals in the stands, it gave them a better chance to listen to the hooves of the horses clashing on the track.

In race 10 on the day, after many featured events from noon, the stage was set. Jockeys, trainers and fans had to wait out a 77-day delay due to COVID-19.

The \$1-million-dollar purse prize race, the first leg of the OLG Canadian Triple Crown was set to commence.

Right out of the gate in this thoroughbred affair, Mighty Heart and Tecumseh's War immediately began fighting for the lead. Truebelieve and Clayton were in third and fourth. Mighty Heart led by a length around the first turn and the horse and jockey Daisuke Fukumoto.

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Junior A set to return in October, November

By Robert Belardi

The OJHL released an update on Sept. 5, announcing the return of Junior A hockey in Ontario.

The league is set to return in October or November with alternative start dates as well depending on the advice from provincial authorities and townships amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

The OJHL is prepared for multiple options and altering playoffs should the league be fully operational or be shorted.

As for now, teams have been given the go-ahead to get back on to the ice this month to begin Phase 1 training. The league is asking teams to follow all protocols entering arenas, provincial and municipal guidelines through this time.

According to the commissioner of the league, the OJHL is not factoring fans in the arenas as a predominant force to

hold back the OJHL; much like other leagues have.

"The OJHL can appreciate that a number of junior leagues have made decisions to not start until a determined amount of fans are allowed in buildings, however, this will not be a factor in the opening of the OJHL's season," Commissioner Marty Savoy said.

The league has worked closely with Hockey Canada, the Canadian Junior Hockey League, the Ontario Hockey Federation, local health authorities, civic municipalities and the Ontario Hockey Association to structure a safe and functional league this season.

According to the release, the league plans to conduct regular season schedules with a "full-inter league format to conference or divisional-only play. Playoff formats include the traditional 7-game series and 4 rounds to reduced games per series and possible elimination."

OJHL Chairman Marc Mercier confirmed that all teams were very well informed of the return to play plan with monthly calls and meetings. He also confirmed in his quote, the league worked with Athletic Therapists and COVID-19 "Team Liaisons" to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

For more information on the OJHL, you are encouraged to visit ojhl.ca or contact Mason at jmason@theo.jhl.ca.

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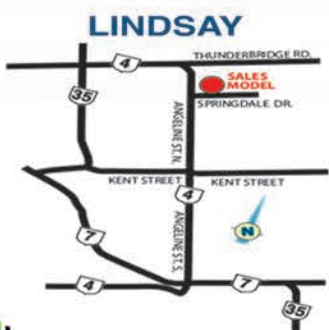
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Impressive victory

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Around the final turn, Mighty Heart was chased by Clayton and Tecumseh's War. But once the turn completely finished and a straight shot to the finish line was in sight, Mighty Heart galloped all the way to finish line in stunning fashion, winning by 7 1/2 lengths to secure the prize.

The horse was set in the booking with 13/1 chances of winning, and the one-eyed horse completed the race in 2:01:98; the second fastest time at Queen's Plate next to Izvestia's record time in 1990 at 2:01 4/5 in 1990.

As per Woodbine Replays on YouTube, Mighty Heart jockey says his first ever ride and victory at Queen's Plate was simply amazing.

"It was unbelievable. I can't express too much. He (Mighty Heart) was feeling good today. We both felt good," Fukumoto said. "He just kept going. He didn't stop."

Entering the race, Clayton was the favourite at 2-1 odds while Curlin Voyage was listed at 5-2.

The mile and a quarter competition has been running since 1860.

The next two races for the Canadian Triple Crown will be a \$400,000 prize in the Prince of Wales Stakes run in Fort Erie on Sept. 29. The Breeder's Stakes will be held at Woodbine on Oct. 24, also prized at \$400,000.



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Ontario provides resources to help prevent human trafficking

As students head back to school, the Ontario government continues to raise awareness about sexual exploitation and human trafficking among children and youth.

Two new educational resources will help prevent human trafficking by teaching kids how to recognize if they are being targeted by a trafficker and making sure they know where to get help. These new tools are part of the province's \$307 million comprehensive anti-human trafficking plan.

"Young people across Ontario need to know what human trafficking is and how it happens, so they can stay safe," said Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister of Children and Women's Issues. "With grooming occurring at such a young age, it is vital to educate our children and youth. These tools can give them the knowledge to spot the danger signs, teach them the skills to avoid it, and point them to help if they need it – so we can stop this crime before it happens."

The new tools are designed to provide innovative ways to actively engage youth in discussions about human trafficking and provide culturally-specific resources for Indigenous communities. They respond directly to needs identified by front-line service providers, survivors of human trafficking and Indigenous communities and organizations.

"Speak Out: Stop Sex Trafficking" is an Indigenous-focused anti-human trafficking educational campaign, designed by and for Indigenous people, that provides information about sexual exploitation and human trafficking – how to recognize it, why Indigenous people may be particularly vulnerable to being targeted and where to go for help. Resources include a website, downloadable materials for distribution in communities, and culturally relevant activities to help leaders and caregivers facilitate conversations with youth, to raise awareness and provide support.

"The Trap" is a Human Trafficking digital education tool designed to raise awareness about sex trafficking among middle and high school-aged children and teens. The interactive tool allows youth to experience what it feels like to be targeted and recruited by a sex trafficker through an immersive chat experience. It features scenarios based on real-life experiences and with the support of an adult facilitator, youth learn the skills they need to stay safe.

"Human trafficking is a serious crime that is on the rise across Ontario and we are committed to holding human traffickers accountable," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "Building education and awareness of how human trafficking happens can help protect our children and youth from predatory activity. These new tools are vital components of our government's comprehensive plan to combat human trafficking, bring traffickers to justice and end this heinous crime."

The tools complement Ontario's updated Health and Physical Education curriculum for Grades 1-8 implemented last September. This new curriculum also equips children with important skills to help protect them-

selves against sex trafficking. These new tools also respond directly to Calls for Justice of the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls to develop and implement awareness and education programs for Indigenous children and youth on the issue of sexual exploitation.

"As we start another school year, it is critical to help students learn the skills to maintain healthy relationships, to identify and respond to exploitative and coercive behaviour, and how to seek help," said Stephen Lecce, King-Vaughan MPP and Minister of Education. "That is why our government updated the elementary Health and Physical Education curriculum by including mandatory learning about online safety and consent to keep kids safe and directly respond to the growing threat of human trafficking."

Raising awareness about human trafficking is a key commitment in Ontario's new strategy to combat human trafficking and child sexual exploitation. Announced in March 2020, the strategy will invest \$307 million over the next five years on a comprehensive plan to raise awareness of the issue, protect victims and intervene early, support survivors and hold offenders accountable.

Over two-thirds of police-reported human trafficking violations in Canada occur in Ontario.

More than 70 per cent of known human trafficking victims identified by police are under the age of 25 and 28 per cent are under 18.

The average age of recruitment into sex trafficking is 13 years old.

Young women and girls are particularly vulnerable, especially those from Indigenous communities and children and youth in care, though boys, men and people who are LGBTQ2S are also targeted.

The new awareness resources were developed with input from Ontario's Human Trafficking Lived Experience Roundtable, made up of survivors

who share their perspectives on initiatives to combat human trafficking in Ontario.

The Ministry of Education provided funding to White Ribbon to create digital resources aligned with the Ontario secondary school curriculum.

These new resources contain eight secondary-level lesson plans to prevent child sexual exploitation and sex trafficking and explore key topics like online safety, healthy relationships, consent, and building healthy masculinities.

YRP look to identify youth at-risk

By Brock Weir

York Regional Police will modernize its approach in tackling human trafficking.

Two new projects, one tackling human trafficking across the Region, as well as guns and gangs, were announced by York Regional Police (YRP) Chief Jim MacSween and Deputy Premier Christine Elliott, who was joined by area MPPs.

The details came following a \$6 million three-year funding announcement from the Ontario Government last week to "help combat crime and build safer communities" by repurposing funds forfeited during criminal prosecutions.

"The Proceeds of Crime Frontline Policing Grant repurposes funds forfeited during criminal prosecutions and helps local police fight gun and gang violence, human trafficking and sexual violence," said Ms. Elliott, noting the YRP's share of \$600,000 would go towards two key programs.

The human trafficking initiative, she said, will "modernize the reporting process how youth at risk are being recruited into human trafficking" while developing a crime prevention model based on social development. The initiative will also provide resources to address the immediate needs of human trafficking victims.

The "guns and gangs" initiative will help identify and examine the "significant increase" in this type of violence by working across sectors to tackle the problem head-on.

"The guns and gangs initiative will examine the increasing gun and gang violence in York Region in the past year," said Chief MacSween. "We know the first step is to understand the underlying factors that cause gun and gang violence. Only then can we tackle education, prevention and enforcement."

"The goal of the human trafficking initiative is to modernize how at-risk youth are identified and reported to police so we can prevent their being trafficked to begin with or assist them with leaving the life entirely. Proactive intelligence-gathering related to the sex trade and supports for survivors of human trafficking will play an important role in this project, but for York Regional Police the most important element in both projects is the community partnerships we will be strengthening and developing. The ability to identify at-risk youth, connect with them early before they begin down a dangerous path, is vital."

To achieve this, the YRP will be working with organizations such as 360 Kids, Victim Services of York Region, and York University, each of whom will help the police "identify young people who are susceptible to human trafficking," said Chief MacSween.

"We will be collaborating in the development of a program to prevent their recruitment into the sex trade and creating an online tool so social workers can submit reports directly to investigators, reducing reporting and investigative delays," he said.

"The result will be real data and evidence that should help us understand sudden surges of violence as well as the effectiveness of prevention strategies. We recognize education and prevention are important factors, I would say critical factors, in any enforcement strategy. That is why this work is so important."



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“On-farm enhancements are essential to the sustainability and continuous improvement of the agriculture sector,” said the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. “Through this investment, we are supporting a range of farmer-driven projects to improve on-farm practices, strengthen the food value chain, and support public trust in farming.”

Examples of projects supported through this programming include:

- Improving food safety systems on farms to meet or exceed international certification standards.
- Planting over-wintering cover crops to improve soil health and reduce soil erosion losses.
- Actions to help prevent pest damage at greenhouse operations.
- Developing a product that will open new sales markets for a farm business.
- Upgrades to animal-handling equipment and improved biosecurity measures.

“Our farmers work tirelessly to supply the array of safe, high-quality agricultural products that feed our province, our country and the world,” said the Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. “By making these strategic investments we are helping to improve the competitiveness of our agri-food sector and secure it for long-

term sustainability, especially during these difficult times.”

“These 670 projects support farmers, rural communities, and the agricultural value chain,” said Neil Ellis, Parliamentary Secretary to the federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. “It’s about supporting growth at the farm level, which will have positive environmental, food system, and market impacts across the Ontario agri-food sector.”

The funding is in addition to programming launched this year to assist the sector in meeting challenges related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Such programming includes the launch of a portal to connect farms and other agri-food sector business with labour needs to job seekers; the creation of the Enhanced Agri-food Workplace Protection Program; and the recent investment of an additional \$50 million into the Risk Management Program for this year, one year earlier than originally promised.

Since June 2018, both the federal and provincial governments have committed cost-share support to more than 2,500 projects through the Partnership to help eligible Ontario farmers, processors, businesses and sector organizations innovate and grow.

The partnership is a five-year, \$3 billion investment which includes \$1 billion for federal activities and programs, and \$2 billion in cost-shared programs delivered by provinces and territories on a 60-40 basis.

This cost-share funding is supporting projects in the following key priority areas:

Economic development in the agri-food and agri-products sectors.

Environmental stewardship to enhance water quality and soil health.

Protection and assurance to reinforce the foundation for public trust in the sector through improved assurance systems in food safety and plant and animal health.

More than 670 projects were approved following a competitive, merit-based application intake that took place from January 8 to January 29, 2020.

In Ontario, cost-share programming to support farmers and other businesses through the Partnership is delivered by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA).

Governments extend child care funding to help parents

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.

“Child care is not a convenience, it is a necessity. High-quality early learning experiences are essential to the intellectual, emotional and physical development of our children,” said Minister Hussen. “The Government of Canada is pleased to continue working with the Government of Ontario to ensure that all children and families in Ontario have equal access to the quality early learning and child care they need to succeed.”

This is an additional investment through the Early Learning and Child Care Agreement between the federal government and Ontario that was signed in 2017. It builds on commitments made in the Multilateral Early Learning and Child Care Framework that was signed by all of the provinces and territories.

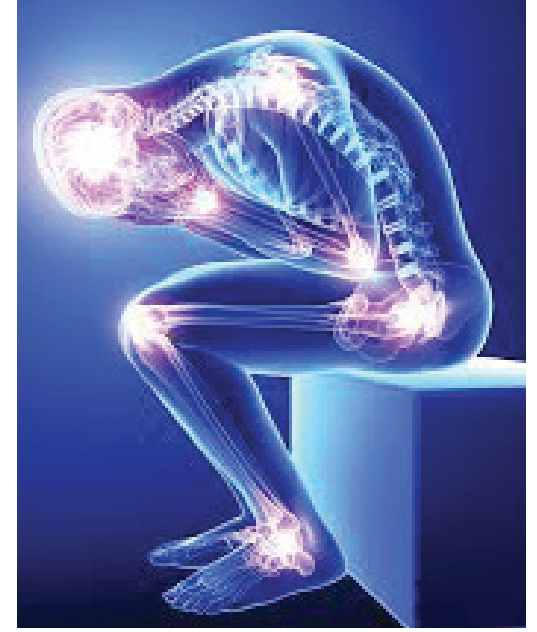
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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
416-917-0406

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.

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 week-

ly 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 st-paulsnobleton.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: stp_stm_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 that the church is very much alive.

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



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Abbott: Catherine "Kay" Mary
Peacefully at Southlake Residential Care Village Newmarket, on Saturday, September 5, 2020. Kay Abbott (née: Laidlaw) in her 92nd year, beloved wife of the late John Abbott. Loving mother of Bill (Kathy), Janice (John Grandy), Nancy McKinnon (Brent), Shirley Fuligni (Dan), and the late Catherine. Remembered with love by her 8 grandchildren Brian, Lisa, Mark, Michelle, Mackenzie, Taylor, Riley and Noah and 1 great grandson Jayden. Predeceased by her brothers Frank, Jack, and George. Forever in the hearts of her extended family and friends. Cremation will be held. Due to pandemic protocols with restrictions on gathering size, a private Family Invitational Memorial Service was held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home 1666 Tottenham Rd., Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Wednesday, September 16, 2020. (All visitors must wear a face mask, and should only attend if they do not have a fever or cough). Followed by interment in Fraser Presbyterian Cemetery. The funeral service will be placed online for public viewing on Rod Abrams Funeral Home Facebook page (after the day of the service). In memory of Kay, donations to Fraser Presbyterian Church (70 Queen St. S, Tottenham L0G 1W0) would be appreciated by the family. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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King's Corners

**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

Worship on Sunday, Sept. 20 will be held at King City United Church at 10 a.m. with Rev Bruce Roffey presiding. We ask that those who are attending to RSVP to King City United at kcuc@bellnet.ca or to Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140.

This services will also be posted online on our website at kcuc.net and copies of the sermon and bulletin can be found there. If you have any questions you may contact the office for more information at 905-833-5181.

We are grateful for your cooperation in following our safety protocols when entering the building and providing your RSVP as we are limited in the numbers we are able to host in the building. Our churches have opened adhering to the guidelines of the Province of Ontario, York Region and Shining Waters Region (United Church of Canada).

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.

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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."

When we are not worshipping in person we are worshipping online! Join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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.

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

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

Thank-you and we look forward to seeing everyone soon! Please visit our website for further information! www.kingbiblechurch.com

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Our first worship service was 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 started 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.

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

All Saints is now open Sundays to worshippers at 8 a.m. in the chapel and 10:30 a.m. in the main church with strict distancing and mask wearing measures. For those who are not comfortable in person virtual worship continues with a Morning Prayer and sermon on Sundays on YouTube and an evening Compline by Zoom. Check out our parish Facebook for YouTube info <https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsking>. Prayer time is on Fridays at 11:00 am by Zoom. Call the church at 905 833 5432 for Zoom log info.

Our beautiful hosta garden off Keele Street has been turned into a Prayer Garden with posted texts for private worship. We encourage everyone to come up the path beside the chapel for quiet moments of reflection and meditation.

Words to live by - Fr. Michael Peterson spoke on last Sunday's Gospel from Matthew 18:

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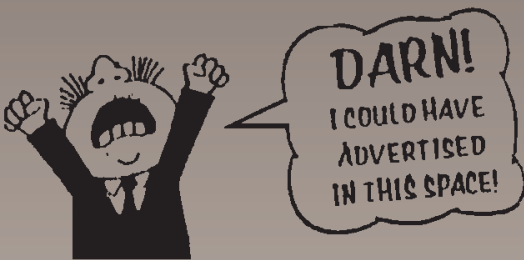
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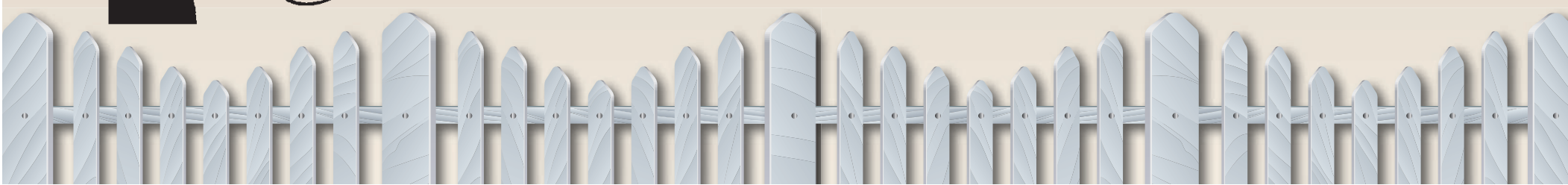
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One in five non-profits expected to close in the next six months

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on Ontario nonprofits and charities, with one in five organizations expecting to close within six months, more than 30 per cent laying off staff and more than half losing volunteers.

The new data comes from a bilingual survey conducted by L'Assemblée de la francophonie de l'Ontario (AFO) and the Ontario Nonprofit Network (ONN) to understand the impact of the pandemic on the nonprofit sector three months into the crisis, with over 1,100 nonprofit organizations responding.

Ten per cent of respondents are using their own personal funds to meet the financial needs of their organizations.

Twenty-three per cent of respondents expect their situation to get worse, including 40 per cent of sports, recreation and other social clubs and 31 per cent of arts, culture and heritage organizations.

"With the results of the various surveys that AFO has conducted since the pandemic started, we know that one in five nonprofit organizations is in a critical situation. Francophones in Ontario have taken 400 years to build a network of institutions and nonprofits. Losing

them would represent a dangerous step towards assimilation and would inevitably lead to a reduction in the supply of services in French in the province. Governments would lose as well, with many nonprofits providing services on their behalf," said Carol Jolin, AFO president.

"Piecemeal solutions, although helpful in the short-term, are not working and federal and provincial government supports not reaching organizations," said Cathy Taylor, executive director of ONN. Three-quarters of respondents did not benefit from any provincial

funding measures, while two-thirds did not benefit from any federal relief measures. Many social service and health organizations that delivered services through the worst days of the crisis were still waiting for pandemic pay at the end of June.

COVID-19 is not only affecting the communities nonprofits and charities serve, but will have a ripple effect on Ontario's economy. The province's 58,000 non-profits and charities employ one million workers and contribute \$50 billion to the province's GDP.

"Ontarians count on nonprofits every day for child care, affordable housing, summer camps, seniors visiting programs, art galleries, faith spaces, food banks and more. If our sector loses 20 per cent of its organizations, it will be devastating for Ontarians and will put significant pressure on governments to fill these big gaps," said Taylor.

The two organizations are recommending a suite of solutions based on the results of the survey:

- A non-profit sector stabilization fund from the Ontario government.
- Accelerating deployment of provincial pandemic pay, and other supports, which has taken too long to reach front-line organizations.
- Making the federal emergency wage subsidy program more flexible and responsive to nonprofit business models.

As a sector, Ontario non-profits receive less than half of their revenue from governments, which means they can leverage these public investments – via business activities, donations, and volunteer contributions – into programs and services that directly benefit the people of Ontario.

King's Corners

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"Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'"

"Forgiveness is a social skill. We teach forgiveness to the young as an investment in our future, because otherwise the alternatives to forgiveness – conflict, grudge keeping, and vengeance – poison our families, poison our workplaces, poison our politics and our communities.

Forgiveness requires that we set aside the past, that we make what peace we can with the memories of the wrongs committed against us, in order that the past does not control our future.

Notice that Peter asks Jesus "if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive?"

Without forgiveness, there is no church, no community. Church is about the future, about God's calling us to be transformed by the love of Christ. Without forgiveness we are stuck in our histories, unable to answer God's call to move forward. The centrality of forgiveness is why he says in the Sermon on the Mount: "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive you" (Mt 6.14-15).

Is there an upper limit to forgiveness, as Peter seems to ask Jesus? Do we stop after the eighth offence against us?

Jesus's answer to Peter, that we should forgive "seventy-seven" times, seems to defy human capacity. In the context of the parable that follows, that sort of forgiveness seems to be illustrated by the king forgiving his servant of "ten thousand talents" (18.24), an impossibly large sum. We have to conclude that the king stands for God, and

that God's forgiveness is extravagant and excessive.

Forgiving the servant's debt is an act of pure grace. But let us not think that we can forgive as the King forgives us. Our forgiveness at best will be a paltry thing, because the King's forgiveness is love itself, poured out for all. Jesus is the source of all true forgiveness.

It may well be that Jesus words, "seventy times seventy," do not indicate the extravagance of our forgiveness so much as they indicate the duration of our forgiveness, which must be a continual action. We may be called to forgive a wrong against us every day for seventy-seven days, or months, or years.

The forgiveness that Jesus calls us to is then a daily discipline. We can perform it by saying of the Lord's Prayer, or in a deeper way, focusing on particular people that we need to forgive. We can say each day as we rise, "Help me, Christ, this day to forgive others as best I can, in imitation of you, who have forgiven me so much."

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WE HAD CREATIVE IDEAS FROM SOME OF OUR PARTICIPANTS:



**Cynthia completed 200KM of running and cycling
Terry on a poker run, Donna kayaked,
Cathy did a daily meditation**

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