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Corridors along Highway 400 through King and York Region may be developed for employment lands in the future.

Foes rally against York move to review corridors

By Mark Pavilons
 Editor
 Local Journalism Initiative

A decision by York Regional Council to look at developing land along highway corridors has led to a rallying cry from local residents and environmental groups.

York voted to reiterate its request to develop a process allowing municipalities to access strategically located employment lands in these corridors. Council also asked the Province to permit the extension of Great Lake based servicing, as an option to service settlement areas within the Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Plan areas.

Those opposed to the plan see it as the Province opening up the Greenbelt to development, specifically designating industrial and commercial development along 400 series highways.

Critics argue that politicians are turning their backs on environmental plans such as the Greenbelt Plan, Oak Ridges

Moraine Conservation Plan and the provincial Growth Plan. "Ontarians love the Greenbelt, yet some municipalities and developers keep pushing for paving these protected lands. Premier Doug Ford must immediately make it clear that opening the Greenbelt to development is against the law and will never be approved by the provincial government," said Tim Gray, executive director, Environmental Defence.

Astonishingly, this attack on the Greenbelt is not based on a need for more development land, as evidence from the development industry's own planning consultants shows there are 12,000 hectares of land currently approved for development within municipal boundaries in York Region, he noted. This is larger than the entire area of the City of Richmond Hill and only slightly less than half the existing built employment land. Of this amount, 3,400 ha are employment lands, and 2,600 ha remain vacant as of 2017, larger than the total land area of King City.

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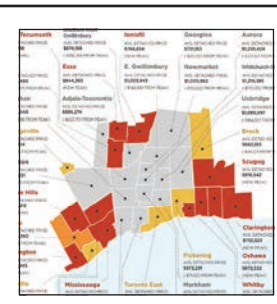
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, October 19th
5:00 pm - Committee of the Whole Working Session
• Draft Traffic Calming Strategy
6:00 pm - Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting

Monday, November 2
6:00 pm – Special Council Public Planning Meeting
Virtual meeting – see complete notices below.

Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments

Location: 204 Dew Street, King City, ON
Owner: Yellow Horizon Homes Ltd.
Agent: Weston Consulting
File Numbers: OP-2018-02 and Z-2018-06

Proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment

Location: 13724 Highway 27, Nobleton, ON
Owner: Nobleton York Holdings Inc.
File Numbers: 19T-19K04 and Z-2019-11

General Zoning By-law Amendment

Cannabis Production Facilities
Location: All lands within the Township of King
Applicant: Township Initiated
File Number: Z-2020-07

Virtual meetings 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

Tuesday, October 20
6:00 pm - King Township Public Library Board Virtual Meeting
Thursday, October 22
7:00 pm - Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board Virtual Meeting

BID NOTICES

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Or visit on the following link

<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Director of Public Works – closes Oct. 16 at 4:30 pm
- IT Business Systems Analyst – closes Oct. 16 at 4:30 pm

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

REMINDERS

Nobleton sewer works



King Township is about to start the third contract of the second phase of providing infrastructure for residents to connect to the municipal sewer system in Nobleton.

Phase 2, Contract 3 sanitary sewer and concurrent works in Nobleton will take place in and around the following roadways: Sheardown Drive, Dobson Court, Cain Court, Hazelbury Drive, Chamberlain Court, Russell Snider Drive, Witherspoon Way, Mactaggart Drive, Holden Drive, Robb Drive and McCutcheon Avenue affecting approximately 200 homes.

Weather permitting, work is scheduled to start later this month and is expected to take about 27 months to complete.

King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini said the project is another example of King's commitment to not only maintaining but improving its municipal infrastructure system.

Residents who have any questions about the project can visit <http://majorprojects.king.ca/> or contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or serviceking@king.ca.

Municipal water flushing

Ansnorveldt, 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.

NOTICE VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS 2020 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Community Grants Program (previously advertised in the spring) was postponed in recognition that most not-for-profit organizations were pre-occupied with reacting/responding to the challenges that all were facing during this difficult time.

The Township of King, in an effort to award much needed community grant assistance in 2020, is now re-advertising for the 2020 Community Grants Program. This program is available to not-for-profit community organizations, which provide or develop recreational, cultural or social opportunities within the Township of King. Applications will be received until **Friday, November 20, 2020**.

Please NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Province's gathering restrictions, grant applications will not be considered for funding any 2020 events such as fairs, fireworks displays, parades, etc.

The Community Grants Policy Information and Application are available on the Township website at <https://bit.ly/kinggrants>, or please contact clerks@king.ca.

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

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.

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



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LATEST UPDATES

King now offering limited in-person services

King Township has re-opened some facilities and is now offering in-person services, subject to demand and in conjunction with current public health protocols.

Each Wednesday, limited in-person services are available by appointment only at the King Township Heritage and Cultural Centre at 2920 King Road, King City. Only commissioning services (i.e. foreign pension forms, statutory declarations, affidavits) and the issuance of marriage licenses are available. Enhanced curbside pickup of Garbage Bag Tags and Blue/Green Bins is offered at King Township Public Library branches through its curbside pickup program. Please see the notice above.

The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. will remain closed for the remainder of the year.

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.

CLIMATE KING

King is developing a Climate Action Plan aimed at tackling the impacts and effects of Climate Change within our community for both the near and long term future of King.

King will be hosting two webinars taking place Oct 15 & Oct 22 @ 6pm

To register please visit <https://speaking.king.ca/climate-action-plan>

York says corridors are ideal

From Front Page

If the removal of these lands from the Greenbelt is approved, they would likely end up as malls and sprawling subdivisions since surplus employment lands can be converted to commercial or residential zoning.

"This is the not-so-thin edge of the wedge" said Cindy Whitelaw, chair, Save the Oak Ridges Moraine. "A fact that's underscored by the Region's mention of looking forward to developing additional lands along the proposed Highways 413 and Holland Marsh Expressway (Bradford By-pass) if they are built through the Greenbelt."

Two of the three areas proposed are in the Lake Simcoe watershed, and the area on Highway 400 between King and Vaughan contains areas of high quality natural cover.

"It is inappropriate to take out natural areas that should be protected through the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan, just when its legislative review is about to begin. We need better protection of these important natural features, not more malls," said Claire Malcomson, executive director, Rescue Lake Simcoe Coalition.

"We are deeply concerned about piping water from, and sewage to, Lake Ontario," said Andrew McCammon, executive director, Ontario Headwaters Institute. "This is the time to fix existing water problems, such as salt in lakes and groundwater, algae caused by phosphorus in sewage, and the lack of water conservation, not create more problems with ill-considered, expensive, and prohibited pipelines."

"This is another attempt by the development industry to pave over the Greenbelt", said Dr. Anne Bell, Director of Conservation and Education, Ontario Nature. "If the provincial government opens the Greenbelt at York Region's request, it would set a terrible precedent. It would contradict repeated assurances by the Premier that the Greenbelt is off limits to development. Land speculators would make millions while the rest of us would lose precious farmland and natural areas forever."

Nobleton resident Nancy Hopkinson said looking at land only on the surface is not good enough.

"There have been studies down beneath the surface, which shows that this land is important in the recharge and cleaning of water for us all to drink," she said.

King, back in 2016, supported removing lands from the Greenbelt Plan for new employment uses along Highway 400 "when required."

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini said it doesn't give anyone carte blanche to develop. The motion changes nothing, and merely gives municipalities the opportunity to explore options. If deemed necessary, these lands can be examined through the existing comprehensive review process.

Pellegrini said municipalities have to be innovative and explore all options when it comes to employment lands. We can't just say "no" to all ideas and grind to a halt, he pointed out.

This idea has been discussed for more than a decade and it's included in King's own Economic Development Plan to look at employment lands adjacent to Highway 400. The two main areas in King would be the intersection of Highway 9 and the 400, and King Road and the 400.

The mayor pointed out, no one – not King nor York officials – are saying "yes" to anything. They're stating an interest and looking at policies that govern this possibility.

In face of the criticism, Pellegrini pointed out council has never voted in favour of shrinking the Greenbelt. In fact, he was one of the first to sign the initial "Greenbelt Pledge." Further, Councillor Avia Eek said if these lands are marginal farmland, they don't provide any agricultural value.

This recent move by York is not definitive and nor does it set in motion any further action.

"We have to be strategic," the mayor said. "Let's work together to achieve the goals we want."

The report by regional staff indicated that generally speaking, lands adjacent to 400-series highways are "well suited for employment purposes."

They admitted much of these lands in York are protected by the Greenbelt Plan for environmental and agricultural uses.

York staff said the Province "should develop a process to allow municipalities to access strategically located employment lands over the long term if deemed necessary through a Municipal Comprehensive Review."

Regional staff have been asked by member municipalities to examine the competitive benefits of permitting new employment uses on these lands.

In fact, interest from York dates back to 2004 when they asked the Province to allow them to amend the Greenbelt Plan to permit employment lands in areas like the 400 series corridor.

In a 2015 report, York again asked the Province the very same thing, to develop a "process to allow municipalities to access strategically located employment lands ..."

The Growth Plan itself does state that economic development and competitiveness will be promoted by "ensuring the availability of sufficient land, in appropriate locations, for a variety of employment uses to accommodate forecasted employment growth."

Provincial planning policies also provide for a "balance approach" to growth management, promoting preservation of the natural environment, as well as promoting economic growth.

York staff pointed out the region's location in the GTA is strategic for goods movement. It's a top destination for businesses across a number of industries, and many rely on access to transportation corridors.

"There are a wide range of business sectors that have very specific land requirements in terms of size, configuration, transportation access and proximity to other related businesses. The characteristics of ideal employment lands, as well as the overall supply, are important considerations in planning for York Region's long-term employment needs," according to staff. "The Region has a limited supply of lands along 400 series corridors that provide visibility for businesses. The long-term vitality of the York Region economy demands high-profile, accessible locations for employment and in this regard the importance of the 400 series corridors to the economy is recognized by the Region, the local municipalities and the Province."

Further, staff say York will attract the largest volume of job growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe by 2051.

This past August, the Province released the final Growth Plan amendment and revised Land Needs Assessment methodology. York staff will undertake detailed forecasting and land needs assessment based on this.

"The role of the 400 series highway corridors ... are especially critical in York Region's long-term planning," staff concluded.

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~ Michael Connelly

Mother Nature offers stress relief in spades

Reality is the leading cause of stress, according to Lily Tomlin.

There’s nothing quite like a dose of reality first thing in the morning to get you moving.

I prefer a freshly brewed cup of coffee.

Many believe that stress doesn’t occur naturally, like thunderstorms or the changing of the leaves. Stress is what we do to our own bodies, reacting to stressful situations.

Of course there are stressful situations, some of our own making. Others are beyond our control. There are many reasons to get stressed out these days, maybe more than ever before in our lives. Again, we have to choose how we react.

Yes, we have a choice – get worked up, or learn to relax, channel, ease, and release the tension as it builds.

Many people also contend that you can actually see stress on someone’s face. I call it “careworn,” a term I fondly remember from *The Wizard of Oz*, used describing Aunt Em.

Our mind set is extremely important and if you think about it, it’s all that matters. Most of us have our own ways of dealing with stress on a daily basis.

While it may not be practical to dart out during our lunch hour for a stint of hot yoga, we can simply take a few moments to decompress, meditate, or head outside, where the real “cure” to stress lies.

Yes, my friends, as much as stress is a creation of our own minds, the relief is Nature itself. The outdoors offer a cornucopia of sights, sounds and feelings to ease a troubled mind.

“Earth and sky, woods and fields,



Mark Pavilons

lakes and rivers, the mountain and the sea, are excellent schoolmasters, and teach some of us more than we can ever learn from books,” said John Lubbock.

To me, there’s nothing more peaceful than sitting outside in my back yard in the summer, feeling the sun kiss my face, and enjoying a gentle breeze as it surrounds me. It’s like a fresh blanket for the soul.

You may have already known this and ask why it’s taking so long for people to figure it out.

The Dutch, for instance, undertake “outblowing,” or “uitwaaien.”

It’s basically activity spent outdoors in the wind, whether going for a walk, run or bike ride. I suppose a car ride works too, if the windows are down.

Uitwaaien is something they do to clear their minds and it’s literally out with the bad air, in with the good.

I fully concur with Shrek on this: “Better out than in.” Okay, he was talking about the other end, but it’s still good advice!

The answer, my friend, may very well be blowing in the wind. Thanks, Bob Dylan!

As little as five minutes per day spent outside immersed in nature can do wonders.

Many researchers have found similar results, linking activities like nature walks with reduced levels of depression, perceived stress, and negative emotions. Some research goes even further, reporting that walking in nature can help reduce headaches, improve immune function, and even increase anti-cancer protein production.

We all have our favourite places or things that trigger joy. Who doesn’t love water, or the sound of waves crashing to shore? Who doesn’t enjoy the chatter of birds, the smell of a camp fire?

I visited someone in the Holland Marsh recently. There, I stood in amazement of the acres and acres of flat, fertile lands. Just staring at the horizon made me feel at peace.

Research shows time spent in forests or just looking at trees or photos of them, boosts immune systems, lowers blood pressure, improves mood and ability to focus, and increases energy levels and sleep quality.

Studies have shown that people who live closer to the coast, report better physical and psychological health than those farther inland. Water may have a restorative effect, helping us overcome negative emotions and diminish our mental distress.

I’m a firm believer that this is no accident. All life on this planet emerged from the water, so we have an inherent connection with it.

“Heaven is under our feet as well as over our heads,” Henry David Thoreau once wrote.

And John Burroughs said he went to nature “to have my senses put in order.”

And scientists have more evidence to support this. One Japanese physician said trees and plants release antibacterial and antimicrobial substances in the air. If we breathe them in, they can help us get stronger, too, and help fight disease.

We are all well aware by this point – made quite evident by COVID-19 – that stress can damage our health and well-being. We take vitamins and eat well to help our bodies. A “dose” of Nature is abundant, and free.

I’ve been told to meditate now and then and that it does wonders to calm both mind and body. I’ve watched “The Secret,” which indicates we need to connect with the universe, and it will respond. Friends and family members swear by yoga, Reiki, prayer and aromatherapy.

There’s a lot that we still don’t know about existence, human origins and life in the universe.

We may very well be connected in ways we can’t even imagine.

What is obvious is the abundance and beauty of Nature – it’s all around us. From a blade of grass to the oldest of redwoods, the natural world is simply amazing. Again, this is no accident.

Just as we can surround ourselves with positivity and optimism, so should we wrap our loving arms around what the world offers.

Breathe deeply and let it all out!

Letter to the Editor

No need to open highway corridors to development

York Region Council voted in favour of asking the province to allow employment areas along 400 series highways and permit the extension of Lake Ontario water and sewers to rural settlement areas like Nobleton

The majority of land in King Township lies in the Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt making our Mayor the de facto steward of vast groundwater supplies, natural areas, and farmland. For those of us who care about the permanence of the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine the result of the vote was a huge disappointment but not surprising.

We’ve been here before, the creation of the Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt Plans are a result of citizens in the late ‘90s demanding the province step in to manage out of control municipal led sprawl.

There is absolutely no need to remove land from the Greenbelt for employment uses. A 2017 York Region report identified 2,588 hectares of vacant employment lands. As the annual uptake of employment land is 7 to 19 hectares annually there is no shortage of employment lands for the next generation.

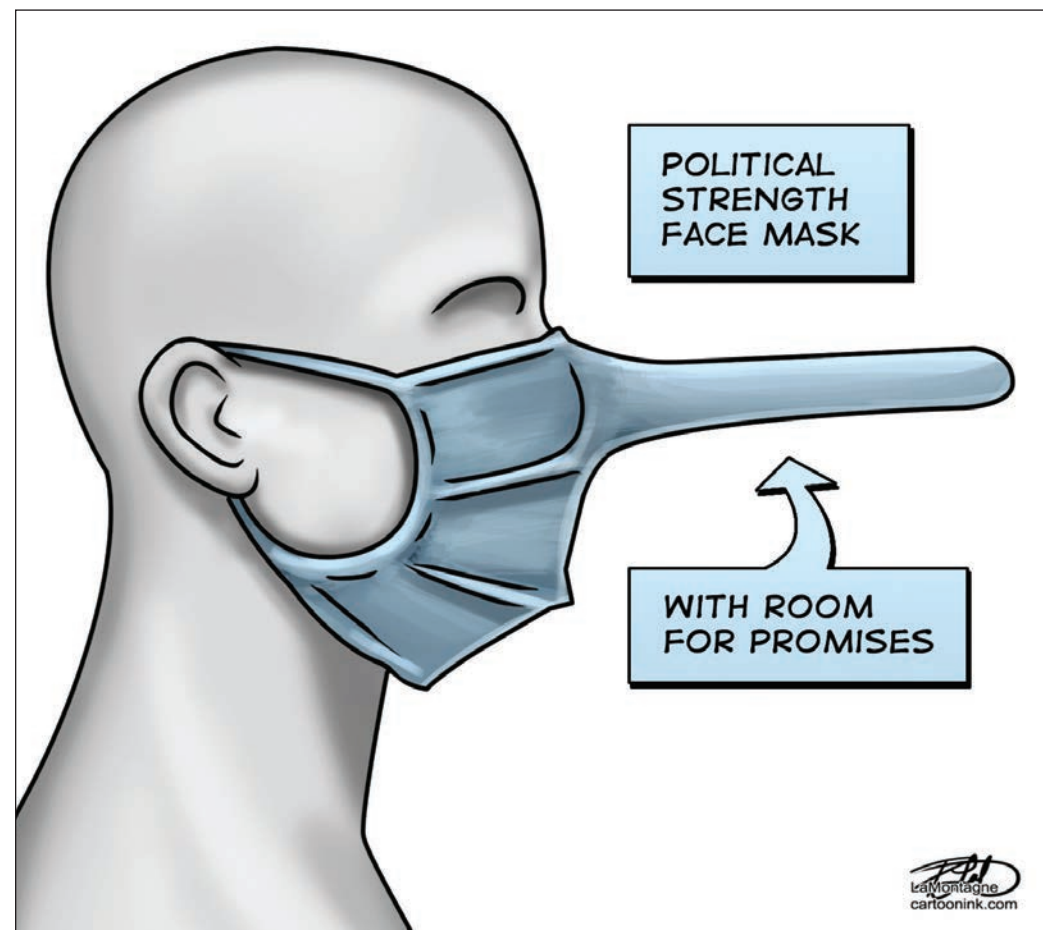
Over the next few years people need to think about the communities they want. Highway led sprawl creates more traffic, increases taxes and greenhouse gases and makes it harder to develop an efficient transit system. Locating employment lands within our towns and cities encourages more people to walk, take transit or cycle to work rather than drive, reducing gridlock.

It’s also healthier and less costly than extending pipes and roads.

Will the Ford government open up the Greenbelt and approve our local politicians request to transform the Greenbelt lands into development? Thanks to the outpouring of public support for the Greenbelt the Ford government has backed down twice from opening up the Greenbelt since the 2018 election. But the province is fast-tracking the GTA West highway that runs through Ontario’s Greenbelt.

I am very concerned the province will succumb to pressures from developers and some municipal leaders during the 2025 Greenbelt Plan review. We need to make it clear at the next provincial election, there are places to grow and there are places to permanently protect for future generations.

Susan Lloyd Swail
Nobleton



Quote of the Week



“I don’t like that man. I must get to know him better.”

- Abraham Lincoln

Trivia Tidbits

On July 1, 1908, the residents of Port Arthur, Ontario, today’s Thunder Bay, turned their clocks forward by 1 hour to start the world’s first Daylight Saving Time period.

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Results from last week’s poll:

Were your Thanksgiving plans curtailed due to COVID-19?

a) Yes **20%**

b) No **80%**

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

THIS WEEK’S QUESTION

Are you starting to stock up again on essentials?

a) Yes
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We should have phased out plastics years ago

By David Suzuki

Commentary

Almost every product and material we refer to as “plastic” is made from fossil fuels. Most of it hasn’t been around for long — a little over 70 years for the most common products. North American grocery stores didn’t start offering plastic bags until the late 1970s.

Over that short time, plastics have become ubiquitous. A Center for International Environmental Law report says global plastic production exploded 200-fold between 1950 and 2015 — from two million to 380 million tonnes. Plastic is everywhere, from the ocean depths to mountaintops, from Antarctica to the Arctic — even in our own bodies.

As the report points out, almost every piece of plastic begins as a fossil fuel. This creates greenhouse gas emissions throughout its life cycle, from extraction and transport to refining and manufacturing to managing waste and impacts. The report projects these emissions could reach 1.34 gigatons per year by 2030 — “equivalent to the emissions released by more than 295 new 500-megawatt coal-fired power plants.”

There are good reasons for plastic’s popularity. It’s lightweight, durable, inexpensive, easily shaped and can be used to safely store many materials, from water to chemicals. That it’s long-lasting is part of the problem.

Plastics don’t decompose like organic substances. Instead, they break down into smaller and smaller pieces, much of which ends up in oceans, where it is consumed by marine life and birds. These “microplastics” work their way through the food web and eventually to humans.

There’s still much to learn about microplastic’s health effects, but exposure in animals has been linked to liver and cell damage, infertility, inflammation,

cancer and starvation. The 50,000 plastic particles that each of us breathes and eats every year and the microplastic pollution falling on some cities undoubtedly have an impact, especially as many of the chemicals in plastics are known to cause a range of health problems.

A recent study also shows the ocean plastics problem is worse than thought — although with tonnes of plastic debris and particles swirling in massive ocean gyres, it’s hard to imagine it could be. The study, from the U.K.’s National Oceanography Centre, found the Atlantic has 10 times more plastic than had been estimated. Researchers previously calculated the amount entering the Atlantic between 1950 and 2015 to be from 17 million to 47 million tonnes. New measurements show it’s closer to 200 million.

Another report, from the World Economic Forum, Ellen MacArthur Foundation and McKinsey and Company, estimated the oceans could hold more plastic by weight than fish by 2050 if trends continue. Because most plastic doesn’t get recycled, researchers also estimated that 95 per cent of plastic packaging value — worth \$80 to \$120 billion annually — is lost.

It also found that by 2050, the entire plastics industry will consume 20 per cent of total oil production, and 15 per cent of the world’s annual carbon budget.

The study, “The New Plastics Economy,” outlines steps whereby circular economy principles could resolve many issues around plastics in the environment. These require eliminating all problematic and unnecessary plastic items, innovating to ensure the plastics

are reusable, recyclable or compostable, and circulating all plastic items to keep them in the economy and out of the environment.

And while individual efforts are helpful, they don’t go far enough. As Carroll Muffett, lead author of the CIEL report, argues, we can’t “recycle our way out of the plastics crisis.” Instead, we must stop producing fossil fuels and unnecessary disposable plastic items. Reducing use is key, but shifting to plant-based plastics and other products is also crucial.

As we’ve written before, the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed flaws in our outdated economic systems, but it’s also provided an opportunity to pause and figure out how to build back better. Our constant rush to exploit re-

sources, burn fossil fuels and create disposable plastic products for the sake of short-term profits is putting all life and health at risk.

We should have started phasing out fossil fuels and their byproducts decades ago when we realized they were creating massive amounts of air, water and land pollution and heating the planet to temperatures that put our health and survival at risk. The longer we delay, the more difficult change becomes. It’s time for new ideas. It’s time for a just, green recovery.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with contributions from David Suzuki Foundation Senior Writer and Editor Ian Hanington.

King’s Climate Plan webinar

Despite all the challenges, disappointments and losses we are suffering during COVID-19, I maintain that we all have many reasons to be thankful. Our homes have not been burned to the ground or washed out to sea, we are not forced into re-education or refugee concentration camps, regional drought has not brought famine and Canada is not fighting for its existence in a devastating war. We live in a beautiful place.

Some liken the pandemic, with all its tragedies, to a small wave of a flood. But others suggest that the “Tsunami of Climate Change” is an even bigger threat to us all and that it is not going away. No vaccine will “fix” it.

Last year King council took the responsible and “brave” step to commit to significantly reducing its fossil fuel energy use and Green House Gas emissions by 2030.

If you want to learn how King plans

to do this and how you can help, then please participate in the Climate Plan webinar, Thursday, Oct. 15 at 6 p.m. and the second part on Oct. 22 at the same time.

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Council defers ruling on model home in King City

By Mark Pavilons

King councillors deferred a bid to build a model home and sales centre in King City.

Councillors are encouraging the applicant and area homeowners to discuss the issues. Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor subsequently met with a small group of residents, who reiterated their opposition.

At the heart of the matter is an amendment to allow a temporary use on 198 Carmichael Crescent, for a model home and parking lot.

Residents are concerned this will lead to increased traffic, parking and safety woes in their prestigious subdivision. The lot, they point out, is outside of the building envelope.

Westview Star Equity hopes to build the model home and operate it for 19 months, starting August 2021. Visits will be made by appointment only, with a limit of 10 per day. While the office will be closed Fridays, it will run Monday to Thursday, as well as weekends. The accompanying parking lot will accommodate at least 18 vehicles.

Staff pointed out the development would include a parking lot in the rear yard, along with acoustic fencing, landscaping, drainage and walkways. The ample parking will alleviate any need for overflow parking on the street.

The lot is located at the southeast corner of Keele and Carmichael, surrounded by single detached homes.

Staff pointed out a 2.4-metre-high acoustic fence is planned to reduce noise and lights from the parking lot.

Zoning and planning rules allow for this use, to a maximum of three years. The temporary use permit would expire in February 2023.

Staff have put restrictions on what

goes on inside the model home, to reduce its intensity. These measures should help to lessen the impact on the neighbourhood.

The basic question is whether a model home is appropriate in a developed residential subdivision.

Planning staff recommended the application be approved.

Public input helped sway council in their decision to hold off.

Councillor Jordan Cescolini said he's received several submissions from residents concerned about their quality of life in this prestigious area. Show homes, especially lottery homes in this area in the past, have created havoc. The councillor pointed out in this day and age, sales could be conducted virtually and there's no real need for a bricks and mortar sales pavilion.

Mayor Pellegrini said residents didn't have much time to review this latest application. He pointed out there's no real rush, since the model home would not begin operating until next August.

One of the project's main opponents, resident Nick Pantaleo, noted 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.

Pantaleo said the mayor and Councillor Cescolini met with a group of residents this past week. They heard the residents reiterate their strong opposition to the application and the report prepared by the planning department.

The residents also presented the mayor and the councillor with another petition to reject the application.

King couple charged for failing to comply with rules

In what's believed to be the first charge of its kind, a King City couple has been charged for failing to comply with federal quarantine rules. The pair showed up at a rally shortly after returning to Canada, and Toronto police laid the charges.

The two accused are the first people to be charged criminally in Toronto under the federal Quarantine Act, said Metro Constable David Hopkinson.

"We started in the pandemic by educating the public. Now we have switched to enforcement," Hopkinson said. "Charges with regards to this are rare. We've had very, very good compliance by our community."

Hopkinson said they were not charged because they attended a rally, but that they posed a risk to the public.

"We have to work together to eradicate this virus," he said.

Investigators said Christopher (Chris Sky) Saccoccia, 37, and Jennifer Saccoccia, 34, of King City, landed at Toronto's Pearson International Airport on Sept. 20 after travelling abroad.

Police allege that despite being ordered to quarantine for 14 days, Saccoccia was seen in the Yonge-Dundas area of downtown Toronto on Sept. 26 and was issued a provincial offence ticket.

Authorities also allege both Christopher and Jennifer went to a rally attended by roughly 500 unmasked participants at Yonge-Dundas Square.

Both are scheduled to appear for a virtual court hearing on Nov. 12.

Public health rules require everyone coming from outside the country to quarantine for at least 14 days.

Anyone entering Canada, whether by air, land or sea, are required to isolate for 14 days if they have COVID-19, or have reasonable grounds to suspect that they have signs and symptoms of COVID-19, or quarantine for 14 days if they do not have signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

The federal order also indicates when travellers are required to wear a non-medical mask or face covering. This includes a new requirement for individuals who are otherwise exempt from quarantine to wear a non-medical mask or face covering when in public settings if physical distancing cannot be maintained.



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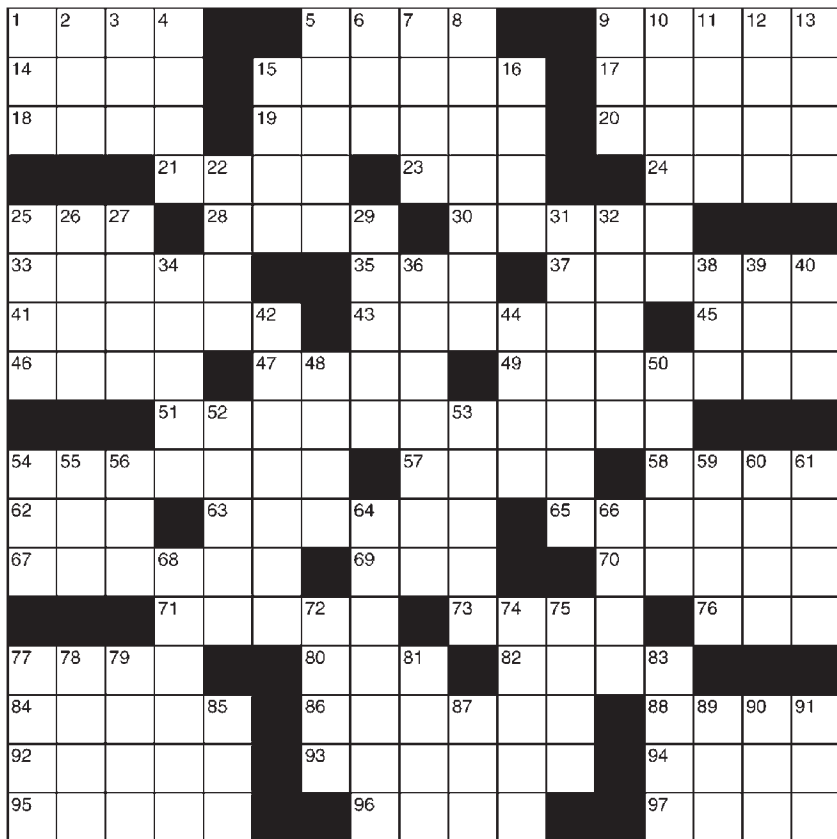
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Markow hits goal, pledges to continue fundraising walk

By Julia Galt

Six months, 1,500 laps, and \$61,000 later, Newmarket's George Markow has finally made it.

Taking the final steps of his 100-kilometer fundraising walk before national news cameras, proud family members, and cheering Roxborough Retirement Home residents Sept. 2, an emotional Markow removed his Canada cap and pressed it over his heart. It was a momentous moment for the proud Canadian and WWII veteran, who overcame health scares, difficult weather, and mental and physical exhaustion on his journey to the final few steps.

"My knees just about buckled, watching him break the 100-km ribbon," said

Sylvia Perkins, Markow's daughter. "I was so proud. I wish time could have stood still at that moment, because it was so, so special."

"It was very touching," added Markow. "I feel great I've achieved something."

Since early April, 99-year-old Markow circled the grounds of his retirement home, hoping to raise \$100,000 for medical research before his 100th birthday in April of 2021. With 15 laps of his retirement home equaling one kilometer of distance, Markow has circled his home over 1,500 times to date. Seventy-five per cent of the funds raised over the course of his walk will be donated to the Sunnybrook Research Institute, with the remaining 25% going to Southlake Regional Hospital Foundation's



COVID-19 Action Fund. As of publication, the GoFundMe set up in Markow's name by Perkins has raised over \$61,000.

With the Galt Family Foundation's commitment to matching all donations made to Markow's campaign, the total amount fundraised sits at a goal-breaking \$122,000.

"I'm just a simple boy from Russia, who was so fortunate to come to Canada 70 years ago," said Markow. "It's been overwhelming."

Despite his momentous achievements, Markow doesn't intend to hang up the walking shoes any time soon. Weeks on from hitting his 100-km milestone goal, he's taking a well-deserved break, but it's by no means the end for Markow. He hopes to hit the 150-km mark before the snow comes in, and maybe even make it to 200 km before his 100th birthday April 14. The GoFundMe will be shut down on his birthday, concluding Markow's year-long fundraising campaign.

"If the donations keep trickling in until then, then Dad's going to keep walking," said Perkins. "When it gets too cold and slippery outside, we're going to figure out another way to keep going."

To celebrate the completion of his walk, Markow intends to attempt another incredible feat: skydiving on his 100th birthday.

"I've been getting cold feet," laughed Markow. "But after all, it's an easy way to go – no suffering!"

After appearances on national news, countless interviews, and shout-outs from Darryl Sittler and the Toronto Maple Leafs, the humble Markow knows exactly what he's most proud of.

"I'm leaving something for my daughter and grandchildren and great-grandchildren to remember me by," said Markow. "And I'm helping Canada."

To donate to Markow's fundraiser, please visit <https://ca.gofundme.com/f/99-yr-old-walking-100-km-for-medical-research>.

YRT making steps towards fare integration in GTHA

York Regional Council approved changes to York Region Transit's (YRT) fare categories, making the fare structure more consistent with other Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) transit agencies – an important step Metrolinx is leading towards fare integration.

"Together with partner transit agencies, we have been working on a solution for fare integration to allow transit riders to travel throughout the GTHA more seamlessly," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "These enhancements will make it easier for children, youth and young adults to travel on multiple transit systems, getting them to where they want to go."

Subject to 2021 budget approval, starting June 27, 2021 changes to YRT's fare categories include free transit for all children up to the age of five and revising the youth category, allowing those between the ages of 13 to 19 to no longer be required to be a high school student to qualify for the discounted fare.

"Changes to these fare categories across the transit agencies will help reduce confusion when travellers are going from one system to another," said Township of King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Chair of the Region's Transportation Services. "Families with young children plus youth graduating high school and entering the workforce will also benefit with the reduced fares."

Metrolinx and the 11 transit agencies in the GTHA continue to work towards a regional fare and service integration strategy, which would include the development of full fare and service integration and initiatives. Initiatives include eliminating two-fare payment between the 905 area, TTC and GO Transit, and implementing cross-boundary service to create operational efficiencies and improve the traveller experience.

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Home sales stall across King and York Region

By Mark Pavilons

Home prices continue to soar across the province, but they've fallen flat across York Region and King Township.

Despite eight of nine municipalities recording detached average home prices above the \$1 million mark, not a single York Region municipality saw average home prices hit close to a peak in August.

In fact, for the region as a whole, the average home price was down \$157,806 (-11%) from the peak price of \$1,466,236 in February 2017.

According to Zoocasa, the real estate market in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) continued on an upward trajectory this summer, with August 2020 hitting a second month of record breaking sales following a slow spring market.

With low borrowing costs, and improving economic conditions, GTA buyers jumped back into the market, albeit with a renewed look at their housing priorities. With more people spending the majority of their time at home over the past few months, some buyers are now seeking out larger properties with backyards or better access to green space, resulting in a shift in housing demand to municipalities where this format of low-rise housing is typically more accessible and available.

Using the latest available monthly data from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB) for August, Zoocasa reviewed average detached house price trends in 33 GTA municipalities or regions. Their analysis showed that there was a significant rise in average detached home prices across several Toronto regions, with a number of cities hitting their peak average detached price, or close to it, last month.

The report provides a top-level review of home price trends for detached properties in GTA municipalities. Twelve GTA municipalities saw record-breaking prices for detached properties in August. Of the 33 GTA areas included in the analysis, average home prices hit their all-time peak in 12 re-

gions.

In total, 18 municipalities across the GTA noted average home prices above the million dollar mark in August, compared to 12 regions this time last year. These municipalities were concentrated in the City of Toronto, Durham Region, Halton Region, Peel Region and York Region.

At the municipal level across York, prices were down over \$100,000 or in double digit percentage figures in every area that recorded a million dollar plus detached average home price, and all of these regions except for King, hit their peak average home price in the spring of 2017. Georgina remains the only region with a sub-million dollar average home price for detached properties at \$731,183, which is 5% or \$35,090 lower than the peak price in May 2017. In King, the average home price in August noted the starkest difference from its October 2016 peak; down 22% or a whopping \$503,375 to \$1,774,480.

Following King, Richmond Hill noted the steepest decline in the average home price since the peak in April 2017, dropping 17% or \$320,893 to \$1,563,178. Rounding out the York Region municipalities with the largest average detached home price drops were Markham (\$1,465,417) and Aurora (\$1,259,424), where prices declined 15% since their respective spring 2017 peaks.

At the regional level, both Durham Region (\$813,740) and Halton Region (\$1,283,651) noted average home prices for detached properties at their peak in August. Peel Region was close behind, with the average detached home prices at \$1,112,634 – just \$2,195 shy of the peak which was last month. Peel as a whole did not reach a new average price high, dragged down by price drops in Caledon. Prices here declined roughly \$63,479 and Caledon experienced its peak back in July.

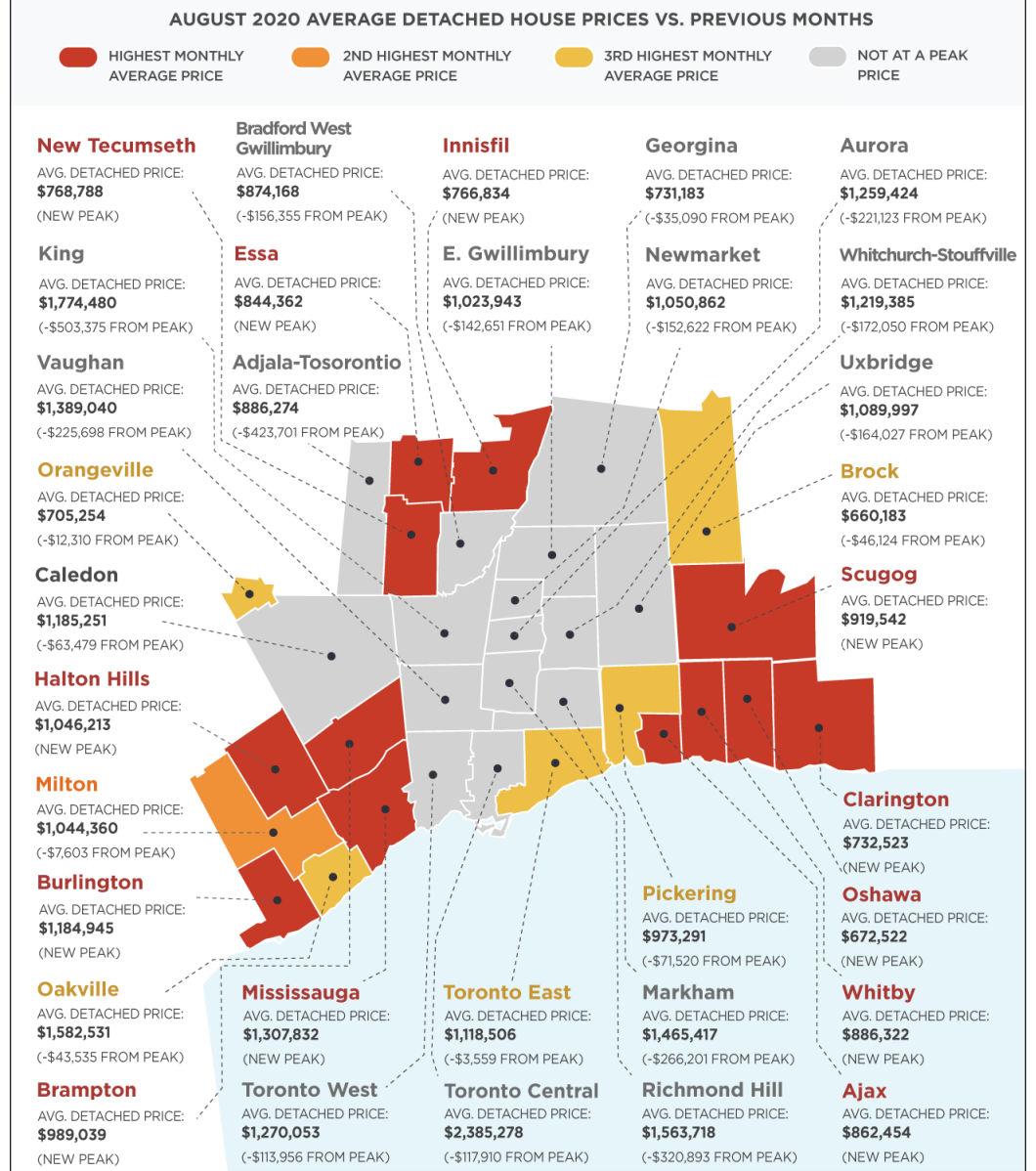
Both Brampton (\$989,039) and Mississauga (\$1.3 million) saw peak prices in August.

In Durham Region, 5 of 8 municipalities saw detached house prices reach

Greater Toronto Regions Where Average Detached House Prices Reached New Highs

Zoocasa mapped 33 regions in the Greater Toronto Area where average monthly detached house prices reached a new peak in August 2020, or alternatively calculated how far from the peak the current average price is.

Average prices were sourced from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board.



their highest levels. Detached home prices hit a peak in Ajax (\$862,454), Clarington (\$732,523), Oshawa (\$672,522), Scugog (\$919,542) and Whitby (\$886,322). Brock and Pickering each noted their third highest average monthly price on record, while Uxbridge was the only Durham Region municipality that did not see average home prices at their peak or close to it.

Every municipality in Halton Region noted an average detached home price

at or near its peak in August 2020. In Burlington (\$1,184,945) and Halton Hills (\$1,046,213), average prices hit their highest levels on record, while Milton (\$1,044,360) saw prices \$7,603 lower than the July record price. Oakville recorded its third highest average home price for detached properties at \$1,582,531 in August.

Monthly average prices were sourced from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board.

Earning the right to serve Boomers, seniors

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Airline industry lobbies Ottawa for a safe restart plan

By Mark Pavilons
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The airline industry is itching to get back in the skies.

Over the course of many weeks, the National Airlines Council of Canada reached out to Canadians to ask them to write their local MPs, asking them to urgently prioritize a plan to safely restart travel and tourism.

The response was overwhelming. Canadians sent more than 312,000 personal messages to the federal government from ridings representing every province and territory in Canada. In particular, Canadians in the Greater Toronto Area cared about this issue, making up more than 21% of total participants. Further, more than 53% of emails sent were from Canadians who live in a riding held by the governing Liberal Party.

Demonstrating how important this issue is to the local economy, constituents of King-Vaughan sent more than 8,439 emails to MP Deb Schulte and her colleagues asking for her to support the safe and responsible restart of travel and tourism. Overwhelmingly, Canadians from across the country have stepped up for their communities sending more than 312,000 personal messages to the federal government asking for a plan to safely ease travel restrictions.

These results show that Canadians believe it is possible, and necessary, for the federal government to keep us safe while also reopening our travel and tourism industry in a responsible manner," according to Mike McNaney, president and CEO, National Airlines Council of Canada.

In response to COVID-19, Canadians have worked hard to establish safe and responsible ways to restart their lives, with all levels of government across the country releasing various plans for the phased reopening of communities and businesses. But so far, the federal government

has not released a clear plan to support the safe restart of the travel and tourism sector.

Industry proponents note Canada needs the federal government to design and release a plan that will safely and responsibly restart travel and tourism for everyone; be they travelers, small business owners that depend on the industry, or their employees. The results of this grassroots outreach show that Canadians believe it is possible, and necessary, to move forward in a responsible manner, and they have asked the Government to undertake the following actions as part of a restart plan:

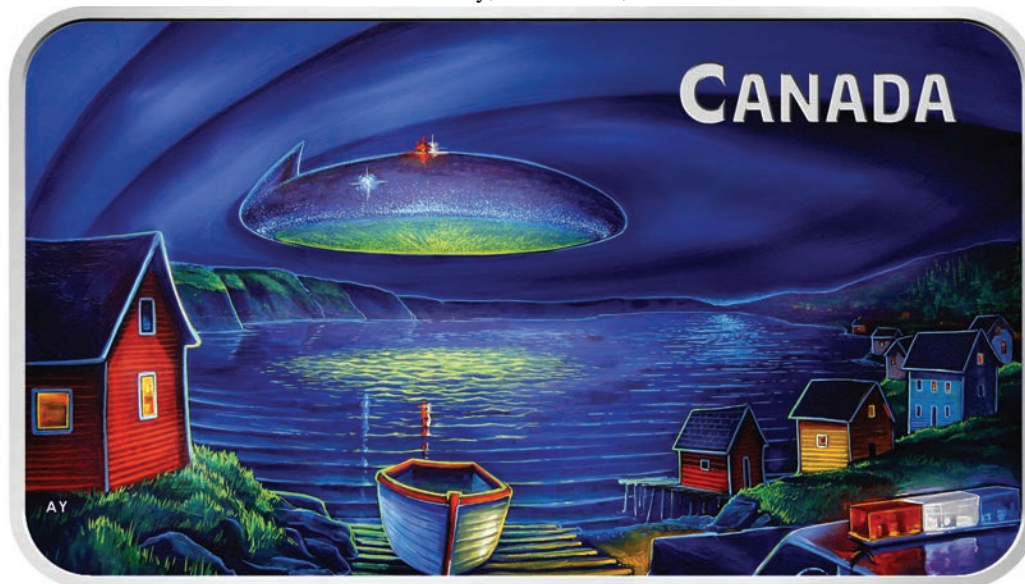
- Rapidly establish a national framework to ease interprovincial travel restrictions.

- Clearly communicate to Canadians that they can travel safely by air to visit their favourite Canadian destinations.

- Establish reciprocal border agreements with targeted safe countries.

"The Prime Minister and his cabinet must take urgent action to support the thousands of business and employees across the country, in communities large and small, that depend on travel and tourism. We can safely restart our industry and take steps to ensure its financial viability through sectoral support, but the federal government must act now," concluded Mike McNaney.

The National Airlines Council of Canada represents Canada's largest national and international passenger air carriers: Air Canada, Air Transat, Jazz Aviation LP and WestJet. It promotes safe, sustainable and competitive air travel by advocating for the development of policies, regulations and legislation to foster a world-class transportation system. Collectively, its member airlines carry over 80 million passengers annually, directly employ over 60,000 people and are a critical component of Canada's overall air transport and tourism sector which supports more than 630,000 jobs.



New coin relays Canadian UFO story

By Mark Pavilons
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The Royal Canadian Mint has captured a famous Canadian UFO story in a new coin.

The UFO, observed over Clarenville, Newfoundland and Labrador, really pops in glowing fashion on this \$20 collector coin.

It's part of the Mint's "Unexplained Phenomena series," and tells the strange story of a 1978 UFO sighting.

The Clarenville Event is vividly illustrated on a new glow-in-the-dark collector coin that captures the moment an RCMP Constable and multiple witnesses observed the mysterious lights and oval shape of an unidentified flying object hovering near the city of Clarenville.

In October 1978, RCMP Constable Jim Blackwood witnessed a sighting of an elongated flying object hovering over the harbour near the town of Clarenville and Random Island. When he arrived at the scene the UFO was still present and quite visible. Several residents were on hand to witness the sighting.

Blackwood had a special high powered viewing scope and he looked at the craft, which stayed in the area for approximately an hour and a half. When he switched on the roof lights of his police cruiser, the craft appeared to mimic the flashing lights. The story made headlines at the time and it was broadcast on CBC television and NTV broadcasting in Newfoundland.

In published reports, Blackwood said it was only a couple hundred feet off the water. As it started to leave, it seemed to take forever to rise, and then it shot up like a shooting star. Blackwood, an aircraft enthusiast, estimated the object's size to be roughly equivalent to a Boeing 737.

Working with a canvas-like rectangular coin, East coast artist Adam Young has recreated the events of October 26, 1978.

"I wanted this piece to include all the elements of the 1978 experience while also incorporating the rugged yet whimsical coastline so often found in the Newfoundland landscape," explained Young. "Light and line direction were also important aspects of the design, creating a circular visual flow throughout the composition. This has been an exciting artistic endeavour, which, throughout my research for the design, has caused me to tumble down the rabbit hole of other Canadian UFO sightings."

True to the scene described by witnesses that night, luminescent elements on the coins shine through when exposed to a black light.

The rectangular \$20 Fine Silver Coin - Canada's Unexplained Phenomena: The Clarenville Event has a limited mintage of 5,000 and retails for \$129.95.

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Artists rewarded by ASK's King's Autumn Reflections

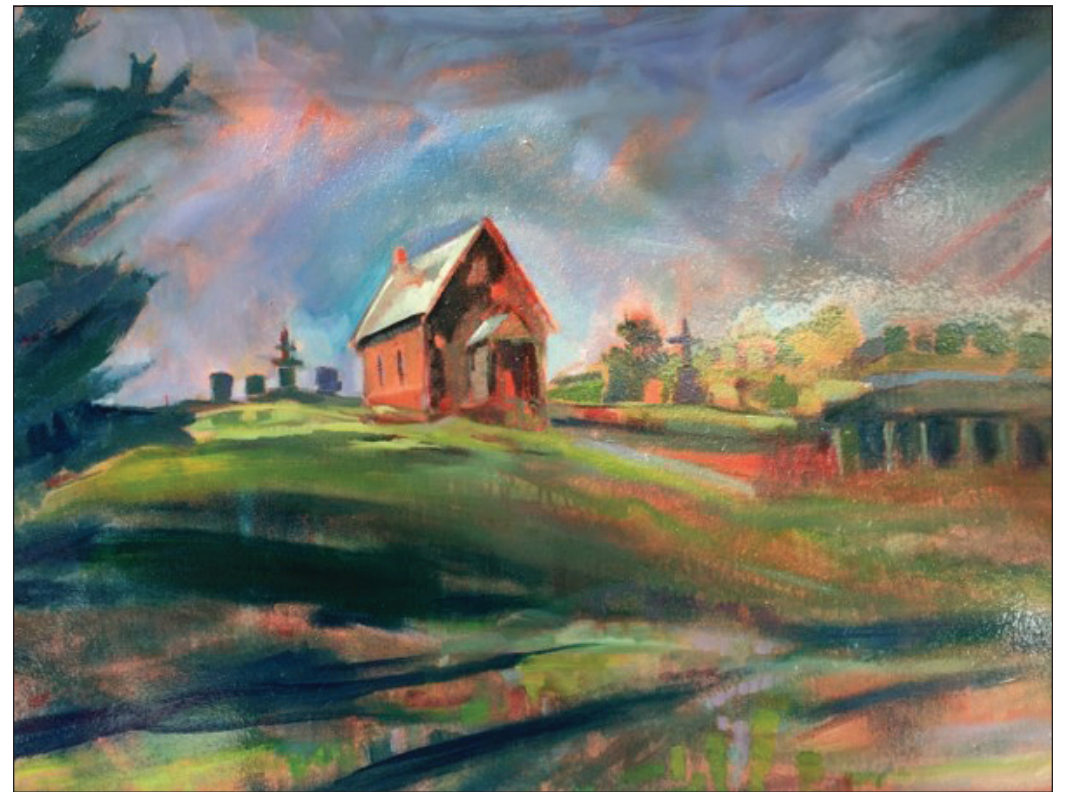
By Dorita Peer

Any event these days begs the “Grace of Fate.” In spite of the little germ that is trying to bring the world to its knees, on sunny Saturday, Oct. 3, 24 masked artists and art-lovers stood tall in Michele and Tom McNally’s backyard park (their 11th hour gift to Arts Society King after Cold Creek Fell through). Andrew Cheddie Sookrah, renowned Toronto-based artist and gifted instructor, pored over 14 depictions of King Township wonders.

In choosing the exceptional, Andrew talked of the artists’ repertoire of strokes, of the movement of the eye over a painting, of layers of stories.

Linda Kalianteris-Picerno’s rich oil of a Pine Farms Orchard scene was rendered in the warm, spare palette of the season, and by a masterly hand that delights in shaping the thick, glowing medium into a story. The artist’s little holiday from her usual commissioned portraits was well-rewarded as Best in Show with the \$200 prize.

It was Evangeline Munn’s moody watercolour of a misty wetland on Keele Street that took Best Natural Feature and \$100. Appreciated for the judicious use of control and planning, which that medium demands, its syncopated strands of inky trees lent rhythm to her loose and fresh composition. The artist uses this approach whenever her art



gets too tight. Tight? Evangeline celebrated her win with a joyful yodel.

What Catherine Wilson-Somerville calls her “pantheistic” sensibilities drew her to the old St. Mary’s church abandoned to the arms of nature. As well as oozing history, the scene oozed drama, said Andrew, by design and bold colour juxtapositions – teal next to orange next to green – and earned Best Architectural Feature and \$100.

Cheryl Uhrig has long charmed MO-SAIC readers with her whimsical cartoons. For her unique treatment of familiar objects at the blue barns on the corner of Bathurst and Davis, Andrew awarded her Most Original. Waving scimitars of tall grass. Playful blobs a kaleidoscope of leaves. The watchful herd of purple cattle lending sensual appeal, noted Andrew.

The lurid green tractor stopped in the muck of Holland Marsh and the arresting splash of red centred in the

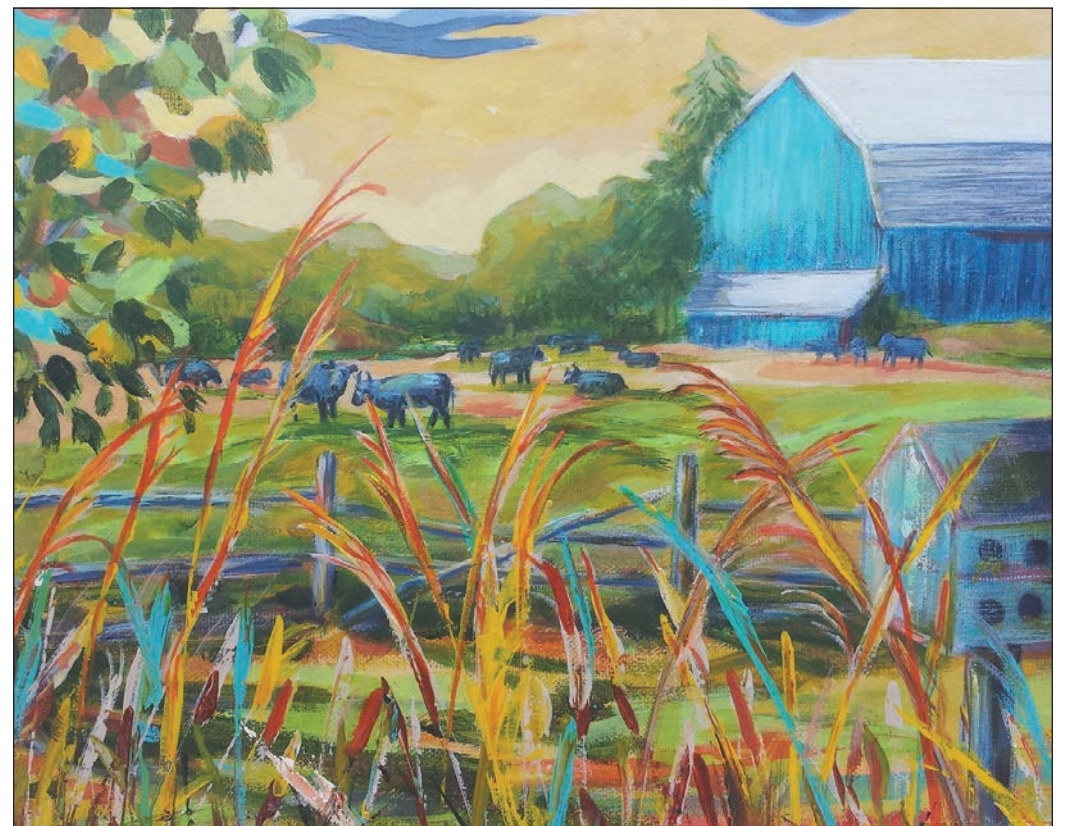
composition serve to heighten the notable absence of migrant workers. No wonder that this timely and moving scene depicted in Susan Walker-Ing’s painting was Andrew’s Human Interest pick.

Hazel Hartley’s acrylic sets us near an unoccupied bench in shades of blue at Cold Creek. Her sure and playful strokes showed remarkable awareness for her age, said the judge. The bench waits as we wonder. Deemed a most promising young artist, Hazel was awarded Best Under 18.

Three artists to watch for the future were awarded Honourable Mention prizes:

Phyllis Vernon’s mission to immortalize old barns drives her passion. Andrew, peering close at her detailed acrylic, agreed about “... the importance of looking into disappearing structures.”

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Janet McLeod-Wortel's churchyard at Eversley shows the depth of her engagement with story and symbolism. Echoes of colour guide our journey from the shadowy foreground, in which lurks a smoky cat, to gravestones of gold, to the bright pastel sky at which St. Andrew's windows point, inviting us to rise above our losses with hopeful spirit.

Mary Morganelli bravely parked her easel at the corner of Hwy. 400 and 27, to the delight of passing motorists, and captured the iconic scene of an abandoned barn on speculator's land. Her acrylic earned praise above all for her bold use of colour.

The event proved a little miracle of the times, achieved by the crew of volunteers jumping through hoops, adapting to changing Covid protocols (masks were only lowered for photos). Generous sponsorship by York Energy Centre and Capitol power made attractive prizes possible.

"What we do is all for and about the artists," remarked ASK President Linda Rogers.

What better cause for celebration than the words of one artist: "It made me want to go home and paint."

Visit www.artsocietyking.ca, Facebook and Instagram for the full-story and to view all the art and artists, for the full credits to the organizers. And stay tuned for Hendrika Ono's video blog.





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York Region's continuing response to COVID-19

York Region welcomes the move to limit the size of private social gatherings to 25 people outdoors and 10 people indoors.

Based on the advice of York Region Medical Officer of Health Dr. Karim Kurji and increased local cases of COVID-19, York Regional Council remains committed to protecting the health and safety of all residents while continuing to take prudent measures to help stop the spread of this virus.

During the Sept. 10 meeting of Committee of the Whole and the Sept. 24 meeting of Regional Council, Dr. Kurji reported despite the best efforts of residents to follow public health advice, York Region is seeing an increase of COVID-19 cases primarily related to private gatherings. Specifically, Dr. Kurji acknowledged York Region may be at the beginning of a second COVID-19 wave.

In response, York Region continues

to engage in public education activities reminding residents the fight against COVID-19 is not over. Now, more than ever, all York Region residents need to remain vigilant to keep themselves, their families, friends and communities safe. COVID-19 remains a very dangerous virus. The situation can quickly change if residents do not do their part by staying at home when sick, maintaining physical distancing, washing hands frequently with soap and water and wearing a two-layer non-medical mask in indoor locations across the Region.

In further efforts to help stop the spread of COVID-19, York Region continues to work with school board partners, parents and the community on the safe re-opening of schools. Public health professionals, including public health nurses, will continue to support schools throughout the year as they implement plans, adjust and adapt to

ensure a successful, healthy and safe school year.

To keep parents and the community advised of the most current COVID-19 cases in the school system, York Region Public Health added confirmed and under surveillance COVID-19 case information in schools on the interactive dashboard at york.ca/covid19data

Confirmed outbreaks are declared in a school setting when, within a 14-day period, there are two or more laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases in students, staff or other visitors with an epidemiological link (if cases are in the same class or cohort) or if at least one case could have been infected in the school.

Regional Council also received an update on York Region's Social Services response to COVID-19, including new trends and issues, key changes to federal and provincial supports and updates on Regional actions. Regional staff continue to adapt and deliver programs and services to complement other government initiatives that address social service needs, including:

- Continued operation of a self-isolation shelter in the Town of East Gwillimbury.
- Extended the contract for the temporary transitional shelter at Kingbridge Conference Centre and Hotel in the Township of King until at least the end of 2020.
- Distributed 50,000 disposable masks to lower income households through the COVID-19 Community Coordination table and working on the further distribution of 300,000 reusable masks to vulnerable residents through community agencies and social services programs.
- Concluded contracted services with six emergency child care providers who provided child care for essential front-line workers during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

York Region is receiving \$14.2 million to support a safe and adequate supply of child care for families as the economy re-opens. This announcement is part of the \$19 billion Canada/Ontario Safe Restart Agreement and subsequent provincial funding commitments announced in July 2020 to assist local

economies during the pandemic.

Additional provincial funding was announced on July 6, to provide long-term care homes with continued COVID-19 Prevention and Containment Funding. As of July 31, the Region's two homes have received a total of \$290,800.

The province has not indicated the total amount of future funding the homes are expected to receive. Regional staff will continue to monitor community needs and their impact on regional programs and will bring forward any funding pressures or opportunities as part of the 2021 budget process.




Stop Highway 413 lawn signs available

Free lawn signs protesting the proposed Highway 413 (also known as the GTA-West Corridor) are now available for pick-up or drop-off across King Township.

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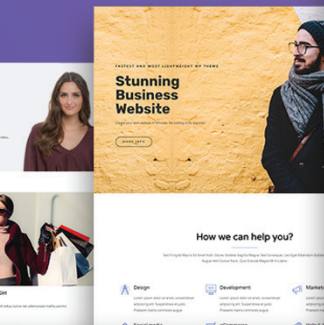

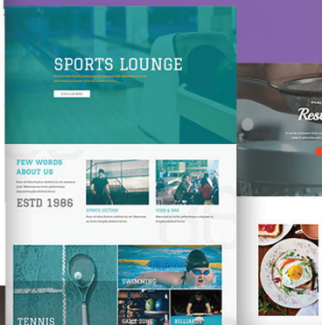
Opposition is quickly growing against the proposed toll highway, which will cost taxpayers a minimum of \$6 billion, pave over protected farmland, forests, and wetland, and save drivers only 30-60 seconds per trip. The 413 will stretch from Highway 401, near Milton, in the west, to Highway 400, near Laskay, in the east. The 413 was previously cancelled by the liberal provincial government in 2018, based on findings from an expert panel that concluded the highway had few benefits and could not be justified. More information can be found at StopThe413.ca.

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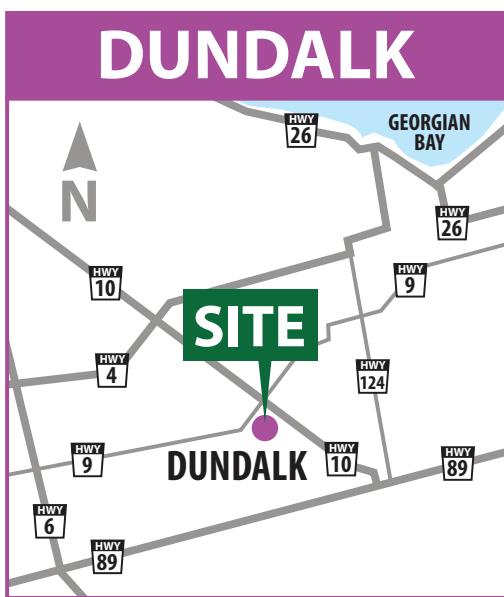
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The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has released its latest traffic data, as a cautionary reminder of how many road fatalities Ontario drivers have contributed to this year.

The OPP has responded to 209 fatal motor vehicle collisions so far this year, which claimed the lives of 224 people. Drivers accounted for 155 of those killed, 33 of the victims were passengers and 36 were pedestrians.

Speed leads the list of causal factors in preventable road fatalities, with 41 deaths linked to this dangerous driving behaviour. The OPP has observed a near 30 per cent increase in excessive speeding this year, having laid almost 6,800 racing and stunt driving charges to date.

Not wearing a seat belt – a behaviour attributed to drivers and passengers – was a contributing factor in 40 of this year's deaths. Inattentive drivers were linked to 37 fatalities and 35 deaths involved drug/alcohol-impaired drivers.

"With three months to go in what continues to be an exceptionally difficult year for people, every driver and – where seat belt use is concerned – passenger, is in a position to stop the senseless loss of life on our roads," said OPP Chief Superintendent Rohan Thompson, Commander, Highway Safety Division.



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Ontario delivers \$2.8 billion Fall Preparedness Plan

The Ontario government has developed a \$2.8 billion COVID-19 fall preparedness plan to ensure the province's health care, long-term care and education systems are prepared for the immediate challenges of the fall, including a second wave of COVID-19 and the upcoming flu season.

Keeping Ontarians Safe: Preparing for Future Waves of COVID-19 will enable the province to quickly identify, prevent and respond to surges and waves of the virus to protect the health and safety of all Ontarians.

The full plan was delivered last week by Premier Doug Ford, Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health.

"For months, our government has been developing one of the most robust and comprehensive COVID-19 fall preparedness plans in the entire country," said Premier Ford. "We are making an unprecedented investment of over \$2 billion to fortify the front lines of our health care system and ensure we are prepared for future waves of this virus, while ensuring patients and long-term care residents continue to receive the absolute best care from our top-notch health care professionals and their loved ones."

"Over the past week, we have unveiled key pillars of our fall preparedness plan which sets out specific investments and actions to protect the health and well-being of Ontarians," said Minister Elliott. "As the number of cases continue to increase, we cannot afford to let our guard down. It remains critically important for everyone to continue to follow public health advice and measures as we implement this plan. Everyday actions like physical distancing, wearing a face covering and staying home when you are ill will help us protect each other and the most vulnerable as we continue our fight to stop this virus."

"With (the) release of the updated modelling, it shows that we need to be ready for all possibilities," said Dr. Williams. "By implementing this plan and reminding everybody to continue following public health advice and measures, we will be prepared to respond to any scenario."

The Keeping Ontarians Safe plan focuses on six key areas to rapidly identify and respond to COVID-19 outbreaks and surges, build health system capacity, and reinforce the province's health care workforce. These areas are:

- Maintaining strong public health measures, including continued expansion of testing and case and contact management.

Ontario is investing \$1.376 billion to enhance and expand efforts to test, trace and isolate new cases of COVID-19. As part of this funding, \$1.07 billion will expand laboratory capacity, reduce testing backlogs, support existing assessment centres, and add more testing locations and capacity. The province is working with Ontario Health, local public health units and hospitals to expand testing locations based on local needs, while also offering more convenient and less invasive testing options and increasing testing capacity.

Up to 80 pharmacies in Ontario are currently offering free COVID-19 testing by appointment only. The province has also added over 1,700 staff to assist with case and contact management.

- Implementing the largest flu immunization campaign in Ontario's history.

Ontario is investing nearly \$70 million to purchase and distribute flu vaccines to deliver a robust and expanded campaign this year. In addition, Ontario is investing \$26.5 million to purchase and administer additional flu vaccine doses if required and \$2 million to purchase additional antiviral medication to support outbreak management of influenza in institutions. Flu vaccinations help reduce emergency department visits and wait times during flu season and help to preserve hospital capacity for any surges in COVID-19 patients. Ontario is prioritizing early distribution of the flu vaccine for vulnerable populations in long-term care homes, hospitals and retirement homes.

In addition, the province is making it easier for seniors to receive high-dose

flu vaccines by making them available at participating pharmacies, as well as primary care providers and public health units. The flu shot will be available in the coming weeks at primary care provider offices and public health units for anyone over the age of six months, and at participating pharmacies for anyone five years of age or older.

- Quickly identifying, managing and preventing COVID-19 outbreaks.

Ontario is investing \$30 million to build on its efforts to rapidly identify and contain any COVID-19 outbreaks. Under the leadership of Dr. Dirk Huyer, Coordinator of the Provincial Outbreak Response, the province is working to prevent, minimize and manage outbreaks in a number of sectors, including education, child care, agriculture and health care. Ontario has also developed a COVID-19 surveillance strategy to monitor the virus and detect cases and outbreaks quickly.

- Accelerating efforts to reduce health service backlogs.

Ontario is investing \$283.7 million to assist the health system's ongoing efforts to reduce surgery backlogs by supporting extend hours for additional priority surgeries and diagnostic imaging. The government is also adding 139 critical care beds and 1,349 hospital beds in hospitals and alternate health facilities across the province to support more surgical procedures.

This investment is in line with the guidance framework released in May 2020, A Measured Approach to Planning for Surgeries and Procedures During the COVID-19 Pandemic. These efforts will support a resilient system that can safely continue to provide services during potential future outbreaks and surges.

- Preparing for surges in COVID-19 cases.

Ontario is investing \$457.49 million to ensure that the health system is prepared to respond to any waves or surges of COVID-19 without interrupting routine health services. This includes helping up to 850 alternate levels of care patients access the proper care in a home or community setting to help add more capacity in hospitals; expanding digital health and virtual services;

improving access to mental health and addictions services and supports with a \$26.75 million investment; and increasing home and community care service by adding 484,000 nursing and therapy visits and 1.4 million personal support worker hours.

- Recruiting, retaining, training and supporting health care workers, while also continuing to engage families and caregivers.

Ontario is investing a total of \$52.5 million to recruit, retain and support over 3,700 more frontline health care workers and caregivers to ensure the health care system can meet any surge in demand, while continuing to provide safe and high-quality care to patients and long-term care residents. This includes \$18 million for Ontario's Nursing Graduate Guarantee program, which provides full-time salary and benefits for over 600 nurses; up to \$8 million to add over 800 nurses to the health system in areas of need across the province; and \$10.3 million into the new Personal Support Worker Return of Service Program, to recruit and retain 2,000 recently graduated personal support workers (PSW) to work in long-term care homes and in the home and community care sectors.

- Supporting long-term care homes.

To support the six key areas of focus of Ontario's COVID-19 fall preparedness plan, the province also released COVID-19: Long-term care preparedness, a plan that includes nearly \$540 million in long-term care investments to prepare long-term care homes for future waves of COVID-19. Ontario's

investments in long-term care will help homes enhance infection prevention and control, support adequate staffing, manage operating costs related to COVID-19, and help people on the long-term care waitlist stay in their own homes longer through an innovative community paramedicine program in development.

This funding includes \$405 million to help homes with operating pressures related to COVID-19; \$61.4 million for minor capital repairs and renovations in homes to improve infection prevention and control; \$40 million to support homes that have been impacted by the changes in occupancy numbers due to COVID-19; \$30 million to allow long-term care homes to hire more infection prevention and control staffing; and \$2.8 million to extend the High Wage Transition Fund.

"We are working in partnership across government and doing everything we can to protect Ontarians from COVID-19," said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care. "We have made tremendous progress to fortify our long-term care homes, so they have the physical and human resources they need to ensure the safety and well-being of all residents and staff."

- Supporting schools and child care centres:

"Our comprehensive plan prepares us for every possible scenario and adds new layers of protection as we follow the guidance of leading health experts to ensure our schools and child care settings are safe," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education.

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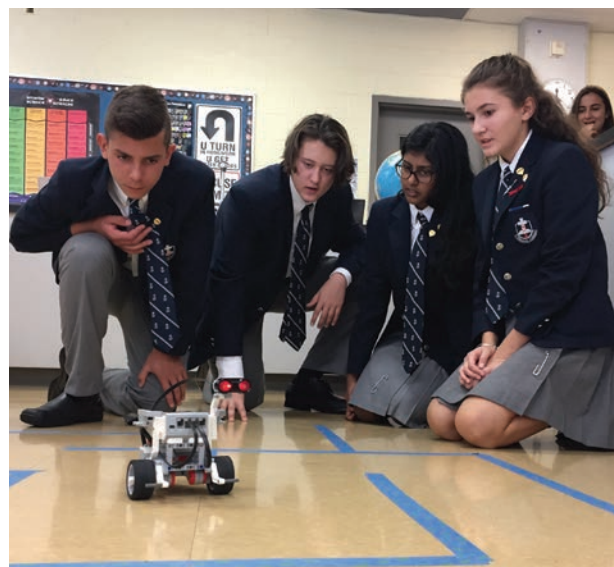
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King's skating clubs mark their return to the rinks

By Robert Belardi

If you want to skate this year, you will have the chance. If you want to continue to build on your figure skating technique and elegance, there's room for that, too.

King Township's grassroots skating clubs for young children and competitive will be opening this year following a collaborative effort between skating clubs and minor hockey that convinced the township to open ice facilities, the King Weekly Sentinel has learned.

In what will be marked as a predominantly difficult winter season this year, Schomberg Skating Club, King City Skating Club and Nobleton Skating Club will be able to harness skaters' talents and further grow their acumen but might not be able to open learn to skate programs for beginners.

President of Nobleton Skating Club, Karlene MacDonald says this is a huge loss.

"All of us clubs will take a really huge hit because we can't take the little babies, we can't take the newbies, so, we're limited there," MacDonald said.

Skaters must be further than stage two in their ranks to be able to sign up.

As not for profit organizations, these skating clubs will have to unfortunately alter their prices due to smaller numbers on the ice. King City Skating Club, will be selling jackets and water bottles to mitigate costs in a year where all clubs will be snake-bitten financially.

It was recommended by the govern-

ing body of all the clubs that 19 skaters can be on the ice at once. If there are less skaters, there is an opportunity for coaches to suit up. If a 19-skater maximum has been reached, coaches must remain in the box.

But, with smaller numbers comes a little more ice time and for those registering this year, this is an excellent "building year" for skaters with more opportunity to practice.

"We're going to take this as a true building year," said Brenda Ferreira, coach at the King City Skating Club.

"Maybe, they will try maybe some more tests."

In skating, to move on to the next level, skaters must complete a series of tests. Normally every year, Nobleton and King City Skating Club partner-up to host test days for their club's skaters in front of judges, but this year, Ferreira and Macdonald said, test days may or may not happen.

What else is also "up in the air" are competitions. Ferreira confirmed, most northern skating clubs won't be running this year and competitions may have to be held virtually to accommodate for judges who wish to stay home.

All-Ontario skaters who were prepared to perform last year in the province's prestigious competition, will have to continue waiting.

Competitions that have yet to be announced by Skate Ontario and Skate Canada, may be held virtually so relatives and members of family can see their young competitors from the com-



puter screen.

With the Christmas season just two months away, all skating clubs have had to rethink their models for their winter celebrations. Schomberg Skating Club has had to cancel their family skate outright for this year.

Nobleton's holiday show may be altered virtually as well or limited to one spectator per skater.

As of now, all skating clubs are based out of the Trisan Centre in Schomberg, while awaiting on Nobleton Arena, which is expected to open Oct. 19. As of this year, King City Arena will be closed.

All skating clubs took to the ice last week. They look forward to another year out on the ice despite some setbacks. Registrations are currently open.

Basketball trickster promotes videos

By Robert Belardi

Brantford native Quincy Mack always loved basketball. He grew up idolizing the one and only Michael Jordan.

A professional career in the sport was far-fetched, but he garnered an innovative interest with the sport. That was, learning how to perform tricks and creative moves.

"To be honest with you, it was a bit of a compensation that I was never one of the tallest guys or fastest guys on any basketball team that I've played on," Mack said.

"While the rest of my buddies were slam dunking or attempting to dunk having that type of athletic ability so I started shooting half court shots and spinning the ball on my finger and juggling."

He went off to school for radio broadcasting at Humber College. Originally, he had planned to get into radio. Then his friend got into the marketing department at Nike back in 1998-99. He told Mack, you got tricks and the voice, why don't you come and host some summer time three on three events?

"It kind of started like that and NBA Canada picked me up the next summer time to do all of their other events and it kind of snowballed from there."

He came up with his own name Q-Mack.

He began creating more tricks and making a name for himself. Instead of spinning a basketball on his finger he would spin a basketball on a 25-foot-pole and bounce it on his chin.

He took his talents to NBA All-Star weekend, Walmart Christmas parties and national junior NBA day. His own career took flight and now Mack, can proudly say he has been a part of the NBA for the past 20-years and most importantly, inspiring children.

Mack says he has been hired by three-quarters of all the schools in Ontario. He has been to King City Public School and Holy Name Catholic School.

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The Schomberg and Aurora Railway – A short run for the short line

Heritage Facts

By Kelly Mathews

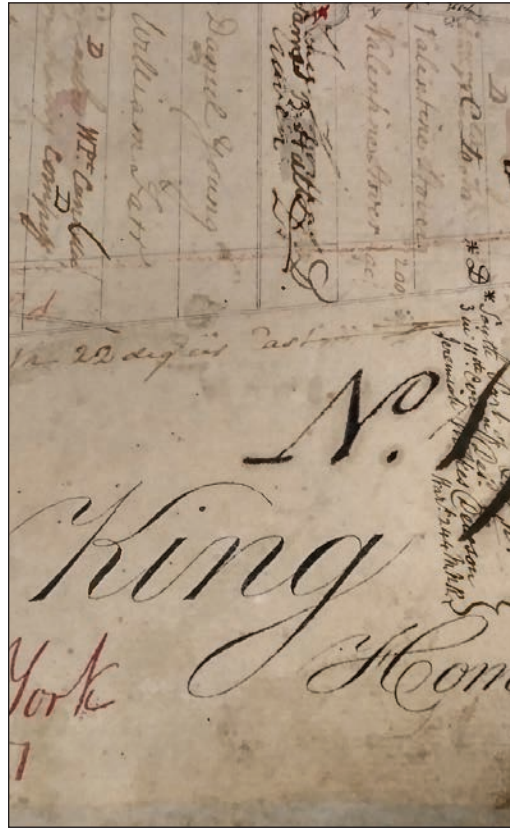
Did you know: The Schomberg & Aurora Railway (S&AR) incorporated in 1896 with construction commencing in present-day Oak Ridges near Bond Lake in July 1899. The idea behind the S&AR line itself has often been credited to Schomberg entrepreneur and businessman Benjamin Brown. The S&AR officially opened in August 1902 when the first train pulled into Schomberg in 1903. Regular passenger business didn't begin until 1904.

Interestingly, it was reported in The Newmarket Era on Sept. 5, 1902 that in Schomberg "it was a notable day in the history of this thriving village, when the last spike of the Schomberg and Aurora Railway was driven by Mrs. Shelton, one of the oldest residents of the place, amidst general rejoicing. The school had a half holiday, and interested ones for miles around came to the village.

The first train to arrive was composed of an engine and seven flat cars. Warden Normal of York, J. W. Moyes, and County Engineer McDougall made speeches. Everybody was invited to get on board and were given a free ride to Yonge St. and back. It is hoped that passenger cars will be running at once, reducing the time of travel to Toronto from 5 hours to 1½ hours."

Later that month on September 19th in the same newspaper it read that "at the C.P.R. Crossing, Mr. Moyes, of the Metropolitan, presented Mrs. Shelton with the last spike driven on the Aurora Schomberg Railway—the spike had been coated in silver, and will be kept by Mrs. S., who is about 85 years of age, as a memento of her participation in the work."

The S&AR originally opened as a steam railway and operated independently under the ownership of The Schomberg & Aurora Railway Company until it was acquired in 1904 by the Toronto & York Radial Railway Company.



The line became one of the sites for a trial operation by gasoline-electric cars in late 1912. It was fully electrified in 1916. In June 1927 the Toronto Transportation Commission began to shut down its radial operations and on June 10, 1927 the TTC abandoned the S&AR. It was a short, twenty-five year existence for the 23km (14.35 mile) railway that traversed north-westerly from its origin in Oak Ridges to its terminus in Schomberg.

The majority of the line ran through King Township serving its earliest families and industries for a quarter of a century.

Kelly Mathews, vice-chair of the King Township Heritage Advisory Committee is currently working under commission for the King Township Historical Society to research and write a comprehensive history of King Township. The final manuscript, with a working title of "King Township ~ A History of the Community" has a current release date of Fall 2021. Kelly will be contributing monthly to the King Weekly Sentinel "Heritage Facts" section sharing some interesting findings from her research.

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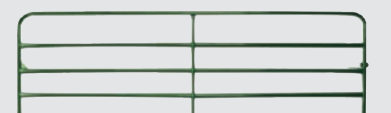
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Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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Schomberg Farmers' Market

Yes, Schomberg does indeed have a Farmers' Market, pandemic or not! Albeit, it is acting as a Virtual Market where you can contact the Vendors for curbside pickup at vendors' specified locations and you can easily place your orders either by phone or email.

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York Pines United

York Pines United Church continues to worship with King City and New Hope United Churches. Thanksgiving Sunday we gathered together at King City. Sunday, Oct. 18 worship will be held at York Pines. Sunday, Oct. 25 at New Hope.

The in-church worship services will continue this way unless there is a change in regulations due to COVID 19. All safety precautions are in place: masks covering the nose and mouth must be worn throughout the service, contact information is collected and all are seated six feet apart. A maximum of 50 worshippers are allowed.

Schomberg Horticultural Society

As we celebrated Thanksgiving last weekend one cannot stop but ponder the question: "What are we thankful for this Thanksgiving?"

While the year has been filled with heartache and pain for so many there was always a constant in our lives that

gave us pleasure beyond any material things needed to sustain ourselves. It was our gardens, our flowers and our comradery within the Society.

Members were checking up on each other to make sure everyone was safe or whether the elderly members needed to get groceries or be taken to an appointment. To this day we use flowers to communicate feelings and messages. Yellow and orange flowers signify and mean joy of life, blue means freedom, and pink conveys sweeter emotions or intimacy. Pink flowers are associated with a happy event like a wedding and also represent admiration. A dark red flower symbolizes perseverance, continuity and immortality. So this Thanksgiving we are thankful for what Mother Nature and the human spirit has blessed us with.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society welcomes new members for 2021. For membership information contact Jill Watts-Hayward at 905-939-2781.

Schomberg Scarecrows

The scarecrows are back!

Scarecrow posters are popping up everywhere and actual scarecrows are emerging in places where no scare-

crows have emerged before.

This socially distanced, responsible event, sponsored by The Schomberg Village Association, is celebrating its 14th anniversary in our fair town. In a challenging year where most events have had to step aside, this group hopes to bring families and the Community together in a spirit of good cheer, fun, creativity and hope!

Everybody can view the Scarecrows and vote for their favourite, online from Oct. 12 through to the 16th.

There will be a map on the website showing you where they are all residing. Judging day is actually the 17th and the winners will be announced on the 18th.

In this challenging year, this group has decided to support our local businesses. So, the prizes will be \$100 gift cards to the local business of your choice, chosen from the pool of participating businesses.

The winners will also get to turn on the Community Christmas Tree Lights, which this year will be an online event. Also, if we get to hold a Santa Claus Parade, next year in 2021, the winning scarecrows, if they are still alive, will get have a place of honour in our great little parade.

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Packs are customized for each school

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He's been hired by over 4,000 schools in total and energizing over two million students.

He loves entertaining and introducing famous NBA basketball players in the process to children waiting to see them up close and personal.

But now, with large gatherings being prohibited by public health, Q-Mack, has designed his own "Virtual Learning Pack" for schools to use, with tricks that don't involve shooting and involve character traits that are often preached in curriculums.

"School boards call them core character values or core character attributes. Every school board has eight to 10 that they focus on specifically. So, I take the most common ones such as inclusiveness for example."

Then others would revolve respect, responsibility, perseverance, kindness and teamwork.

Using these videos, Q-Mack, introduces his character traits and follows

them with tricks and caps it off with an interesting segment.

"In the last minute of every video is something called rewind your mind. Where I set a 24-second shot-clock and you got to get the multiple choice done before the shot clock runs out. First one is a free throw it's worth one point, then a jump shot that's worth two points and the three pointer which is the hardest question yet, that's worth three points."

Schools have already begun purchasing Q-Mack's product. This Virtual Learning Pack consists of 10 video tutorials and 10 video traits. These videos are guaranteed to influence children between the ages of 7-14.

The video pack, costs \$249 CDN and \$199 USD. Schools are able to share these videos with multiple teachers and students. One purchase of this product and you are able to share it as much as you like.

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George Michael Vassallo

May 3, 1928 - October 4, 2020

Passed away peacefully at Mackenzie Health, Richmond Hill, on Sunday, October 4, 2020, George Michael Vassallo, beloved husband for 62 years of Theresa-Marie Dillon. Loving father of Joseph and his wife Brenda, Mary-Kathryn and her husband Don, Christopher and his wife Jennifer, and Nancy. Cherished grandfather of Andrew (Alex), Elyssa, Justin, Madeline, Kathryn, and Sarah. Dear brother of Joe (deceased) (Carm), Laurie (deceased) (Pat), Mary (Nick) (both deceased), Lillian (Jim) (both deceased), Phyllis (Walter) (both deceased), Janet (Kal) Perala, Veronica Confalone (Anthony, deceased). Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, and friends. George was a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 60 years. Due to the global pandemic, a private Funeral Mass by invitation only will be held in St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 190 Mactaggart Drive, Nobleton, on Saturday, October 10. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Nobleton. Arrangements by Egan Funeral Home, Bolton (905-857-2213). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com




708 OBITUARIES

WILLIAMSON, Peter

It is with great sadness that the family of Peter, 88, announces his passing at Ross Memorial Hospital on Friday, September 25, 2020. Peter will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Janet, of 65 years, his children Andy (Cathy), Vicki (Mike), grandchildren Matthew (Alison), Kayleigh, Paige, and great grandson, Ashton. Predeceased by his parents John Alfred and Dulin, siblings Richard, John, Geoff, and Ann and survived by Joan, Alan, and Jim.

Before emigrating to Canada in 1957, Peter served with the British Armed Forces in England. Once settled in Canada, he operated a successful butcher shop, Williamson's Quality Meats in Nobleton, Ontario for 27 years. He was an active member of this community, contributing his time to the Lions Club International. Peter's heart will always be felt at his beloved cottage on Crystal Lake. Over the 50 years he spent at the cottage many friends have become family. He spent as much time there as possible and has passed his love of his second home onto his children and grandchildren.

A celebration of Peter's life will be held at a later date when friends and family can be united in person. As a strong supporter of the Royal Canadian Legion, donations can be made to Sir Sam Hughes Branch 67, 12 York Street North, Lindsay, Ontario, K9V 3Z6.




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Tooze: David Alan

At Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre, Toronto, with his family at his side, on Tuesday, September 29th, 2020. Dave Tooze in his 62nd year, beloved husband of Kim Henshaw. Beloved son of the late Howard Tooze and June (Parish). Dear brother of Stephen (Jane), and Paul. Sadly missed by his nephew Bryan and his niece Andrea. Dave was an avid lover of jazz music, quality cigars, Sunday NFL Football and critters, both past and present. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham, on Sunday, October 4th, 2020 from 2-5 pm. Donations to Procyon <<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/11600>> or the Alliston and District Humane Society <<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/3320>> would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
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St. Paul's Church meets for worship at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Please wear a face mask; if you don't have one, we will provide one for you.

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, is preaching through the book of Romans. This week's message titled, "But Some Shut It" is based on Romans 10.16-21. This will be a continuation of Jeff's last message, "The Door is Open." Our live broadcasts are now available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca live each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand any time. You can watch previous services or messages at youtube.com/c/stpaulschurchnobleton.

LifeConnect Groups have started up again online. These are safe groups where we can just dig a little deeper into the Word, as well as encourage each other. If you would be interested in joining, please just email the church at secretary@stpaulsnobleton.ca.

Our Alpha programs have begun as well, one for adults and one for youth. If you were not able to make it for the fall session, please watch for further information on future opportunities.

This Christian-based program is specifically designed to provide a safe place for all people to learn and explore, ask questions, discuss, share opinions, make friends and have fun. If you'd like to find more information on this, check out the link <https://alphacanada.org/en>.

St. Mary's Church

October is the Month of the Rosary. Join Us to Pray the Holy Rosary. Monday evenings at 7 p.m., join by telephone by calling 647-374-4685 or 647-558-0588. Enter Meeting ID number 980 5411 8568#.

In memoriam. In your prayers and masses, please remember the soul of the late George Michael Vassallo, a long-time parishioner of St. Mary's Church, who passed away on Sunday, Oct. 4. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 60 years. Our deepest condolences to the Vassallo family for their loss. May he Rest in the eternal Peace of Christ.

Nobleton Lions Club

Your Nobleton Lions Club is alive and well and practicing physical distancing, as mandated by health authorities, conducting meetings via Zoom. Updates on club activities are shown on the club's website at <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/nobleton/>. The first club event this year took place on Saturday, Oct. 3rd at Nobleton's Tasca Park. Ten Lions and 7 family volunteers planted 125 trees and

shrubs under the auspices of King Township's Environmental Stewardship Program. Kathryn and Shannon from the Township supervised and ensured that all applicable Covid protocols were followed. It's amazing how quickly all the holes were dug, trees planted and back filled, and then mulched. Mother Nature has showed her approval with days of on and off rain ever since!

Following the Tree planting by one day was the Pet Valu Walk for Dog Guides, a national fundraising walk held annually in approximately 300 communities across Canada. This year, the local walk, organized by the Nobleton Lions Club and Friends of Lions Foundation of Canada, was held on a cold and rainy Sunday, October 4, starting at the Nobleton Library Gazebo. 4 teams of participants raised some \$6500, with 100 % of those funds going to help train the 6 streams of Dog Guide for challenged Canadians. Well done all! To protect everyone's health, COVID-19 protocols were in place. If you still wish to contribute, it's not too late, just go to: <https://www.walkfordogguides.com/locations/walk.cfm?ID=2377>. A link is provided on the Club's website as above.

Also of note is an ongoing service that the Club is offering to people in self-isolation and others unable to leave their homes. The Lions are providing a free delivery service for Pharmasave prescriptions. Just call Club president Rick Evans at 1-905-806-9988, and we will drop packages outside your door.

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest via Zoom at an upcoming meeting by contacting our Club president. From all of us to all of you, please respect the guidelines from our

health authorities, and Stay Safe! We're in this together!

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

At a recent joint board meeting it was decided we will NOT reopen this Sunday. With an increase in COVID-19 cases, it was decided that it would be safer to continue on-line worship for the time being.

We will continue to have recorded online worship each Sunday that can be received by e-mail, viewed on the Nobleton Facebook page, or via the Nobleton YouTube channel. If you add your name to our e-mail list, you will also receive our Newsletters and links to some music selections. If you would like a text copy of the service, please contact Carol-Ann so she can drop one off for you.

Weather permitting, we will continue to meet Thursdays at 10 a.m. for social distance visiting behind Nobleton United. The safety of our community is our priority and we will continue to do whatever necessary to keep one another safe and do our best to ensure though we are not meeting in person that the church is very much alive.

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

Nobleton Tennis Club

Nobleton Tennis Club Annual General meeting is to be held Thursday Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. Location TBD (likely a zoom meeting). We would invite all members to attend and we appreciate your involvement. Thank you so much for your continued support!

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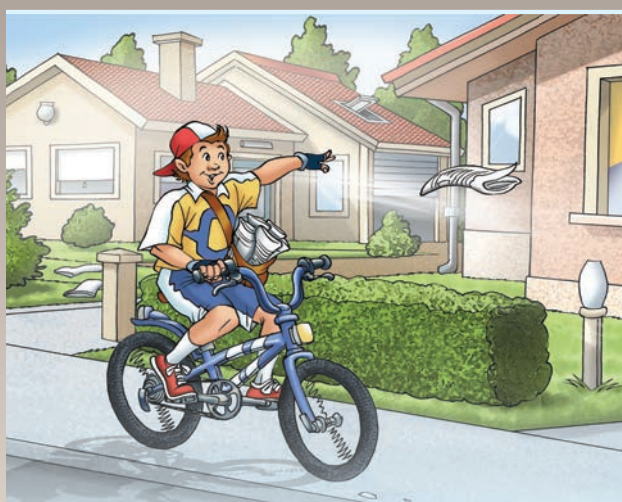
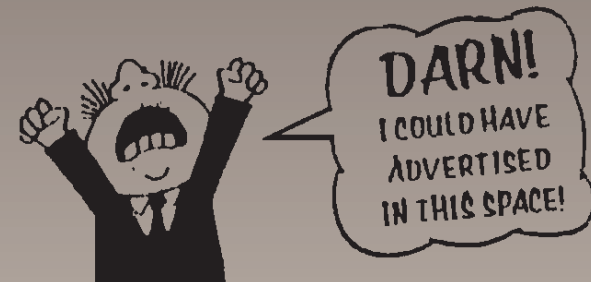
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King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

We hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The Thanksgiving worship on Oct. 11 explored the concept of Radical Gratitude. Rev. Andrew K. Lee encouraged us to practice gratitude everyday in our lives, ensuring that our gratitude grows with us and can be passed to the next generations. For the full sermon and link to the YouTube online service, please visit our website at kcuc.net

Sunday morning worship is rotating amongst several of our affiliated churches and on Sunday Oct. 18, worship will be held at York Pines United Church at 10 a.m. with Rev Bruce Rofey presiding. We ask that those who are attending on Oct. 18 to RSVP to the York Pines office at office.yruc@rogers.com

If you have any questions you may contact the King City office for more information at 905-833-5181. We are grateful for your cooperation in following our safety protocols when entering our buildings and providing your RSVP as we are limited in the numbers we are able to host in the buildings. 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.

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

King Bible Church

Join us for our next in-person service on Oct. 18 at 10:30 a.m.! Pastor Mark will be preaching on God is Gracious.

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

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.

St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

Please stay at home if you are not

feeling well, and seek medical advice. If you do not feel comfortable with an in-person service, you are invited to worship in your home Sunday mornings by going to our website at 9:50 a.m. <http://standrews-kingcity.ca> for updates and join 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.

Art-for-the-Soul takes place via Zoom on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Please contact Lynn. She will be glad to include you!

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

To contact Pastor Niyazi and Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship call 416-878-8499. They are meeting at 5 p.m. in the lounge on Sundays.

All Saints Anglican Church

By Patrick Gossage

Prayer of acknowledgement to Indigenous Nations – Our 10:30 service always begins with a powerful prayer urging us to be mindful of the original inhabitants of the land we are on, and to recognize the destructiveness we visited on them. It ends by asking us to embrace the work of reconciliation.

Fr. Michael in last Sunday's sermon, referred to the story in Exodus 32 of Aaron leading the Israelites to worship a golden calf.

"Thanksgiving, the time when we take stock of our blessings, traditionally thought of as blessings of the earth. The Christian writer Anne Lamott has written that the best prayers she knows

are "help me, help me, help me" and "thank you, thank you. We are more likely to pray "please help" than we are to pray "thank you," because I think that fear is a stronger motivator than is gratitude.

"One would think that The Israelites in our first lesson would be in a place of gratitude, having been freed from slavery in Egypt, but now they are in the wilderness, and their leader Moses left them to go up Mount Sinai to speak with their terrifying God. The story of the Golden Calf is about a Thanksgiving celebration that goes horribly wrong. It is an example of misplaced gratitude. Not able to trust or understand the God they have, the Israelites make a god themselves and then thank it. This god asks nothing of them in return. It's left to Moses to literally beg the true God of Israel to not punish them. It's enormously tempting to place our faith in things that ask nothing of us. It's easy, especially at Thanksgiving, to be grateful for the things we have, especially in a wealthy and beautiful place like King Township.

"We may not make golden calves, but we are inclined to put our trust in gods which seem to offer security – prestige cars, ostentatious custom houses, private education, healthy lifestyles of cycling and hiking, and so on.

"What do we have to learn from the Exodus story? Surely it shows a God who hears prayer, who chooses mercy over justice, and who sets aside his anger at the shocking ingratitude and betrayal of the people God created. We can see that the God of Exodus is one and the same with our Christian God. This God is in the resurrection business. This God is all about creation, life, freedom and renewal."

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She was in a hospital bed at home in Keswick, with care from community nurses, PSWs, myself and sons and daughters-in-law, until March 31, 2019. We also had occasional visits by family and friends. When we arrived at the Margaret Bahen Hospice "after hours" in early evening, there were a lot of questions to be answered, but we were treated courteously, and **felt as though we were in the right place** as attendants began arriving with smiles on their faces and the offer of "anything you need." I was grateful to be able to spend every overnight on the murphy bed next to Margaret, and felt confident enough that she was in good hands to be able leave each morning to return home for a few hours.

Our family appreciated the family tree drawn by one of the staff on which we all put our finger prints on the branches, signifying that we remained connected. We also liked having the names of the nurses and attendants on the white board, so we always knew who was looking after Margaret's needs. She

felt comfortable with all the staff, who were never intrusive beyond what was necessary, explained everything they were doing, and always asked, "Is it okay if we do this now, Margaret?". They gave us privacy except for whatever the schedule called for, or unless we asked for help.

The kitchen staff and volunteers were not only courteous but provided the tastiest of soups and cookies and other goodies, giving us a nourishing break at any time of the day. The kitchen table provided for easy conversation between family members of various patients, as we shared struggles and stories. We appreciated that visitors were also treated like guests by the kitchen volunteers.

Margaret enjoyed having visits from family and friends, often a dozen a week - people who were uncomfortable about coming to our house but felt welcomed at the Hospice. Special moments included the time our granddaughters aged 8 & 12 sang "You are my Sunshine" to Margaret.

The staff all had listening and responding skills as well as medical expertise, and would take the time to talk with us. The Hospice rarely felt like a sad place because of their **smiles and caring nature.**

After Margaret's death, I appreciated the staff lining up at the Hospice entrance to bid



farewell in an appropriate ceremony for one they cared so much for over the course of four weeks. **I will be forever grateful for our experiences at the Margaret Bahen Hospice during a difficult time of our lives, but made richer by such a compassionate staff and atmosphere.**

John Torrance

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