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Pumpkin patch at Nobleton Public School

A miraculous pumpkin patch appeared on the grounds of Nobleton Public School Oct. 28, much to the delight of the kindergarten and Grade 1 students. Thanks to the generous donation of pumpkins by John's No Frills in Nobleton, several parent volunteers coordinated to have the pumpkins delivered and set up on and around hay bales which were donated by the Peelar family. According to Kindergarten teacher, Susan Healy: "The children were so happy and excited to see all the pumpkins and the fall decorations. They loved that they got to pick their own special pumpkin to bring home." Ms. Healy went on to say that the children learned how pumpkins grow and they also learned all about their life cycle. Later in the afternoon her class went outside to tidy up and they had a wonderful time playing on the hay bales. They made a giant "hay bale train" which they joyfully jumped off of.

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King supports GTA West transportation corridor

King Township has lent its support to the GTA West corridor being built south of King-Vaughan municipal boundary.

King council voted to support the Ministry of Transportation Ontario's (MTO) preferred route for the proposed GTA West Transportation Corridor, a 400-series highway built south of the municipality.

The vote was held on a resolution brought forward by Mayor Steve Pellegrini at a special planning meeting held Nov. 2.

"The most appropriate place for the GTA West Transportation Corridor to be built is south of the King-Vaughan municipal boundary for several reasons," said Mayor Pellegrini. "First and foremost, any suggestions to move the proposed route further north into King Township would not be supported by council as it would have many negative impacts, including to the environment."

Back in January of this year, King Township council

passed a resolution fully supporting the MTO's preferred technical Route S8-3 based on its natural, land use/socio-economic and transportation technical merits.

The City of Vaughan has also requested that a portion of the proposed alignment and Highway 27 interchange be located as far north as possible in order to minimize the impact on the existing residential communities.

York Region's Committee of the Whole Transportation Services approved the recommendation to request that the MTO assess, as part of the Environmental Assessment, a highway alignment that avoids impacts to the approved community areas in the North Kleinburg-Nashville Secondary Plan area.

Now that the alignment of the MTO's preferred route takes all of those issues into account, King Township council has advised the MTO it fully supports the preferred route.

For more information on the GTA West Corridor, visit <https://www.gta-west.com/>.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, November 16
6:00 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting

Monday, November 30
5:00 pm – Special Committee of the Whole Working Session -
Draft 10-Year Paving Strategy
6:00 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting

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, November 17
6:00 pm – King Township Public Library Board virtual meeting

BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King's website www.king.ca, click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.
Or visit on the following link
<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- By-law Enforcement Officer, Level 1 – closes November 13 at 4:30pm
- IT Business Systems Analyst – closes November 13 at 4:30pm
- Parks Operator II / Arborist – closes November 18 at 4:30pm
- Library Branch Programmer with Circulation Duties – closes November 19

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

WATER BILLS

Due Date: November 16, 2020
WATER BILLS have now been mailed. Please contact the Finance Department immediately if you have not received your bill.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Water	Bill Payment Options
X	By pre-authorized bank withdrawal (PAD)
X	At most financial institutions, including via personal on-line banking
X	By cheque
X	Through the Township Online Services portal at www.king.ca

If paying in person at a financial institution, please present the entire water bill.
When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select Water, enter your 10 digit account number with no decimal (i.e. 1234567890).

NOTICE: The Municipal Office is still CLOSED for making payments. Use the Drop Box for all payments.

Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD): PAD program is available for Water & Sewer accounts. The enrolment form is available at www.king.ca (search for "PAD").
Please visit our website for details.

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.

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.

Winter Parking Restrictions

Please be advised there is no vehicle parking on any roadway between the hours of 2 am and 6 am, from November 1st to April 15th of each year, as well as no parking at any time to interfere with snow removal to allow for the expedient clearing of snow and the safe passage of Emergency Vehicles. To learn more about parking in King such as how to pay or dispute a parking ticket, you can visit our parking enforcement page at www.king.ca or by calling ServiceKing at 905-833-5321.



Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES



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.

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.

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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.

Comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC)

The Township of King has initiated a review and analysis of its stormwater infrastructure. This will result in the development of a **Comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan** to support the Township growth scenarios outlined in the Township's Official Plan. This Master Plan will provide analysis to ensure that the required level-of-service can be provided throughout the Township. A *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA)* has been undertaken to guide this process.

A key component of a Class EA is public consultation. As stormwater runoff directly affects the residents of the Township, it is crucial to understand the current issues faced by residents to plan and develop the resolutions that benefit everyone. We invite you to participate in the Public Information Centre (PIC) to familiarize yourself with the project and voice questions and concerns.

Due to COVID-19, the PIC will be conducted virtually. You will have the opportunity to learn about the project and ask questions, share your thoughts and opinions. Your input will ensure that the adequate stormwater infrastructure resolutions can be put in place to support the growth in the Township.



**Virtual Public Information Centre
Friday, November 27, 2020 at 12 p.m.**

How to Participate:

• Registration for this PIC can be done by sending your name & email address to:
KingStormwaterMasterPlan@civi.ca

• Please complete a comment sheet which can be found on the project website <http://stormwatermasterplan.king.ca>.

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Public opposition to Nobleton subdivision plan

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

A bid for a subdivision north of Nobleton has drawn some public opposition.

King council held a public meeting on a bid for a 170-unit subdivision on a 21-hectare property at the corner of Highway 27 and 15 sideroad. Currently designated agricultural, the property contains a single home.

The application was first submitted to the Township in 2019, and propose 170 detached homes, a park and storm-water facility, wetland, woodlands and open space.

Earlier this year, the proponent appealed the applications to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) on the basis of a lack of a decision by the Township. Those appeals have subsequently been withdrawn.

The public has raised concerns over impacts to wetlands and woodlands, access to Highway 27 and traffic.

Under King's new official plan, the property is designated "neighbourhood" which allows the creation of

new neighbourhoods of low and medium density, with a maximum of seven units per hectare. Bids upward of 12 units per hectare may be considered subject to certain criteria.

The current plan is being reviewed to see if it conforms with provincial, regional and Township policies. Township staff are looking at surrounding areas with respect to trails, roads and parkland. Staff also wants it to fit in with surrounding neighbourhoods.

Staff and the applicant are working together through the process and address concerns. A subsequent staff report will come back to council for consideration in the future.

Planning director Gaspare Ritacca said it's still in the early stages. He pointed out there are some concerns that need to be addressed, such as servicing capacity and an issue with lots backing onto Highway 27.

Ritacca pointed out that originally, this parcel was situated outside Nobleton's urban boundaries but an OMB appeal brought it within the boundary.

Councillor David Boyd said he's received many comments from the pub-



Robbery, vandalism at York food bank

The Food Bank of York Region's (FBYR) cargo van used for their COVID-19 Home Delivery Program was broken into and vandalized, with the removal and theft of the vehicle's catalytic converter recently.

This specific component was purposely cut out of the vehicle, issuing a clear intent of theft and damage.

When the FBYR staff arrived for their 6 a.m. start to begin their day, they quickly realized that something was very wrong with one of the vehicles utilized for home deliveries. The daily routine checks of the vehicle initiated a startling amount of noise and emissions emerging, thus, the decision was made to not use the vehicle for deliveries and instead have it sent in for evaluation and repair.

Thanks to the help of a local mechanic shop, the FBYR was able to understand what had really happened, that the vehicles equipment was intentionally removed.

"With over 300 current applications for an Emergency COVID-19 Home delivery across York Region, we rely on our cargo van to help us deliver emergency food support when we get overwhelmed with applications. I have difficulty understanding why anyone would seek to cripple our efforts to help people in need, even for just a couple of days. I hope that the thieves are caught before they do harm to individuals who could be devastated by their actions," said a statement from the food bank.

The COVID Home Delivery program began in May 2020 and since its conception, has made home deliveries to over 3,910 residents of York Region. With one less vehicle being used, the FBYR can not reach as many families experiencing hunger and food insecurity in a timely manner.

An official police report has been filed for the vandalism and theft of the vehicle with York Regional Police, and if anyone has any information about the crime that has been committed, we urge you to please contact the police.

Fore more, visit visit www.fbyr.ca

lic, some pointing to the density of the project. He would also like to see the applicant look at access to Highway 27.

Consultant Roy Mason said the proponent is willing to discuss density, but he did say this project is compatible with lands to the south. He noted this plan also protects the natural features such as the existing woodland.

One resident said its proximity to a wetland puts a strain on the ecosystem.

One man said this project is an intru-

sion to local trails and he questioned the density of housing.

One man said this will put pressure on the local aquifer and he'd like to see the density reduced further, to perhaps five units per hectare.

Another resident said this project will see a road leading into Paradise Valley Trail and Samson Trail. The existing walking path would be paved over and the project would bring increased traffic, noise and air pollution.

YRP reminds motorists to look out for pedestrians

York Regional Police is encouraging both pedestrians and drivers to take extra care as darkness arrives earlier each day due to the time change.

Throughout the months of November and December, when darkness falls earlier in the evening, York Regional Police often to sees an increase in collisions involving vehicles and pedestrians. Officers with the Road Safety Bureau will be positioned at intersections speaking to pedestrians about crossing safely, the importance of being visible and not being distracted by their phones while walking on the roadway.

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- Michael Connelly

Have we all become a bit poor, bored and lazy?

There's no question the face of our society – both inward and outward – has changed.

These changes have been decades in the making, and some may have been fueled by the pandemic.

But the bottom line is our privileged society, and all of its members, have become a bit apathetic, entitled and complacent.

I was struck by a comment made in a Netflix movie, where an African refugee new to England called the European hosts "poor, bored and lazy."

I thought about it for a long time, letting the brain worms twist and turn.

How right she was.

I'm a 50-something white male, from decent, hard-working European stock.

My parents arrived here after the war, starting over in this brave new world.

They arrived with little more than hope and optimism, believing this was a place to breathe deeply again, shed hatred, war and desperation.

Despite the emotional burdens they carried, they believed they could carve out something from nothing. They started over.

Hard work? No problem, they were used to it. Inner strength and perseverance? They had it in spades. Physical and emotional scars? Sure, who didn't? PTSD? Likely more than they let on. Demons? A few.

Just how did they go from post-war immigrants to established, middle class Canadians?

Unfortunately I can't ask them, or reminisce. I can no longer listen to tales long into the wee hours.

Many stories, perhaps the more difficult and tragic ones, were never shared or fully discussed.

I remember being curled up in the back seat of my dad's Oldsmobile, on the way home from a get-together. My mom had a bit too much to drink, and my parents fought over something triv-



Mark Pavilons

ial. She blurted out a secret that she kept from her kids. It was an incident in Germany before she snuck over the wall. I pretended to be asleep. I wish I had been. The unspeakable truth made me shake and cry. I had no idea what to do with this information.

I still don't.

Hardships and tragedy? More than they deserved.

And for me? A decent upbringing filled with love, care and plenty of moral fibre. We weren't rich but we had it good. No complaints from yours truly. I always felt lucky.

Also no turmoil, or real struggles. No starting over.

How easy I had it. And how easy our kids have it today. There's no question I was a bit spoiled, and I didn't have to deal with war-related PTSD.

I'm not saying you have to experience tragedy and misfortune and begin a new life to really get it. But it does put things in perspective.

Poor, bored and lazy? Perhaps.

Poor in terms of not really getting it; not knowing what's valuable. We have yet to fully put materialism and a tiny bit of wealth in real perspective. We still want and we spend frivolously. We waste.

Bored? At times. Why? Because our purpose is foggy, and our path unclear.

Our parents were never bored. They couldn't afford to be. Laziness was the enemy.

As a youngster, I was never either.

The long summer days in rural Caledon were great. Nothing spectacular, but they didn't have to be. Sunshine, long, waving grass, a few dandelions to blow around. A child doesn't need much else.

I had chores, responsibilities and respect for my parents. Work before play, okay sometimes play instead of work. We had four acres north of Bolton, so in order for me to do those chores, my parents had to find me first!

Today, boredom is the curse of tweens, teens and yes, many adults. Don't get me wrong, our kids are quite bright. But self-motivated, independent go-getters? Not so much.

I have to admit, even pre-COVID I was a bit lazy, not in terms of work, finances or family responsibilities. But I was definitely a bit lacking in the get-up-and-go department. My umph lacked umph.

Perhaps it was the stormclouds that have permeated much of 2020. Maybe, at this point in my life, I feel my best years are behind me and my future accomplishments may be few.

When did work, debt, paying bills and juggling car repairs, insurance and home renovations become so tedious,

tiresome and burdensome?

When did we let the daily crap suck the joy out of us?

We must always be on guard, ready and willing to take on the next challenge. We must always be nimble and ready to charge.

When we become lazy, it can infiltrate our family relationships. These, most of all, require hard work, elbow grease, and a strong work ethic. Sound familiar?

Maybe my parents were archaic, old-fashioned and backwards. But were they?

They knew the secret all along because it came naturally. They didn't need self-help videos. They didn't talk about it or brag about it – they just did what was necessary.

They took their lumps but never revealed finances or bills or troubles to their kids. They were tough as nails.

We can all learn from this attitude. We're softies to be sure.

Paul Simon asked: "Why am I so soft in the middle when the rest of my life is so hard?"

Okay, we've all had to pay our dues, attend a few classes at the school of hard knocks, and get kicked around a bit here and there.

But it pales in comparison to what our distant relatives did in paving the way for us to enjoy what we have today.

How many 17-year-olds today would jump at the chance to serve their country? How many pre-teens would work in the fields after school to help out at home? How many of our youngsters even say "sir" or ma'am?"

Poor, bored and lazy.

Let's put our heads together and turn this around, shall we?

Letter to the Editor

Proposed plan prevents water recharge

The following letter, to King council regarding a draft plan of subdivision proposal in Nobleton, was submitted to the Weekly Sentinel.

I object to the proposed 170 houses on this lot.

The wet land beside the 15th Sideroad that is shown in my 2005 photographs is part of the Black Duck Wetland Complex, and should be accounted for in the proposal.

The obvious wetland that is shown in the recent Nobleton Zoning by-law 2016-71 shows the Toronto and Region Conservation limit and this limit has clearly been severely encroached upon.

The proposed Zoning of R1C-X shows that the developer was relating to King's zoning By-law 2016-71 which has an R1C zoning. This new proposed zoning is much more dense than the R1C zoning and is not appropriate for the outskirts of Nobleton, especially since this land is also part of the Oak Ridges Moraine. Water recharge is a big issue for the Oak Ridges Moraine legislation.

There should be 3 exits from this subdivision, not just 2, to alleviate the amount of traffic going into the subdivision to the south.

Well water is also an issue. The landowners next door to this property have been negatively impacted by the subdivision to the south and now their well regularly goes dry in the summer, and this will acerbate their problems. Nobleton depends on well water.

Finally, the following was presented at the 2016 OMB about this land being included in the Nobleton Community Plan and I believe that many of the points that I raised at this time still apply.

See 'Wetland' on Page 6



Quote of the Week



"If you actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

- John Quincy Adams

Trivia Tidbits

Mr. Potato Head was the first toy advertised in a TV commercial in 1952.

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Results from last week's poll:
Have you, or someone you know, ever seen a UFO?

a) Yes 0%

b) No 100%

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you pleased to see Joe Biden elected as the next President of the United States?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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PUBLIC NOTICES
NOTICE OF MEETINGS
DRAFT 2020 DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BACKGROUND STUDY AND DRAFT BY-LAW
(Electronic Meeting pursuant to section 238 (3.1) (3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

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In accordance with the Development Charges Act, 1997, Council of the Township of King is holding the following meetings:

RE: Council/Committee of the Whole Meeting: **Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**
 Receive Draft 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law

The Township of King Council/Committee of the Whole will receive the Draft 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law, at the November 16, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The received Draft 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law will immediately be referred to the November 30th meeting of Council/Committee of Whole for formal presentation. Information will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, November 12, 2020.

RE: Council/Committee of the Whole Meeting: **Monday, November 30, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**
 Presentation of Draft 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law

The Township of King Council/Committee of the Whole Meeting will be held on November 30, 2020 where a presentation will be provided to inform Council and the public on the Draft 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law. This presentation will be provided by the Township's consultant, Gary Scandlan, Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. Interested parties are invited to attend (virtually) to ask questions and/or submit comment. Information (Draft Study/By-law and staff reports) will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, November 12th as well as November 26th, 2020.

RE: Council/Committee of the Whole Meeting: **Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**
 Final 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law presented for Adoption

The Township of King Council/Committee of the Whole will consider the Final 2020 Development Charges Background Study and Draft By-law, at the January 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Council will consider adoption of the By-law at this meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend (virtually) to ask questions and/or submit comment. Information will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 7th, 2021.

Public Comment

To comment in writing, please send written comments to the Clerk's Office at clerks@king.ca no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting**. Written comments will be circulated to Members of Council prior to the start of the Meeting and will become part of the formal record of the meeting.

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

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

For further information regarding the Draft 2020 Development Charges update process, please visit the Township of King website at: www.king.ca or contact: Dan Elliott, Interim Manager of Revenue, delliott@king.ca or by telephone at 905-833-4571.

***Note: Members of Council will be participating in the meeting remotely.**

Kathryn Moyle
 Director, Corporate Services & Township Clerk

NOTICE OF MEETING
(Electronic Meeting pursuant to section 238 (3.1) (3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

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Growth Management Services – By-law Division and Public Works Department – Development Division:
“Consideration of Road Occupancy and Road Closure By-law and Amendment to the Related Township 2020 Miscellaneous Fees & Charges By-law”

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will consider a staff report, and all comments received, and adoption of a new, updated Road Occupancy and Road Closure By-law to introduce updates to existing provisions along with amending the Township's 2020 Miscellaneous Fees and Charges By-law Number 2019-084 (for associated Fees and Charges) at its Committee of the Whole meeting on:

Monday, November 30th, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.

Information and copies of the staff report and draft by-laws will be available for review on the Township web-site at www.king.ca as of Thursday, November 26th, 2020.

For further information regarding the Road Occupancy and Road Closure By-law and Related Fees & Charges By-law amendment, please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: Nancy Cronsberry, Manager of By-law Enforcement - Growth Management Services – By-law Division ncronsberry@king.ca

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NOTICE OF MEETING
Special Committee of the Whole Working Session
(Electronic Meeting pursuant to Section 238 (3.1) (3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

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**TOWNSHIP OF KING PRESENTATION:
 “DRAFT 10 YEAR PAVING STRATEGY”**

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold a Special Committee of the Whole Working Session by the Public Works Department – Capital Division and WSP Group on:

- The Township of King's Draft 10 Year Paving Strategy - Presentation by the Public Works Department – Capital Division

**Monday, November 30, 2020
 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

For further information regarding the Draft 10 Year Paving Strategy, please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: David Van Veen, Senior Project Manager, dvanveen@king.ca or 905-833-5321 ext. 4056.

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS – REVISED
2021 MISCELLANEOUS FEES & CHARGES and BY-LAW, 2021 WATER & WASTEWATER RATES and BY-LAW, DRAFT 2021-2022 BUDGETS & BUSINESS PLAN

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

RE: Presentation of 2021 Miscellaneous Fees & Charges: **Monday, December 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**
Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, January 11, 2021

The Township of King 2021 Miscellaneous Fees & Charges will be presented at the December 14, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the January 11, 2021 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment.

RE: ADDED: Presentation of 2021 Water & Wastewater Study: **Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**

The Township of King 2021 Water and Wastewater Study will be presented at the January 11, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. This presentation will be provided by the Township's consultant, Gary Scandlan, Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the Monday, January 25, 2021 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment.

RE: Council Working Session: **Monday, January 25, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**
 Presentation of 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King's preliminary assumptions, feedback received to date, context and strategic directions relating to the Draft 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plans will be discussed at a Working Session on Monday, January 25, 2021. Interested parties are invited to attend to listen in on discussions relating to the DRAFT 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plans.

RE: Presentation of 2021 Water & Wastewater Rates: **Monday, February 8, 2021**
MOVED TO January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
(Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, January 25, 2021)

The Township of King 2021 Water and Wastewater Rates Report will be presented at the January 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the Monday, January 25, 2021 Council Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend to ask questions and comment.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**
 Draft – 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan *(Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, February 22, 2021)*

The Township of King's Draft 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the February 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road, King City or on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, February 4, 2021.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.**
 Consideration of By-law for Adoption: 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan

The Township of King adoption of the 2021 Operating Budget & Business Plan and 2021-2022 Amended Capital Budgets, will be tabled at the February 22, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Interested parties are invited to attend. Budget information will be available for review at the King Township Municipal Centre at 2585 King Road, King City or on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, February 18, 2021.

For further information regarding the 2021-2022 Budget & Business Plan, please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance and Treasurer, ptollett@king.ca

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Wetland is very complex

From Page 4

Environmental issues – I heard the evidence from Mr. Henshaw that a Natural Heritage Evaluation needs to be done, not for this hearing but at the Secondary Planning Stage. Mr. Henshaw speculated that the drainage piping (shown in my photographs) was done so that the farmer could farm the land.

Interesting how this was done in July 2005 after the OMB pre-hearing of March 2005. I could speculate that Mr. Fors did this with the intention of selling his land to a developer and disguising this wetland.

Mr. Henshaw has not done a Natural Heritage Evaluation and yet he wants you to change Schedule C of the Nobleton Community Plan to remove the Words "Wetland Complex" based on the fact that Steve Varga from MNR has made refinements to Wetland No 49 and 51. Steve Varga's letter is at the back of my participant statement and also I believe at Tab 52. I note that Mr. Varga's title to this letter is "Update to the Provincially Significant Black Duck Wetland Complex at Highway 27 and Sideroad 15 ..." The title says it all. This is a Wetland Complex. The suggestion that "Wetland Complexes" should be removed is ridiculous. I said in my participant statement that Schedule C could be updated with the mapping of the individual wetlands, but the term "Wetland Complex" should remain.

What does the ORMCP say about this type of issue?

Under section 18 (2) Settlement Areas also have the objectives of

a) maintaining, and where possible improving or restoring, the health, diversity, size and connectivity of key natural heritage features, hydrologically sensitive features and the related ecological functions.

The key for me in that section is the word "connectivity." A wetland complex should not have isolated patches of wetlands with houses in between and no connectivity with the other wetlands.

What does the Greenbelt plan say about this type of issue?

Under section 1.2.2 Goals, section 2 Environmental Protection,

A) Protection, maintenance and en-

hancement of natural heritage, hydrologic and landform features and functions, including protection of habitat for flora and fauna and particularly species at risk.

B) Protection and restoration of natural and open space connections between the Oak Ridges Moraine, the Niagara Escarpment, Lake Ontario, Lake Simcoe and the major river valley lands ...

C) Protection, improvement or restoration of the quality and quantity of ground and surface water and the hydrological integrity of watersheds.

The key for me in this section are the words "protection, maintenance and enhancement of natural heritage, hydrologic and landform features, Protection and restoration of natural and open space connections" and "hydrological integrity of watersheds." Again wetlands should not be in isolation.

In the PPS 2014 Section 2.2.1: "Planning authorities shall protect, improve or restore the quality and quantity of water by:

"B) Identifying water resource systems consisting of ground water features, hydrologic functions, natural heritage features and areas, and surface water features including shoreline areas, which are necessary for the ecological and hydrological integrity of the watershed."

The key for me in this section is "hydrological integrity of the watershed".

Again, wetlands should not be in isolation but considered connected in a watershed.

York Region wrote a Greenlands Securement Directions Report – Slokker Property, Aug. 25, 2004 and Section 4. Analysis and Options, second paragraph says:

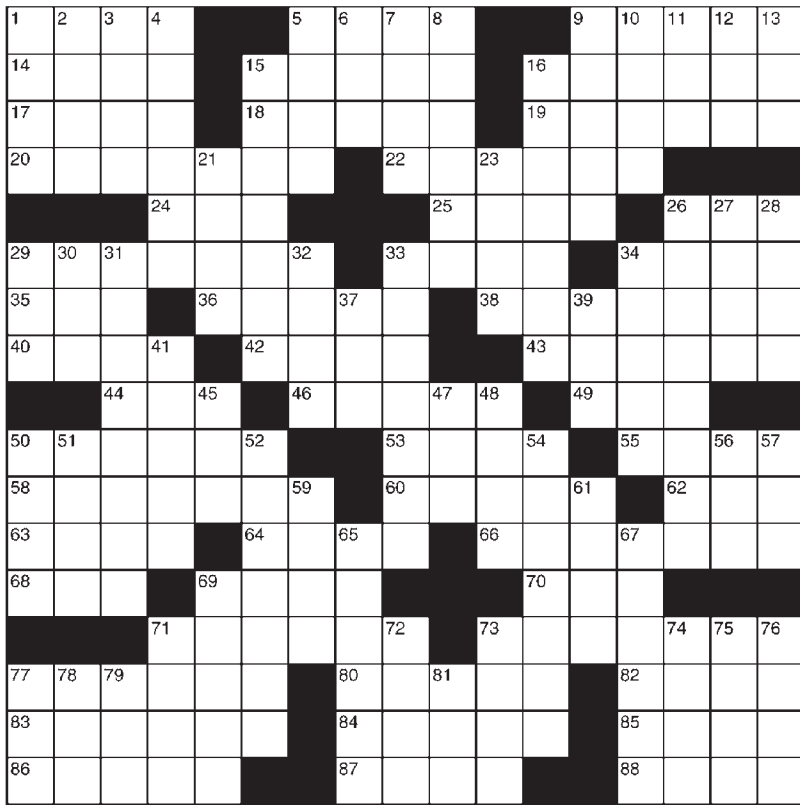
"The site has numerous environmentally significant features and has the potential to provide connectivity between the Black Duck Wetland complex, a Provincially Significant Wetland and the East Humber River."

This Black Duck Wetland complex is large. Clearly the wetland on the 15th on Nobleton North's lands should not be isolated with houses all around it.

Nancy Hopkinson
Nobleton

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- Queasy
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- Deeply absorbed
- Blacken
- Antiquated
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GTA West corridor will impact natural systems

By Jennifer Anstey
Concerned Citizens
of King Township (CCKT)

Commentary

The Ontario government has proposed a new 400-series highway through the north end of the GTA that will end at the 400, just south of King Township. The GTA West Highway, dubbed highway 413, would be 50 kilometres long and start at the 401 in Halton Hills and end three kilometers south of the King Rd exit on the 400. CCKT has grave concerns about the impact that this highway will have on the environment, traffic congestion, and urban sprawl.

Added Traffic

The highway was being considered in 2015, but was ultimately cancelled in 2018 when the government's own expert Advisory Panel concluded that it was not a wise investment. Among other things, the Panel noted that changing transportation needs didn't require such a large road; a particularly relevant comment considering the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the daily commute. In 2012 the cost building the proposed new highway was estimated at \$6 billion, but the Expert Panel concluded that it would only save 30-60 seconds per trip!

Locally, the additional traffic generated by the highway will pose serious problems for King Township in areas which are already struggling with major congestion.

King residents are familiar with the daily traffic jams at the intersection of King Road and Highway 27, but these will only be exacerbated by an exit from the new highway just three kilometers south. Given the Township and Region's challenges in solving the current problem, it's unclear how they propose to handle the increased traffic flow.

There is also a partial interchange planned for Weston road, one kilometre from the terminus at 400. There are concerns this exit will severely impact the residents of Laskay village who suffered through heavy truck traffic while the cement plant was being built on the King-Vaughan line near 400. The large volume of heavily loaded aggregate vehicles caused hazardous driving conditions on the steep Weston Road for that relatively small project. Residents

are concerned about an exponential increase in truck traffic for the construction of a major highway, not to mention the added traffic once an off-ramp leading right through their village is functional.

Paving the Greenbelt

The corridor for the highway would be 170 metres wide and would cut through farms, forests and rivers as well as nearly 2,000 acres of farmland in the Greenbelt. Ontario's Greenbelt Act was originally developed explicitly to prevent development by protecting agricultural lands, water resources and natural areas. Home to many plants and trees, the area acts as an organic sponge for various forms of pollution, and as a storehouse of carbon dioxide to help offset global climate change.

Over its length, the highway will cross approximately 53 rivers and streams and cut into much of the province's protected Natural Heritage System. These areas are considered especially sensitive and feature woodlands, wetlands, watercourses and valley lands which help provide a clean and reliable supply of water; flood moderation; erosion control; and much more. Road salt runoff from the proposed highway will permanently damage streams, groundwater and plants as well as degrade the parts of the Credit River and Humber River watersheds that flow into Lake Ontario – a source of drinking water for millions of GTA residents.

Urban Sprawl Alternatives

The impact of appropriating parts of the Greenbelt will only serve to further the creep of urban sprawl while also cutting into our limited quality farmland. This has negative consequences for residents and our environment by increasing water and air pollution, losing agricultural capacity, adding to traffic jams, and increasing car dependency.

The Expert Panel that had previously studied the highway recommended four specific alternatives be considered:

- Consider and prioritize planned and constructed extension and expansion

of existing highways: 400, 401, 407ETR, 410 and 427 (Since the Panel report the 400, 401, 410 and 427 have or are undergoing expansions).

- Consider congestion pricing i.e. tolls (offers much larger travel time saving than a new highway).

- Consider providing truck priority on Highway 407ETR (subsidizing truck traffic would be far less expensive than building the GTA West).

- Consider slower population growth and more compact land use patterns than assumed in the EA, consistent with recent actual growth. Forecasts are predicting lower population growth rates. Our population is not replicating itself in Canada, population growth is generally from immigration.

Currently, the provincial government is completing its Environmental Assessment of the project which is estimated to be complete by the end of 2022.

CCKT believes that the Greenbelt, farmland, and our rural lifestyle must be protected and that the \$6 billion cost of the highway would be better invested in other initiatives.

Related Reading: GTA West official website - <https://www.gta-west.com/>

Stop the 413 - <https://environmental-defence.ca/stop-the-413/>

David Suzuki Report: Are We Paving Over Our Natural Wealth - <https://david Suzuki.org/story/are-we-paving-over-our-natural-wealth/>



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Restaurants happy to provide indoor dining

By Robert Belardi

King Township restaurants, previously crestfallen by indoor dining closures, can now breathe a breath of fresh air as York Region reopened indoor dining this past week.

"It's good that it came back. A lot of people are happy because they're back at work and they get to do things with themselves and support the community," said manager at Motorino North, Cynthia Russo.

Ontario brought their colour-coded tier system, specifying regions that must endure stricter measures than others based on COVID-19 cases.

York Region has fallen under the Restrict category for intermediate measures, two stages away from Lockdown.

For restaurants, all locations will have a 50-person indoor limit with alcohol sales stopping at 9 p.m. and restaurants closed by 10 p.m.

Speaking with restaurants two weeks back, Rockford's Bar and Grill manager Anita Wenzel was thankful for the local customer support. Locale Restaurant and Bar manager Roman Sacciaponte, says the menu had to be altered to accommodate family meals.

But now, with indoor dining back into the mix, restaurants in the area might be able to go back to their old approach.

"We'll see what this week entails and hopefully if things stay the same we'll hopefully be able to go back to our full menu and have full staff here," Russo explained.

Although restaurants will be seeing how this all plays out, now more so than ever before is also an exciting time to bring back people into the dining room.

"The most exciting aspect of having our dining room reopened is the opportunity to continuously improve our customer's experience. We will continue to make the best of this situation by revisiting our most exciting ideas and bringing them to fruition. Continue to follow us on social media for a sneak peek at what's to come!" Sacciaponte wrote.

Good news finally came for restaurants experiencing their shutdowns and while all seems great, restaurants are doing everything in their power simply just to stay afloat.

Russo says it's also a great way for customers to come out and enjoy a meal to escape the anxiety of COVID.

As York Region's public health restrictions permit, restaurants in King Township will be doing everything in their power to ensure you are safe.

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During this year of COVID-19, when everyone's world has so drastically changed, the idea of community standing together and supporting each other



Melissa Pellerin, Senior Assistant; Darlene MacIver, Post Master; Tom Ritson, Barbara Pricop-Post, Area Manager; Councillor David Boyd and Milind Shah, Postal Clerk, celebrate the success of the recent fundraiser.



er has become a universal theme. It is truly amazing, what great things happen when communities really do come together to support those in need! Nobleton and surrounding area residents and businesses have once again outdone themselves with their overwhelming generosity to our Canada Post Children's Foundation.

The staff of the Nobleton Post Office raised more than \$10,210.41. The Nobleton Post Office would like to thank everyone for helping to make a big

difference in the lives of our children. "We are very fortunate and blessed to belong to such a caring and generous community," according to a statement from staff.

The day was not complete without a special presentation. Area Manager Barbara Pricop-Post presented Tim Ritson with a plaque in gratefully recognition of being one of our most loyal and generous supporters during the Children's Community Foundation campaign for many years.

Businesses support looking at highway corridors for development

By Angelo Santorelli
 President, King Chamber of Commerce

At the King Chamber of Commerce we have been actively monitoring the discussions at York Regional Council concerning a proposal from Whitchurch-Stouffville, supported by King, to study opportunities to open up land parcels at strategically located interchanges along the 400 series highways in northern York Region.

We understand that Regional Council has heard from a small but vocal number of local advocacy groups and individuals in opposition to this proposal. We do not believe these groups and individuals represent the majority view of King residents, and certainly not the views of the King business community.

Indeed, we applaud Mayor Pellegrini, council and Township staff for their continuing support of this potentially important economic development opportunity. As many are aware, King Township faces a significant "jobs deficit" and is definitely not on track to meet the preferred growth scenario of 16,000 jobs (i.e. 8755 new jobs representing a 120% increase in total employment) in King by 2041, contained in King's approved Economic Development Strategy Plan.

This occurs at a time when King Township further faces mounting challenges to meet budgetary requirements amidst tax payment deferrals and the simple inability to meet those required costs in tougher economic times.

In King Township there are limited opportunities for non-residential investment attraction and business park development leading to the creation of new well-paying jobs for King, in both the near term and foreseeable future.

However, there may already be an immediate opportunity to attract a major service/head office firm to develop the prime industrial land at Highway 400 and King Road. In future, there may also be opportunities to develop the industrial lands at both 400 and Aurora Road and 400 and the north side of Highway 9.

The strategic location of these employment lands contiguous to interchanges on Highway 400 provides King Township with a unique opportunity to take advantage of infrastructure and economic development investments being offered by higher levels of government.

Further, development of the employment lands at the 400 interchanges would not, in our view, impair the movement of goods and people through our municipality in any material way and such development aligns closely with the recommendations contained in King Township's Economic Development Strategy Update (2018-22).

We are confident that King council would only permit industrial/commercial development on these lands after public consultation and after carefully balancing the potential for economic development and jobs creation with the potential impacts on issues like the environment, character of the community and quality of life (e.g. increased traffic) in King.



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York has joined Ottawa in a “yellow-protect” designation.

Queen’s Park introduced a new framework where local health units take the lead in keeping Ontario “safe and open.”

The province moved the public health unit regions to the “Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework,” which categorizes them into five levels: Green-Prevent, Yellow-Protect, Orange-Restrict, Red-Control, and Lockdown being a measure of last and urgent resort.

“The framework lays out a proactive and graduated response to be applied based on the local situation in each region,” said Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “By working with the medical officers of health and local authorities on the realities and situations of COVID-19, we want to continue to help protect people’s health and wellbeing. We are adapting the public health measures to be as targeted and efficient as possible to stop the spread of the virus, while managing any outbreaks as quickly as possible.”

At the request of the local medical officer of health, and with the support of Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health would remain in a modified Stage 2 until Nov. 14.

This past Saturday, York moved to Orange-Restrict.

This includes gathering limits for certain organized public events and social gatherings set to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors; gathering limits for organized public events and gatherings set to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors; gathering limits for religious services, weddings and funerals set to 30% of capacity indoors and 100 people outdoors.

There are also several measures and restrictions placed on different sectors, including restaurants, bars, food or drink establishments, sports and recreational fitness, retail, cinemas, and personal care services. More details on the restrictions for each of these areas can be found at york.ca/preventcovid19.

“COVID-19 will be with us for awhile, which is why we have put in place a framework that introduces more public

health measures sooner to limit transmission of COVID-19 in our communities while avoiding broader closures,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “We are committed to being transparent with Ontarians, businesses and local communities as we work together to keep Ontarians safe, while keeping our economy open.”

The Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework takes a comprehensive, whole of government approach by introducing preventive measures earlier to help avoid broader closures and allow for additional public health and workplace safety measures to be introduced or removed gradually. It ensures that public health measures are targeted, incremental and responsive to help limit the spread of COVID-19, while keeping schools and businesses open, maintaining health system capacity and protecting vulnerable people, including those in long-term care.

Trends in public health data will be reviewed weekly. At the same time, the government will continually assess the impact of public health measures for 28 days, or two COVID-19 incubation periods to determine if public health units should stay where they are or be moved into a different level.

As the province continues to expand access to real-time data, enhancements are also being made to ontario.ca/coronavirus, Ontario’s one-stop shop for information on COVID-19. Information about the spread of the virus, and public health and health system capacity will now be available on the website. This includes local cases by public health unit regions, the total number of cases, resolved cases, deaths, and tests completed and how many are positive. This information will better help businesses, organizations and local communities access key information to prepare in advance for any changes in their region.

Municipalities and local medical officers of health may have additional restrictions or targeted requirements in their region, on top of the public health measures required at their specific level.

On Nov. 5, the Ontario government released the 2020 Budget, Ontario’s Action Plan: Protect, Support, Recover, which outlines how the province is protecting people by investing \$15.2 billion in health care.

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King Weekly Sentinel

Arts & Entertainment

Community comes together for annual scarecrow contest

Another Schomberg scarecrow contest is in the books, and once again it was a huge success with another record breaking number of entries.

Each year the entries just keep getting better and better and this year was no exception.

The winners for this year from our judges are:

Funny – The Pasqualino family for

“The Leaning Tower of Pizza.”

Technical – The Wray family for “Dobby is Free.”

Scary – the Clarke family for “Creepy-vid-19 Where witches crash, spiders web and even Angels turn time the Dark side.”

Creative – The Grealish family for “Attack of the Kakamora.”

Our people’s choice was a tie this year between:

The Racco Family for “2019 Champs” and the Schomberg Horticultural Society for “Moira Rose.”

Winners will receive a \$100 gift card from one of the wonderful local business participants. They include Sugar and Spice, Olde Mill Art Gallery, Schomberg McDonald’s, Leonardo’s Pizzeria and Smokehouse, Goldfields, Vintage Peony, The Cookie Duchess, Cottage and Crown, Schomberg Chiropractic, Seasons Floral, The Grackle.

Organizers would also like to congratulate the colouring contest winners who received Scarecrow cookies from The Cookie Duchess – 0-5, Damian DuLuca; 6-9, Hailey Simpson and 10-13, Kylie Ogborn.

Thanks also to the Schomberg Village association for all their support, Dayne Thompson of Appnerd for the fabulous new website, and last but not least your Schomberg Scarecrow Committee – Lisa Cole, Sarah Ogborn, Susan Heslop, Nicki Penheiro and Simon Lloyd.

Congratulations to all our winners, sponsors and volunteers for another wonderful event.

Please make sure you get your thinking caps on, and we will see you next year.



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Former ASK Students Grateful for the Online High School Experience

Currently at University of Toronto, studying Political Science, Annie Yang is grateful for the online experience she had before attending post-secondary. “I chose to study high school online courses so *I could accelerate my courses and ASK supported my goals.*” She further suggests that studying online courses helped to promote the skills she needs to be successful in university studies. “In university, we have to organize our time and complete assignments independently and that’s what I did when I studied online high school. *I feel more prepared* and I feel like I am more on top of my studies compared to my classmates.”

Raymond Tse is studying Business at University of Western Ontario. He says that the close connections he built with his ASK Online teachers gave him the confidence he needed to stand out in his

university classes. “My English online teacher was so patient and spent so much time answering all my questions. She encouraged me to think beyond the stories and make connections to my life and our society.” He further indicates that his online experience *helped prepare him for the online studies he is currently doing in university.*

Michaela Clarke, now at McMaster in Sciences, says that her writing skills significantly improved by taking ASK Online high school courses. “By studying online high school, I had to focus more on my written communication skills and that helped me be *better prepared for university studies* where most of the communication is in written format.”

For more information and to register go to www.askonlinecanada.ca

Olde Mill Art Gallery marks 2nd anniversary

The Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe on Main Street in Schomberg is celebrating its 2nd anniversary this month.

On Nov. 8, 2018 the Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe opened its doors as a pop-up gallery. The Gallery has grown into a thriving co-operative art gallery featuring local artists and artisans, becoming a year-round attraction and a destination place for those living in the York Region, the GTA, and beyond.

The artists would like to thank Janet and Paul Hill (owners of the Scruffy Duck), the King Weekly Sentinel and Arts Society King for their continued support.

You are invited to come in and enjoy, touch and take in the colours that surround you as you make your way around the gallery. Nine artists are featured at the Gallery at this time! You can choose from a wide range of art forms, including wood turning and wood furniture; watercolour, oil and acrylic paintings; linocut and printmaking; jewellery; quilts; basketry and weaving.

The work is unique and beautiful, and made in Canada! Take this opportunity to start and finish your holiday shopping by visiting the gallery. Gift certificates are now available to make gift giving even easier. Let the recipient choose their own gift – to wear, showcase or hang on their wall.

During the month of November visitors can enter a draw to win a gift basket filled with gallery items or a \$50 gift certificate! The draw will be held on Sunday, Nov. 29.

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Sip & Savour 2020 – Home Edition knocked and the community answered

An unusual year called for an exceptional affair and that is what the King Township Food Bank's Sip & Savour delivered with this year's Home Edition theme.

In its seventh year, this annual fundraiser has gained momentum as a tradition for many, and earned the reputation as "the cocktail party of the year" in King.

Leading up to the Oct. 22 virtual event, 200 Cocktail Boxes were delivered to residents and businesses across King Township and beyond – including Kleinburg, Tottenham, Woodbridge, Aurora and Newmarket. Ticket holders enjoyed an assortment of charcuterie-style items, plus a bottle of wine from Willow Springs Winery and a lovely wooden artisan board made by Rustic Sawmill Creations.

Donors, sponsors and volunteers all contributed to making this year's event an unprecedented sold-out success – raising a record-setting \$45,000 for the Food Bank. This value represents nearly half of King Township Food Bank's annual operating budget, which has increased due to greater use and the uptick in the distribution of food cards owing to issues surrounding the pandemic.

Major donors of this year's event included Capital Power, York Energy Centre, and MP Deb Schulte, as well as some choosing to remain anonymous. The list of Platinum Sponsors included returning businesses John's No Frills, RBC Dominion Securities (Michael Hogg), Trisan Construction, Kingsdale Animal Hospital, Nobleton Lions,

Tribute Homes, King City Lions and Magna International, along with JTF Homes and Fandor Homes. Joining the group were Green Tractors, Nobleton and Treasure Hill (which had previously heavily supported with live auction items in 2018).

The start of the evening's online presentation featured welcome remarks from Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Honourary Chair and Mark Pavilons, Master of Ceremonies. The Honourable Deb Schulte, Minister for Seniors and MP for King Vaughan, also offered words of praise and acknowledgement of the generosity displayed by the community in this time of need.

Online viewers were treated to an informative presentation on the inner workings of KTFB – from collection centres like John's No Frills in Nobleton to the Depot where donations are sorted and shipped to distribution centres for registrants to receive their box of non-perishables, fresh produce, paper products and pet kibble on a monthly basis.

All operations of KTFB are carried out by unpaid volunteers, many of whom are long-serving. Immediately following, viewers waited in anticipation of hearing their name called during the live draw for one of 43 prizes, donated by businesses and individuals. From gift cards and golf packages to special experiences and designer



sunglasses, there was something for everyone.

At the end of the evening, an online auction was launched, which featured beautiful, original works of art, by local, world-renowned artists Ernestine Tahedl, Brett Davis, Grazyna Tonkiel, in addition to five limited, numbered Group of Seven prints donated by Peter McCarthy. To round out the Art and Décor theme, a number of home décor items were also donated anonymously.

The backdrop for this year's event was Sherwood Farm Event Venue and Retreat, thanks to Theresa Sherwood,

and all the video content and on-site production was executed by Alex Karakatsanis, owner of Crying Elephant Productions. The intricate details of this year's unique event were undertaken by a team of 12 volunteers in addition to the board, with Meline Beach coordinating.

It was an amazing gathering of the community and show of support for the King Township Food Bank. The Food Bank offers thanks to all who made Sip & Savour – Home Edition a stunning success by all measure. Photos of this year's event are posted at www.ktfb.ca.



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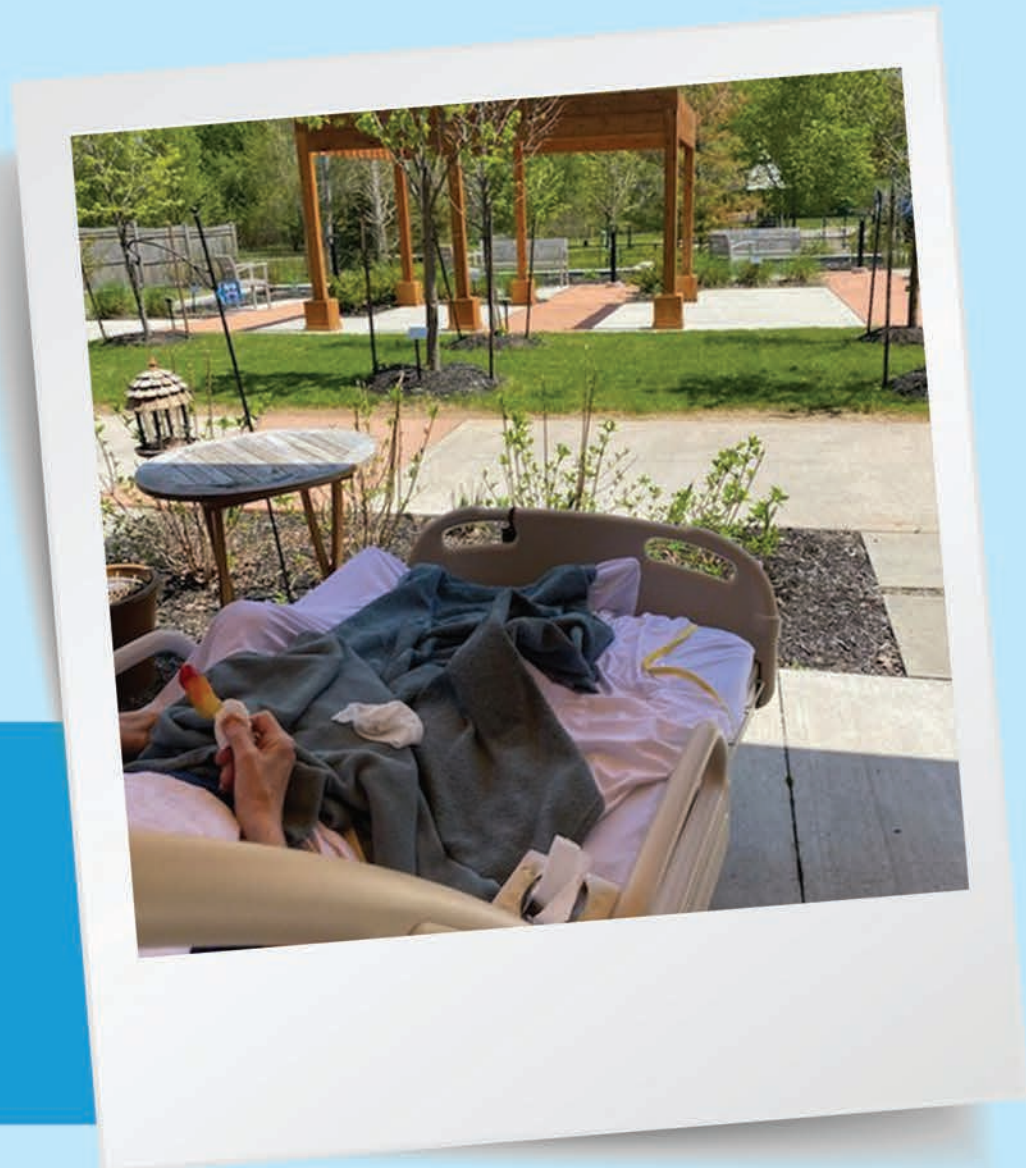
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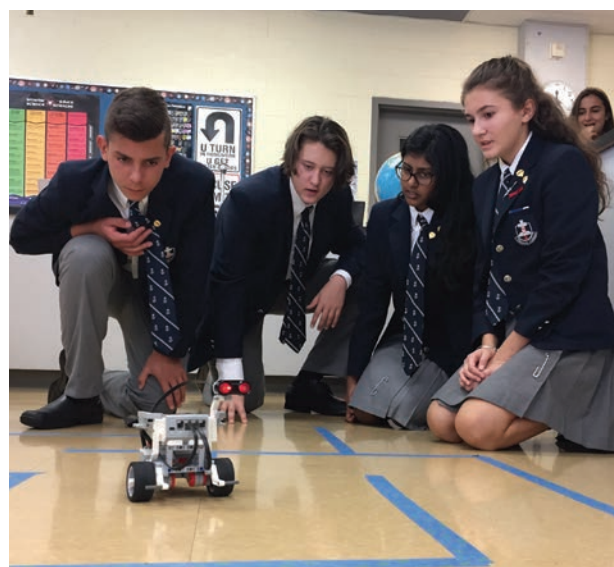
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Ontario Junior Hockey League pushes start date further back

By Robert Belardi

The Ontario Junior Hockey League has set back their potential start date to January.

The OJHL, announced back in September that hockey would be back on the ice by this time however that doesn't seem to be the case.

With the increased numbers of COVID-19 in the province, these new start-dates and regulations have been

Sports docs and movies to watch

By Robert Belardi

There's a time to take moment, a breath even, and appreciate the glamour of sport with crescendos of elegant music that touch your soul.

Sport has nostalgia and with nostalgia comes inspiration. How many times have you seen the career of an athlete turning into a documentary? It's their story and it's left up to you to find the silver lining in between.

With the National Football League, Formula 1 and soccer in various leagues around the globe a few amongst many sports leagues still open, here in Canada, we wait for the return of hockey, basketball and baseball (although they all have just come to an end).

In the meantime, there are inspirational sports-documentaries and movies online that you may have never seen before or you've been edging to watch again.

Here's some of my picks on sports documentaries and movies that you must watch and re-watch.

42 (2013)

Chadwick Aaron Boseman passed away tragically at the age of 43 this past year following a long battle with colon cancer.

Boseman is better known as T'Challa in the Marvel Universe movie Black Panther and also appeared in Captain America: Civil War, Avengers: Infinity War and Avengers: Endgame with this character.

But his career broke through (so to speak) in his role as Jackie Robinson in arguably the most inspirational story in Major League Baseball history.

Robinson is known for bridging the gap between the colour barrier that existed in Major League Baseball in the 1940s. Brooklyn Dodgers owner took a chance on Robinson and following a spell with the farm team of the club, the Montreal Royals, Robinson made his way to the pros only to find his life to become significantly challenging. He endured racism at its highest peak. Fought crowds and other critiques who didn't believe a black player could play. And ultimately, he silenced everyone in this inspirational story leading teammates on the Dodgers to step in and defend him when needed; and that was a lot.

With the Los Angeles Dodgers coming off a World Series victory, this movie is an excellent watch and a history lesson all at the same time. Today, the entire MLB has retired the number 42, and annually on Jackie Robinson Day (April 15), every player on every team wears that iconic number.

*The Playbook:
A Coach's Rule to Life (2020)*

If you're ever in need of a life-lesson and a swift kick in the you know what, this is motivational docuseries on Netflix.

Akron natives LeBron James and Maverick Carter teamed up with 22 other executive producers to film this six-part series featuring personal stories from Doc Rivers, Jose Mourinho, Dawn Staley, Jill Ellis and Patrick Mouratoglou.

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distinguished by the current state of the pandemic.

Written in the Nov. 5 press release, the league has been working diligently with Public Health Units and hockey's governing bodies to ensure a safe return.

"The OJHL is now fully prepared, once approval from our governing authorities has been granted, to move forward with a 30-36 game schedule with a potential start in early-January," wrote Commissioner Marty Savoy.

With an uncertain few months teams have been cleared with some positive news as club's have been given the go-ahead for exhibition games.

Teams, who have been practicing in some capacity for the past few months or so, have begun to cohort their bubbling process and have done so efficiently. All teams must confirm their 25-man rosters in order to begin playing non-contact scrimmages.

This year, unlike in years past has forced the league to alter their schedule. With a 30-36 game projected season, a normal seven-game playoff series will inevitably be reduced to a best-of-three.

All teams will be provided with PPE equipment such as reusable masks with washable filters and surgical masks. All cleaning products will be provided for players and staff on each team.

"Most importantly, each team is also receiving a disinfectant fogger machine in partnership with CleanQuip Systems Inc., which will be used to disinfect and sanitize team dressing rooms and other team areas within each facility," the release wrote.

Subsequently on Nov. 6, the OJHL released another statement, confirming their modified five-on-five playing rules have been approved by the Ontario Hockey Federation (OHF).

Some of the new rules include, "no body contact, the number of players allowed to dress as well as bench seating requirements will depend on the facility structure and Public Health Unit, team benches must be disinfected at the end of each period, elimination of post-whistle scrums or altercations."

Approaching the start of the new year comes with lots of excitement as all the hard work has finally paid off to get the OJHL up and running.

"None of this would be possible without the incredible support and very responsive involvement of the many public health units which are responsible for the locales where we play. In conjunction with PHU co-operation, our Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Karen Chrobak, has done a remarkable job assisting us along the way and we want to acknowledge her contributions," Savoy said.

More information is to come as well as specific start dates.



Ethan Giles (left and down) takes home the Jake Gordon Scholarship Award of 2020 in memory of Gordon (top-right), who tragically passed away in 2015 due to a work accident.

Rugby centre wins Jake Gordon Award

By Robert Belardi

Bearing the responsibility of the Jake Gordon Scholarship award isn't quite that simple.

Introduced in unison by the Aurora Barbarians RFC and Keswick High School, the award was introduced following the tragic passing of the 24-year-old back in 2015. Gordon, an avid rugby player with the Barbarians, tragically lost his life in a work accident.

In his memory, this award is given to the player who has exemplified leadership at the highest level on an off the pitch.

This year's award was given to former Keswick High School rugby star and Aurora Barbarian for the past two seasons, Ethan Giles.

"It meant a lot to me. Not just because him as a person, but it represents of him and his family. His dad reached out to me on Facebook and congratulated me and that meant so much to me," Giles said over the phone.

"Makes me feel like I'm worthy of the award."

Giles says this award is all about how someone leads by example and that is a trait of his he lives by. Leading by example is one of the many characteristics he brings to the table.

Giles moved to Keswick High School in Grade 10 following a short-tenure at Bill Crothers. In the school is a memorial of Gordon and he would see it every day.

Now at Trent University, the young centre and occasional, fly-half, is currently practicing with the Excalibur rugby team three times a week. The club will be moving indoors into a dome to continue practicing. In a year of competitive rugby lost, Giles isn't seeing this year in a negative light.

"You have a full-year to improve yourself and that's what I've been looking towards this year."

Giles aimed for a scholarship to a school to play rugby and earn his education. He would honour the chance to play professional rugby here or abroad, but it isn't what he wants to do his entire life. He loves history and is currently studying to become a history teacher.

A history trip in high school to England, Wales and Ireland solidified his love for the subject. One day, he would love nothing more than to be at the helm of a history classroom to share his passion with the students.

Giles is enjoying his education and athletics out at Trent University and looks forward to the rest of the school year learning both in the classroom and on the rugby pitch.

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Many inspirational sports flicks to watch, re-watch

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Each of these coaches have an episode dedicated to diving deeper into the confines of their own mind and how they perceive coaching on the sidelines and coaching real life.

This is a must-watch docuseries for sports fans eager to know how the mind of a coach works and how their influence significantly impacts staff and players alike.

Coach Carter (2005)

There's never not a reason to watch Coach Carter.

With Samuel L. Jackson as the movie's protagonist, Ken Carter returns to Richmond High School this time to coach the basketball team and finds a group of disgruntled young athletes lacking motivation both on the court and in their lives.

In this sporting drama, Carter seemingly turns around this group around and fights; against all odds (even against the school), to ensure these players are pushing themselves academically,

avoiding gangs and crime while also improving their basketball talents.

Emotionally, this film will leave you with a warm feeling and empathy for the fulfilment of all the players. It is a true story.

The Last Dance (2020)

This series has it all.

Anger. Sadness. Pain. You name it, but it ultimately ended with six rings as this documentary is all about the Chicago Bulls and their rise and fall from glory.

Of course, this docuseries showcases never seen before footage of Michael Jordan but, it also covers the drama and management disputes within the organization.

Winning six rings wasn't easy by no means. Although this team made it seem that way. Two three-peats has never been accomplished in NBA history and all without reaching game seven in the NBA finals.

This dive into the Chicago Bulls franchise will have you at the edge of your seat and it's Michael Jordan,

it's Scottie Pippen, it's Phil Jackson and of course, it's definitely Dennis Rodman; so it's all-the-more-reason to click the like button and begin playing episodes.

Other honourable mentions have to be Black Ice, The Blind Side, Remember The Titans, Gridiron Gang, Miracle, Moneyball, Concussion, Secretariat and Invincible.

Future Majority holds virtual town hall

Future Majority is a youth-led, non-partisan, non-profit currently advocating for a Green and Just Recovery in post-pandemic Canada.

Working with hundreds of youth across the country, the organization is hosting their second of town halls to push for a more equitable, sustainable and prosperous Canada for everyone. As Canada's largest voting bloc, young people hold significant weight and should have a seat at the table when deciding their country's future.

One of the town halls being planned is in York Region (King-Vaughan, Newmarket-Aurora, Aurora-Oakridges-Richmond Hill, York-Simcoe and Vaughan-Woodbridge).

The group has collected almost 150 petition signatures in the area from passionate and engaged residents. This town hall is a way to advocate for issues like climate change, racial injustice and adequate mental health supports. It also presents the opportunity for youth to have direct access to politicians to share their unique pandemic experiences and post-pandemic concerns on a local level and provide them a platform to share their voice.

To get involved in York Region's town hall, visit their website futuremajority.ca, check out their social media handles @votefuturemajor on Twitter and @votefuturemajority on Instagram or send an email to emmett@futuremajority.ca.

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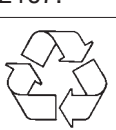
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King's Corners

**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

Sunday morning worship will be online only on Nov. 15. The online worship will be available at 10 a.m. and Rev. Bruce Roffey will be presiding. For the coming weeks, our worship will alternate between on-site and online due to the increased risks we are seeing in the region. We will continue to ask that if you are planning to attend an on-site week, you RSVP through the appropriate office.

Last week's Remembrance Day worship entitled "Hill 677 in Kapyong" was presided over by Rev. Andrew K. Lee. It gave us the chance to reflect on, remember and offer thanks for the sacrifices by the many men and women in order to preserve our freedom of life and liberty in this wonderful country we live in and to remember the contributions they have made to ensure the safety and liberty to countless brothers and sisters in countries around the world. To view the online service or read the sermon please visit our website at kcuc.net

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 carpoled together. You must read the screening questions and sanitize your hands prior to entering the building and you must provide your name and a contact number.

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

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

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

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

King Bible Church

Join us for our next in-person service on Nov. 15 at 10:30 a.m.

We welcome guest speaker Allan Galant who will be speaking on "Pandemic and the Church."

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.

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

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

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

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

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

We welcome you to our online Sunday services at 10:15 a.m. The Session of St. Andrew's continues to be concerned with the rising numbers of COVID-19 positive cases in York Region and King Township and has decided with regret to discontinue our in-person worship services until further notice. We wish to provide a safe and comfortable worship experience for all.

Please go to our website st-andrews-kingcity.ca where you will find a link to our Sunday morning service at 10:15 a.m. A virtual "Coffee Fellowship" is held following the service. Get

in touch for an invite link.

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

Virtual "Art for the Soul" is Wednesday afternoons with Lynn. Please get in touch with her.

For pastoral care, call or text Lynn Vissers, Director of Congregational Ministries at 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 regarding their meetings at 5 p.m. in the lounge on Sundays.

May you know God's presence daily, bringing peace and joy as we give our burdens to the Lord, for He cares for us. Philippians 4:6&7.

Keep in touch and we hope to see you soon.

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Weekly Prayer Time at All Saints: Every Friday at 10 a.m. several parishioners log into Zoom or call in for a very special prayer time. We spend some time in quiet contemplative prayer with music, some scripture, and then there is an opportunity for prayer - silent or out loud.

"Don't worry about anything, instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done" (Philippians 4:6). All are welcome - phone the office at 905-833-5432 for further information.

Our role as lightbearers. Fr. Michael preached on from last Sunday's Gospel from Mathew 25: "But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'"

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

With an increase in COVID-19 cases, it was decided that it would be safer to continue online worship for the time being. We will continue to have recorded on-line 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.

As the season of Advent and Christmas approaches, we are considering some innovative ways of celebrating the season in a safe manner. Watch out for details to come. If you would like to support our ministry, you can find us on CanadaHelps.org.

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

York Pines United

York Pines United Church continues to rotate in-church worship services with King City and New Hope United Churches. Services begin at 10 a.m. at all three churches. November 15, New

Hope will once again be the worship location. Following that service, the situation will be assessed and if guidelines from the province allow, the rotation will start again Nov. 22 at King City.

Children's Coat Drive

The coat/boot drive is once again happening to benefit "Coats For Kids." This organization distributes kids' coats, boots, snowsuits, hats, mittens and scarves to individuals in need in York Region.

You can drop off these gently washed items to Schomberg Chiropractic in Brownsville Court until Dec. 15. For further information please call 905-939-7569 or visit their website www.schombergchiropractic.ca

A Main Street Christmas cancelled

We are sorry to announce that the Schomberg Village Association won't be able to present our traditional A Main Street Christmas celebration this year. Due to restrictions on public gathering due to COVID-19, it's simply not responsible to invite 5,000 people to town for the day.

We were particularly looking forward to this year's celebration as it would've been our 25th year - the 25th time that all of Schomberg met together on Main Street at Christmas for parades, food, entertainment and song.

We're working with our partners to bring some Christmas cheer, decoration and light to Schomberg so please follow us on Facebook or visit our website (Schomberg.ca) for more details in the coming weeks.

One exciting piece of cheer we at SVA, are excited to bring to you is an

online, virtual, Christmas Craft Market! We are looking for vendors who want to advertise and sell their goods. Presently we are working on our website so please keep tune and watch in the coming weeks for information on becoming a vendor in this exciting new venture!

We're working on a Parade of Lights where it will be streamed online for all

to see and we are working out a plan to decorate our Main Street to help get us all in the festive mood. We, at SVA, want to give back to this great community of Schomberg, that has supported and helped "A Main Street Christmas" grow and be such a major success since 1994! Thank-you Schomberg, we will get through this.

King's Corners

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Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps."

"Today's gospel reading, the parable of the bridesmaids, is about being ready and prepared, but ready and prepared for what? The parable occurs in the middle of two chapters where Jesus speaks about his death and his return. He warns repeatedly that the timing of his return will be unexpected and unpredictable: "you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

"In this context, the parable warns us, don't be unprepared for Christ's return. But it doesn't tell us what the lamp in the parable signifies, and what are we supposed to do with its light?"

"A more helpful approach sees the church as the bride of Christ in which we can see ourselves as bridesmaids in a wedding which has already happened! So, the lamps we are entrusted with are our vocations as disciples and followed of Jesus, his light bearers in the world.

In Matthew 5 Jesus says: 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.' Therefore, we are to be lightbearers. We show the light of Christ to a world that knows too much darkness

"We become beacons of hope in a dark COVID winter. We shed light on injustice, we feed the hungry, care for the lost, clothe the poor. We use gentle speech; we model a kindness and love for others. We bear our trials with patience, like this pandemic, and we help others with their trials.

"This winter you'll hear me talk a lot about light and about our role as lightbearers. We as church have been entrusted with showing the light of Christ to the world, a light that will be sorely needed in this COVID winter of cold and isolation. As church, we need never worry about this light going out. All we need to do as church is hold that light as high as we can, and let the bridegroom do the rest."



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Top home renovations to invest in this fall

(NC) Today, many families are focused on improving their homes instead of spending money on vacations and entertainment outside. With autumn as your last major chance to renovate before the winter, here are some of the best projects to tackle now for maximum enjoyment of your space.

UPGRADE YOUR KITCHEN

The kitchen is the heart of your home, and where you'll be spending lots of time cooking for the holidays and entertaining your small social circle. So, give it a facelift to make sure it's a bright and welcoming environment. A great DIY project is painting the cabinets in a bold or warm shade and updating the hardware in a metallic neutral. You can also invest in sleek, energy-efficient appliances for a clean, modern aesthetic and get fresh seasonal linens for your tablescapes.

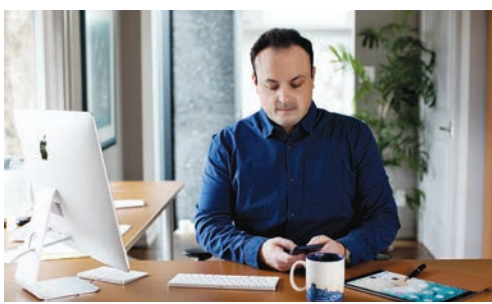
FINISH YOUR BASEMENT

A finished basement extends your living space and has an excellent return on investment. It's also the perfect place to turn into a spacious dedicated home office, so you can finally stop working on your dining table or couch and boost your productivity and comfort. But whether you want to turn your basement into that, a rec room or in-law suite, the first step is installing a high-performance subfloor. The best option for this is Dricore subfloor panels, which are designed with air gap technology to help protect against mould and moisture and keep floors dry, comfortable and cozy all year. It's an easy DIY project, as the panels are easy to install and a room only takes half a day to do.

ELEVATE YOUR EXTERIORS

Not only does the exterior of your home make the first impression, it can also extend your living space – which is crucial when we're working, living and playing at home. Make the most of it with areas you can spend time in even when the temperature drops. For example, you can create a sitting area to relax in or host smaller outdoor get-togethers for your social bubble by screening in your porch or installing an awning over your backyard patio. Laying down Dricore panels can work here too, as they will make cold surfaces feel warmer, softer and cozier for your feet. Complete the space with a heating lamp and you'll be able to enjoy your exteriors almost all year-round.

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By Julien Laurion
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

Hi Julien, I am a long-time reader and I very much enjoy your articles and social media! Julien, I am a renter and I am starting to look into buying a home since it seems we will be spending lots more time indoors. I've noticed some listings will say things like 'new composite decking' or 'new 25 year shingles'. Are these important to consider? Thank you in advance, Clara.

Hi CLARA, congratulations on starting your home search! It can be both overwhelming and exciting.

Upgrades can be tricky and are subjective. They require consideration for both the seller and the potential buyer. It is no secret that certain upgrades, like updated kitchens and bathrooms, typically do add value to a home. However, some upgrades may actually decrease the value of the home and others just justify the asking price. Specifically, if the upgrade is specific to that current homeowner.

For example, as a long-time reader, you probably read my article about the shower beer fridge. This is a rather unique item that may not have a lot of appeal to other homeowners so it would not likely increase the value of the home. In addition, if this shower fridge was not properly installed, or if it is difficult to remove, it could potentially decrease the value of the home. Pools are also a great example of an improvement that does not increase the value of a home. Some buyers will be pleased to have a pool

in the back yard and won't be put off by it. However, some buyers are turned off by a house that has a pool and find pools a burden and an extra expense they do not want to take on. In fact, I have a close family member who bought a house because of its great location, and then had the pool filled in!

In your question, you mentioned composite decking. This is often a positive upgrade for a home.

When I see composite decking in a home, it tells me that the current owner cares for the home and has invested in it. Composite decking is much more expensive compared to wood alternatives. This is a feature I would point out to my clients as we are assessing the total package offered in the home if we were to extend an offer to buy it. But like everything, there is not a single perspective. One of the downsides to composite decking is that it tends to be warmer on the feet in the summer months. I recently had a client who stated that they did not like this feature.

Clara, it is pretty simple. If you walk into an unkempt

home that has not been updated, the price you pay should reflect this. Typically, a home that needs a lot of improvements is going to sell at a lower price than a fully renovated home. However, if the home is clean and cared for with thoughtful upgrades, then it may make sense for you to pay close to the listing price. As I said, upgrades are tricky and subjective so it is best to work with a Realtor like me to help navigate those waters. Happy house hunting!

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about pre-delivery home inspections

(NC) If you've purchased a new build house or condo, the pre-delivery inspection – or PDI – is your first opportunity to explore your new home. It's also a very important step in the new home-buying journey.



This inspection is your chance to document any items that are damaged, incomplete or missing before moving in. Here's what new homeowners need to know about the process:

1 The inspection should take between 45 minutes to an hour per 1,000 square feet of a home – plenty of time to be thorough without feeling rushed.

2 Bring a copy of the Pre-Delivery Inspection Checklist along. This helpful document is available for free from Tarion, the organization that provides warranty assistance for new home buyers. It gives you an idea of what items to inspect – and which issues to watch out for – in every part of the home.

3 This is also an opportunity to learn about how to operate and maintain the home's systems, such as heating and cooling. Don't be afraid to ask questions – the builder's representative is there to help.

4 Make sure any issues are documented on the PDI form that the builder's representative will fill out. Include any items that have been substituted for others without your consent, such as kitchen cabinets or countertops. Although this isn't an official warranty form, it does serve as an important record of issues that existed before you moved in.

5 Keep your own documentation records of any issues identified. Don't be afraid to take photos and/or videos as a part of this process.

6 Feel free to bring someone along, like a parent, realtor or home inspector. Just remember that whoever joins in should not try to interfere with the builder's process.

7 If you're not able to attend, someone can go on your behalf. Just remember to notify the

builder in advance by filling out the Appointment of Designate form.

8 PDIs happen in all seasons and weather conditions, which may pose some challenges. If you're not able to inspect a part of the home, make a note of it and remember to look at it as soon as possible.

9 If anything is reported on the PDI form but hasn't been resolved by the time you move in, report it to the builder. You can also submit a warranty form to Tarion.

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5 tips for creating your own gallery wall

(NC) With more people spending time at home and postponing vacations this year, many of us are taking on more DIY projects. A fun thing you can try is a gallery wall, which is a great way to display memories and decorate your space.

Gianmarco Bernaudo from Fujifilm Canada recommends these top five tips for making a flawless gallery wall at home:

PICK A SPACE: An important first planning step is identifying the square footage you have to work with. Think about the corners and spaces that are often overlooked, as these can make great places to display photos.

WORK WITH A THEME: To make your wall more aesthetically pleasing, identify elements you want to consistently show, such as colour schemes or subjects like travel or family photos to tell a story.

SELECT AND PRINT: Once your space and theme are selected, it's time to start printing. Consider the medium you want to use, like standard prints in frames or on canvas. Finally, look for user-friendly printing services such as Fujifilm Printlife, which allows you to order prints from the comfort of home.

MAP YOUR ARRANGEMENT: Before you start putting holes in your wall, test your design on the floor to pick the best layout. You can use tape or the printed photos to trial.

ADD NON-PHOTO ELEMENTS: Consider adding whimsical items like a clock, baby shoe or succulent planter to create a more eclectic vibe, or pay tribute to a treasured memory with a sentimental item, such as dried flowers from your wedding.

Find more tips on photo printing and creating gallery walls at fujifilmprintlife.ca.

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CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET

(NC) You don't have to wait for a change of season to tidy up your wardrobe. Go through your clothes and accessories one by one in order to have an accurate count and take the opportunity to donate what you don't want anymore. This will help you develop an estimate of what your closet is worth. In the future you can save your receipts to update your inventory with new items.

USE ONLINE TOOLS

Some insurance providers such as Belairdirect offer user-friendly forms to help you. They will speed up the process and make it easy to keep it updated, organized and accessible.

RENT WITH PEACE OF MIND

Even if you are a tenant, it is important to make an inventory of your belongings. Whether it's the fridge your aunt gave you when you moved out, your grandmother's sofa or your parents' old bed that furnishes your home, all your belongings must be listed so that you have an accurate replacement cost for all your household goods should anything happen.

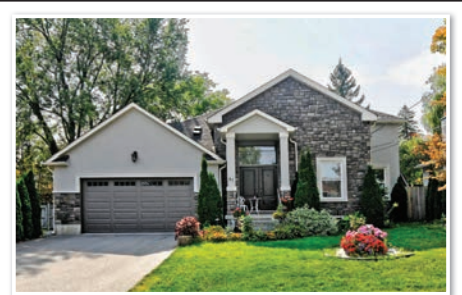
After all the hard work you've done, it's important to stay on top of your list with check-ins every year or each time you make large purchases.

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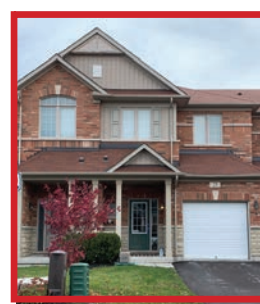
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The desire to buy a home expands beyond dollars and cents and current global concerns, including the pandemic. Buying a home is a personal decision. Motivation varies for every individual based on multiple factors.

Low-interest rates have sparked the urge for Buyers to take action now rather than wait once they've done the calculations to uncover what they can afford. More homeowners have considered refinancing their mortgages at a lower rate or pulling equity from their current home to use for renovations. Other Sellers have been preparing their homes for sale due to persistent Buyer demand that has caused it to be a Seller's market across the Greater Toronto Area. Some Sellers based on current home values may be relocating outside of the neighbourhood, perhaps even outside of the region.

If uneasy about what to do next, think about why a move may make sense in the first place. What is the reason behind the desire to purchase a home? Is this your first home? Has there been a change in the family which could include health concerns, employment changes, marriage, baby(s), divorce or death are common and very real reasons to move.

Is the purchase for investment purposes as a vacation property or income property?

Is the idea of moving linked to wanting a lifestyle change to be closer to public transit, family or friends, to be in a specific school district, to have a shorter work commute, to be near more amenities, or to own more property? Assessing how you envision living in and around the home for the next five years is a great exercise to complete in advance of taking action.

Once motivation has been uncovered with a REALTOR® who ideally has an Accredited Buyer's Specialist (ABR®) designating the plan towards achieving the customized goals. It is easier to map out, and actions can follow more smoothly in this competitive and heated housing market. Attention to budget, location and style of home is the next consideration. If the ideal home is found after all of this self-assessment, it makes sense to take action and commit to buying sooner than later.

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PANTRY 101

Top tips on how to stock successfully

(NC) With cooler evenings and falling leaves around the corner, we can look forward to seasonal comforts like getting cozy by the fire and cooking warm and hearty meals. And after months spent outdoors, now's the perfect time to revisit and organize the kitchen, starting with your pantry.

"A well-stocked pantry is my best friend," says Andrea Buckett, food expert and content creator on andreabuckett.com. "I review recipes, make lists and stock up on essentials regularly; it really helps with easy weekday meals and is also budget-friendly."

Don't know where to start? These simple tips will help you save money and stress in the kitchen.

1 Organize what you have. Start by listing what you have, identifying what you use and what you don't, grouping items together in different categories. Then, purge what you don't use and donate it to your local food bank.

2 Review recipes and make your list. Flip through cookbooks and write down pantry staples from your favourite recipes. Beans, pasta, oils, spices, canned vegetables and legumes are all key ingredients to make easy weekday meals. Want to try something new but always missing that certain spice? Add it to your grocery list. Shop your list and avoid impulse purchases so you stay organized and on budget.

3 Stock up on value. Pantry items have a long shelf life, so when a key staple that you use goes on sale, it's a good idea to stock up. Olive oil, spices and pasta sauces are good items to purchase on sale. It's also a time to turn to a brand like No Name, offering quality products at a great value. Baking experts love the brand's cocoa powder – it's one of many baking ingredients you'll find always stocked in their pantry.

4 Freeze frame. Frozen fruits and vegetables are a must in your freezer pantry. Add colour and nutrition to meals in a flash. Think frozen fruit for morning smoothies, yogurt bowls or fruit-filled muffins. Frozen vegetables can also be easily added to sheet pan dinners, stir-fries, soups, pot pies or pasta dishes. Or whip up a quick veggie side dish – just heat, add butter and season with dried spices or herbs.

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Safety reminders for your home office

(NC) As many of us continue to work remotely, having a functioning home office is essential. From lighting to storage to décor, there are several factors to consider, so it's easy to overlook safety. Here are some key steps to help ensure your new workspace is safe as well as productive.

SAFEGUARD YOUR COMPUTER. With hackers exploiting the increase in remote working, it is critical to keep operating and anti-virus packages up to date. Perform frequent updates to help prevent malicious software from invading your computer and network. Change your passwords regularly and back up your files.

AVOID OVERLOADING OUTLETS. Each year, electrical malfunctions account for 35,000 home fires, according to the Electrical Safety Foundation International. Make sure your outlets contain arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs), which can prevent fires caused by damaged or overheated wiring or electrical devices. In case of an emergency, keep the easy-to-use First Alert EZ Fire Spray in your home office to quickly defuse small electrical

fires. The light aerosol can design makes it easy to hold, use and store.

SET UP A CLUTTER-FREE SPACE. Keep your work area organized to prevent potential hazards. Avoid injuries by keeping scissors, staplers and all sharp or heavy office tools away from edges of the desk, especially if you have children or pets. Secure all phone lines and electrical cords along a wall or under a desk to keep them away from heat sources and high-traffic areas.

INSTALL AND MAINTAIN ALARMS. Beyond the office, installing smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms will help protect your entire home. For optimal protection, install working smoke and CO alarms on each level of the home, inside every bedroom and outside each sleeping area. To properly maintain your alarms, test them regularly, change the batteries every six months and replace the units every 10 years.

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Real Estate Market Update – Aurora

Home Buyer's urge to live in Aurora

The push to live in Aurora continued in the month of October for 138 home purchasers leaving a bare minimum of 2.1 months of inventory to meet the current demand. Last year at the same time measured there were 64 percent fewer home transactions on record. There were 176 homes placed for sale during the month and 192 homes total were available at the start of November for purchase. Seller's yielded on average 99 percent of their asking price within 20 days on market.

The average price of a home including all home types was \$1,052,457 and when the highest and lowest sale for the month are removed from this comparison a median price of \$949,300 was the factor to note in October. When looking at the median pricing for detached homes the price rose to \$1,225,000, for those shopping for a freehold semi-detached home or townhouse the median price was between \$792,000 and \$793,500 and for a condominium townhouse \$691,500. For those home hunting for a condominium apartment, \$510,000 was the new normal median price in October 2020.

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Empty exterior pipes: To keep your pipes from freezing and bursting, empty all exterior taps and shut off the valves until next spring.

Inspect gutters, roof and exterior walls: Empty leaves or any other debris from gutters, and make sure they're still firmly attached. Now is the time to replace any shingles on your roof that are broken or loose to avoid any leaks that could happen when the temperature drops with a pile of snow on the roof. Inspect all walls for developing cracks that need to be sealed to keep water out; the freezing and thawing of water can cause major damage.

Clean and store outdoor furniture: If you haven't already, ensure your patio tables, chairs and barbecue are cleaned and stored away. Avoid rust on your grills by brushing them with vegetable oil and wrapping them in newspaper.

Insulate doors and windows: If you feel a draft around door and window frames, it may be time to install (or replace) the weather-stripping. You may also want to seal windows with inexpensive yet effective weather-strip film. You can find DIY insulation film at your local hardware store.

Clean heating and ventilation systems: Before turning your heat on, clean electric baseboards to prevent bad odours when they come back on and test each one to ensure they're all working properly. If you have an air exchanger, clean it before using it too, or you'll find yourself in a house full of the dust that's accumulated in the ductwork over the summer months.

Now is also a good time to check in with your home insurance provider to make sure your optional coverages account for your needs. This can include risks like water damage from in-ground or above-ground sources and water service pipe damage. But rest assured, if you run into problems, your insurance provider will be with you every step of the way. Some providers like Belairdirect even offer home claim forgiveness, which can protect your premium from increasing after your first claim.

Find more information at belairdirect.com.

INTERIOR

Protect pipes from extreme cold: Water expands in the cold, which means when a severe cold snap hits, pipes can be at risk of bursting. Seal any air leaks surrounding plumbing indoors to keep out cold drafts. On very cold days, keeping faucets running just enough to drip can prevent water from freezing inside the pipes.

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MEMORABLE DINING MOMENTS: Set the tone with inviting colours

(NC) From family meals to intimate gatherings with friends, the right ambiance can instantly elevate any occasion. To create a warm, welcoming space, start by choosing colours that invite you and your guests to the table.

Drawing from a palette inspired by fall's warm hues and turning leaves, you can make your dining space the best seat in the house. Here, Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert, shares her professional advice to help you create memorable dining moments at home.

BRING THE RESTAURANT EXPERIENCE HOME. Thoughtfully pair the colours in your dining space with food. "To emphasize the art behind every dish, shades of red are always a great choice," says Grech. "Favourite reds from Benjamin Moore such as Rosy Apple 2006-30 and Caliente AF-290 will make

food look almost too good to eat, and ensure your family and friends are left craving more."

CHOOSE COLOURS THAT SPARK CONVERSATION. For fans of intimate dinner parties that last into the evening, Grech recommends incorporating rich, earthy hues such as Caponata AF-650 and Warmed Cognac AF-235, as these comfortable and convivial shades will encourage your guests to linger at the table just a little bit longer.

VISUAL EFFECTS CREATE A SEPARATE DINING ROOM. If you don't have a designated dining room, you can

easily create a space that celebrates dining at home by colour-blocking a portion of a wall. Just as a plate focuses the eye on the meal, colour blocking can help focus the eye on one specific section of the space and create a defined area, even when you have an open-concept floorplan.

"Painting a colour block is a great weekend project, and Aura Waterborne Interior Paint helps you achieve professional results at home so you can always dine in style."

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