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Flu shot clinic a success
The first, drive-through flu shot clinic went very well in King. In all, 140 people were vaccinated. On hand to make the event a success were King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, Fire Chief Jim Wall, King Chamber of Commerce representatives. Hospall Private Homecare had its nursing team volunteer their time for the day. Anna Roberts dressed up as Mrs Claus and gave out candy canes. Linda Pabst made sure everyone had some hot drinks available.



More restrictions for events, gatherings

Tighter restrictions are now in place in King. The province announced a change in the number of people who can gather indoors at public events and social gatherings in King. The number of people who can gather indoors at social gatherings and public events will be reduced to 5. The limit on outdoor gatherings will remain at 25. There are no other changes to restrictions in King Township under the Red-Control zone at this time. The Township has, since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, been offering all administrative services to our businesses and residents virtually. Many services – including things like building permits, planning applications, garbage bag tags and the payment of water bills – can all be accessed online. 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. Enhanced curbside pickup of garbage bag tags and blue/green bins is offered at King Township Public Library branches through its curbside pickup program.

You can visit the website at www.king.ca, call us at 905-833-5321 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. –to 4:30 p.m.) or email serviceking@king.ca. All essential services have continued, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection, by-law enforcement and roads. Under the Red-Control zone, the following restrictions are in place: The Trisan Centre Fitness Centre has re-opened with a limit of 10 people in the gym at one time. Pre-registration and COVID-19 screening are required. Fitness classes with limit of 10 per class. Hockey and figure skating programs return to the limit of only 10 participants on the ice at one time. Only training is permitted on the ice, no game play/scrimmage. Gatherings are confined to 5 people indoors and 25 people outdoors.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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 live streamed at <http://meeting.king.ca>

Monday, December 14

5:00 pm – Special Committee of the Whole Working Session re: Draft Site Alteration By-law and Related Fees and Charges Bylaw

6:00 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://meeting.king.ca>

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Wednesday, December 2

5:00 pm – Committee of Adjustment
Virtual meeting at <http://cofameetings.king.ca>

BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King's website www.king.ca, click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.

Or visit on the following link
<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

PUBLIC NOTICES



TEMPORARY ON-STREET PARKING PERMITS

A reminder to all residents that temporary on-street Parking Permits for municipal roads are available to accommodate overnight guests, deliveries, or drive-way repairs. Permits are valid for a period of 24 hours and are granted for a maximum of twelve (12) days per vehicle per year (limit of 4 permits during annual winter parking restrictions). Permit Fee: **Free**

Permits are not valid for York Regional roads. Requests to park on Regional roads must be made to York Region.

To apply for a temporary parking permit visit <https://parking.ca> or email parking@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.



Nobleton sewer works



King Township has started 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.

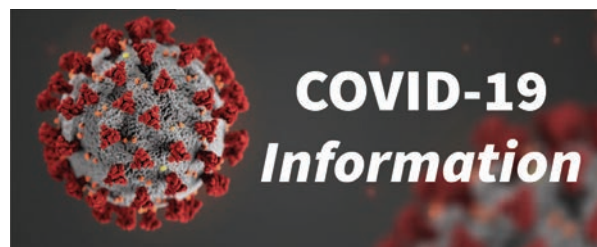
Weather permitting, work is scheduled to take about 27 months to complete.

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.

LATEST UPDATES

The contractor is continuing with sanitary sewer installation on Chamberlain Court and then will proceed along Sheardown Drive. Base asphalt is expected to be installed by the middle of December in the Sheardown and McCutcheon area.

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.

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

LATEST UPDATES

As of Mon., Nov. 23 at 12:01 a.m. the number of people who can gather indoors at social gatherings and public events in King Township will be reduced from 10 to 5. The limit on outdoor gatherings will remain at 25. There are no other changes to restrictions in King Township under the Red-Control zone at this time. You can read the news release here: <https://bit.ly/3lQrhDD>

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.

King Township Rural Zoning By-law Review

Virtual Public Open Houses



King Township has initiated a review of its zoning for the rural areas and hamlet communities of the Township, which are currently regulated by the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 74-53, as amended. The outcome of this review is anticipated to be a new comprehensive Rural Area Zoning By-law. The rural area encompasses the Countryside and Hamlet designations, as well as the Nobleton Village Reserve Lands (shown in yellow, on the map on page 2). The rural area excludes the urban Villages of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg.

All interested persons are invited to register and attend one of three Virtual Public Open Houses to learn about this project and contribute to our understanding of the types of issues with the current zoning by-law framework. The Draft Rural Zoning By-law will be drafted in 2021. Additional consultation events will be held as the project progresses.

What is a Zoning By-law?

A Zoning By-law is prepared under the requirements of Section 34 of the Planning Act. The Township's various Zoning By-laws regulate the types of land use and the character, height, location, size and massing of buildings for all lands in the community. The rural areas of King Township including the Hamlets are currently regulated by Zoning By-law 74-53, as amended.

Why prepare a new Rural Zoning By-law?

The review of zoning for the rural area follows updates to zoning in the Township's urban areas (the Villages), through the Nobleton Urban Area Zoning By-law 2016-71 and the King City and Schomberg Urban Area Zoning By-law 2017-66, respectively.

There is a need to review and update the Zoning By-law 74-53 and 2005-23 primarily to ensure that the zoning conforms to local, Regional, and Provincial policy, and addresses the Township's new Official Plan. We are seeking the community's input on the issues that will need to be addressed.

When are the Virtual Public Open Houses and how can I Register to attend?

Three Virtual Public Open Houses are being held in early December. Please note that **the same material will be presented at each open house**, so it is not necessary for interested persons to attend more than one meeting. Three virtual open houses are being held to provide different timeslot options for community participation, as follows:

- December 1, 2020 – 6:00 - 8:00pm
- December 3, 2020 – 6:00 - 8:00pm
- December 9, 2020 – 6:00 - 8:00pm

Due to the virtual format, registration is required to attend an open house. To register for one of the Virtual Public Open Houses, please visit <https://speaking.king.ca/rural-area-zoning-by-law-review> to access the registration page, where you must sign-up to participate. You will be able to join the Public Open Houses via a computer or via telephone. The presentation will commence at approximately 6:15pm during each Public Open House. The link and phone-in number will be emailed the morning of each Public Open House. Registration closes at 4:00 pm the day of each open house.

Please email or call Kristen Harrison, Planner at the Township, at kharrison@king.ca or (905) 833-4065 for more information or if you have any accessibility needs.

If I am unable to attend one of the Virtual Public Open Houses, how can I get involved?

If you are unable to join a Virtual Public Open House, please visit <https://speaking.king.ca/rural-area-zoning-by-law-review> on or after approximately December 9 to view a copy of the presentation and recordings of the

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>.

Please note that information related to these studies will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record. Thank you for your interest in these studies

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Greenbelt Council expresses concerns over Bill 229

By **Mark Pavilons**
Editor
 Local Journalism Initiative

Ontario's Greenbelt Council is urging Queen's Park to put the brakes on using Ministerial Zoning Orders. While supportive of expanding the Greenbelt, the council has other concerns regarding changes in Bill 229, which will impact the powers of conservation authorities.

Council chair David Crombie, in his letter to Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Steve Clark, said parts of the bill will undermine watershed planning and put at risk key natural heritage and hydrologic features in this province, specifically proposed changes to the Conservation Authorities Act,

contained in Schedule 6 of Bill 229, and the increasingly extensive use of Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZOs).

"Fundamental to both the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Greenbelt Plan, watershed planning is vital to the Conservation Authorities' (CAs) core mandate.

"Schedule 6 of Bill 229, have caused Council and its stakeholders considerable concern and alarm."

Crombie noted that any reasonable reading of the proposed legislation would see it as "severely limiting the ability of CAs to carry out their historic role and undermining decades of environmental stewardship in Ontario.

"It is their job to protect Ontario from floods, and prevent wetland destruction and loss of forests and other natural

heritage features. CAs play a major role in protecting water quality and quantity, facilitating access to nature and supporting agricultural productivity, while also addressing climate change and enhancing human health and prosperity. Integrated Watershed Management is an essential tool used by CAs to achieve these outcomes."

CAs should be protected and not undermined. The council agrees that reducing red tape is a commendable objective, but not at the expense of the very values Ontarians hold dear: ensuring our communities are safe and green.

Conservation Authorities were established in response to the unhealthy state of land and water due to poor planning practices. Today, they bring a watershed perspective to planning and development decisions to ensure communities are built safely and meet current environmental protection standards.

Crombie and the council are asking that Schedule 6 of Bill 229 be removed entirely.

MZOs, he said, have been used in the past to suspend other-wise required consultation and appeal processes where matters of significant provincial interest exist relating to proposed development that may be compromised through delay.

"They were never intended to become simply tools of convenience for moving developments through the planning process. They should be used sparingly and only in exceptional circumstances.

"Excessive use of MZOs implies that the current provincial planning policy framework is not adequate to address the planning issues of the day. If that is the case, then it is government's responsibility to address and refine the

framework. In fact, over the last two years, substantial changes have been made to the Planning Act, Provincial Policy Statement, and provincial plans, yet MZOs continue to be used."

The council recommends that MZOs be accompanied by a public process that is fair and transparent. Detailed information relating to the development and a clear rationale as to why the MZO is being used should be publicly available. These measures are especially important when combined with the current intent to "hobble the regulatory role of CAs.

"We recommend that the government pause in the use of MZOs and engage in a public discussion on the principles, policies and procedures that would protect the public interest," Crombie wrote.

He did say that council supports the government's stated interest in expanding the Greenbelt and looks forward to participating in a public discussion on the policies, proceedings and practices that would animate any expansion.

Tougher measures to control virus

From Front Page

The Ontario government is now providing \$600 million in relief to support eligible businesses required to close or significantly restrict services due to enhanced public health measures, doubling its initial commitment of \$300 million made in the 2020 Budget, Ontario's Action Plan: Protect, Support Recover. A detailed list of eligible businesses, as well as instructions for applying, can be found at Ontario.ca/covid-support.

The province has also released the following health advice to help combat the spread of the virus:

- Limit close contact to your household (the people you live with). Individuals who live alone, including seniors, may consider having exclusive, close contact with another household to help reduce the negative impacts of social isolation.
- Maintain two metres of physical distancing from everyone else.
- Wear a face covering indoors, outdoors if physical distancing cannot be maintained, or if wearing one is required.
- Virtual gatherings or events are the safest way to visit or recognize occasions with people outside your household.
- Adhere to provincial and applicable local restrictions on public and private gatherings.
- Individuals and families in higher transmission areas should avoid travel to lower transmission areas (e.g., from Red to Orange, from Yellow to Green) except for essential reasons.
- Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others.

Individuals and families who consider travelling to another province for essential reasons during the holidays should:

- Consider the risk associated with travelling. This includes COVID-19 transmission in the other province, entry requirements (e.g., quarantine) of some other provinces, etc.
- Self-quarantine, or drastically reduce close contact with others 10 to 14 days before travelling and after returning home. This will help lower the risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- Stay home if you have symptoms, even if they are mild.

For the latest King Township COVID-19 related information, please visit www.covid19.king.ca.

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"A newspaper is the center of a community, it's one of the tent poles of the community, and that's not going to be replaced by websites and blogs."

- Michael Connelly

Taking a look at our collective losses and gains

As the end of 2020 draws near, many of us are possibly examining our lives in a different way.

There's nothing like a pandemic to smack us in the face and wake us up a bit.

Just what have we lost this year? And what have we gained?

Jesus put it in perspective when he said: "For what shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and suffer the loss of his soul?"

In other words, until now, we've been flying full speed ahead, cashing in, spending freely and making money. The Canadian economy, pre-COVID, was hot, right along with low interest rates and a strong housing market.

Some of our fellow men and women may very well have profited a great deal, in exchange for their souls.

But when we all hit the COVID wall, full force, everything changed.

Losses mounted and gains were few and far between.

Some say you can't have one without the other, in a sort of symbiotic way. Others concentrate on viewing things differently. Look at opportunities and learn from both.

In our materialistic world, we tend to view loss and gain in a financial sense. It's bottom-line economics. Enjoying a profit, or coming out ahead, is always good. These days, though, I think breaking even is okay, too.

Maybe it's part of the cosmic plan, like Yin and Yang, to balance everything out. There has to be equal amounts of both, so the universe remains stable, and doesn't wobble off into oblivion.

Or maybe it's just us.

We have night and day, cold and warm, up and down. Are these necessities of universal laws of nature, or mere coincidences?

I suppose we have to get to know one



Mark Pavilons

so we can embrace the other.

If we never experience loss, we may never know the joy that gain brings. But if you ask me, I'd rather be free from the pain of loss and the dull ache left in my heart.

I'm sure this year has been filled with many losses, for almost all of us.

Some have lost their jobs and source of income. This, given the current realities, may be very hard to replace.

Most have lost a certain amount of freedom. The restrictions placed by the pandemic have definitely curbed our ability to travel and even gather in social circles.

The dust has not settled yet, and when we begin the upward climb to our routines again, we may be shocked at what we see.

Many familiar businesses will no longer welcome customers. A lot of moms and pops will have aged, perhaps not so

gracefully.

We may continue to approach people at arm's length and with full face protection.

Early retirement? Well those plans just got pushed back a few years.

It may not even be humanly possible to fully calculate the loss, in terms of dollars and cents. All we have to do is look at provincial and federal deficits to get an inkling of the billions of dollars shelled out to keep citizens and businesses afloat.

A tell tale sign will be how we celebrate and spend this holiday season, which remains to be seen. I've heard the malls are packed, but I don't know if people are going hog wild or just window shopping.

I really want to enjoy a big family dinner this Christmas and hope the powers that be hold off on lockdowns.

And what have we gained?

Well, I'd like to think we've all had to become more tolerant and patient. We've had to compromise, adjust and adapt.

These are good things, aren't they?

There's no question the news from day to day, week to week, has often been bleak. But we've also witnessed some incredible acts of kindness and altruistic gestures.

Just last week, the community of Schomberg rallied to help a single mom and showered her with necessities. This happened with a day of word spreading on social media.

This type of "gain" really can't be measured, and it's a win-win for all involved - the recipients and the community itself.

King Township, the Chamber of Commerce, and this newspaper all promote shopping locally and helping our own. I'm a firm believer in supporting local businesses and my spending habits have likely increased a bit, simply because I know they need it.

As an average working stiff, I know how hard it is to make ends meet and put food on the table. I can't really imagine what it takes to keep a business, retail store or restaurant going.

I've gained an appreciation of politicians. Yes, you heard it right. Throughout all of this, politicians, including our mayor, premier and prime minister, have doggedly attacked this unprecedented disaster. They work tirelessly to not only curb the trends, but keep people safe, healthy and financially secure. They've stepped up and they did what was necessary. There are so many countries around the world that just don't have the means like we do here in Canada. For that, we should all be grateful for the society we've helped to build.

While I'm currently sporting my pandemic hairdo, I have seen a dentist and a specialist. I managed to get snow tires on our vehicles. I managed to get paper towels. I also helped my main charity stay on track with its fundraising goals.

All gains, to be sure.

Maybe our upcoming gains don't have to be huge wins or major victories. Maybe a dozen tiny, little things will do just fine.

It's been said that every day above ground is a good day.

It's true if we keep our heads, maintain perspective and embrace what it means to be part of the human race.

Letter to the Editor

Chair lobbies against lockdown

The following letter, dated Nov. 19, from York Chair Wayne Emmerson, to Premier Doug Ford, was submitted to the Sentinel.

Dear Premier Ford:

I am writing to you today in my role as Chairman and CEO of The Regional Municipality of York and Chair of the Board of Health for York Region, along with Dr. Karim Kurji, York Region's Medical Officer of Health.

We truly appreciate the on-going efforts, support and leadership of the Ontario government throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and your continued commitment to studying public health measures to avoid further business closures while keeping our communities healthy and safe.

On Monday, Nov. 16, York Region moved into the Red-Control zone of the Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework. While we expect to see the effects of these restrictions between Nov. 26 to 28 (10 to 12 days following Nov. 16), we believe they will go a long way in preventing new cases of COVID-19 in our communities.

We do acknowledge York Region's daily cases of COVID-19 and positivity rates have been high, but previous experience from being in the modified Stage 2 level suggests existing control measures are likely to work and allow us to adequately balance public health with economic interests.

Regular public health inspections indicate the majority of our businesses continue to comply with current Red-Control zone public health measures. As well, our public demonstrates exceptionally high levels of compliance with measures such as wearing masks within public spaces.

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Quote of the Week



"I know that there are people who do not love their fellow man, and I hate people like that!"

- Tom Lehrer

Trivia Tidbits

In ancient Greece, throwing an apple at someone was a declaration of love.

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Results from last week's poll:
Have you started your Christmas shopping?

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| a) Yes | <input type="text" value="0%"/> | 0% |
| b) No | <input type="text" value="100%"/> | 100% |

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

Are you dreading or looking forward to Christmas this year?

a) Dreading
b) Looking forward

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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)

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>

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 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

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.

Kathryn Moyle
 Director of Corporate Services
 Township Clerk

NOTICE OF MEETING

Special Committee of the Whole Working Session

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**TOWNSHIP OF KING PRESENTATION:
 "DRAFT SITE ALTERATION BY-LAW AND RELATED FEES
 & CHARGES BY-LAW"**

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold a Special Committee of the Whole Working Session by the Growth Management Services Department – By-law Enforcement Division and Public Works Department – Development Division on:

- The Township of King's Draft Site Alteration By-law and Related Fees & Charges By-law

**Monday, December 14, 2020
 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

For further information regarding the Draft Site Alteration By-law and related Fees & Charges By-law, please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: Nancy Cronsberry, Manager of By-law Enforcement/By-law Enforcement Division, ncronsberry@king.ca

Telephone: 905-833-4001 Fax: 905-833-2300

Kathryn Moyle
 Director of Corporate Services
 Township Clerk

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

Telephone: 905-833-5321 Fax: 905-833-2300

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 Director of Corporate Services
 Township Clerk

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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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York to fine businesses that fail to take steps to prevent COVID-19

York Region will fine those violating the latest restrictions imposed by the Province.

Dr. Karim Kurji, the Medical Officer of Health for The Regional Municipality of York, has issued a Class Order under Section 22 of the Province of Ontario's Health Protection and Promotion Act.

The Class Order is now in effect. It requires:

- Meeting and event spaces, and other businesses, places, facilities or establishments, including special event venues, banquet halls, hotel conference rooms and convention centres which rent or otherwise make available any meeting and/or event space.
- Ensure all indoor and outdoor gatherings for religious services, ceremonies or rites in weddings, funerals and celebrations of life do not exceed the number of persons that can main-

tain a physical distance of 2 metres from each other.

- Ensure that, in no event, shall the gathering exceed a maximum of 50 persons.
- Comply with any applicable gathering limits under the Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020 (ROE).

Follow all further instructions from York Region Public Health pertaining to COVID-19 that apply to your business, place, facility or establishment.

Shopping malls have to set a maximum capacity for patrons in the shopping mall and monitor the capacity limit to ensure physical distancing of 2 metres is maintained by patrons and mall staff in common areas, stores, washrooms, hallways and entrances at all times.

- Immediately ensure all stores within the shopping mall set a maximum

capacity limit, and actively monitor that capacity limit to ensure physical distancing of 2 metres is maintained by patrons and mall staff at all times.

- Actively manage all line-ups or patrons congregating and ensure all patrons waiting in line-ups inside or outside shopping malls maintain physical distancing of least 2 metres.

Retail stores have to set a maximum capacity for patrons and actively monitor the capacity limit to ensure physical distancing of 2 metres is maintained by patrons and mall staff in common areas, stores, washrooms, hallways and

entrances at all times.

Follow all further instructions from York Region Public Health pertaining to COVID-19 that apply to retail stores.

Dr. Kurji's Class Order is the next step in a series of enhanced measures put in place by York Region to limit the spread of COVID-19. Failure to comply with the Class Order is an offence for which offenders may be liable, on conviction, to a fine of up to \$5,000 (for a person) or \$25,000 (for a corporation) for every day or part of each day on which the offence occurs or continues.

Police seek King shooting suspects

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Police have released a video in hopes of tracking down suspects in a recent daylight shooting incident in King.

Investigators with York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau released the video and are on the lookout for two suspects.

Police report the incident occurred back on Oct. 29, at 3:30 p.m. Police were called to the intersection of Larkin Avenue and Ballard Drive and when officers arrived they located multiple shell casings. Later that evening the victim's vehicle, a grey Mercedes, was found un-

occupied in a parking lot in the area of Keele Street and King Road. The victim was eventually identified and found and he was not injured in the shooting.

Investigators are seeking any information that may assist with identifying the suspects and the suspect vehicle to please come forward.

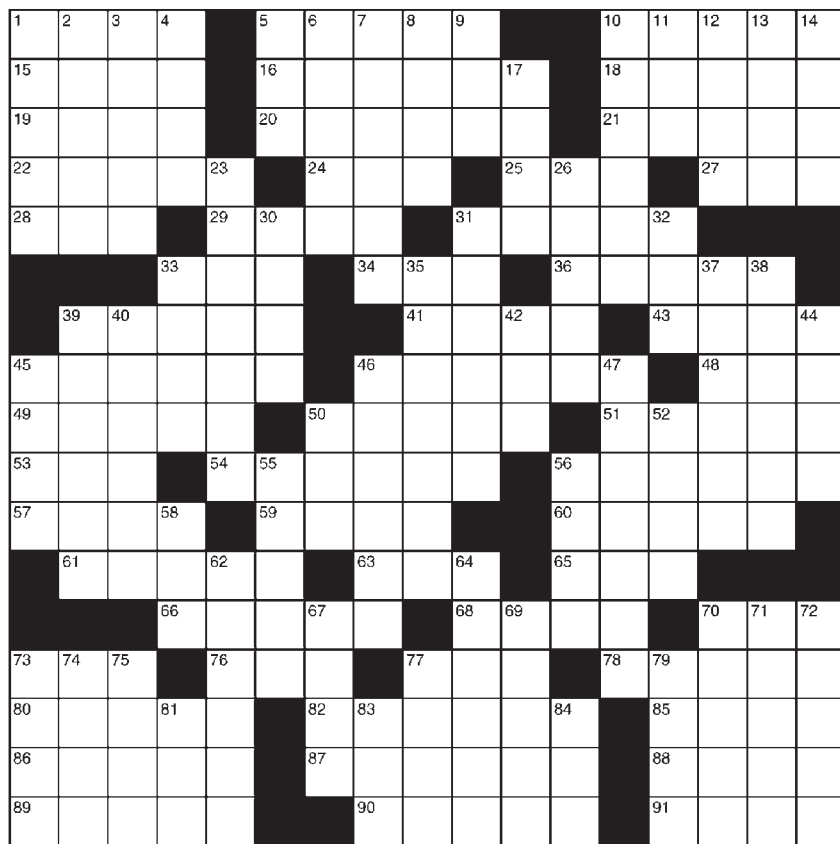
Video of the shooting is available for viewing at the following link: <https://youtu.be/3UzixtQL9Ao>

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7141 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-tips or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.



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- Swing
- Ring up
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- Former Italian currency
- Withered
- Drab
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DOWN

- Stockpile
- Consisting of two
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King man among eight charged in drug bust

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

A King Township man is among eight people charged in a drug bust in Georgina.

York Regional Police report that investigators with the District Criminal Investigations Bureau, Property Crime Unit, laid the charges and seized more than 100 grams of fentanyl after executing a search warrant at a residence on Canal Street.

Between July 1 and Sept. 18, officers responded to an increase in calls related to drug overdoses in the Town of Georgina. Investigators believe that at least two deaths and 14 overdose calls are connected to fentanyl. Officers were also concerned about a very potent blue-coloured fentanyl that was involved in many of these incidents.

Investigators, Nov. 13, executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant at the residence where they found eight suspects who were charged with a variety of offences, including Possession, Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking, Possession for the Purpose of Distribution and Fail to Comply with Judicial Release Order.

Along with the 129 grams of fentanyl, police seized 296 grams of cannabis and .14 grams of cocaine.

Dwaine Trapper Graham, 31, of King, was charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking - Fentanyl CDSA 5(2); Fail to Comply with Probation CC 733.1(1) x3 and Driving While Under Suspension HTA 53(1).

Police note that fentanyl is 100 times more potent than morphine. If mistaken for another less-potent opioid like morphine, heroin or oxycodone, overdoses can easily occur. Depending on how it's administered, the user may not notice the difference until it's too late. Like all opioids, overdosing on fentanyl leads to slow, irregular and shallow respirations, pinpoint pupils, muscle rigidity, seizures and unconsciousness leading to coma. Minor effects include dizziness, drowsiness, headache, sleepiness, nausea and vomiting.

Two milligrams of pure fentanyl (the size of about four grains of salt) is enough to kill the average adult. If combined with alcohol and or other drugs, including prescription medications, the risk of a fatal outcome is increased. In addition, treating symptoms of fentanyl require higher doses of the antidote naloxone compared to other opioids.

York Regional Police is committed to combatting the distribution of opioids in our community. For more information on how partners from across York Region are working together to reduce opioid harms, read the Opioid Action Plan.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police #3 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext.7341, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-tips, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

No violations during blitz

The Ministry of Labour conducted a weekend safety blitz in York Region on Nov. 21 and 22. Some 14 officers targeted various businesses with the following results:

77 visits to grocery stores, big-box retail; 80% of businesses in compliance with Public Health requirements under the Re-opening Ontario Act.

No charges laid and contraventions were resolved with compliance assistance. Common areas of non-compliance include no active screening, improper mask usage and physical distancing.

More on enforcement efforts will be discussed at York Regional Council on Thursday, Nov. 26. Listen live at 9 a.m. at york.ca/live



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From Thursday, November 26 to Wednesday, December 2

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York managing its cases

From Page 4

At the same time York Region's three local hospitals have indicated they are sufficiently managing COVID-19 workload and have not seen evidence of capacity strains that would warrant further lockdown measures.

Police look for would-be thieves

Investigators with the #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau are seeking witnesses and two suspects following the attempted theft of a puppy from a commuter parking lot in the Township of King.

On Nov. 18 at approximately 4 p.m., York Regional Police were called to a commuter parking lot at Highway 400 and Highway 9 for a report of an attempted theft. When officers arrived they found the victim, a 54-year-old female from the City of Barrie and her puppy, who were not injured.

Investigators learned that the victim had advertised two puppies for sale online. She had arranged to meet potential buyers in the commuter lot. After the sale of one of the puppies without incident, two men approached the victim driving an older model white Honda Civic. One of the men assaulted the victim, grabbed the puppy, who was in a carrier, and attempted to flee. The victim chased the suspects who eventually threw the puppy out the window of the vehicle and drove away.

Investigators are appealing to anyone who may have been in the area at the time and witnessed the incident or anyone with dashcam to please come forward.

One suspect is described as male, South Asian, approximately 20 years old, 5'8." He was wearing a black face mask, black scarf and green track pants. The other suspect is described as male, South Asian, wearing a face mask.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police #1 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7142 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-tips or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

Through resources provided by the Ministry of Health and the City of Kingston, York Region Public Health is currently reaching virtually 100% of our positive cases on the day reports are received. Outbreaks in schools continue to be manageable and we are currently seeing a decline in workplace outbreaks across our cities and towns.

It is our position that good case, contact and outbreak control management continues to be our most effective means of reducing new cases in the community.

Regional Council supported Dr. Kurji's recommendation to request the province not place York Region in a lockdown zone at this time. Keeping our Region in the Control-Red zone will allow us to monitor current trends over a longer time period. York Region has committed to increase enforcement activities with York Regional Police and our municipal bylaw partners in areas where we have issues with overcrowding and lack of physical distancing, including malls, big box outlets, grocery stores and banquet halls. We want to work with your colleagues in the Ministry of Labour and the Ontario Provincial Police on enforcement.

As has been implemented for restaurants and bars, we support the province's consideration of additional measures to ensure proper distancing and further measures are put in place to restrict the spread of COVID-19 in establishments such as malls, large outlets and banquet halls.

Our small businesses in York Region – as is the case right across Ontario – continue to do everything asked of them to stay open and keep their customers, themselves and their families safe. We all need to stand up for them and keep as many businesses open as much as possible.

By working in collaboration with our partners at all levels of government, we are confident we can continue to protect the health and well-being of residents and bring our case numbers down.

We appreciate your immediate attention to this urgent request as we work together to combat COVID-19.

Wayne Emmerson
York Region Chairman and CEO
Dr. Karim Kurji
York Region Medical Officer of Health



Wetlands: a valuable asset wasted and destroyed

By **Debbie Schaefer**
Councillor Ward 5

I suspect that a poll would show that the natural asset most underrated is the wetland. This surely must be true as there is no other rational explanation for the destruction/elimination of wetlands.

Since arrival of Europeans, 72% of the wetlands in southern Ontario have been eliminated. Earlier this year 3 provincially significant wetlands on agriculturally zoned land were filled in to enable construction of a Walmart distribution centre on Jane St. in Vaughan (near Teston Road). Recently, Pickering asked for and been granted a ministerial zoning order (MZO) to allow the destruction of the 54 acre Lower Duffins Creeks Provincially Significant Wetland in order to build a distribution centre.

Wetlands are extremely productive. Who/what is going to do the work of this natural asset which has been given to us? Wetlands purify our water; they trap sediments and remove pollutants. Wetlands sequester carbon. Wetlands work like sponges; they store water and then slowly release it which is beneficial in dry seasons with little rainfall. Wetlands contribute to flood prevention; when rivers burst their banks wetlands can store the excess water and slow it down, so it distributes more evenly over a floodplain. Wetlands host a tremendous range of bird species, amphibians, and animals.

Wetlands also provide a beautiful excuse for leaving land natural, to not develop it. For example, in King City, a residential development across from the GO train station was restricted because of the wetland. Twenty years ago, undoubtedly, during the approval process, the developer(s) argued to create more lots by building closer to the wetland. The Conservation Authority would have refused because of risk to the health and integrity of the wetland. The outcome today is that in addition to all the ecological benefits identified previously there are some distinctive homes with unique views and very importantly there is a natural open space where you can walk, breathe in the clean air, hear the birds and appreciate the native plantings. As we are required to stay at home because of COVID-19 the value of such places has increased substantially.

I am distressed by our Provincial Government's lack of appreciation for wetlands. If you share my concern please write your MPP asking him to tell his colleague, the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, to revoke the MZO enabling the destruction of Lower Duffins Creek Wetland Complex and to reaffirm his government's commitment to respecting and upholding protections for the remaining PSWs in Ontario; alternatively you can sign a petition which can be easily found at www.ontarionature.org.

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Council approves four-storey building in King City

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

A new, four-storey mixed used building in King City comes as good news to residents and Township officials.

King council gave its stamp of approval to King Station, an apartment complex on Keele. The project consists of 24 residential rental units and main floor commercial units. Parking will be at the rear of the building and one level underground.

The plan has gone through some “notable revisions” according to staff since the public meeting at the beginning of the year.

The building will now include 12 one-bedroom units and 12 two-bedroom units.

There will be 49 parking spots at the site, located on the west side of Keele, roughly 100 metres south of King Road.

The property is currently vacant and

served as an automobile repair shop and gas station.

Staff pointed out the plan conforms to the King City Community Plan and is in keeping with the newly approved Our King Official Plan.

Staff has spoken with the applicant regarding retail uses and have suggested a list that are less parking intensive, such as a spa, office or convenience store.

Staff said this site is “well positioned to consider a more intense form of development.” It also benefits from many services and uses within walking distance, including the King City GO station.

Apartment units are desperately needed in King and this building will provide that housing choice.

While the building will be the largest on Keele, and in the core, it’s proposed to be stepped back, which will mitigate any negative impacts to the streetscape.

Councillor Jordan Cescolini said it’s



King Township seeks feedback on its stormwater master plan

King Township is looking for public feedback on its draft Stormwater Master Plan (SMP). Residents are encouraged to attend a virtual information centre this Friday.

A review and analysis of King’s stormwater infrastructure is now underway. This will result in the development of a comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan to support the Township growth scenarios as outlined in the new Official Plan.

This master plan will provide analysis to ensure that the required level of service to handle the anticipated growth can be provided throughout the Township. A Municipal Class Environmental Assessment has been undertaken to guide this process.

A key component of the Environmental Assessment is public consultation. As stormwater runoff directly affects residents of King, it is crucial to understand the current issues faced by residents to build a plan that benefits everyone. King invites residents to take part in a virtual Public Information Centre this Friday, Nov. 27 at 12 p.m. in order to become familiar with the project and voice any concerns or questions.

“Planning ahead is a key component to ensuring King continues to grow in a measured, responsible and sustainable manner,” said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini. “Gathering as much feedback from residents is another key component. I encourage everyone to get involved in planning the future of our community by attending the Public Information Centre.”

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Public Information Centre will be held virtually. How to participate:

- Registration for this PIC can be done by sending your name and address to kingstormwatermasterplan@civi.ca.

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

A second Public Information Centre will be held in early 2021 to present proposed solutions.

exciting to have this in the core. It’s a refreshing project that fits and enhances the core.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer was also excited for several reasons. This complex will bring much needed rental units to King City. The design, she said, is “respectful” to what King City is.

This project will bring a “significant benefit to everyone” and there’s so much to gain from it.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said this will provide impetus to resolving some parking issues on Keele.

Staff and council can now start talking to businesses, and implement traffic flow improvements. The developer, a local resident, wants to better the community and actually lives here. The mayor said this is a definite asset to the community, and it’s nice to have that mix of housing options and uses.

King updating its DC bylaw

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

King Township is updating its Development Charges Bylaw, and the new rules should be in effect early in the new year.

Development charges are fees collected by the municipality from developers, to help cover the costs of infrastructure, such as parks, roads, fire services and more.

The provincial Development Charges Act came into effect in 1997 and it’s based on the idea that growth (development) pays for growth-related costs. DCs provide a substantial amount of funds for municipalities like King. The fees are levied on each residential unit constructed, each subdivision, expansion or conversion of space.

Before updating a bylaw a comprehensive review is necessary, involving Township staff and members of the development community. Staff began this process last fall, with Watson & Associates as consultants.

Typically, DC bylaws are updated every five years and the current one expires Jan. 24, 2021. The last bylaw was prepared in 2014, and provincial legislative changes in 2015 and 2019 will result in some changes.

Municipalities were pleased with one change that now includes a 10% charge for “soft services” such as libraries, parks and recreation.

Staff noted DCs are vital in that “... the importance of ensuring that growth related costs are appropriately supported by developer contributions is paramount of the long-term financial sustainability of the municipality. As population growth continues

to proceed in a planned and timely manner towards build-out, it is essential that growth related infrastructure needs are constructed as new residents arrive.”

A public meeting on the matter is scheduled for Nov. 30 with a presentation to council.

Among the changes are details for places of worship and special care facilities. Municipalities have begun treating retirement facilities as residential units and the better classification results in suitable DCs.

Staffer Dan Elliott noted that DCs pay for the development of parks, and builders provide land or cash in lieu, which is roughly 5% of the value of the land.

Elliott said King’s bylaw will be in harmony with that of York Region’s. Another change is that rates will be based on a square metre measurement.

While not finalized, Elliott noted the current rates will increase by 3.9% Jan. 1.

The higher increases in the non-residential side integrate a shift from less dense employees per square foot, to higher density of more office type employment. This has increased the costs per square metre significantly for this sector.

King’s rates are near the top compared to nearby municipalities, with Georgina at the lowest end, and nearby Vaughan at the high end.

Elliott said staff will hold consultation with developers Nov. 27 before the Nov. 30 meeting.

Another report will follow in December, with the final reported slated to come before council Jan. 11, 2021.

Following adoption of bylaw, a 40-day formal appeal period follows.





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Nobleton repair shop gets green light from council

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

King Township has given the green light to a family owned automotive facility to expand its uses in Nobleton.

Cosmocare Service & Collision Ltd. and Aqua Auto Spa Inc. applied to expand uses on its property, which include a full line of automotive repairs and an extra lane to drive-through car wash.

In approving the bid, the Township also allowed a change to the rear buffer planting strip, which abuts neighbouring homeowners.

This application, and project, has been years in the making, and drew support from both customers and

councillors.

According to planning staff, the Township has received many letters of support for this long-standing and well respected business. There has been opposition, largely from the neighbours who back onto the property.

This business has been trying, for at least three years, to grow and conform to the rules. Their previous construction and car wash operation were approved by council. Further, the applicant submitted the required traffic studies and landscape plans.

Teresa Oppedisano, wife of owner Cosmo Oppedisano, made a heartfelt plea to council in September, noting over the past four decades, they've supported many community events and groups, and hosted many co-op

students looking to get into the car repair trade.

They simply outgrew their former location and made the decision to move and expand. But they've been plagued by obstacles and challenges.

When adjacent property owners objected, they made every effort to rectify the situation with extra tree plantings at the rear of their operation. They opted to plant the trees on the neighbour's property to provide better coverage for the two lots. They opted to extend the fence, which is much better aesthetically than the one previously recommended.

They also did what they could to mitigate drainage concerns from the car wash operation.

The widening of the drive-through lanes means they have to reduce the rear planting strip, from 3 metres to less than one metre.

Oppedisano admitted the recent years have led to a lot of emotional and financial stress. But the family is somewhat comforted by their conviction to "do something good."

They chose to invest in King and they're grateful to their many customers.

The main opposition came from John Cavallo, who backs onto the facility from his property at 43 Farmcrest. He said he's stuck starring at this building for the rest of his life. Lights from the car wash still beam into his house. He has never spoken with the applicants and he said the stacking lane for the car wash simply isn't permitted in the rules.

Cavallo reiterated his concerns at the last council meeting, pointing to light pollution. His concerns have large-

ly been ignored, and he stressed this doesn't belong in an area adjacent to residences. He once again pointed to the buffer and stressed "my privacy is violated."

He pointed to noise coming from the site, impacting his backyard living space. The wash bays are also loud, and sound bounces right into his back yard. He also said the service entrance is at rear, facing nearby residences.

"How can council completely ignore bylaw and zoning in this case?" he asked. "We as residents have objected since day one."

Cavallo said rules are there for a reason, not just words on paper meant to be ignored.

Staff noted that to address some concerns, the company retained an acoustical engineer to review noise impacts. Data indicates the facility would meet ministry noise thresholds.

Staff recommended the shop opens now earlier than 8 a.m. Staff also didn't see the additional car wash lane as adding any significant negative impacts.

Councillor David Boyd pointed out this business and expansion predates many in the community, and the lands along King Road were primarily zoned industrial.

Years ago, council actually objected to residential development in the vicinity – the same homes that are now impacted.

The applicant, he said, has worked hard to meet all obligations. Boyd said it will never be a perfect marriage between commercial and residential, and compromises have to be made.

Both Boyd and Councillor Bill Cober said auto shop use on this site has always been the intention.

Teacher faces child pornography charges

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

A King City Secondary teacher was arrested and charged with various child pornography related offences.

Investigators with the York Regional Police Special Victims Unit – Internet Child Exploitation Team (ICE) charged the 46-year-old high school teacher.

ICE investigators began an investigation after being alerted to images containing child pornography that had been uploaded to a social media platform. The upload was traced back to the York Region District School Board. On Nov. 18, the suspect was arrested at King City Secondary School.

Robert Aurich of King has been charged with Possession of Child Pornography; Distribute Child Pornography, and Accessing Child Pornography.

The investigation is ongoing.

Child pornography is not limited strictly to images or video material. It can include any visual representations of a child for a sexual purpose. Child pornography also includes written material or audio recordings that advocates sexual activity with a person under the age of 18.

York Regional Police continues to educate the community and aggressively enforce the laws surrounding child pornography. Any person found guilty of an offence related to possession or accessing child pornography can face imprisonment for a minimum of 90 days or up to five years.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of child exploitation you are urged to report it to your local police service as well as cybertip.ca. Cybertip.ca is an easy-to-use online reporting site which allows citizens to report concerns about the online sexual exploitation of children.

The material is loaded to a national database where it can be classified and then investigated by the appropriate police service. Cybertip.ca also provides tips on being safe online for children and parents. You can also find safety tips on the www.yrp.ca website under Crime Prevention.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police Special Victims Unit - Internet Child Exploitation Team at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7078 or contact Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com



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Arts & Entertainment

King native is making waves in Toronto's music scene

By Julia Galt

A former King resident who grew up in the hamlet of Snowball is making (sound)waves as one of Toronto's most in-demand bassists.

Alexander St. Kitts, who also performs under the stage name Alexander Saint, plays bass on Comedy Records' Fog and Lasers II, a follow-up to 2019's comedy-pop-rock collaboration Fog and Lasers. Bringing his trademark sound to three of the album's goofier songs- Jar Hands Man, A Very Secret Spooky O***, and Dumb As F***, St. Kitts displays the driving rhythms and brooding melodies he's become well-known for as an artist. Fog and Lasers II is a mish-mash of genres and sounds, poking fun at topics including too-close-for-comfort joggers and the trials of quarantine.

Playing alongside St. Kitts on the album are a myriad of other successful Canadian musicians and comedians, with credits that include Kim's Convenience, July Talk, The Second City, Dwayne Gretzky, and Just For Laughs. Though St. Kitts has had some experience with comedy music before, playing in Torontonians Chris Tsujiuchi's A Very Christ-terical Christmas Cabaret a decade ago, he's still fairly new to the genre.

"With a comedy album, it's a little more relaxed," said St. Kitts. "When I play with a lot of other artists, or my own stuff, it's more serious, more me-

ticulous. Everything has to be specific. With this album, they just told me to play something cool."

An established multi-instrumental artist and singer, St. Kitts's musical talents have seen him perform with artists including k-os, Jeremy Taggart of Our Lady Peace, Tony Royster Jr., SATE, Michelle Treacy, and Digging Roots. He's performed around the world, touring with Canadian singer-songwriter Francesco Yates, and has played with artists including Ed Sheeran at the American Music Awards and Much Music Video Awards.

With touring and live performances out of the question for the time being, Fog and Lasers II- written and recorded throughout the early days of quarantine- has been a saving grace for many musicians.

"It was really interesting to work on," said St. Kitts. "It was great to keep my mind off of the pandemic."

Already experienced with remote sessions, contributing to the album while in quarantine was a smooth process for St. Kitts.

"It was fun because they kind of just let me do my own thing. Rodrigo Fernandez-Stoll (Fog and Lasers II's producer and performer) is great to work with. He'd tell me what he was looking for, and I'd go from zero to 100."

Fog and Lasers II is now available to stream on most platforms. For more on St. Kitts, visit iamalexandersaint.com.



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A fascinating tale of two migrating butterflies

By Grazyna Tonkiel

Each garden has its own story; sometimes a story of neglect and other times a story of tender loving care and glory days to be reminisced.

All passionate gardeners can recall detailed chronicles of past seasons.

I was once overcome by the existential question: what really is my garden's purpose? I later realized that its purpose was to be a kitchen garden, or said another way, a cook's garden. Of course, flowers are included, but they are all edible like Zinnias, Nasturtiums, Marigolds and an abundance of flowering herbs. My garden, unspoiled for harmful chemicals, became a haven for all pollinators including a variety of butterflies.

Occasionally, I have had other residents like the shy groundhog, Mr. Parsley, who often makes an appearance due to his love affair with parsley. He devours the herb so rapidly that there is often nothing left for Black swallowtail caterpillars. This year's unexpected visitor was my very own, sweet Peter Rabbit, who came with a great appetite for cabbages. Fortunately, I had plenty for him, as well as for the always hungry White Butterfly caterpillars: Checkered Whites, Cabbage Whites, and Mustard Whites.

One year, I discovered that Painted Lady caterpillars not only like Thistles, but also enjoy Curry herb I grow in pots. It was fascinating to observe how the Curry leaves disappeared. Interest-

ingly, frass (caterpillar poop) quickly nourished the leafless plants and they grew back in a few weeks.

The Painted Lady is a remarkable Canadian migrant butterfly. Entomologists call them the most cosmopolitan butterflies, as they are present on four continents: Europe, Africa, Asia and North America. The North American population of Painted Ladies (*Vanessa cardui*) migrates during the winter to West Texas and the northern Mexico desert.

As caterpillars, they feed on annual desert plants. Their favorites are the family of Mallows, Borages, Thistles and their relatives. Ladies can live only up to six weeks.

There is a two-step spring migration from Texas and Mexico. The first generation goes to northern California, they breed and then the next generation makes trips north as far as Alaska or Canadian North Territories, including Bakers Lake in Nunavut. They travel as fast as 25 miles per hour and are capable of generating body heat through muscle contraction, which allows them to fly at lower temperature and high elevation. The highest observed altitude record for all butterflies belongs to the Painted Lady at 22,000 feet (7 kilometers) up in the sky.

According to the University of California - College of Biological Science, seasons with large wildflower blooms are connected to Painted Lady population movement. The last exodus happened in 2005, with billions of Painted



Ladies migrating.

Next spring, please plant Borage, an edible herb with beautiful blue flowers, which could potentially attract Painted Ladies to your garden. You may already have Forget-Me-Nots, which could also do the trick as it belongs to the same borage family.

My butterfly sanctuary is definitely a Painted Lady breeding ground. Sporadically, I rescue a caterpillar, or chrysalis, if it seems destined to perish if not assisted. Two weeks ago, I found a Monarch chrysalis buried under heavy, wet and wilted Hosta leaves.

The Monarch hatched in front of my webinar audience during my Butterflies Talk for the King Township Public Library. The next morning on a glorious, warm fall day with temperature way above 20 degrees Celsius, I released her. The female Monarch basked in the sun for half an hour, then flew away on her journey to Mexico. Her prospects of completing the trip are not that great, but at least I gave her a chance.

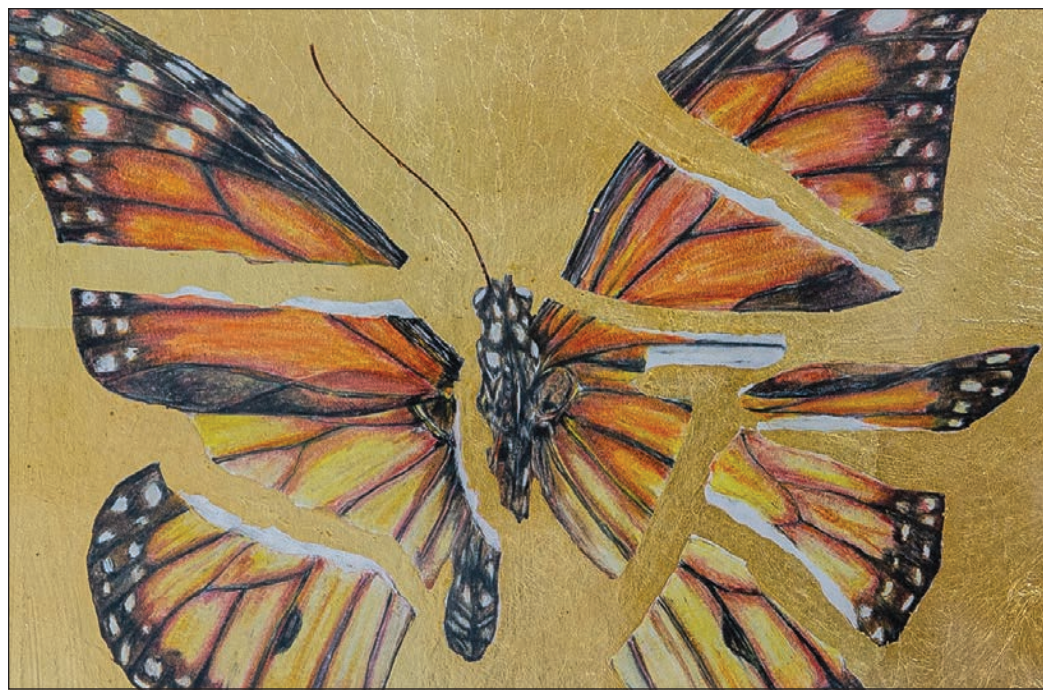
The first wave of migrating Monarchs ended their 5,000-kilometre trip from Canada to the south Mexico hills of Anganguo Nov. 1 and 2. November 2 was the Mexican holiday, the Day of Dead (elsewhere associated with the Catholic Celebration of All Saints and All Souls Day). In Mexico, families and friends gather at cemeteries to pray for and remember loved ones who have passed away. An abundance of fresh flowers, especially Marigolds, decorate graves, and attract the arriving, hungry and exhausted Monarchs. They fly

down to feed on the nectar of the freshly gathered flowers. Local residents call them the Souls of Lost Children.

On the way South, some Monarchs travel through Pelee Island where they stop for brief rest. Every year volunteers conduct a fall count. This year, again, the numbers were devastatingly low. In the last 20 years, the population of the iconic butterflies has plummeted by 90%, their migration was listed as an endangered phenomenon by the International Union for Conservation of Nature in 1983. Despite a collective effort to save the most recognizable butterfly, the number of North American Monarchs (*Danaus plexippus*) is plummeting towards extinction.

Let us all remember that next spring we should keep our Milkweed plants intact. Please, plant some if you don't have them in your garden. Let's help them survive and find a safe haven in Canada.

Grazyna Tonkiel is an accomplished opera singer, visual artist and a conservationist. She was a soloist of the National Polish Opera and Ballet Theatre in Warsaw and has won national and international vocal competitions. She is a member of the Toronto Entomologist Association. Her Butterfly Portraits are in private collections in over 10 countries. Her current exhibit "flight 2" in the Aurora Town Hall can be viewed online at <https://auroraculturalcentre.ca/flight2/>. She can be reached at her Gallery Solo Studio in King City - www.gtonkiel.com



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Conservancy protects 32 hectares of buffer habitat

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is protecting 32 hectares (80 acres) in the globally important Minesing Wetlands, just 15 kilometres west of Barrie.

The newly created Baldwick Bluff Nature Reserve is a collection of forests, fields, wetlands and headwater streams surrounding the core of the Minesing Wetlands. This area acts as a protective buffer to the main wetlands, ensuring that wildlife have the room they need to thrive. It helps control floods and provides clean water for nearby communities.

The area also provides important habitat for species at risk, including eastern meadowlark (threatened), bobolink (threatened), and Hine's emerald dragonfly (endangered), which is found

only in the Minesing Wetlands in Canada.

The Minesing Wetlands play an important role in filtering the water that is carried by the Nottawasaga River into Georgian Bay, and that flows out of thousands of taps in nearby homes. This vast collection of marshes, fens and treed swamps acts as a large sponge to help mitigate floods and supports more than 30 species at risk. With a rapidly changing climate, protecting large, intact wetlands is vitally important to the health and resiliency of local communities.

Comprising approximately 11,000 hectares (27,000 acres) of wetlands, fields and forests, the Minesing Wetlands are often referred to as the "Everglades of the North" due to their

designation as a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance — a distinction they share with their Floridian counterpart.

More than 70 per cent of southern Ontario's wetlands have been converted to alternative uses since European settlement. The province's remaining wetlands are threatened by non-native invasive plant species, pollution and habitat fragmentation.

For more than 45 years, NCC and its partners, like the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA), have been working to protect the Minesing Wetlands and deliver restoration and stewardship programs, including reforestation, stream bank stabilization, erosion control and nutrient management projects, and invasive species control.

These projects help reduce and sequester phosphorus, improve streamside shading and create habitat for many native species.

This important local land purchase was made possible thanks to the generosity of many area residents and organizations, especially the Friends of Minesing Wetlands, the NVCA and the Southern Ontario Orchid Society. The project was funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, through the North American Wetlands Conservation Act, the Government of Canada's Natural Heritage Conservation Program, part of Canada's Nature Fund, and many private donors.

The NCC is the nation's leading not-for-profit, private land conservation organization.



Residents bond with nature at Reserve

Supporters of Ontario Nature were invited to two events recently at the Cawthra Mullock Nature Reserve at 18462 Bathurst Street in King Township to view the latest improvements and to experience two new trails, one of which meets Ontario standards for accessibility. Following brief talks by Caroline Schultz, executive director of Ontario Nature, Smera Sukumar, nature reserves manager, and Zane Davies of TREADscape, attendees were invited to explore the reserve and walk the trails. One change relates to dogs. In the past, dogs were not allowed on the property, but now they are permitted if leashed.

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OBITUARY



Ron

Wallace, a prominent former Aurora politician and newspaper publisher, died November 22, 2020. He was 76. His wife Patricia

was by his side. Ron is survived by his daughter, Professor Aurora Wallace (Paris, France) of whom he was extremely proud; and his sister, Brenda (Bunny) Renette and her family (St. Catharines, Ontario). Fondly remembered by his first wife, Lois (Armstrong) Wallace. Ron is predeceased by his life-partner, Rosemary Schumaker; his parents, Alvin and Ann Wallace; and his brother-in-law, Gwendon Renette.

Ron was born and raised in North Bay, Ontario. He studied journalism at Ryerson in Toronto and was the editor of the Daily Ryersonian.

A life-long lover of newspapers, Ron's first newspaper job was as a copy boy at the Toronto Star, where he was responsible for taking news from the teletype machine. He believed that this job made him the first person in Canada to hear that JFK had been shot.

Ron was Editor at several newspapers including the Aurora Banner, The Richmond Hill Liberal, and the Etobicoke Guardian before founding his own paper,

RONALD WALTON FRANCIS WALLACE

March 21, 1944 – November 22, 2020

The Auroran, in 2000. Following in his father's boots, he joined the Aurora Fire Department as a volunteer in 1981, since he was already accustomed to going to fires to cover them for the paper. After the town bookstore burned down, he and Rosemary opened the R&R Book Bar in 1985, a beloved spot in town to discuss politics with Ron over a terrible cup of coffee.

Known as "Mr. Aurora", Ron made the town of Aurora his life's work. "If it matters to Aurora, it matters to me" was his motto.

Ron was a three-term Councillor for the Town of Aurora; a Trustee for the York Region Board of

Education and a board member of the Aurora Historical Society, the Aurora Cemetery Board, and the Chamber of Commerce. His legacy will endure through the Aurora Street Festival, Operation Puck-shy, his work as a Rotarian, supporter of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 385 and as a generous champion of countless local events and organizations.

"If it matters to Aurora, it matters to me"

His many contributions to Aurora have been recognized by the Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellow Award, the Citizen of the Year Award (2013), and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal (2012).

An avid and fearless skier and hockey player, a voracious reader and prolific writer, Ron also enjoyed travelling, collecting, and holding court wherever he was. His storytelling will be greatly missed.

It was Ron's wish that expressions of sympathy be made to the Aurora Rotary Club or the Aurora Historical Society.

There will be a private graveside service followed by a Celebration of Life at a later date.

Ron was an old-school newspaperman. At the end of their copy journalists would type "-30-" to signal the end of the story.

Ron Wallace, a beloved husband, father, brother and citizen of Aurora.

Government makes major investment in rural broadband to connect all Canadians

By Deb Schulte
MP for King-Vaughan
Canada's Minister of Seniors

The Government of Canada just launched the \$1.75 billion Universal Broadband Fund, which will support the expansion of reliable high-speed Internet access in rural and remote communities across the country.

In King Township, City of Vaughan and elsewhere, internet service providers and others can apply today, and funding for new projects will start to roll-out early next year.

This major investment will help accelerate rural broadband and move up our timeline for connecting 98% of Canadians to high-speed internet to 2026. It is a key part of Canada's Connectivity Strategy, which will invest \$6 billion to deliver high-speed internet to every Canadian household and businesses by 2030. "High-speed" means at least 50 Megabits per second (Mbps) download/10 Mbps upload.

The COVID-19 pandemic is showing how important this work is by highlighting how much Canadians depend on online connectivity.

Access to reliable high-speed internet has enabled many Canadians to continue to work and access school from the safety of our homes and has given many isolated seniors the power to connect with loved ones virtually face-to-face. It facilitated access to services like virtual health and mental health care, and helped businesses make sales

when customers were no longer going into stores.

At the same time, the pandemic has also underlined the gap in broadband access between rural and urban Canadians. While almost all Canadians in urban settings have access to high-speed broadband, 1.5 million rural households do not.

Canadians' access to high-speed internet should not depend on their postal code.

Since taking office in 2015, the Liberal government has made expanding Canadians' access to high-speed broadband a priority.

Over the past five years, the government has invested nearly ten times more to connect Canadians to high-speed Internet than all previous government investments combined.

These investments are installing more than 20,000 kilometres of fibre-optic cable, bringing high-speed internet to over 900 rural and remote communities.

Here in King-Vaughan, our government provided nearly a million dollars for the King Township Fibre Optic Broadband Expansion project, which was completed in 2019 – two years ahead of schedule – and connected over a thousand homes and businesses.

Through these investments and partnerships, our government is bridging the connectivity gap to ensure that all Canadians have the tools they need to keep moving forward.

OFA welcomes long-awaited infrastructure and investments

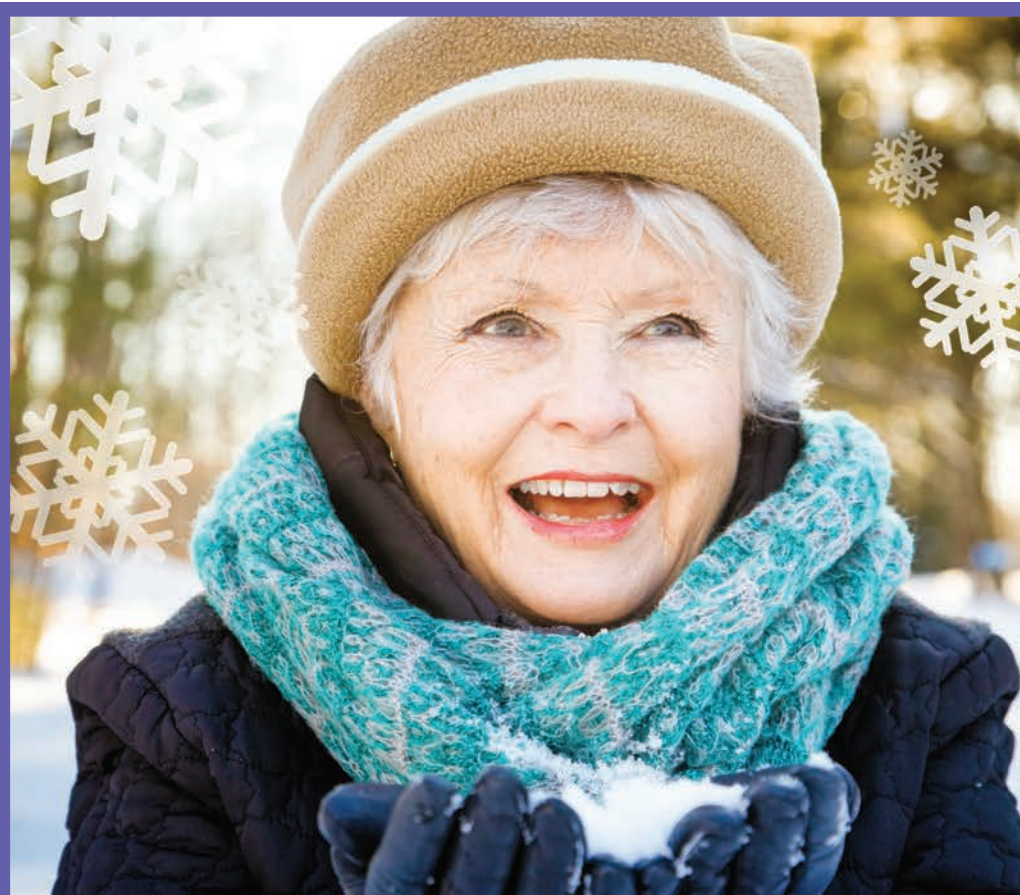
The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) has continuously advocated on behalf of our members to secure broadband expansion across rural Ontario. In today's environment, access to fast, reliable broadband Internet is vital to the success of Ontario's farm businesses and rural communities. The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized a gap in coverage and future need for broadband expansion as it has left businesses pivoting to virtual marketplaces and youth learning in virtual classrooms.

"OFA is extremely pleased to see the government respond with a significant investment towards expanding broadband and cellular access to rural communities," said Keith Currie, OFA president. "We've advocated strongly for better broadband access and this announcement will be greatly welcomed by the farming community as it will enable farmers to successfully run their businesses without infrastructure limitations."

OFA recognizes and appreciates the commitment from Premier Doug Ford and the Ontario government to invest in infrastructure that will support economic growth for the agri-food sector and ensure we have strong and vibrant communities. Ontario's agriculture and food industry is dynamic, resilient and has the potential to produce greater prosperity for the entire province. Farmers run modern businesses that require innovative technology, high-speed internet access and reliable cellular coverage. This investment solidifies the government's confidence in our sector and will help create new opportunities for growing existing businesses, attracting new companies and boosting regional economic development.

"Agriculture and horticulture societies are the backbone of our rural communities," stated Currie. "They promote Ontario agriculture, food literacy, volunteerism, showcase the importance of rural life and bring consumers and producers together. Providing support to ensure they survive not only this pandemic, but for generations to come is a great initiative."

OFA looks forward to learning more about the details of these investment announcements and working together with the Ontario government to benefit the agri-food sector and rural communities across the province.



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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 Busines 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 as 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."

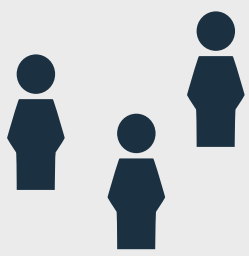
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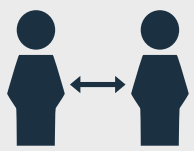
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Easter Seals pandemic efforts still go a long way

By Robert Belardi

Families who care for their children with disabilities know a life an average person wouldn't. There is a plenitude of incurring costs to ensure their child has the right tools and resources to help them accomplish all they can.

This year, human generosity and kindness might be rated higher than a normal calendar year.

It takes a lot to support others in need and blanket their hardship with solace and tranquility, when you just might be going through your own.

"I've had a couple of guys. Men, who have broke down and cried. They're just not in a good place and they're doing the best they can," Development Manager of South-Central Easter Seals Ontario Charlene Myke said.

Children have been struggling with isolation and online schooling. This year's efforts will hopefully restore their dignities and their freedom. Coming to

an event like this is quite eye-opening to know how much of an affect Easter Seals has had on their children and the support the organization has received from the hockey community.

For the York-Simcoe Celebrity Hockey Classic this year, Easter Seals has raised \$183,775.

Emceed by Sportsnet's Ken Reid, this virtual event saw over 60 participants online, including former Toronto Maple Leafs stars Wendell Clark and Doug Gilmour, as well as assistant coach for the Montreal Canadiens Kirk Muller.

"It means a lot to have each and every one of you involved with Easter Seals at any time, but especially, this year," said President of Easter Seals Kevin Collins.

"Your participation is sincerely appreciated and I can't thank you enough. Earlier this year, we reached out to all of our past participants to be our hockey heroes for Easter Seals kids and our

families. Everyone here, answered that call."

Normally a two-day event, featuring table-top hockey games, prizes, food and actual hockey games, this year it was carried over Zoom.

The night began with a presentation from children who have benefitted from donations, expressing their thanks. Following that, a tribute video to the late Dale Hawerchuck was showcased. The Winnipeg Jets legend, was heavily involved in the Easter Seals community.

Participants were divided into teams for their fundraising campaigns and teams had the chance to interact with one another in "break-rooms," in the Zoom call to discuss the former NHLer they were going to draft.

The more money you raised, the better overall pick you had. The player selected, can be invited to a future event that team wishes to host. Many names appeared, including P.J. Stock, Al Iafate and Dugunay and more.

Children, had the chance to hear funny stories from Muller, Gilmour and Clark on the Hot Stove section of the night. All three legends opted to appear in break rooms as well to interact with members of all teams.

In a relaxing hour and a half of an event – although it wasn't at its full capacity – participants had the chance to see what Easter Seals can do. Everyone even had the chance to hear from 2020 Provincial Ambassador Daniella Altieri, who raised \$10,000. The Grade 11 student has a stretcher, a wheelchair and a cane for her every-day life.

"People who have registered this

year, and the people who are raising money, are seriously the people that have never quit on our kids. Some of these guys have been in on this tournament since day one and they haven't quit," Myke said, emotionally to the King Weekly Sentinel.

Easter Seals continues to support families and vice versa. It is a tight knit community of people whose goal is very clear. Many people have benefitted from the support this charity has provided.

"Years ago, I had a couple of braces and a bike walker ever since I was five or six years old. I went to Easter Seals camp that's the biggest thing they've done for me. I did go to therapy and they covered costs for that at 10 years old," Gary Wright Humanitarian Award winner Brent Morning said.

Other children, such as Casey McKay; who graduated with honours from Humber College and is still heavily involved with Easter Seals, has seen his life head in the right direction.

The efforts from this charity is unprecedented and what they do for families is noble. Especially now, in a time where spirits need to be brought together and supported.

But for the company, this year will be the only year this event can be held virtually. Myke and Development Officer for Easter Seals Ontario Andrea Peterson said, they got lucky to have this classic over Zoom. Next year, much like other events, need to be face to face.

For those interested in donating to Easter Seals, you can head to easterseals.org to place your donations.



King Curling Club makes donation to Food Bank

COVID-19 has dealt an enormous impact on the sport of curling and other indoor activities. But The King Curling Club (KCC) continues to "sweep" on.

As King Curling intended to resume programs in October 2020, Ontario's Stage 2 mandate has precluded those plans. The Trisan Centre remains closed but the club executive is maintaining communications with the Parks and Recreation department in the hopes of opening again in January 2021.

Due to the early closing of the club's season last March, members were given the option of receiving a pro-rated refund or having their refund directly donated to charity. Overwhelmingly, the members generously chose to direct their thoughts and money to those who need it most.

The King Curling Club donated a cheque for \$4,970 to the King Food Bank, a charity that is close to the hearts of many.

These are challenging times and the needs in the community are even greater than ever.

King Curling's directors and executive would like to thank the members for their kind-hearted decision and wish for everyone's health and safety during these difficult times.



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By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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A different Main St. Christmas celebration

Since we can't hold our Main Street Christmas Event as we normally do, due to COVID-19, the Schomberg Village Association (SVA) are putting our heads together (not literally) and feverishly trying to come up with ideas how can give back to this wonderful community, cheer everyone up, create a festive environment and "Light Up" your life!

Since the Craft Show or Village Market was always a big part of AMSC every year, Sarah Ogborn and Lisa Cole have come up with an innovative replacement.

New for 2020, The Schomberg Village Association is proud to present our Online Schomberg Christmas Market, bringing local vendors and artisans directly to you in the comfort of your home. The market will run through Dec. 23 and can be found at www.Schomberg.ca/ChristmasMarket. We are currently accepting vendor applications, so

please visit the website to register. Happy shopping!

Just as a tease, we are working on a "Parade of Lights" or sorts. Hopefully, approximately 22 farm implements will be lined up in the fairgrounds, on either side of the road on the grounds and we will have the cars drive through from north to south, entering through the parking lot of the old arena and exiting by Old MacDonald's Barn.

The farmers really wanted to give back to the community. This is a safe way to enjoy this miraculous parade that AMSC has become so well-known for. The illuminated tractors will be lined up in the fairgrounds, so you can enjoy the miracle of our "Parade of Lights" from the safety and comfort of your own car.

There will be a method of pre-booking your time to drive through the parade, so please watch on social media and our website Schomberg.ca for particulars, as they unfold.

We are also planning on lighting our Community Christmas tree this year on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 5 p.m. We are just going to stream it online but our fervent hope is that you all stay in your homes and at 5 p.m. on Nov. 29, everyone turns their lights on and we all take part in "Lighting Up Schomberg!"

We also have created a Main Street Christmas poster for 2020.

This heart-wrenching, profound poster representing the 2020 AMSC, created by our very own Lisa Cole, AKA "The Paint Lady," dedicated volunteer and SVA member. It really says it all.

This beautiful little African-American girl is reaching up, almost reaching the doorbell, heralding her presence to the neighbours within. The bright light shining from the windows depicts a warm hearth and a welcoming home. Her gift lovingly placed on the doorstep is waiting for her neighbours to be pleasantly surprised as they open the door for her. With her mouth covered and sleigh in hand, to deliver gifts to the next house, she is ready to stand back and social distance to keep everyone safe and healthy, in these strange times.

This symbolic act of good deeds and good cheer illustrates to us all that we, in the world, will get through these strange times. By supporting, giving and caring for each other and all doing the right thing, we can collectively pray for our lives to achieve a sense of normalcy, health and wellness and can all be eternally grateful for what we have and what we can give!

If you would like to purchase one of these memorable posters, please go to schomberg.ca or email amscontact@gmail.com (with the word poster in the subject line) to get your poster or find

out any further information.

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.

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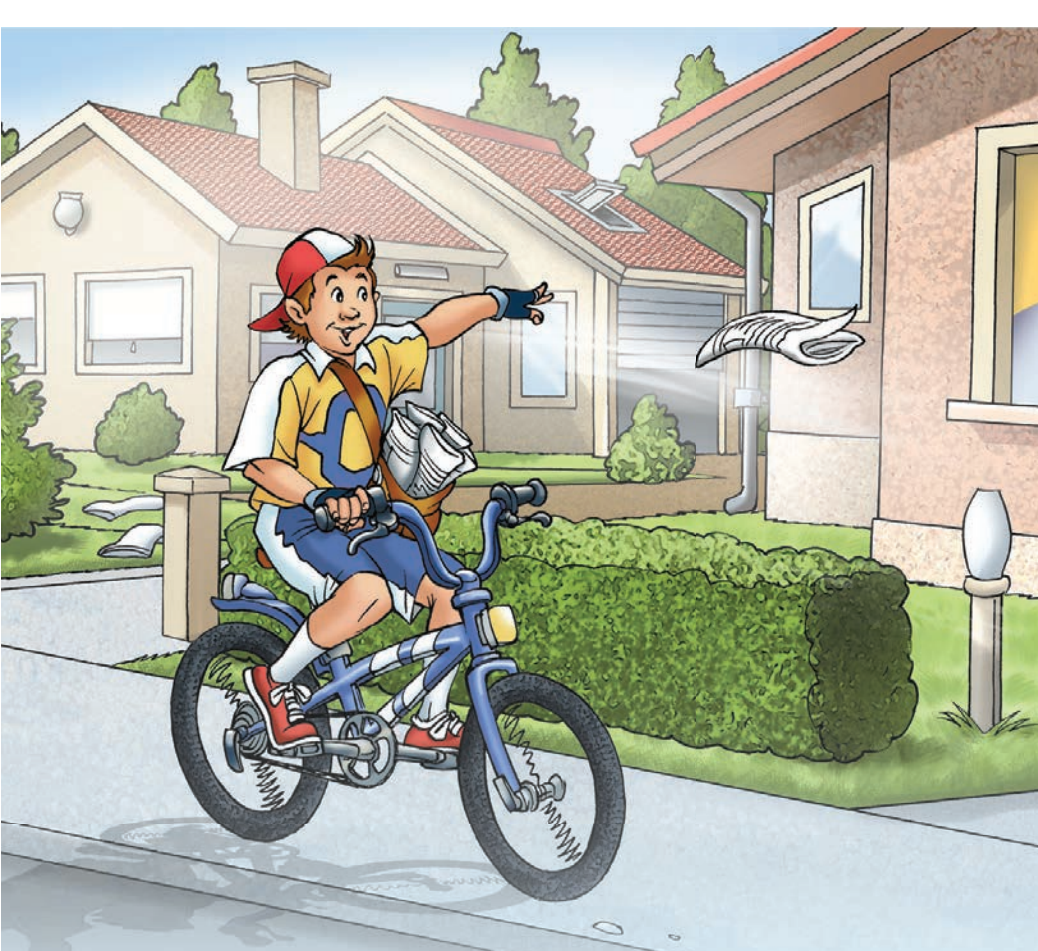
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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone
416-917-0406

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

Our live broadcasts are now available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca live each Sunday at 10 a.m., or on demand anytime. You can watch previous services or messages at youtube.com/c/stpaulschurchnobleton.

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

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

This Christian-based program is specifically designed to provide a safe place for all people to learn and explore,

ask questions, discuss, share opinions, make friends and have fun. If you'd like to find more information on this, check out the link <https://alphacanada.org/en>.

St. Mary's Church

Don't forget to join us every Monday to pray the Holy Rosary on Zoom - join by telephone by calling 647-374-4685 or 647-558-0588, enter Meeting ID number 980 5411 8568#.

Kindly share the bulletin with your families, friends, fellow parishioners, and councils, especially those who do not receive the bulletin via email.

Please note, printed bulletins will be available after all weekend Holy Masses. Kindly take extra copies to share with those who are homebound.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our parish volunteers for their hard work and dedication in continuing to share their God given gifts and talents with our parish community. We need more support/volunteers at the 5 p.m. Holy Mass as lectors and COVID volunteers. Please help us to continue to serve our parish community by calling the parish office to offer your time before and after the Holy

Mass. We cannot do it without you.

If there is anything we can do to support you in these uncertain times, please call the parish office on 905-859-5522 or email us at stp_stm_church@hotmail.com.

We continue to pray for those in our community who are sick or homebound.

Nobleton Lions Club

Your Nobleton Lions Club is alive and well and practicing physical distancing, as mandated by health authorities, conducting meetings via Zoom. Updates on club activities are shown on the club's website at <https://e-club-house.org/sites/nobleton/>

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

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest via Zoom at an upcoming meeting by contacting our Club

president. From all of us to all of you, please respect the guidelines from our health authorities, and Stay Safe! We're in this together!

Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

We will continue to have recorded online worship each Sunday that can be received by e-mail, viewed on the Nobleton Facebook page, or via the Nobleton YouTube channel. If you add your name to our e-mail list, you will also receive our newsletters.

If you would like a text copy of the service, please contact Carol-Ann so she can drop one off for you. On Thursday mornings at 10 we have virtual coffee to catch up with one another.

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 ministernobletonschomberg@gmail.com or leave a message at (picked up weekly) at 905-859-3976.

708 OBITUARIES

Leo Gerard Eagan

November 24, 1961- November 18, 2020

Suddenly in his home in St. Catharines, Leo Gerard Eagan is survived by his beloved partner Maureen Sheehan and siblings Vincent (Kelly), Jim (Nancy), Rick (Christine), Charles (Robynne) Margaret, Thomas (Jodie), step brothers Malachy Griffin (Emily) and Ciaran Griffin (Joanne). Treasured uncle, remembered with love by nieces and nephews Beth, Allison, Laura, Michael, Christopher, Jennifer, god-daughter Kiersten, Ben, Bailey, Meagan, Stephanie, Jessica, Rebecca, Vincent and Nicholas.

Will be sadly missed by stepmother Bernie Eagan, Tottenham ON, Uncle Peter Hannam of Guelph, ON, Aunt Teresa Hannam of Guelph, ON, Aunt Marlene Eagan of Ottawa, ON, Aunt Mary Eagan of Chilliwack, BC, Aunt Valerie and Uncle Neil McCorkindale of Owen Sound, as well as many cousins and their families, and friends in Tottenham, Toronto, Acton, Guelph, Fort Frances, Seattle, Ottawa and St. Catharines.

Predeceased by his parents Vincent Ambrose Eagan and Evelyn Marguerite Eagan, brother Eddie and uncles and aunts: the late Charlie (Marlene), the late Gerry (the late Anne), the late John, the late Ed (Mary), and the late Rita Eagan Fitzgerald (the late Ed), the late Maurice Patrick Eagan (the late Phyllis), the late Richard (Dick) Hannam (Teresa), the late Sandra Hannam (Peter).

Leo was a skilled tradesman and man of many talents capable of tearing things down and building people up. Leo showed up for people with unparalleled compassion, generosity, and entertaining wit. He will be fondly remembered for his loyal friendship, devotion to family, brilliant humour and big heart. Not afraid of hard work, Leo was always willing to help, and like his Uncle Gerry before him, was an even better worker if you did what he said. When not working, Leo and Maureen shared a love of nature, spending many weekends hiking, camping and exploring. Ever playful and daring, Leo often brought the party.

A man of great courage, Leo confronted fears and challenges head-on, be it by jumping from a plane to quell a fear of heights or going back to school in his 50s. Conquering challenges, Leo reinvented himself in his fifth decade in ways that allowed his best qualities to shine: the dependable brother, uncle, companion, colleague and friend. He was grateful, acknowledging the compassion and strength in others and their roles in his life.

A graduate and valedictorian of Niagara College Civil Engineering Technician class of 2017, and student of Banting Memorial High, Leo became a well-respected carpenter with IntegrIMark Contracting and most recently a member of The Laborer's International Union of North America LIUNA local 837.

A legend in his own right, we are devastated by his loss. Leo will live on in our hearts and as a central character in Eagan lore.

Following Pandemic protocols on gathering size, a private Family Memorial will be held on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at Rod Abrams Funeral Home Tottenham. The family service will be posted to the Rod Abrams Funeral Home Facebook page the following day for all to watch at their convenience.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, a public Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be planned for the coming months. Leo's family invites friends and loved ones to watch this website for information regarding a future date and time when we can come together to celebrate.

Everyone is encouraged to show support of Leo and his family by leaving tributes and condolences at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com. Memorial donations can be directed to Wayside House, St. Catharines (50 Queenston St., St. Catharines, Ontario, L2R 2Y9) or The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

708 OBITUARIES



Oldfield, George Richard

George Richard Oldfield passed away peacefully on Monday, November 23, 2020 in his 80th year at the Tansley Woods Retirement Home in Burlington, Ontario at 7:50 a.m. George was the beloved husband of Myrna; loving dad of Tracy, Tammy and Tricia as well as son-in-laws Alan, Tony and Joey, respectively; cherished grampa to Sarina, Alex, Dylan, Dawson and Taylor; dear brother of Shirley and her husband Doug; loving brother-in-law of the late Keith Livingston and his wife Lois and the late Charles and Joan Wagner. He is also remembered as a dear uncle to Michelle, Dean, Allen, Cheryl, Laura, Stacey, Brent and Melaney. The family will share virtual visits throughout the day on Tuesday, December 1st at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. as well as a final visitation at 4:30 p.m. immediately followed by a virtual ceremony at 5 p.m. Links for the visitations will be shared via a facebook event. If you do not have access to facebook, please request a link from one of the immediate family members.

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**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

This Sunday, Nov. 29 the worship will be online only. We hope you will join us for the first Sunday of Advent celebrating with hope as we begin to prepare space in our hearts for the coming of our Lord.

Even in these troubling and scary times, we look with anticipation to one who brought peace, joy, hope and love to all of us in the innocent beginnings of the life of baby Jesus. Join with us as we prepare the way for the Lord.

Thursdays at 7 p.m. on our YouTube channel, Rev Lee and Rev Bruce host a 15-minute broadcast where they offer a reflection on some of our spiritual practices. The YouTube channel is available through our website at kcuc.net and you can also access our sermons and worship services from previous weeks on the website.

If you have any questions you may contact the King City office for more information 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

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King Bible Church

It has been quite the year hasn't it? Who could have imagined as we entered 2020, that this year would contain so much uncertainty.

Let's face it we are all in need of some good news! Enter the message of Christmas, that into the messiness of our world, in the small town of Bethlehem a Saviour was born. And during this season where so much seems to be different, we would like to invite you to join us at King Bible Church as we seek to reconnect with the reality of God's love for us, proclaimed through the story of that first Christmas.

We are presenting our new series entitled, "The Christmas Experience" and focussing on some of the traditional themes of advent. Details for both our in-person and online services as well as our current COVID-19 protocols can be found at www.kingbiblechurch.com

We invite you to join us for our Christmas series "The Christmas Experience." Our topic on Nov. 29 is "Experiencing God's Favour."

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

**St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson**

We welcome you to our online Sunday services at 10:15 a.m. This Sunday, Nov. 29 is the first Sunday in Advent.

Lynn Vissers will lead us in worship and Holy Communion will be celebrated with the Rev. Dr. John Vissers presiding. Although it is challenging and not usual to meet virtually, we wish to

provide a safe and comfortable worship experience for all and until further notice will only be having online services throughout this special time of the year.

Please go to our website stands-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.

**All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage**

A unique chance to sing carols - Join parishioners and neighbours on the front lawn of our church on Keele St. Dec. 11 for a candlelit carol sing-a-long. Candles, hot chocolate and song sheets provided.

We are mindful that the Anglican Diocese of Toronto has suspended in-person worship at its parishes in Toronto and Peel, and we will comply with our Diocesan and government directions as they change if conditions worsen here in York Region. We also offer virtual

opportunities to worship via our Facebook page and parish website (<https://www.allsaintskingcity.com>).

A message from Fr. Michael: "This Sunday in the church year is known as the Reign of Christ the King. It marks the end of the liturgical year, and is always followed by the first Sunday of Advent. The readings for Christ the King point to the final establishment of Christ's promised kingdom."

"It is also the Sunday when Andrew, our Bishop, is asking its parishes to focus on FaithWorks, the Diocesan annual appeal to fund specific ministry partners supporting a wide variety of clients: the homeless, at-risk youth, refugees, newly released convicts, victims of domestic violence - and many more. Supporting FaithWorks is an opportunity to live out the tasks that Jesus gives his church from today's gospel, Matthew 25. Here he spells out the criteria by which he will judge the nations on his return. It's remarkable how these criteria - welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding and caring for the hungry, visiting the prisoner - match the goals of our FaithWorks mission partners. Supporting FaithWorks makes the kingdom of God visible to the world. Jesus says that the full reality of the kingdom will come into being on his return, but he also says that between now and his return there is ample opportunity for his disciples to make the kingdom real in their acts of charity.

Our reward is doing the things Christ asks of us, thus finding the joy of serving a ruler far more real and more satisfying than any other the world may offer us. In doing so, we become a church that doesn't just say what it believes, but also, and far more importantly, does what it believes."

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Ontario investing nearly \$1 billion to expand broadband

The Ontario government is making a historic investment of nearly \$1 billion over six years to improve and expand broadband and cellular access across the province. The \$680 million is on top of the \$315 million to support "Up to Speed: Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Action Plan."

This funding will be used for shovel-ready projects starting in 2019-20, will create jobs, and connect unserved and underserved communities during COVID-19 and beyond.

Details were provided ahead of the release of Ontario's 2020 Budget by Premier Doug Ford, Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure and MPP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, and Peter Bethlenfalvy, president of the Treasury Board.

"By providing high-speed broadband to unserved and underserved communities ... we will create good jobs, unlock new opportunities for businesses and people, and improve the quality of life for individuals and families," said Premier Ford. "With the world online these days, if we are going to attract more investment to Ontario and compete in this highly competitive global marketplace, we need every part of our province connected with high-speed Internet."

The investment doubles funding for the Improving Connectivity in Ontario (ICON) program, bringing the new total to \$300 million. This program now has the potential to leverage more than \$900 million in total partner funding to improve connectivity in areas of need across Ontario. As part of Ontario's broadband and cellular action plan,

ICON is one of several provincial initiatives under way to improve connectivity across northern, eastern and southwestern Ontario.

"The first pillar of this action plan is 'Protect,' making good on Premier Ford's commitment to do whatever it takes to get through the pandemic. The second pillar is Support, because we know COVID-19 has brought severe challenges and economic difficulties to families and employers across the province. The third pillar is Recover and includes historic investment in broadband. Though initiatives like this our government is laying the foundation for a strong economic recovery and a successful future."

Over 1.4 million people in Ontario do not have broadband or cellular access, and as many as 12 per cent of households in Ontario, mostly in rural, remote or northern areas, are underserved or unserved from the perspective of broadband, according to Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) data.

"This investment will connect even more residents in communities across Ontario to faster, more reliable Internet and cell service," said Minister Scott. "(The) commitment to connect more people to reliable broadband and cellular service - along with many others we've made - will make it easier for more people to work and learn from home, run their businesses and connect with others."

In October, the province released Ontario Onwards: Ontario's COVID-19 Action Plan for a People-Focused government. Improving access to broadband and cellular service is one of the initial

projects. Through Ontario Onwards, the province will help make government services more efficient and the lives of people and businesses better. This announcement is another example of the government's commitment to making Ontario the world's leading digital jurisdiction.

"Improving Access to Broadband and Cellular Services is a signature project of the Ontario Onwards Action Plan to make vital programs and services more convenient, more reliable, and more accessible," said Minister Bethlenfalvy. "At present, 1.4 million Ontarians lack access to broadband services that meet the CRTC's minimum service standards, many in rural and northern areas. We are ensuring more people and businesses can have safe and secure online access to the programs and services many of us already enjoy."

ICON was launched in July 2020. The program leverages partner funding by inviting applicants like telecom companies, municipal governments, First Nation communities, and non-profits, to submit innovative proposals and lend their investment, expertise and experience to improve connectivity in communities across Ontario. The province funds a portion of each approved project.

The province is investing in the \$190 million Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) project to bring high-speed broadband to 50,000 more homes and businesses across Southwestern Ontario. In the past few months, SWIFT Inc. has awarded contracts to bring high-speed Internet to thousands of residents in Lambton, Wellington, Norfolk, Oxford, Dufferin, Essex and Caledon. More contracts are expected in the coming months.

Christmas in King 2020 Holiday Light Tour

Are you proud of your holiday light display and want to share it with the broader community while supporting a great cause?

Christmas in King (CiK), a sister organization of the King Township Food Bank, is coordinating a Holiday Light Tour for both residences and local businesses to raise needed funds and provide a COVID-friendly driving event for all. The addresses of participants will be published on a map, available for purchase for \$10. Everyone who purchases a map will get an opportunity to vote for both their favourite residential and business display.

Funds will be used by Christmas in King to provide King Township individuals and families with their choice of gifts, a hamper of festive foods, and other items to help make their holiday season brighter.

Register at christmasinking.ca to participate by Nov. 30 (maps will be available for purchase through the website by Dec. 10). Register today at christmasinking.ca

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Together was always our favourite place to be.



Better Together



Ian John Mason was my best friend and life partner. He was a proud son, brother, father – and friend to many, especially his work mates at York Regional Police Services.

Ian was strong and healthy. He was in his 30th year on the force, having followed his dream and joined when he was 22 years old.

We enjoyed everything together and travelled often, frequently visiting Ian's brother and family in Florida.

I'm sharing my story with you because it's important to me that our community understands that Margaret Bahen Hospice and Doane House Hospice provide critical support that will help you through one of the most difficult times in your life. Knowing what I now know, I refer to Margaret Bahen Hospice as the best place in the world you never want to go.

With support from people like you in this community, these two outstanding organizations are able to provide programs and services that would not otherwise be available to families like mine. I hope you will consider sending a special gift today to help them continue their important work.

The day after celebrating an early Christmas on December 7th with our extended family, Ian couldn't stop vomiting. Ian was admitted to St. Michael's Hospital where he spent the next 65 days undergoing tests and treatments. On January 14th, he was diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer which had metastasized to his liver. He decided it was time to come home.

Ian was strong – and a fighter.

But he knew there was nothing further to be done other than chemo treatments to manage his pain. Ian wanted to be at home with his family and friends. For the next ten days, Ian enjoyed a constant stream of visitors. On Monday, March 2nd, after a scheduled tour at Margaret Bahen Hospice, Ian knew that hospice was the best place for both of us.



Ian was accepting and gracious. He had always been realistic about the possibility of dying on the job, without a chance to tie up loose ends. He was thankful he had been spared that and had time to do whatever remained to be done. We had so much to be grateful for. We had loved our life and our travels.

We spent Ian's remaining days enjoying being together. The hospice team treated Ian like a king, bathing him, shaving him, making sure he had everything he wanted. I'm convinced that each and every member of the team was heaven sent.

Ian died peacefully on March 20th, eighteen days after being admitted to Margaret Bahen Hospice and sixteen days after we married.

Now as I face life without Ian, Doane House Hospice is there for me.

Taking a step forward after losing Ian felt impossible. I needed to talk to someone in order to deal with my overwhelming grief. Doane House Hospice's community programs are helping me take tiny steps forward.

Their programs and services support individuals facing life-threatening illness and their families by meeting their emotional, spiritual and physical needs. The programs provide access to the right care at the right time and give opportunities to remember your loved ones in special ways.

Thanks to the compassionate care provided by Margaret Bahen Hospice and Doane House Hospice, Ian and I were able to just be together without the distraction of responsibilities. Being surrounded by the beauty, love and respect that embraced us during those days allowed us to focus on each other. I will never be able to adequately express my gratitude for all they did – and continue to do – for us.

Please consider making a gift to these life-changing hospices to ensure other families receive this outstanding care.

Sincerely,

Michelle Mason (nee Vilkas)



Heartfelt thanks to The **Lawrence Schafer Foundation** who is matching all donations towards Ian & Michelle's story until December 31st.*

To read more about Ian and Michelle's story, visit our website: www.myhospice.ca/michelles-story/

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