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The King City Lions delivered 72 poinsettias to seniors in the community this past weekend, in celebration of the Christmas season. Lion Rob Payne is shown distributing poinsettias in the King City area. In addition, King City Lion Brian Featherstone and Lion Wayne Lowdon delivered 45 turkey and vegetarian meals to the King City Lodge Nursing Home on Dec. 17. This represented the third meal delivery to the King City Lodge this year. The King City Lions Club is a non-profit organization, taking an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of our community.

Lockdown restrictions in place for King

The current lockdown in King and York Region will take us into the new year.

The Province of Ontario moved York into the Grey-Lockdown Monday and it will last a minimum of 28 days.

The in-person by-appointment services offered at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre will also be cancelled for the duration of the lockdown.

Other restrictions include:

- Restaurants, bars and food or drink establishments.
- Indoor and outdoor service prohibited.
- Take out, drive through and delivery permitted, including alcohol.

* Public events, social gatherings and wedding, funeral and religious services, rites and ceremonies.

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- Limit for outdoor organized public events and social gatherings, physical distancing can be maintained 10 people outdoors.

- Limits for religious services rites or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services, where physical distancing can be maintained: 10 people indoors and 10 people outdoors.

- Sports and recreational fitness facilities.

- Facilities for indoor or outdoor sports and recreational fitness activities are closed except for specified purposes (for example, day camps, child care).

- Boarding kennels and stables.

- Outdoor recreational amenities open with restrictions (for example, no team sports).

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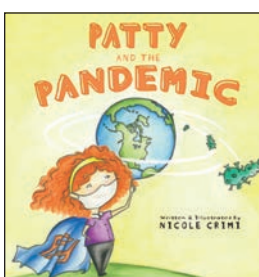
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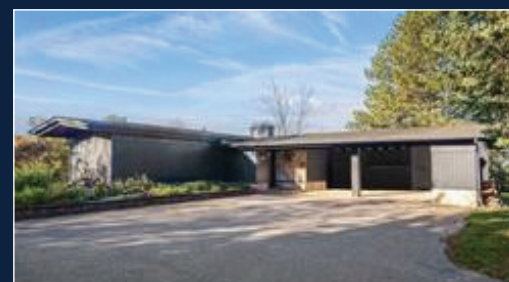
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, January 11
6:00 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://meeting.king.ca>

Monday, January 25
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

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

- Administration - Supervisor of Spatial Data Engineering – closes Dec. 18
- Corporate Services - Corporate Information Co-ordinator – closes Dec. 18

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

OFFICE CLOSURE

Although our Municipal Offices remain closed to the public, staff will be offline for the holiday season starting Mon., Dec. 21, returning on Mon., Jan. 4, 2021. For urgent matters during this time, contact our 24/7 after-hours service at 905-833-5321.



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 driveway 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 a.m. and 6 a.m. 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.



King is making Christmas a bit brighter

Last year, King Township ran the Toys for Tickets program where anyone receiving a parking ticket close to Christmas was able to donate a toy for local underprivileged children instead of paying the fine. Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic this year, in-person donations of toys was not possible.

This year, staff came up with the idea of donating directly. Last year, the toys were donated to "Christmas in King," a sister organization of the King Township Food Bank. This year King Township directed a portion of traffic infraction fines to match the amount donated last year.

King is also encouraging people to donate to Christmas in King (CiK) in any of the following ways:

- Donate a hamper of festive foods. CiK will provide the box and a family profile to assist in choosing items. CiK will also provide a list of suggested items as thought starters.
- Sponsor a Santa box, which is like a gift stocking.
- Donate funds. The Food Bank will issue tax receipts for your donation.
- Donate a gift. CiK's program works by providing one requested present per adult and two per child.
- Fully 'adopt' a family and provide Christmas. Wreath, turkey, gifts and hamper would come to \$400 for a family of 4 with two children.
- Volunteer to shop, with reimbursement from CiK.

For more information, please visit <https://ktfb.ca/christmas-in-king-2020/>.



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Please see more King Township notices on page 5

PUBLIC NOTICES



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

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

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

LATEST UPDATES

The Province of Ontario has moved York Region and King Township into the Grey- LOCKDOWN level.

All sport and recreational fitness facilities were closed as of Monday December 14th at 12:01 a.m. The Province has advised that the LOCKDOWN phase will last for a minimum of 28 days. In addition, the in-person by-appointment services offered at the King Heritage and Cultural Centre have also been cancelled for the duration of the Provincial LOCKDOWN.

For a complete list of all Grey-LOCKDOWN level restrictions visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/covid-19-response-framework-keeping-ontario-safe-and-open#lockdown>.

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All essential services have continued, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection, by-law enforcement and roads.

King is encouraging residents to support local businesses during the lockdown as much as possible.

You can visit our website at www.king.ca, call us at 905-833-5321 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) or email us at serviceking@king.ca.

For the latest King Township COVID-19 related information, please visit www.covid19.king.ca or <http://bit.ly/yorkregioncovid19>.

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.

NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King passed By-law Number 2020-071 on the 30th day of November, 2020 under Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King not later than the **4th day of January 2021** a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, together with 1 cheque in the amount of \$1,100.00 (certified cheque or money order only) payable to the Minister of Finance to cover the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal fee, and a cheque for \$225.50 representing the Clerk's Department Administrative processing fee, payable to the Township of King. Should this date fall on a holiday or weekend, you will have until 4:30 p.m. of the next business day to file your appeal. If you wish to appeal to the LPAT, a copy of an appeal form is available from the LPAT website at elto.gov.on.ca or from the Clerk of the Township of King. Please note the Board will only accept filing fee payments by **certified cheque or money order**.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"). A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT), there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Comments were received and considered during the Public Meeting of September 28 2020. These comments have been taken into consideration during the review of the application and have been responded to both generally and specifically throughout the Planning Department's Recommendation Report (GMS-PL-2020-20) dated November 16, 2020. To view the report, please refer to Agenda Item #10.3 of the November 16th 2020 meeting of Committee of the Whole available on our website (www.king.ca) at <https://king.civicweb.net/document/79264>.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the By-law is available on our website.

DATED at the Township of King this 15th day of December, 2020.

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services
Township Clerk
Email: kmoyle@king.ca



NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The Township of King has received an application for a proposed amendment to Township's Zoning By-law (2017-66) to facilitate the development on the property outlined below, submitted to the Township of King in accordance with Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13*, as amended.

The Township has determined that the application is considered complete and the Planning Department has commenced processing. We welcome your comments regarding this application.

SUBJECT PROPERTY

Location: Plan 85, North Part Lot 36
22 Patton Street, King City, ON
Owner: Paria Kargaran Kermoney Far, 2728324 Ontario Inc.
Applicant & Agent: Deborah Alexander, Alexander Planning Inc.
Township File No.: Z-2020-09

PROPOSAL

The subject application proposes:
• To re-zone the subject property to "Core Area – King City, with exceptions (CAK-X)" to permit the construction of a two storey childcare centre with an outdoor playground area and parking at the north and west of the building. The application also proposes to amend the parking rate, planting strips, loading space provisions and to permit an increase in floor space index.

At such time as a public meeting is scheduled in accordance with the Planning Act, the Township of King will provide further notice specifying the date and time of the meeting. Any person may attend the public meeting (or participate virtually if the meeting is remote due to public health restrictions), and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment or zoning by-law amendment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application as well as related background and supporting information, are available for inspection by contacting Aloma Dreher, Planner II at adreher@king.ca or by telephone at 905-833-5321, ext. 1004, quoting **File Number Z-2020-09** (22 Patton Street). Written comments may be mailed or personally delivered to the Planning Department and will become part of the public record.

Dated at the Township of King this 15th day of December, 2020.

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York now in lockdown due to virus

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

York Region and King Township are now in lockdown, due to the COVID-19 virus.

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, local medical officers of health, and other health experts, moved York, along with six other public health regions to new levels with stronger public health measures, effective Monday.

These steps are being taken to stop the spread of COVID-19 in order to keep schools open in the regions where in-class learning is permitted, safeguard health system capacity, and protect the province's most vulnerable populations. The regional levels and specific public health measures are set out in the Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework.

"Moving a region into Grey-Lockdown is not an easy decision, but it is one we needed to make in order to help stop the spread of the virus and safeguard the key services we rely on," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "As we enter the holiday season and as the province prepares to receive its first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines, it remains crucial for all Ontarians to continue adhering to public health advice and workplace safety measures to reduce the spread of the virus and keep each other safe."

Based on the latest data, the following public health moved the following levels:

Grey-Lockdown – Windsor-Essex County Health Unit and York Region Public Health.

Red-Control – Middlesex-London Health Unit; Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit; Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health.

"Over the last week, public health indicators in the York and Windsor regions have continued to trend in the wrong direction and it is evident additional measures are needed to help limit the spread of the virus," said Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "By making this difficult but necessary decision we can help to en-

sure that hospitals in these regions can work to provide patients with the care they need when they need it, including the performing of scheduled surgeries and other important procedures."

For long-term care homes, visitor restrictions apply to those homes in the public health unit regions that are in the Orange-Restrict level or higher. In addition, long-term care homes must implement recently enhanced testing requirements.

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

The government and the Chief Medical Officer of Health will continue to consult regularly with local medical officers of health on local context and conditions to help inform the classification of their public health unit region.

As we approach the holiday season, the government is urging all Ontarians to continue to follow all required public health measures and public health advice. This includes the following:

- Stay home if you have COVID-19 symptoms, even if they are mild.
- Maintain two metres of physical distancing from anyone outside your household.
- Avoid social gatherings and limit close contacts to your household or the people you live with.
- Wear a face covering indoors and wear one outdoors if physical distancing may not be maintained or if wearing one is required.
- Get tested if you have symptoms compatible with COVID-19, or if you've been advised of exposure by your local public health unit or through the COVID Alert mobile app.

No matter where you live in the province, the safest way to spend the holidays this year is by only celebrating in person with the people you live with and celebrating virtually with everyone else.

Township services are online

From Front Page

• Community centres and multi-purpose facilities are closed, including the Municipal Centre.

• Retail generally permitted to be open for curbside pick-up or delivery only (in-person retail shopping not permitted) with some exceptions: supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, hardware stores, other retailers selling groceries, beer and wine and liquor stores, pharmacies, safety supply stores and pet supply stores permitted to be open for in-person shopping.

- A 50% capacity limit where in-person shopping is permitted.
- Permitted to open for animal's owner, or their representative, to visit the animal, assist in the care or feeding of the animal or, as applicable, ride the animal.
- Libraries open for curbside pick-up only.

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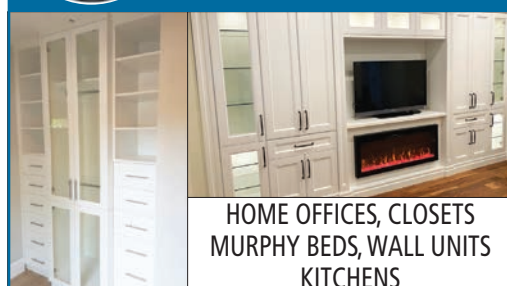
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The fatigue of one small town storyteller

I drive down the rural road, through the sleet, looking into the distance. It's dark earlier now after the time change and it feels much later than it is.

The hits from the '70s and '80s on the radio don't offer much in the way of comfort.

Like the valiant firefighters in our midst, I'm constantly looking for smoke and their respective fires. From one to another I go, with hose in hand, dousing the flames. One trauma, emergency, fashion disaster or lost temper after another. One frozen wiper blade and flat tire to tricky door locks and eye appointments.

This is my life in a nutshell. Perhaps it's not unlike many others out there. Parents dash to and fro, wiping eyes, giving hugs, calming hot heads, correcting mistakes. And that's at the end of a typical day, which follows a full day at work, perhaps some errands and a part-time job. It may also include a trip to the mechanic to drop off one of the cars.

Oh, and then there's dinner, cleaning up after dinner and getting a plumber over to fix the pipes under the kitchen sink.

Another day, another series of minor skirmishes. I often don't know whether I've won or lost any of the battles.

When the fires are extinguished, I stare off beyond the pixels in the HD TV, trying to find a deeper meaning. This, too, offers little comfort.

As my better half begins to nod off, I line up my regrets, indiscretions and sins, and go through them all with a fine-tooth comb. Then, like a shooting gallery at a small town fair, I knock them over in quick succession, patting myself on the back for this accomplishment. But there's no stuffed animal.

After listening to late night talk show hosts berate politicians, I drag my sorry butt up the stairs and hit the hay, trying



Mark Pavilons

to avoid the body sized divot I caused on my side of the "dent-proof" mattress.

The lights remain on in the hall until daughter number one gets home from work after midnight.

Often, mom is still awake - going to sleep is not an option until all offspring are accounted for and safe. If some of our hummingbirds can't get to sleep, a conversation ensues, until the wee hours. Mom is happy to oblige.

Such is the burden of being a mom. I have it easy, she believes, but I take my sins to bed. I need my beauty sleep to ward off the demons that threaten to keep me awake.

I miss out on the conversations in the living room below, but I often hear some shouting, high pitched squeals and laughter.

I pass on such nuggets of personal information to my eldest, who's likely the

most mature to listen and comprehend my predicament.

But you need to enjoy life more, get out and do things, she says. Life isn't one disaster after another, but a long lineup of joyful moments.

She's right. Any adult who's managed to survive and thrive into their 50s knows full well the so-called meaning of life.

We should know what's important and what things are worth worrying about and what's not. We should be aware of the fond memories, those special times that can't be replaced. We must realize just how blessed we are. We shouldn't have to be beaten over the head with common sense.

I'm not sure how or why I let those nagging gremlins get the best of me. I suppose I believe those fires need to be put out, and my role demands that I act. I must "fix" things.

My wife reminds me our kids don't want Mr. Fix-it, they want hugs, support, encouragement, optimism. They don't need frowns or grumpiness - they have their own woes to contend with.

Our brains are fickle things and so are our memories.

I can't recall much from my youth, other than some spotty high school and college moments. I remember my 1970 Camaro, and still berate myself for letting it go. I remember pizza and beer with friends at a family restaurant in the old part of Brampton.

I've never mourned much over the

years, even though everyone in my birth family has gone. There are times, however, when I do feel like something important is missing, like something has been stripped away.

I remember my mom, dad and sister, but their faces are a bit fuzzy now and few moments stand out in my mind.

They were part of me once, but are they still?

I play with toys and watch sci-fi to take my mind off this planet's current predicament. I need a distraction, something to calm the turbulent whirlpools in my soul.

I also need some ointment to rub on my shoulder, to ease a nagging new pain. I've depleted our supply of Aleve thanks to pain from my trigger finger and cracked molar.

I have to keep an eye on my daughter's OSAP, my son's college fees and my youngest daughter's grades.

I have to cook, clean and make sure the dogs don't run out of food.

I have to worry that the next wind storm will pry loose even more shingles.

I am really looking forward to some R&R over the upcoming holidays. I just want to decompress, flop on the couch and maybe even get hooked on the latest Netflix series.

I want to hear the ice cubes bump around in my glass of Crown Royal.

I also want peace - in the world, in the living room and in my mind.

Time to reflect. Time to draw the blinds and let the sunshine in!

Letter to the Editor

Resident questions new corridor

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

As a long-time resident of King Township I've been pleased over the years at how, collectively, we've been able to keep many of the natural features and farmland in King and surrounding areas intact. Much of that is thanks to the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine Protection Act.

Just as important has been a general public sentiment that the above-mentioned attributes are important and worth standing up for, ie. we value green space and the associated good planning and responsible development that goes along with it.

A couple of recent events have raised flags that the protection we thought was in place may in fact be quite vulnerable. First, was the announcement from York Region in early October that they were lobbying the provincial government to open up Greenbelt lands adjacent 400 series highways and GO stations.

My understanding is that King council had voted some time ago to support this concept. This alarms me to no end, including the fact that much of our current employment land sits empty waiting for businesses that never seem to come. If King is in favour of being seen as "green" and helping to contain urban sprawl, the last thing we should be in favour of is poking holes in the Greenbelt.

The most recent event I'm writing about is the press release on the front page of the King Weekly (Nov. 12) stating that King Township is supporting the preferred MTO route for the proposed 413 Highway. I suppose some might argue that King was only taking a position on the path of the highway, not the existence of the road itself. But that would be like being half-pregnant - if you're for the route, you're for the highway, in my books. It also smacks of not wanting it in our backyard.

See 'Opposed' on Page 6

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Results from last week's poll:

Do you think York Region is headed toward lockdown?

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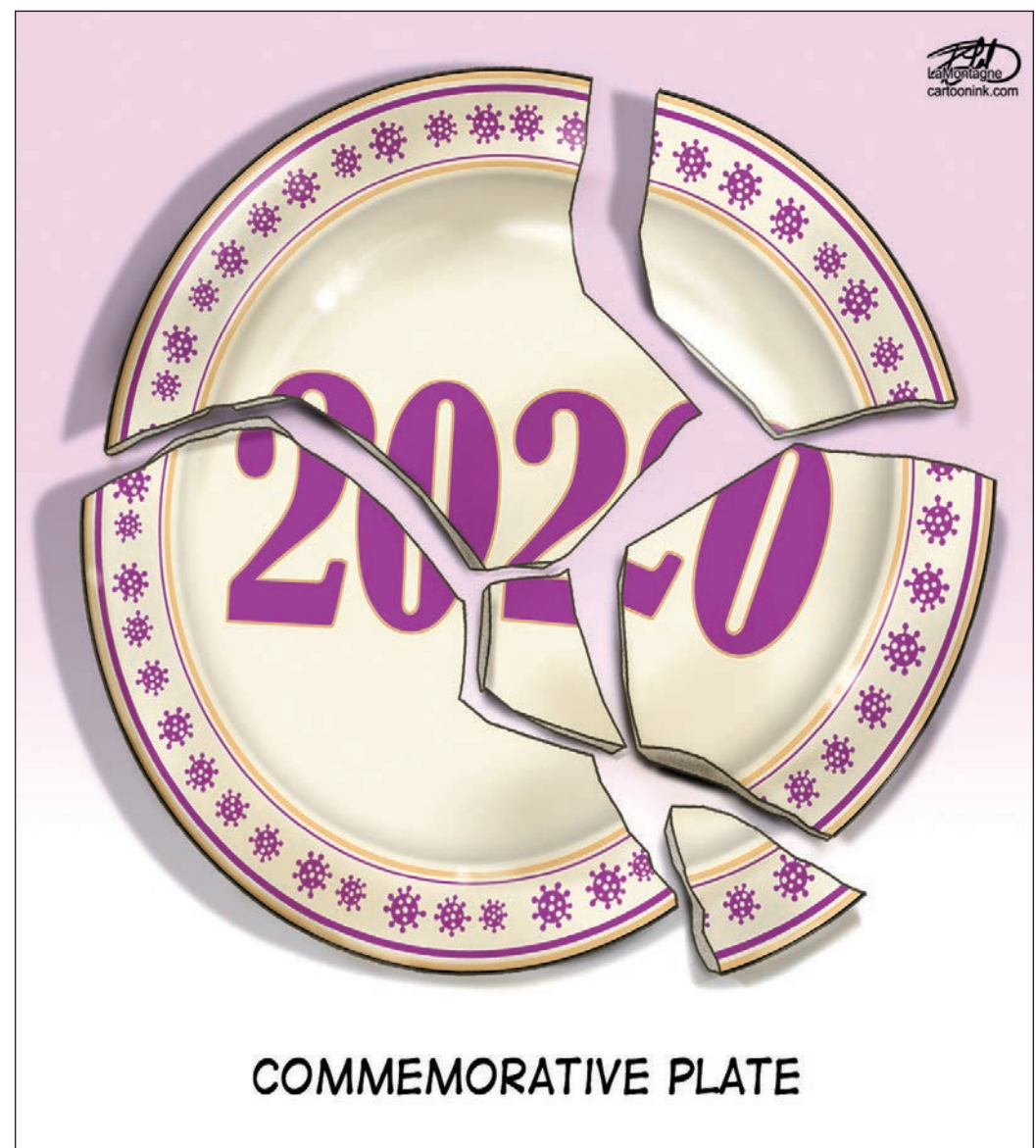
b) No **12.5%**

Will you find it hard not celebrating with your extended family this year?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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Quote of the Week

"I feel like I'm waiting for something that isn't going to happen."

- Neil deGrasse Tyson

Trivia Tidbits

Former president Bill Clinton put a Twinkie in the country's millennium time capsule.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Season's Greetings

On behalf of Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Members of Council, we would like to extend our warm wishes to all of our residents and their families this Holiday Season. Please stay safe and remember to support our local businesses and ShopKING!



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, 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 PASSING OF ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King passed By-law Number 2020-068, By-law Number 2020-069 and By-law Number 2020-070 on the 30th day of November, 2020 under Section 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990*.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") in respect of any one, or all of by-laws by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King not later than the **4th day of January, 2021** a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law(s) and the reasons in support of the objection, together with one (1) cheque per by-law being appealed, in the amount of \$1,100.00 (certified cheque or money order only) payable to the Minister of Finance to cover the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal fee, and one (1) cheque for \$225.50, per by-law being appealed, representing the Clerk's Department Administrative processing fee, payable to the Township of King. Should this date fall on a holiday or weekend, you will have until 4:30 p.m. of the next business day to file your appeal. If you wish to appeal to the LPAT, a copy of an appeal form is available from the LPAT website at elto.gov.on.ca or from the Clerk of the Township of King. Please note the Board will only accept filing fee payments by **certified cheque or money order**.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a by-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"). A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-laws were passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council or, in the opinion of the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"), there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

Comments received from the public and considered in the preparation of By-law 2020-68, By-law 2020-69, and By-law 2020-70 re: proposed Township initiated General Zoning By-law Amendments regarding cannabis production facilities and sites, were summarized and included in the Planning Department Recommendation Report (GMS-PL-2020-26). The report is available on the Township's website www.king.ca.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of each By-law is available on the Township's website. The Zoning By-law Amendments affect all lands within the Township of King, therefore no subject lands map is attached.

DATED at the Township of King this 15th day of December, 2020.

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

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

RE: 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 Scandian, 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

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services
Township Clerk

We are seeking feedback on the Draft Site Alteration By-law! Join the conversation and have your say by visiting our Speaking page.

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What's being 'conserved' in Schedule 6?

On Dec. 7, Omnibus Bill 229 passed final reading and became law in Ontario. It is named the COVID-19 Recovery Bill, but has little to do with the pandemic.

It is all about changes and exemptions to favour rapid development. Schedule 6 of Bill 229 takes the responsibility for science-based watershed planning away from Conservation Authorities, transforming it into a political exercise, heavily influenced by developers who back politicians with generous tax-deductible campaign donations. (Schedule 8 of the same bill exempts the logging industry from the Species At Risk Act.)

Now, final decisions regarding new developments rest with Ontario's Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). Such is the malleable Minister's eagerness that he has already issued 35 iron-clad, appeal-proof Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZOs) to permit extensive new developments within key Natural Areas that are still protected according to the Planning Act and Provincial Policy Statements.

MZOs were once rarely used only in remote areas that lacked municipal administration. Now, the Minister of MMAH decides how any land should be zoned or developed, with no recourse for appeals by municipalities, citizens, or conservation authorities.

I watched a video from Queen's Park Question Period, dated Nov. 17, where Schedule 6 was debated. Conservative Paul Calandra responded to Mike Schreiner's observations, regarding the value of Conservation Authorities and his final question, "Should citizens call the Premier to ask for the funds needed to pay for their flooded basements?" According to Mr. Calandra, if Conservation Authorities have been doing such a good job, "Why is there so much flooding?"

There is only one response to Mr. Calandra's naive statement, (or two, if I include "Don't be so stupid!"). There is so much MORE flooding because there is so much MORE PAVING and over-development in the upper and middle portions of watersheds around Lake Ontario, which affect everything downstream.

There have been many amendments to municipal Official Plans imposed by previous Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) decisions, resulting in adverse impacts on communities and water-

sheds. The OMB was reincarnated in the form of its doppelganger, the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal (LPAT). Both OMB and LPAT decisions have repeatedly over-ruled Municipal Official Plans, ignoring watershed concerns to favour developers.

The singular noteworthy exception was the final mid-December 2019 decision in LPAT Case No. PL161206, which retained and enforced protections for provincially significant wetlands at the heart of the North Gwillimbury Forest in Georgina Township, in complete legal accordance with the Planning Act and Provincial Policy Statements: <https://www.omb.gov.on.ca/e-decisions/pl161206-Dec-19-2019.pdf>. The LPAT member who wrote that decision was not re-appointed to the LPAT at the end of his term on Dec. 31, 2019. Coincidence, or provincial hissy-fit?

This LPAT decision must have been THE shocker that rallied the government's reverse putsch at Queen's Park, redoubling their efforts to dismantle all legislative protection for significant natural areas. Why not just seize complete control over municipalities while the putsch was underway? So, they did, in yet another round of legislative contortions.

Surely, Mr. Calandra knows better than to blame flooding on Conservation Authorities. If not, his glib uninformed response shows WHY the public cannot trust politicians to make science-based decisions about watershed planning.

Here's a simple example for Mr. Calandra. The City of Vaughan, formerly a rural township, was once home to forests and thriving farms located on prime agricultural lands, seated immediately above the western portion of Toronto. As those forests and farmlands were systematically bull-dozed, levelled, and paved to make way for vast subdivisions and new roads within the upper levels of the watershed, rainfall flowed over those expansive impermeable surfaces, racing down to the lowest levels of the watershed where Toronto gets flooded. Repeatedly.

Ontario's government deliberately under-estimates the growing problems associated with continuing expansion of non-porous surfaces in urban and suburban area, while new environmental legislation confirms flooding is now official policy at MMAH.

In March 2018, the Insurance Bureau

of Canada (IBC) announced bluntly, "Flooding is the new fire" in Ontario, recognizing paved dense developments as major contributors to flooding, while juxtaposing those events with earlier out-of-control wildfires in Fort McMurray. IBC placed the blame for both crises on patterns of new development that have severely impaired natural systems. These same patterns are also exacerbating feedback systems linked to global climate change.

I recommend the province take a few lessons in civil engineering and review the results of recent research about the causes of flooding in southern Ontario, specifically in the Greater Toronto area, published in the Journal of Cleaner Production, Vol. 174 (2018) p. 1929 to 1641, entitled 'Assessing Urban Areas Vulnerability to Pluvial Flooding using GIS applications and Bayesian Belief Network Model' available at <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2017.11.066>

Engineers from the Universities of British Columbia and Windsor collaborated on this research. The parameters for their study included rainfall, land cover, population density, slope, soil drainage class, drainage density, drainage capacity, and their study used the digital elevation model (prepared by Natural Resources Canada) to calculate the average slope in each of the study's grid cells for Toronto.

They established a Flooding Vulnerability Index for each of those cells and found a direct relationship between population density and flooding, whereas areas of natural ground cover clearly mitigated flooding. In the words of the researchers, "Urbanization has profoundly altered our cities' land cover. Urban catchments have very low permeability and high rainfall-runoff conversion rates. These changes affect the hydrology that determines flood hazard." Catchments rely upon sufficient intact natural areas being retained strategically within all watersheds.

We know rainfall always races over hard paved surfaces, seeking the lowest levels. Efforts to channel rainfall by building more culverts to redirect cumulative overflow does nothing to solve the problem of poorly-designed communities; nor do the drainage basins that

'dot' expansive subdivisions at regular intervals. And no, these drainage basins cannot be considered 'substitutes' for, or recreations of, natural wetlands, as the Ford government pretends.

This repetitive pattern of expanding developments simply translates into even worse flooding downstream. Gravity causes rain to fall from the sky and flow downwards. Might the Ford government repeal the Law of Gravity to solve flooding? Might be worth a try. Mr. Calandra, over to you.

Once the lowest level is reached, water backs up and collects in rising and widening pools when trapped within more paved surfaces. During a flash flood in 2013, Toronto Police had to use boats to rescue 1,400 passengers from a partially submerged GO train in the city when the Don Valley was deluged by rainfall racing off all the paved surfaces upstream. This costly rescue took six hours. Ontario should be strengthening the mandate for conservation authorities involved with planning and flood control.

Politicians are fond of pontificating about the importance of STEMs (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) to society, but when it comes to recognizing science, they balk. Why? Because the science does not jibe with political plans and behind-the-scenes talks with developers and their pockets full of political largesse. Political tax-deductible donations speak louder than floods at Queen's Park, though flooding costs the public far more.

Ontario has already lost about 80% of its wetlands, meaning the remainder are even more essential to flood control, water storage, and recharging of the water table. Wetlands are comprised of heavy, spongy vegetation that is capable of absorbing and holding water for extended periods, thereby controlling overflow and providing a place for storage of excess water, not to mention necessary habitat for indigenous species.

This is why wetland systems need to be protected, something Conservative politicians willfully ignore at our peril. Conservative? Exactly what are they conserving?

Vicki Hotte

Opposed to planned corridor

From Page 4

Sure, it's OK if it gets built in another municipality next door ... they get to give up their farmland and natural features to have it built and we in King won't have to look at it.

Needless to say, I'm not in favour of the new 413 being built (ever). What I am in favour of, is seriously pursuing many of the realistic alternatives that exist to move people and goods more efficiently without paving over more farmland. Many of these points are well laid out in a commentary on Page 7 of the same King Weekly edition where King council advocated its support for the highway.

On a sidenote, in 2004, King council stated its opposition to the proposed Hwy. 427 extension which brought with it all the same concerns of paving over farmland and ploughing through sensitive forests and wetlands. The only difference was that 427 was destined to physically go through King Township lands.

I was part of the 4 person citizen's group that made an in-person presentation to our local MPP at the time, the Hon. Greg Sorbara. We stressed the need for the government of the day to look at all options to help alleviate traffic demands (as opposed to building a new road). It is gratifying to see that, in fact, many of those measures are being implemented today, including an emphasis on reliable mass transit, lane expansions on Hwy 400, increased car-pooling, staggered work hours, additional HOV lanes, telecommuting and expanded freight by rail.

We are now living in a whole new era of working and living, thanks to the 2020 pandemic. Seeing as the previous government decided in 2018 to shelve the 413 highway, it is hard to fathom why this government would bring it back to life. It would appear that commuter volumes are decreasing significantly thanks to a work from home dynamic that is here to stay, as well as the likelihood of changes to settlement patterns around the GTA.

Now would be the time for you, our mayor and council, to state your opposition to the whole concept of yet another new highway which will only add more cars, congestion and sprawl to the GTA.

Jack Campbell Schomberg

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7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, December 17 to Wednesday, December 23

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Molly's Market offers healthy alternatives

By Robert Belardi

Molly Robins, 24, has had a natural affinity for baking since she was young. She loved baking luscious sweet treats for friends and family.

That was until a few years ago, when Robins began experiencing some health issues. There were certain foods she couldn't tolerate anymore. She sought out answers from those with profundity on the subject. Doctors, allergists and endocrinologists couldn't relay a proper response.

"Once I began seeing nutritionists and naturopaths, more natural health-care practitioners I began to get answers," Robins said.

Simultaneously, she embarked on her own healing journey that was going to best support her mind and body. She began baking gluten-free treats and other products made with real ingredients such as almonds, whole foods, flour, nuts, oats and maple syrup. She didn't want anyone to feel bloated and tired like she had felt from the sugar-filled baking items she was producing before.

Inspired to make a difference not only for herself, but for others who may have experienced the same thing, the Aurora native and current resident in King Township officially opened up Molly's Market, located at 13054 Keele Street.

Delivery and pick-up options are

available for customers and Robins hopes in-store walk-ins become available by May.

Located in the back of the store is an open space in which she also hopes, one day, she can host a small farmer's market. In the summer, Robins wants to bring in produce to add to a wide array of selections moving with the season.

In a few weeks, she is expecting more products to fill up her line of selection with frozen foods also expected to be in the mix.

Uniquely with her products currently in stock, Robins has received feedback from customers that have a local tie to her health products she is selling.

"I had my brother in-law's friend reach out to him saying, 'my uncle's the maple syrup producer your sister is selling.' It's so cool, it's everything I ever wanted for so many months. Just to have this real connection when you walk in somewhere and say that's my sister's brand and a friend of a friend made that! It's really cool feeling and it's really exciting to be sourcing things locally."

She awaits the selection of granola bars being shipped from Vancouver.

Adding to her already creative selection of products, it isn't just food that is being sold. Coconut candles, honey-based face masks and shower steamers that are completely based on natural products are also available. It took a while to discover all of these products when piecing this all together.

"100 per cent of it is Canadian. I've been finding most of them through social media, or have seen it in stores like smaller health food shops," she said.

"A lot of it was through Instagram. Searching for hours and hours. Longer than one should be on their phone. I really wanted to showcase the Canadian products and perspective."

Robins offers a set selection of gift baskets and also the opportunity for customers, to customize gift baskets of their own. These gift baskets are great holiday, housewarming and birthday gifts that fit any budget.

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Chamber reacts to King's new DC bylaw

Angelo Santorelli,
President, King Chamber of Commerce

The following was submitted to Township staff regarding the proposed development charges bylaw.

As many are aware, King Township faces a significant "jobs deficit" and is definitely not on track to meet the preferred Growth scenario of 16,000 jobs (i.e. 8,755 new jobs representing a 120% increase in total employment) in King by 2041 contained in King's approved Economic Development Strategy Plan.

The non-residential Development Charge rates (the "non-res DC rates") in the proposed 2020 Development Charge Bylaw currently before council for debate will only further discourage and limit economic development in King Township.

The proposed non-res DC rate increases range from 32-47% and bring King into the same "snack bracket" as our dense, well serviced and economic development friendly urban neighbours to the south, Markham and Vaughan. With all due respect, these municipalities are not the ones we should be aligned with for non-res DC rate setting purposes. Rather, King Township must compete with the likes of Caledon, Bradford, Whitchurch-Stouffville, East Gwillimbury and Georgina who all already maintain non-res DC rates that are significantly lower than the existing non-res DC rates charged in King.

Let's just do some simple arithmetic:

- The proposed non-res DC increase for Schomberg is \$42.41 per square metre.
- One square meter is 10.76 square feet, so the increase is \$3.91 per square foot.
- Under the proposed new DC Bylaw the cost for anyone wanting to construct a 25,000-square-foot retail, commercial or industrial facility in Schomberg will increase by approximately \$100,000 in 2021.

This magnitude of increase is simply unacceptable. At an approximately 4% non-res tax base currently King already lags far behind its closest neighbours and the comparators noted above.

The old adage that it is better to have a half loaf of bread rather than no loaf at all applies here. If these non-res DC rate increases are put through we are concerned that there will be no significant interest in non-residential development in King for the foreseeable future.

We further believe the Township should play the longer game by holding the line on non-res DC rates, so that we can attract non-residential development and build the non-residential tax base to a more acceptable level.

We keep saying that King is "open for business" and that it is a complete community where residents can "live, work and play." The proposed non-res DC rates send exactly the opposite message to any interested commercial developers and business owners who are looking at King as a place to invest, develop, set up shop or grow their business.

We suggest that there may be other more palatable and potentially lucrative sources of non-residential tax the Township could be collecting (e.g. identifying under assessed or misclassified properties).

In the event that council nonetheless decides to approve the non-res DC rate increases, then the King Chamber of Commerce would like the opportunity to explore with the Township other possible incentives or programs that could be created to entice businesses of all sizes to set up or grow their business in King.



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LSRCA 'deeply concerned' by passage of Schedule 6 in Bill 229

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Despite significant opposition from a range of stakeholders and Indigenous groups, and the resignations of half the Greenbelt Council, the Province passed Schedule 6 of Ontario's Budget Measures Act (Bill 229), leaving conservation authorities (CAs) alarmed about the future safety of hundreds of thousands of Ontarians and their communities.

"We did everything in our power to share our concerns with the province, including a unanimous board-endorsed resolution calling for the removal of Schedule 6," said Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (LSRCA) Chair, Chairman and CEO of York Region, Wayne Emmerson. "While this new legislation included some concessions, it stands to raise a number of unprecedented challenges related to planning and permitting."

Passed on Tuesday, with Schedule 6 intact and with new changes added, Bill 229 now bolsters provincial Minister Zoning Orders by forcing conservation authorities to issue permits, even if they go against their provincially delegated responsibility to protect people, infrastructure, and the environment.

This is in addition to the already concerning amendments which included new powers for the Minister to bypass conservation authorities and issue permits as well as curtail the CAs' ability to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal.

"One of our main concerns is that

we'll be forced into approving permits that may cause flooding and erosion and jeopardize human health and safety; it's certainly not the outcome we had hoped for," said Mike Walters, LSRCA's CAO. "Our new way of business will have to focus on how to bring the less environmentally-conscious on board with the science behind our decisions and hope that they will meet any necessary conditions of approval so that we can mitigate as much damage and harm as possible. The alternative is really just going to mean more delays and greater costs to the taxpayers of Ontario."

Walters continued: "LSRCA is grateful to its numerous supporters who sent letters, emails, media releases, and all the residents who signed petitions, called their MPPs and expressed support for the work we do. Your message was heard by LSRCA and we will continue to operate in a manner that maintains your trust. We will also continue to encourage the Province to work more closely with us to ensure that Ontarians and our natural environment remain safe and healthy."

While the Province has made some concessions, these don't go nearly far enough to address the group's very serious concerns.

"In fact, we understand that new changes have now been introduced that will force conservation authorities to contravene our mandate to protect people, infrastructure, and the environment."

Emmerson said they maintain their appeal to the Province to remove Schedule 6 from Bill 229. They're also

asking to work closely with conservation authorities to maintain current safeguards and to prevent irreparable damage to the framework that protects Ontarians; a framework that has existed through cross-party cooperation for the last 75 years.

"By working with us, we know the Province can continue to maintain its duty to keep Ontarians and their communities safe and our environment healthy, while allowing ecologically balanced development to occur into the future," Emmerson said.

Mayors call on Province to remove Schedule 6

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Mayors within the GTA are standing united, calling on Queen's Park to remove Schedule 6 from Bill 229,

The Small Urban GTHA Mayors met last week for the first time to discuss several issues affecting each of our communities from COVID-19, pandemic recovery to the removal of Schedule 6 within Bill 229.

Section 6 within Bill 229 passed in the legislature without any consultation with Conservation Authorities or heads of council.

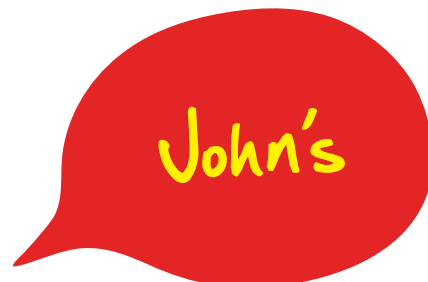
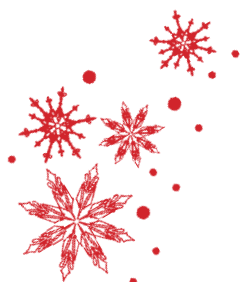
The Province now has the ability to issue any permits directly to applicants that could threaten environmentally sensitive protected lands and wetlands.

Conservation Authorities are in place to assess development applications on a case by case basis using scientific measures that will positively impact and protect our naturally sensitive areas.

"We are calling on the Province to immediately remove Section 6 of Bill 229 and instead, begin a dialogue and consultation with heads of council, and Conservation Authorities on issues and concerns impacting our communities across the province," the group wrote. "Open consultation and dialogue between our levels of government have proved to be a valuable exercise to reach our mutually common goals in the past and we believe the contents of Section 6 are significant and require more consultation."

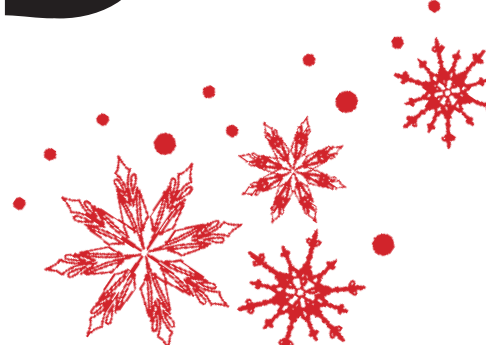
Moving forward The Small Urban GTHA Mayors will be meeting on a regular basis to discuss and respond to issues affecting our communities as a collective including Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19, broadband, and the greenbelt.

"It is imperative that our voices are heard by all levels of government in order to best serve our residents and protect our communities."



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King Weekly Sentinel

Arts & Entertainment

Resident pens, illustrates book on the pandemic

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

The pandemic has caused a lot of stress for everyone.

While adults have found ways to cope, children are more vulnerable and have many questions.

A King resident has created a children's book, entitled "Patty and the Pandemic," which aims to alleviate some of those stresses.

Nicole Crimi said hopes are the book will educate and empower children 3-8 years old. She wrote and illustrated the book and it has been peer reviewed and edited by specialists. Crimi said 100% of the profits made from book sales are being donated to Face the Future Foundation, which provides life saving/changing surgeries for children in developing countries.

"This project is very close to my heart, and has been incredibly impactful thus far, selling over 4,000 books in just over a month, and receiving amazing endorsements and feedback from schools, families, children, and even Premiere Ford and Minister Lecce," she said.

Currently a medical student at McMaster University, Crimi said she found knowledge and awareness of her own health to be incredibly empowering. This became even more true when COVID-19 resulted in major lifestyle changes, and instilled a lot of fear.

"I felt incredibly privileged to have access to reliable health-education resources, and empathized with the little ones who were essentially having their lives turned upside down with little explanation as to why. The common argument to not explaining it in depth to young children is that it might result in unnecessary anxiety. I wanted to create a reliable resource that would not only educate children, but also be fun and empowering so that children can feel in charge of their own health."

Crimi said she always wanted to write a book and dreamed of being an author as a child.

"As an artist, medical student, and someone who loves writing, when I realized this gap in resources available to children, creating a book seemed like a natural and exciting solution."

Creating this book really put her outside her comfort zone. She admitted she's more of a traditional oil painter, and the process of making her artwork digital and then styling and formatting a print-ready book was an incredibly steep learning curve.

Something significant she learned about the process is the importance of your intention.

"Creating the book started off as something fun. I literally created the first draft jokingly by a bonfire. It quickly became all-consuming, and at times very stressful since I was also in school full time."

She constantly asked herself why she was doing this and what she hoped to gain. It was the purpose that motivated her to keep creating, work harder and make the sacrifices necessary to get the book out in a timely manner.

"I realized that for myself, my intention was to spread kindness and hope in a challenging time, which is what led me to donate all of the profits to Face the Future Foundation.

"The awareness of my intention not only enabled me to persevere and challenge myself to work outside my comfort zone, but it is what made my project meaningful and gratifying to me, because now I can smile knowing that not only are kids enjoying this book, but someone in some other country will have their life changed by a free surgery thanks to this book and the supportive community that it formed."

The tone is very light, fun and empowering. Each page has rhyming verses that at times may even make readers giggle. The theme, she said, is that we do not need to be afraid. With education and teamwork, we will get through this together. It emphasizes Patty's pals and encourages readers to be one of them, working with Patty to defeat the "bad bug."

Patty has generated quite a lot of interest, from across Canada and the U.S. Many are purchasing the book and sending it to family abroad.

The book is not only a hit with families, but those who operate day cares, clinics catering to children, hospitals, etc.

"Teachers have expressed that Patty has been an excellent learning tool and a great discussion starter, even sending me photos of them creating lessons based on the book! People have reached out to me to share stories of how they sent Patty in care packages to children who had bad experiences with COVID."

Crimi said she's "incredibly pleased" with the results. Despite all of the current social isolation, she feels so connected to her community.

"All of the positive responses, and heart-warming stories about how people are using this book to help others have made me feel incredibly empowered."

But that's not all. The sales raised a significant amount of money for Face the Future Foundation.

"I could not have dreamed of a better outcome."

Started by Toronto's Dr. Peter Adamson, Face the Future includes a team of noted medical professionals and surgeons who provide facial plastic reconstruction services to children in developing nations.

"Patty and the Pandemic" is available for purchase at www.pattyandthepandemic.org, as well as amazon!

To learn more, visit www.pattyandthepandemic.org, or @pattyandthepandemic on facebook or Instagram.



Mizzoni helps brighten up the holidays

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

In these challenging times, a bit of holiday cheer might just do the trick.

King singer/songwriter Len Mizzoni has released "Mistletoe Kisses." It's a Christmas love song with a "Disney-type" production, Mizzoni said.

It hit radio stations in October and is now on iTunes and Spotify.

This could become a new holiday classic. It goes beyond the typical tinsel and it showcases Mizzoni's powerful vocals without going over the top. It's catchy, in a modern way, and should appeal to everyone.

Check it out here:

<https://soundcloud.com/len-mizzoni/mistletoe-kisses>

Mizzoni, a prolific writer and singer, is putting the file touches on a new album that he plans to release in February 2021.

His style is a fusion of old school jazz, pop, dance and even country.

He considers himself as a strong songwriter, but make no mistake, Mizzoni is multi-talented. Not only does he write, perform and produce his own material, he's an accomplished musician and former member of the Juno Award winning band Frozen Ghost.

Mizzoni said his music is attracting many listeners around the world with streams and downloads in over 40 countries. He also had one of his songs go viral on TikTok with over 6,500 videos and 500,000 views.

His popularity was sparked by his highly successful Better Days in 2019 and Waves of Indigo in 2018. Both received extensive international airplay in more than 40 countries.

With more than 150 titles in his catalogue, Mizzoni is simply thrilled to be so productive at this stage of his life. He left his music career in the 1980s and has become a successful entrepreneur. He returned to songwriting roughly six years ago and ever since has been a creative powerhouse.





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A great conjunction in the night sky

By Gary Boyle

2020 will be a year that will never be forgotten. For the past months, the entire world has suffered a high level of stress and anxiety from this pandemic. Normal routines of going to work, school, restaurants, concerts, sporting events and movies came to a screaming halt. Other than reading, playing games or binge-watching TV, people began looking skyward, some for the first time.

And why not? Astronomy is the oldest of the allied sciences and the night sky has been the place of deep relaxation for thousands of years. We also have the means of learning science as it plays out in the cosmos.

This year we desperately need a distraction and then came Comet Neowise. It had put on a fantastic show throughout July as it was seen with the naked eye even in the moonlight. This allowed millions of people around the world to observe and photograph this interstellar visitor. Neowise is now on its way back to the icy depths of space only to return about 6,800 years from now.

The first week of October saw Mars at its closest approach to earth since 2003. Our two worlds swing close to each other every 26 months but every seventh return is deemed the closest. Mars is still seen overhead for most of the night, appearing high overhead as a



The Backyard Astronomer

bright orange object.

Over the weeks and months, Mars dims ever so slowly as our distance increases with each passing day. We now end the year with two more celestial events that will entice people to look up once again – a grand meteor shower and a great conjunction of two planets.

Like ping pong balls on a table, the planets lie on the plane of the solar system with the sun at the center. Over months and years, the planets revolve around the sun at different speeds. On occasion, two planets will optically come close to each other in the sky called a conjunction.

Brilliant Jupiter (887 million km away) and Saturn (1.6 billion km away to the upper left) are now visible low in the southwestern sky. They will appear extremely close on the night of Dec. 21 which also happens to be the winter solstice. A typical Jupiter-Saturn conjunction occurs every 20 years or so but this year, they will appear as a double planet with a separation equal to 1/5 the width of the full moon. This will give telescope owners a rare treat of seeing these gas giants and their moons in the same field of view. This extreme close approach plays out every 397 years.

Many are associating this to the Star of the Magi, which was the close conjunction of the two brightest planets namely Venus and Jupiter. On the night of June 17, 2 BC, they appeared to touch each other, which was deemed a sign. This is the closest astronomical event at the time as Halley's Comet was seen 10 years prior in 12 BC as recorded by the Chinese.

Till next time, clear skies.

Known as "The Backyard Astronomer," Gary Boyle is an astronomy educator, guest speaker and monthly columnist for the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada. He has been interviewed on more than 50 Canadian radio stations and local Ottawa TV. In recognition of his public outreach in astronomy, the International Astronomical Union has honoured him with the naming of Asteroid (22406) Garyboyle. Follow him on Twitter: @astroeducator or his website: www.wondersofastronomy.com



Lucky winner for anniversary draw

The Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe celebrated their 2nd anniversary as a local business on Main Street in Schomberg last month. Always happy to show their appreciation for the community support they've received, 2 Gallery draw prizes were drawn recently.

Linda Jessop, Schomberg resident, came in to collect the Art Gallery basket that she won. She was thrilled to win this basket of Gallery treasures. A \$50 Gift Certificate was won by Donna Pasman of Orangeville.

Thank you Schomberg for your continued support, especially during these times.

Due to the Lockdown, the Olde Mill art Gallery & Shoppe is closed for in-store shopping. Curbside pickup is available on Wednesdays and Sundays 1 to 4 p.m. or call to make arrangements for pick up.

You are encouraged to look through the Gallery Facebook page for gift ideas. Each artist has an "album" featuring many of their unique products. Please contact Pat at 647-523-3275 or the individual artist to make arrangements and for inquiries.

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Community comes together for biggest food drive ever

King Fire and Emergency Services held their annual Food and Boot Drive, creating excitement at all the locations.

Families flocked to see the firefighters who protect our community day and night throughout the year. They set up at all the food markets in King, stationed outside Coppas in King City, John's No Frills in Nobleton, Cousin's Market in Nobleton and Foodland in Schomberg.

Shoppers filled the boots with cash and food cards, and filled the trucks with bags of non-perishable food that will stock the shelves of the King Township Food Bank as the season turns to winter.

"I have never seen anything like it" said Gary Vogan, Director of Operations for the King Township Food Bank "It's the biggest food drive that KFES has ever had."

While final tabulation of the value of the food is not yet complete, more than \$5,000 was collected in cash and food cards.

King Township Food Bank extends thanks and season's greetings to King Fire and Emergency Services, the grocery stores and especially to those who donated. King Fire Chief expressed his praise for his firefighters.

"How could you not be more proud of this solid group of men and woman who proudly serve and protect the residents of the Township of King? Within a four-hour window, our firefighters raised in the area of \$10,000 worth of groceries and cash for our local food bank.

"However, the food bank and our department play a very small part in this entire day. It's our residents who come through for us, day after day."

He offered his thanks to the four participating grocery stores and the folks at Firehouses 34, 36, and 38 for being there for our communities.



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Canadian families still have no answers in 1999 fatal airline crash

By Mark Pavilons

Another tragic anniversary has come and gone.

There were no special announcements, vigils or lowering of flags on Parliament Hill.

The cold case and mystery surrounding one of the most tragic airline crashes in recent history remains, well, cold.

Oct. 31 marked the 21st anniversary of the crash of Egypt Air 990.

There's still no rest for four members of the Adam family of Toronto; Mark and Anna Kogan of Richmond Hill, or Claude Masson, former deputy publisher of Montreal's La Presse.

The jet airliner crashed into the Atlantic Ocean roughly 100 kilometres south of Nantucket, Massachusetts, Oct. 31, 1999. All 217 people on board died, including 22 Canadians. The anniversary passed with no definitive answers.

The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) stated that the actions of the copilot caused the crash, but Egyptian authorities blamed mechanical failure. The FBI believed the crash was intentional. The United States has deemed the incident "classified."

A local man isn't content with simply ignoring the past.

None of this adds up, according to a Schomberg aviation expert and crash investigator, who won't rest until every last stone is unturned.

Andre Milne is pressing the current Liberal government to meet with him and review his evidence.

He has aimed a "virtual correspondence" video directly at Minister of Public Safety William Blair. It can be found at <https://m.facebook.com/G2Net.TV/>

Milne, of Unicorn Aerospace, is certain that the plane encountered two unknown objects and the pilot took emergency evasive action.

He said EA990 crashed solely as a result of the pilots' inability to maintain controllable flight after the port engine experienced a catastrophic separation. Both pilots were conducting emergency evasion manoeuvres, Milne said.

This tends to coincide with news reports published the year of the accident.

According to a 1999 article in Maclean's, written by Brenda Branswell, Andrew Phillips and Susan Oh, the Boeing 767 simply disappeared from radar screens with no explosion and no last-minute emergency call from the cockpit.

The final moments were described as a "wild ride."

"At 1:43 a.m. the pilots made their last contact with air controllers in New York as the plane levelled off at 10,000 m. Eight minutes later, at 1:51 a.m., something went terribly wrong. Radar data collected along the plane's route showed that the Boeing 767 began a sharp descent, plunging from 10,000 m to 5,100 m in 40 seconds, reaching a speed of about 1,200 km/h – almost the speed of sound in those conditions.

"The plane then rose to 7,300 m before resuming its descent to 3,000 m. At that point ... radar data showed several objects in the sky that were 'no longer consistent with a flying airplane.' That implied that the plane had broken into several pieces ... At the same time, they said the airliner's transponder stopped sending out signals at 5,100 m, suggesting that its power supply shut off at that altitude."

The article mentioned that aviation experts at the time noted that the plane's final flight path did not resemble the out-of-control spiral to be expected from an aircraft suffering from sudden deployment of a thrust reverser. Instead, radar findings showed that it remained on a steady course during its initial, rapid descent, then gradually turned to the right as it rose again before its final plunge.

Milne said his forensic reconstruction and synthesis of the core flight data reveals the plane encountered two unknown objects (Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon, UAPs) and the pilot took emergency evasive action. Milne's evidence suggests the two objects double-backed after some incredibly tight turns, way beyond the capability of any known aircraft at the time.

Milne points out that Cockpit Voice Recordings CVR of the preceding transatlantic airliner on the same flight path as EA990, demonstrates that both Jordanian Flight 262 pilots had terrified reactions to unknown "fireballs" crossing their airspace flight path 3 hours before the fatal EA990 incident in the very same relative airspace that the Jordanian pilots encountered a "fireball" UAP.

It remains a mystery, one that few are willing to re-examine.

When asked about information sur-

rounding the crash and anniversary, a statement from the Transport Canada said: "Our thoughts are with the family and friends of those affected by this accident 21 years ago.

"The U.S. National Transportation Safety Board determined that the probable cause of the Egypt Air flight 990 accident was the airplane's departure from normal cruise flight and subsequent impact with the Atlantic Ocean as a result of the relief first officer's flight control inputs. The reason for the relief first officer's actions was not determined. No new information has been brought to Transport Canada's attention."

That simply isn't true, contends Milne, who has tried, time and again, to get Canadian officials to listen.

Just recently, Milne sent a request to Transport Minister Garneau, Prime Minister Trudeau and Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

He provided them with documents of support from former federal MPs, along with a request to meet with him personally, to review his findings.

He wants his "fresh evidence" received and reviewed, noting he's identified the "core threat" that was posed to the flight crew of EA990 – that being UAPs.

Milne has, in fact, worked for years to try to get government officials to re-examine his data, all to no avail.

Milne contacted Toronto-Danforth MP Dennis Mills in the summer of 2004. Mills, in turn, wrote to Foreign Affairs Minister Bill Graham. In his June 15, 2004 letter, Mills sided with Milne in his contention that Flight 990 crashed "as a result of an evasive action ..."

"I would please like to know what protocol is in regards to the Government of Canada contacting the Egyptian Government in regards to the official cause of death of the Canadians who perished in the crash of EA Flight 990," Mills wrote. He also pointed out fellow MP Bill Casey did contact the Egyptians in regards to this evidence.

Milne also shared his data, back in 2003, with David Barnes, former head of the CASB, now the Transportation Safety Board of Canada (TSB).

Barnes, in turn, shared it with an "investigator friend" who agreed this was "evasive action – not suicide."

"It needs to be further investigated independently or when this thing gets opened up for investigation ... an observer(s) should be involved ... to ensure there is not a joint cover up."

The Canadian government set up various supports and agencies, following the tragic downing of Ukrainian Air PS752 at the beginning of this year. On March 31, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau appointed the Honourable Ralph Goodale as his special adviser to examine lessons learned from PS752 and other air disasters and develop a framework to guide Canada's responses to international air disasters. Also, they're charged with providing recommendations on best practices, including advice on tools and mechanisms needed to prevent future events.

Notwithstanding this well meaning response to the loss of PS752, Milne has long since been acknowledged by the government of Ukraine as the military aerospace investigator who laid the ground work for the Human Rights War Crimes Prosecution against Iran for the atrocity of PS752.

The Canadian Government knows very well of Milne's investigation and prosecution efforts of war criminals.

When making inquiries, this newspaper was told Goodale does not have a staffing team comparable to a Minister's Office, and couldn't do extensive research or answer in-depth questions from the media, in regards to EA990.

Does EA990 simply go down as a tragic and as yet unexplained airline accident? Do officials from any country want the truth?

Milne is more than happy to share, and get to the bottom of it.

Maybe he's the only one.



This holiday season needs to be different.

The safest way to celebrate indoors is only with the people who live in your home. People who live alone can get together only with one other home.

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Berkley Brown expects 2021 to be quite different

By Robert Belardi

Aurora native and Country Day School alumnus Berkley Brown says next year will be her first attempt to crack the Olympic roster.

"I was on the Canadian team during the last Olympics, but I was only competition in the Canadian World Cups. But now I have a spot in the International World Cup tour," Brown said, prior to her competition last week at Idre, in Alvaden Municipality, Dalarna County, Sweden.

Amazed by the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, Brown garnered a love for moguls and pursued it professionally.

Her goal is to make finals and super-finals that will earn her a ticket to representing the nation.

Learning more of Brown's story, her road to successfully competing in international competitions would have not been possible if it wasn't for a recovery she says, went smoothly.

She required a full-reconstruction of her right ACL.

"Being back in the gate knowing my body is 100 per cent, I think that's the biggest thing for me."

Her incorrigible confidence never left and at the beginning of this calendar year she was competing in domestic and international competitions.

In January, Brown finished 16th in Tremblant in January and 19th in Calgary in February. At the end of February, in her favourite place Tazawako in Lake Tazawa, Japan, she finished 20th.

Upon her return back to Canada, in Val-St-Come ski resort in Quebec for the Nor-Am Cup Brown, podiumed in second place and subsequently again at Killington Resort south of the border.

Then COVID hit and plans went from the drawing board to the discard pile in the blink of an eye.

"From May until October, we usually travel overseas to Australia and France. Unfortunately, couldn't do

that this year. Thankfully we had our water-ramp site in Whistler as well as Quebec, that we trained at the whole summer. In October, we got the okay to start training in Zermatt (Switzerland). That was our first time on snow since March," Brown explained.

Since Zermatt, Finland was set in her sights. An early course at Apex Mountain Resort in British Columbia provided the preparations she needed for Finland.

But with COVID came other complications outside of the sport she needed to adjust to. Individual room bubbles were created, daily surveys needed to be filled and testing was done on a regular basis.

Brown developed her own home workout routine to be active. If that was the only thing she missed, it was a consistent routine in the gym.

But, aside from one complication, Brown was excited to have the fortune of competing at a time where a lot of other things were shut down outright.

She finished in 24th in Ruka, Finland on Dec. 12. She wasn't too happy with her performance and going into Idre, Sweden for the first time her goal was quite simple.

"Just kind of hoping to leave Sweden knowing I did the best I did. Definitely in Ruka, I could have skied a bit better," Brown said last Tuesday.

In Sweden, Brown missed out on the moguls finals by one place last Saturday and made it to the dual moguls finals on Sunday finishing 15th. Overall, she was particularly happy with her results, heading into her third quarantine of the year and into a slight Christmas break.

She is looking forward to a brand-new year and a year where the Olympic team is set in her sights.

The 20-year-old also looks to continue to give back to the community, having provided pointers at Devil's Glen ski resort in the past.



RUKA, FINLAND: Aurora native Berkley Brown says she is fortunate to be competing in moguls this year not just because of her past injury, but with all that is happening in the world revolving around COVID.

King Curling Club

Curlers send letter to Santa

By Shellee Morning

Dear Santa,

All we want for Christmas is for happiness and health.

To be back on the ice with our brooms by the twelfth.

This Christmas season is so different from the past.

To be back to curling gives a smile that'd surely last.

'Tis the season for miracles we all dream for and wish.

To hear the sounds of the hurry hard and its wonderful flourish.

We've been good Dear Santa as you surely know.

A return to the rink like we did long ago.

The Skip at the helm as his mates play their part.

Throwing rocks at the house is music to the heart.

The thundering clash of the rocks when they hit.

Is a sound Dear Santa no curler can omit.

Curling is a game that's meant to be social.

A global word this year that's become common and local.

We miss our beloved game and the members of King would strongly proclaim.

That the game in its existence can be played safely at a distance.

The greatest wish we have on our list this year.

Is the health and safety for everyone far or near.

A Merry Christmas to all,

And the very best, for a "Normal" New Year.



Innovative club rebranding

By Robert Belardi

In last week's unveiling of York9's brand new name, crest and uniform for the upcoming Canadian Premier League season, Managing Consultant Angus McNab shared why the moment to be innovative was now.

"It's just the time to be brave. It's been a year to the day I've been in the post and I think when we started all of this it was about identifying, what is our mission, what is the vision, what are our core values? They'll be our North Star to guide us through the toughest of times," McNab said to James Sharman of One Soccer in the club's introductory ceremony via YouTube.

Backed by the slogan, "United By You," this name is a message to bring forth inclusivity. It's about uniting York Region and those outside the jurisdiction closer together.

"The name is very reflective of a new era, a bigger and better brand. Our league has always stood for and will always stand for, being innovate and creative and adaptable. Collectively, we knew it was important to listen and continue to evolve the incredible brand we started in York Region two years ago," Commissioner of the Canadian Premier League, David Clanachan said.

Clanachan reminisced at the core of the process and said, it was the supporters that engaged in candid discussions about the change. Their passion for the club and the community rang true.

"We have to acknowledge we have a lot of passionate supporters who are attached to where we have been. We want to move forward with everyone. We want to unite this community. We want to grow it," McNab said.

McNab acknowledges the past and was wholeheartedly set on maintaining the Nine Stripes nickname.

Working closely with McNab in this project was Graphic Designer for the club Robert Marchese.

Marchese designed the club's new



brand, analyzing many crests in the sport to put this all together. All of which was done internally within York.

"I honestly didn't think it would ever happen and we would make it this far and especially for my design to be the final one. I always thought I would start chalking up ideas and pass it on to an agency with more experience. I am truly honoured to be part of it and have my stamp on the club for a long history," Marchese said.

The new crest drew influences from Real Madrid and A.S Monaco. The swift blue and green colours emblazoned with York United written across the face was all designed on the template of a shield. The shield, is to remember the Queen's York Rangers regiment from 1866.

The crown also holds a trillium; an emblem worthy of the provincial capital within to support the royal history.

"The crown fitted very naturally. We were getting inspired with things around the world but you actually look at things like road signs around Ontario. You look at other elements that sit in the downtown core around Toronto. There were a lot of things that were in our backyard," McNab emphasized.

Supporters have the availability to purchase jerseys online right now and will receive a free jersey with the purchase of a three-year membership package with the club.

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Why the Lou Marsh trophy winners this year will never forget it

By Robert Belardi

Bayern Munich defender Alphonso Davies and Kansas City Chiefs offensive lineman Laurent Duvernay-Tardif were announced co-winners of the Lou Marsh Trophy last week.

This will be the third time in history co-winners have been announced since Graham Smith and Ken Read in 1978 and Wayne Gretzky and Rick Hansen in 1982.

The Lou Marsh trophy is awarded to the best Canadian athlete of the year, for their on-field performances and in this particular case, integrity and class off of it.

But in a pandemic ridden year, this award holds more merit than in years past. There might be a case of an unrelenting temptation to classify it as such.

But uniquely as well, co-winners Duvernay-Tardif and Davies are the perfect combination of one of the best humanitarian efforts we've seen and one of the best Canadian soccer stories to date.

This past year, Duvernay-Tardif became the first doctor to ever win a Super Bowl. Although documenting only

three games played in the entirety of 2020, Duvernay-Tardif became the first athlete to win the Lou Marsh Trophy representing the NFL and the first football player in the league this year to opt out of the season.

Instead of playing, Duvernay-Tardif took his doctorate talents to his native town Mont-Saint-Hilaire Que., to join a long-term care home to help fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The significance of Laurent winning the award is that he has brought a heightened awareness to the award for young football players and he has brought a standard of excellence that will enhance the status of the award as well as past and future winners," the CEO of Canada Football Chat, Lee Barette, wrote to the King Weekly Sentinel.

In the second year of CFC's inception in 2011, Barette lived in Montreal. He immersed himself in the Quebec football scene to provide a better service for Quebec-born players.

"I shadowed the McGill football team the entire season, Laurent's second year with the team and first-year playing offensive lineman full time. I remember contacting Duane Ford

(TSN) and telling him this is the best offensive lineman prospect I had seen."

What Barette was also impressed with was Duvernay-Tardif's work capacity. He worked full-time at his family bakery while being a full-time student at McGill's pre-med program.

"He practiced once a week and attended team meetings when he could (rarely) and still performed at an elite level."

Barette says the position Duvernay-Tardif plays is the most intellectually challenging position on the field. Knowing his previous history to be where he is today, at 29-years of age, it is quite incredible he left his Super Bowl winning Chiefs to join the front line. And knowing his history of rarely showing up to meetings and practices, what's missing a season for this man? That question will be answered next year should he return.

As for Davies, his past also reflects his current status now at one of the largest clubs in European soccer.

Davies became the second soccer player in the Lou Marsh Trophy history to win this award and the first male to do so; Christine Sinclair won the award back in 2012.

The former Vancouver Whitecaps prospect was sold to Bayern Munich in 2018, for a then, MLS record of \$22 million.

Davies joined the Whitecaps Residency in 2015-2016 and simply made his mark within the club.

"He was just a young kid with a big smile on his face. He didn't stay with us very long but in his first 16 games, he assisted or scored on every goal," said Club Ambassador and U16 Residency assistant coach Carl Valentine over Zoom.

"Every time you see him, he has this infectious smile, this great energy around him. He just loved doing what he was doing. He was always the hardest trainer even though he was the most skilled young player we had at the time and we've ever had."

When Valentine heard, Davies became co-winner with Duvernay-Tardif he simply was "blown away."

Davies had an exceptional season at Bayern Munich becoming the first Canadian to win the UEFA Champions League.

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York Region records fewer collisions in 2019

Collisions are down in York Region, despite a rise in traffic volume.

York Regional Council received the 2020 Traveller Safety Report, which provides a breakdown of collision data occurring on Regional roads during the previous calendar year. In 2019, there was a 10-year low in the number of collisions happening on Regional roads.

“York Region roads carry more than six billion vehicle-kilometres of travel annually and more than two million trips are taken daily on our roads, sidewalks and bike lanes,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. “We all have a role to play to ensure roads remain safe.”

The 2020 Traveller Safety Report collects data from a variety of sources, using the information to better understand traveller behaviour and determine initiatives to increase safety for all road users.

“We are continually exploring and implementing safety measures to help decrease the number of collisions on our roads,” said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, chair of the Region’s Transportation Services. “Winter means shorter days and drivers, pedestrians and cyclists all can benefit from being more aware of their surroundings

when travelling in the dark.”

Additional highlights in the report include:

- More than 50% of fatal collisions are related to motorists speeding.
- 94% of pedestrians and 82% of cyclists involved in collisions result in injury or death.
- 89% of collisions are a result of improper driving.
- 30% of collisions are a result of following too closely.
- 80% of collisions had some form of driver inattention or distracted driving as contributing factors.

York Region is implementing new initiatives to enhance safety measures including piloting automated speed enforcement in community safety zones, no right turns on a red traffic light, fully protected left turns, safety education campaigns and using a data-driven approach for engineering safer roads.

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

Council supports phase 2 of Nobleton subdivision

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

The second phase of a Nobleton subdivision was supported by King council recently.

Councillors endorsed the plan, and staff report, for the Fandor (Via Moto) plan, and another 49 single detached homes.

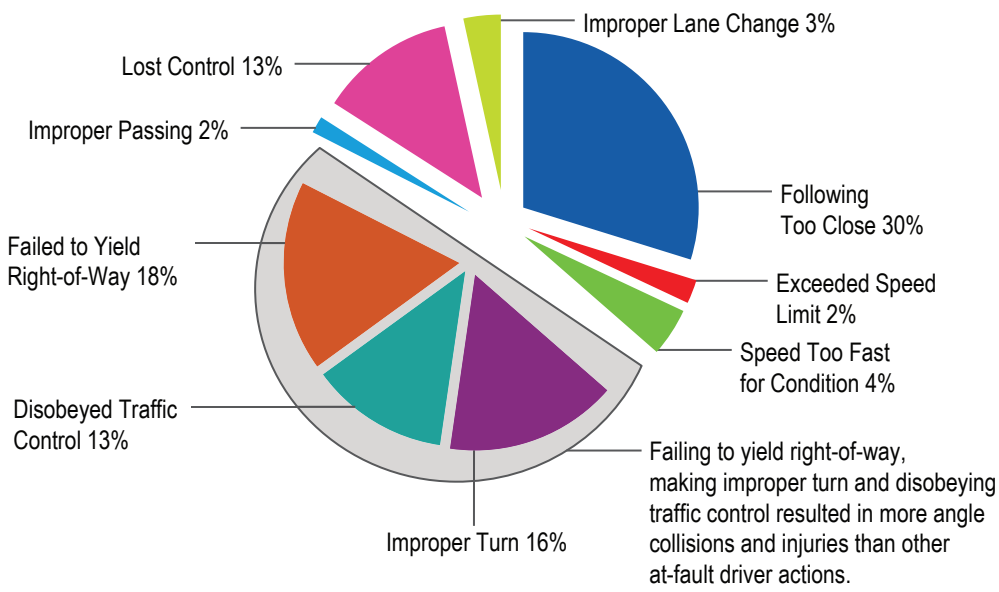
The lands on the north side of King Road, just west of the village, are under construction. The lands comprise 14.18 hectares and have direct access to Russell snider Drive and Sheardown Drive.

Staff noted the full build out is 152 units, including an open space block, park and stormwater block. It’s being built in multiple phases. Phase 1 is under way and was approved in September 2018. Phase two was draft plan approved this past Sept. 21 and no appeals were received.

The developer’s consultants are finalizing the engineering drawings and the design is almost complete. Staff said it’s desirable to get the work going so the builder can use the 2021 construction season.

Staff noted the developer has to provide a security equal to \$3.1 million to ensure the completion of all servicing obligations.

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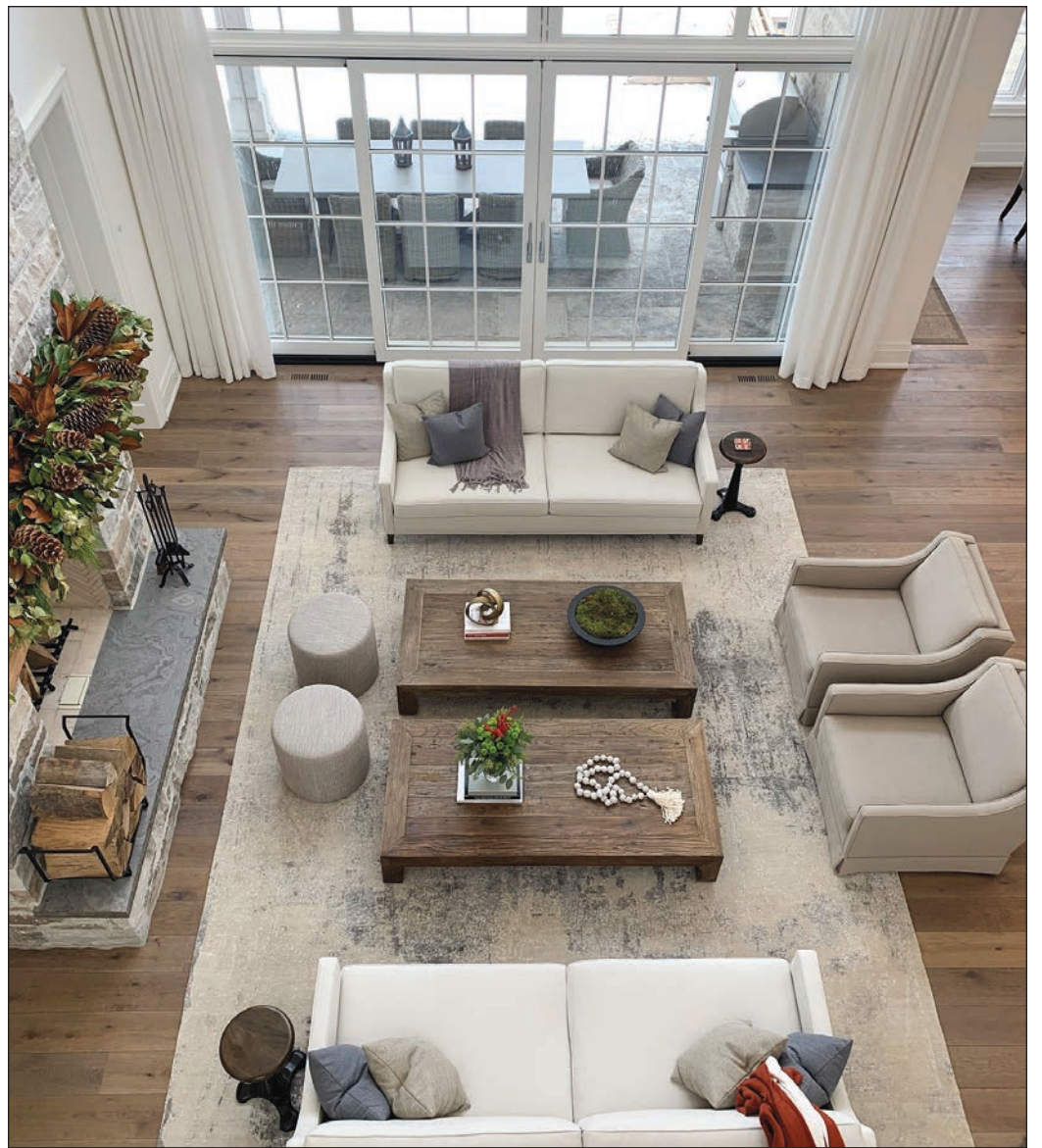
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Country Toy Tea a virtual success

The annual Country Toy Tea might have had a different look this year, but it was no less successful for organizers – and for York Region children in families in need. This year's event took place online with a web-exclusive home tour on Wednesday, Dec. 2, providing a one-time peek into an elegant country home. Participants and sponsors helped raise more than \$45,000 for local shelters and non-profits. For more, visit thecountrytoytea.com.

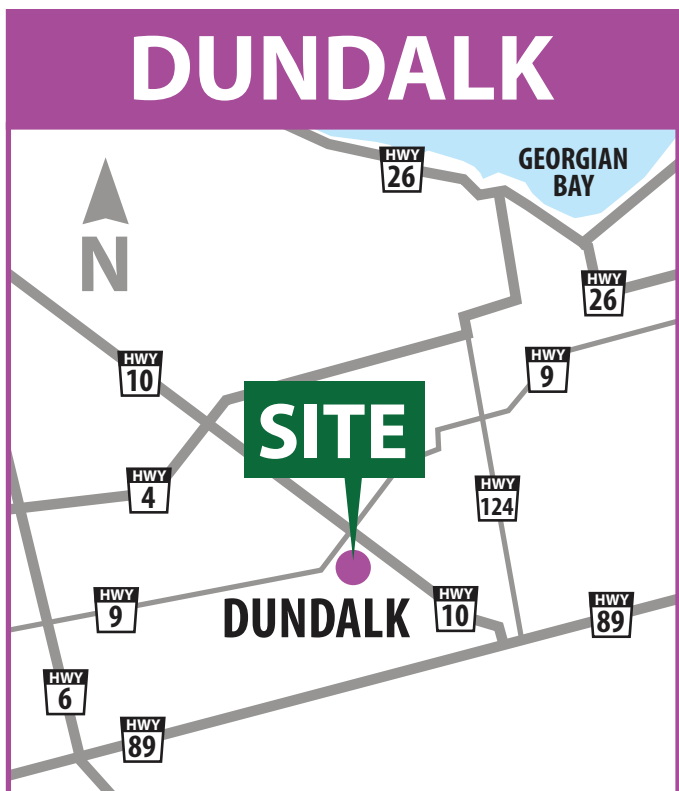
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Outdoor market in King a great alternative

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

As small businesses struggle to stay afloat in the middle of a pandemic-led lockdown, Lisa Iafrate refuses to give up. Iafrate has been working hard to organize a safe outdoor Christmas market on her driveway, an event that will help nine local vendors survive.

As a successful entrepreneur and CEO of TaLii Towels, Iafrate has pivoted her business module a few times since the closures earlier this year.

"We made masks in the beginning and more recently, we came up with tea towels with your favourite recipe on them. We laser your Nonna's or your mother's favourite recipe on a tea towel, and that way, it can be passed down and is never lost," said Iafrate, adding, "Even as a pivoting entrepreneur, I've lost a million dollars in sale. My heart goes out to the vendors who are fighting to make ends meet. Someone is hoping to be able to buy their kids Christmas presents while another is counting on her small business to help pay her college tuition for next semester. We have to do something for these poor families."

The first outdoor market on Iafrate's driveway, held in the first week of De-

cember on her two-and-a-half acre property, was a huge success. Around 300-350 people showed up, and all the vendors got some residual business as well.

"People thought they were in Vienna! It was such a beautiful event, we had Christmas carols blaring from speakers, and every booth had Christmas lights, we kept our numbers within limits and many people who missed the first one have been asking for another. We even had the mayor, local councillors and our MPP visit the booths," explained Iafrate, determined to help the small businesses that need the support.

While Iafrate was busy spreading the word about the second event on social media, the lockdown was announced for York Region.

"I feel so despondent and thought this was the last straw. Fortunately, we found a clause that allowed us to continue hosting this event even in a lockdown, so long as we are socially distanced, and wearing masks," said the bustling entrepreneur, adding, "I'm really doing this for the other vendors. I'm not charging them anything to set up shop. My business will still sail through, even though I don't foresee

sales between January and March because no one is travelling and no one is thinking about towels. But I do hope these other businesses are able weather this storm."

Iafrate doesn't mince words when it comes to asking for local support.

"We are the first ones to sponsor community teams, or events, or fundraisers. Now is the community's turn to support us. Local support has been okay so far but it can be better. People need to be reminded that they need to come out and buy from us so our fami-

lies are provided for," she said.

The nine vendors that were a part of the outdoor Christmas market included L'Arome Soy Candles, Good Vibes on Main, Erin's Yarn Shoppe, Kate Ward Designs, Pine Farms Orchard, Just Crumbs, Original Custom (Handmade Gifts), G'Ma's Tarts, and TaLii Towels. Suzie Durigon, Food consultant and author of Just Crumbs, was on site to personally sign copies of her cookbook.

To support these local small businesses, visit their Facebook page on Kingscross Christmas Market.



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TELUS helps vulnerable seniors during pandemic

TELUS launched Mobility for Good for Seniors, which provides Canadian seniors receiving the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) access to a free smartphone and subsidized mobility rate plan. Available now, Mobility for Good for Seniors includes a free refurbished smartphone, unlimited nationwide talk and text, and 3GB of data for only \$25 per month.

Mobility for Good for Seniors will ensure more seniors have access to the technology they need to help address feelings of isolation, manage their mental wellbeing, stay connected to loved ones, enjoy their favourite online games and books, and access important healthcare resources and information.

"At a time when the human connection has never been more important, TELUS remains committed to ensuring all Canadians can stay connected to the people and information that matter the most," said Darren Entwistle, TELUS president and CEO. "Throughout the pandemic, our globally leading network has enabled Canadians to work and learn remotely, access critical government resources, receive medical

support and stay in touch with family and friends. Our country's seniors have contributed significantly to the fabric of this nation, having built and supported the infrastructure, economy and social services that we enjoy today. Disconcertingly, these same elderly Canadians have been disproportionately impacted throughout the health emergency as many have had to isolate from loved ones and support networks in order to stay safe. Through Mobility for Good for Seniors, we are providing some of our most vulnerable Canadians with access to the vital tools and resources they need to stay safely and meaningfully connected, and in time for the holiday season."

Across Canada, 2.2 million seniors receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement from the federal government, and are eligible for TELUS Mobility for Good for Seniors. This program is entirely subsidized by TELUS, and comes at no cost to the government or taxpayers. To get set up, program participants are required to provide proof of receiving the GIS benefit and then will receive a unique code. Participants are also en-

couraged to download the Federal Government's Covid-19 Alert app to stay updated on critical health information. Additional details and instructions on how to apply are available at telus.com/mobilityforgood.

"This year in particular has demonstrated how critical it is that more older Canadians have access to virtual healthcare options that can help them to stay healthy and safe," said Dr. Samir Sinha, Director of Geriatrics at Sinai Health System and the University Health Network in Toronto. "TELUS' Mobility for Good for Seniors will significantly increase access to virtual healthcare technology, such as video conferencing from a smartphone, for older and low-income Canadians who may have previously faced barriers to accessing and affording a smartphone. Beyond being able to better access health services, information and apps, a smartphone can be a critical tool in allowing older Canadians to more safely navigate their communities and help prevent the mental and physical health challenges associated with isolation and loneliness, particularly as more

older Canadians are staying home and increasingly avoiding gatherings to protect their health."

As the COVID-19 pandemic evolved earlier this spring, TELUS donated more than 14,000 free mobile devices and \$0 rate plans, valued at \$9 million, to hundreds of organizations across the country including long-term care facilities in support of seniors.

TELUS Mobility for Good for Seniors is part of the TELUS Connecting for Good portfolio of programs that gives Canadians in need access to TELUS's world-leading technology. Additional programs include:

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We ask that visitors stay in their cars so that we can meet the current York Region, restrictions. A donation bin will be available for those who would like to support Nobleton United ministries.

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

to our e-mail list, you will also receive our Newsletters and links to some music selections. If you would like a text copy of the service, please contact Carol-Ann so she can drop one off for you.

On Thursday mornings we will continue with our Zoom coffee social from 10 to 10:40 followed by an Advent Study from 10:45 to 11:30. Please contact Carol-Ann for a link to the meeting if you'd like to join.

On Tuesday mornings during December, you may see some carolers in the area. Weather permitting the Joyful Spirits are scheduled to visit various Seniors residents to do some social distance outdoor caroling. We will ensure that all of the current COVID-19 guidelines for York Region will be met.

Christmas Eve service will be on-line and distributed like our Sunday services. An intimate outdoor candle-light service will happen outside of St. Mary Magdalene at 7:30 p.m. Due to the current restrictions we can only have 10 people and must insist that participants register with Carol-Ann before attending.

If you would like to support our ministry, you can find us on CanadaHelps.org.

You can contact Carol-Ann at minis-

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

Christmas Eve

I saw this on Facebook and whole-heartedly propose we all do it in Schomberg on Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve, at 6 p.m. everyone should come out onto their doorsteps or balconies and ring a bell for two minutes to spread Christmas spirit and to help Santa fly his sleigh and find his way to Schomberg!

After the awful year that 2020 has proven to be, it would be an amazingly profound memory for the kids and all the community! Let's end 2020 with a bit of magic, hope and togetherness!

Schomberg Horticultural Society

The Schomberg Horticultural Society brings holiday cheer to its community.

Elves from the Schomberg Horticultural Society created an eye catching display at "The Gates to Schomberg," also known as the Centennial Garden. The gnomes and the Christmas tree were constructed entirely from green-

ery donated by members. To keep with the society's mandate and commitment to be stewards of our lands and the environment, the lights on the tree are powered by mini solar panels.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society wishes all its members, the Schomberg Community, its visitors and the residents of King Township a blessed Christmas season. May this display welcome you home and put a smile on your face after a tiring day at work or a busy day volunteering in the community.



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Homemade pie crust made easy

Pot pie makes for a delicious meal, especially when home cooks go the extra mile and prepare homemade pie crust. Some may be intimidated by the idea of making their own pie crusts, but the following recipe for "Turkey Vegetable Pot Pie with Whole-Wheat Crust" from Michelle Dudash's "Clean Eating for Busy Families" (Fair Winds) simplifies that process, ensuring a fun and easy time cooking and, ultimately, a delicious meal.

Turkey Vegetable Pot Pie with Whole-Wheat Crust

- Serves 6
- For the crust:**
- 1 cup whole-wheat flour
 - 1 cup all-purpose flour
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt
 - 2/3 cup corn oil
 - 1/3 cup orange juice

- For the filling:**
- 1 carton condensed cream of chicken soup (organic preferred)
 - 1/2 cup low-fat milk
 - 1 1/4 pound boneless, skinless turkey breast, thinly sliced into bite-size pieces
 - 1 cup thinly sliced carrots (or frozen sliced carrots, thawed)
 - 1 cup leeks, quartered lengthwise, then thinly sliced crosswise, using white and pale green parts only
 - 3/4 cup thinly sliced celery
 - 1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed
 - 3 tablespoons whole-wheat flour
 - 2 teaspoons dried herbes de Provence (or 1/2 teaspoon each thyme, rosemary and basil)
 - 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
 - 1/4 teaspoon salt

To make the crust:
Combine flours and salt in a medium bowl. Pour in oil and orange juice and stir until moistened. Press dough to flatten and chill.

To make the filling: Blend soup and 1/2 cup of milk in a large bowl. Mix in the remaining ingredients.
Preheat the oven to 350 F. Divide dough into 2 balls, one slightly larger than the other. Roll the larger ball between 2 large sheets of waxed paper until it is 1/8-inch-thick or un-



til it fits in the bottom of a 9-inch pie pan. Remove the top sheet of waxed paper. Turn dough over and carefully place in the pie pan, removing remaining piece of waxed paper. Press out any bubbles and patch holes with scraps of dough. Pour filling into the prepared pan. Roll remaining dough and lay it on top. Cut any excess dough hanging from the edges and crimp the crust between your thumb and forefinger to seal. Cut a heart into the center to allow steam to escape.

Place the pie on a sheet pan and bake for 1 hour and 15 minutes, until center of crust becomes golden and an instant-read thermometer inserted into the pie's center reaches 165 F, covering browned edges only with foil about halfway through cooking. Remove the pie from the oven and allow it to rest for at least 5 minutes before cutting.

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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.

This Sunday, Jeff's message is entitled, "Climbing the Ladder." 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.

This month, you are invited to participate with us in a Reverse Advent Calendar, where each day we will set aside items for the King Township Food Bank. You can download the calendar at stpaulsnobleton.ca/giving.

While we continue to host in-person worship on Sunday mornings, the leaders have decided that our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship gatherings will be online only, and available on demand on our YouTube channel. While we wish we could gather in the traditional way, we believe that it will be in the interest of community safety, given the potential numbers, to offer online-only worship for Christmas this year.

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

Second Sunday of Advent Prayer for the Advent Wreath:

"Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son,

"Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first and second (purple) candles of our wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. Amen."

St. Patrick's Church

St. Patrick's CWL will be accepting donations of poinsettias to beautify the sanctuary of St. Patrick's Church for Christmas. If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia to a loved one, please purchase any size or colour Poinsettia and deliver to St. Patrick's Church before the 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. masses on Dec. 20. For more info, please contact Antonella: 416-804-6077.

Our local St. Vincent de Paul reps are collecting various gift cards from the following merchants: Walmart, No Frills, Foodland and Tim Hortons. The gift cards will be distributed to local

families in need, in time for the Christmas Holidays.

Please follow these 3 steps:

Step 1: Purchase gift card loaded with desired amount.

Step 2: Write amount loaded on the gift card with a marker and place in a sealed envelope with your name, address and amount of gift card enclosed.

Step 3: Drop off in basket marked St. Vincent de Paul on the back table at St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Church at all Masses. You may also deliver or mail your gift cards to the parish office: St. Mary's Church, 190 MacTaggart Dr., Nobleton, L0G 1N0 Please call the parish office at 905-859-5522 for an appointment to drop off gift cards.

A tax receipt will be issued by for a minimum \$10 gift card donation. Envelopes available at the back table of both churches. Thank you for your continued support of our local community, especially those who are in need.

Nobleton, Schomberg United Churches

This Saturday, Dec. 19 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Nobleton United will hold a Christmas "Eve" drive-thru. Lights will guide you past a live Nativity with a donkey, and Santa will make an appearance. Cars will enter via Hawman Ave. and exit onto King St. where the minister will offer a blessing to each car as they leave. We ask that visitors stay in their cars so that we can meet the current York Region, restrictions. A donation bin will be available for those who would like to support Nobleton United ministries.

We continue to have recorded on-line worship each Sunday that can be received by e-mail, viewed on the Nobleton Facebook page, or via the Nobleton

YouTube channel. If you add your name to our e-mail list, you will also receive our Newsletters and links to some music selections. If you would like a text copy of the service, please contact Carol-Ann so she can drop one off for you.

On Thursday mornings we will continue with our Zoom coffee social from 10:10:40 followed by an Advent Study from 10:45 to 11:30. Please contact Carol-Ann for a link to the meeting if you'd like to join.

On Tuesday mornings during December, you may see some carolers in the area. Weather permitting the Joyful Spirits are scheduled to visit various Seniors residents to do some social distance outdoor caroling. We will ensure that all of the current Covid-19 guidelines for York Region will be met.

Christmas Eve service will be on-line and distributed like our Sunday services. An intimate outdoor candle-light service will happen outside of St. Mary Magdalene at 7:30 p.m. Due to the current restrictions we can only have 10 people and must insist that participants register with Carol-Ann before attending.

If you would like to support our ministry, you can find us on CanadaHelps.org.

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

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/>

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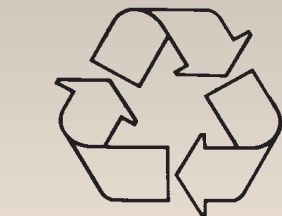
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King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

Sunday, Dec. 20 and Christmas Eve worship will be online only and can be accessed through our website and will also be emailed our on Sunday morning and Dec. 24.

If you would like to receive an email please contact the church at kcuc@bellnet.ca We hope you will join us virtually for the fourth Sunday of Advent with Rev. Andrew Lee presiding.

Last week's worship included our youth in their virtual Christmas Pageant. Thank you to all of those involved and to the youth for offering us a Christmas perspective in these troublesome times.

As the numbers in our province have risen we have decided to move back to only worshipping online for the coming weeks. We will update you when we resume onsite worship, but we hope that you will stay home, stay safe and join with us virtually in this season of Advent. Our YouTube channel is York United Ministries and all our services and postings can be viewed and you will receive notifications to new content if you subscribe.

The Christmas Eve Worship at 7 p.m. on Dec. 24 will be live via ZOOM. The invitation will be e mailed out to you and there will be a link on the main page of our website. It will also be streamed to our YouTube Channel for those who wish to watch later.

If you have any questions you may contact the King City office for more information at 905-833-5181. We are grateful for your cooperation in following our safety protocols when entering our

buildings. Our churches have opened adhering to the guidelines of the Province of Ontario, York Region and Shining Waters Region (United Church of Canada) and we continue to comply with the RedZone requirements for worship.

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

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

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

King Bible Church

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.

Our series entitled, "The Christmas Experience" focuses on some of the traditional themes of advent. We are

currently meeting online only for the next number of weeks. Please visit our website www.kingbiblechurch.com for directions on how to join us online.

We would love to have you join our church family this year as we celebrate the good news or the birth of the Saviour.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Join us online as we worship together during Advent. Although it is challenging and not usual to meet virtually, St. Andrew's wishes to provide a safe and comfortable worship experience for all and until further notice we will only be having online services.

Thank you to Bonnie and Dennis Mooney for lighting the Advent candle of Joy last Sunday, the third Sunday in Advent.

Please go to our website standrews-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. Grab your coffee and do get in touch should you wish to join us afterwards.

A virtual Christmas Eve service will be held at 7 p.m. Go to our website standrews-kingcity.ca where you will find the link and join us for this special service.

The King Township Food Bank is still continuing with its safe monthly food distribution and the Greater Grace Fellowship is meeting Sunday at 5:00 p.m. in the lounge for their Bible Study. To contact Pastor Niyazi and Irada Bilgen call 416-878-8499.

Virtual "Art for the Soul" is Wednesday afternoons with Lynn. Lynn and her artists are presently working on a large canvas to be displayed on the south wall

of the church in time for Christmas in King's Holiday Light Tour Display 2020, Dec. 12-31. Buy a map for \$10 to support CiK by going to christmasinking.ca.

Lynn has arranged for special weekly emails during this Advent Season with thoughtful messages leading up to Christmas including wonderful ideas to do with your children or grandchildren, helping them to know the real meaning of Christmas. The Rev. Konnie Vissers has prepared this weekly package. Please contact Lynn should you wish to be included on the mailout.

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.

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

Keep in touch and we hope to see you soon.

All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

York Region lockdown means All Saints can no longer offer in person church services. We will continue worshipping virtually. Please check our website <http://www.allsaints-kingcity.com> for details.

You are also welcome you to join us on Sunday evenings at 8 p.m. via Zoom for the Service of Compline from the Book of Common Prayer. These short and peaceful prayers are a perfect end to the day. Call the church office at 905 833 5432 for log in information.



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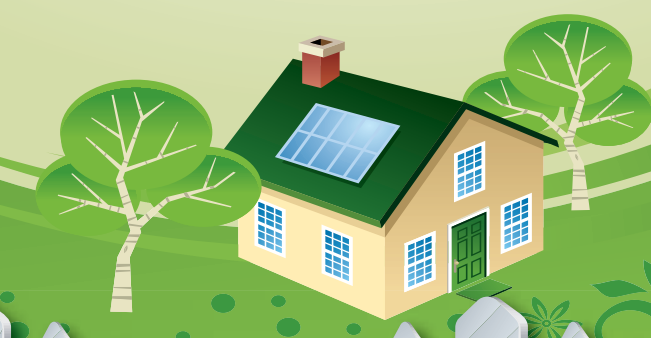
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