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Rhoda Coniega, a program aide at Langstaff Square Care Community, receives the second COVID-19 vaccine in York Region at the Mackenzie Health COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic located at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital. Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital will open to the public in February 2021.

Mackenzie Health administers first vaccine

Mackenzie Health administered its first COVID-19 vaccine Dec. 22 to a health care worker at a new COVID-19 vaccine clinic located at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital. While not yet an operational hospital, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital provides an ideal location for this clinic. When it opens in February it will add much-needed capacity to the system.

"Mackenzie Health is proud and excited today to be part of this significant step forward in tackling the COVID-19 pandemic," said Mackenzie Health President and CEO Altaf Stationwala. "The arrival of a vaccine is a light at the end of the tunnel for everyone, particularly for health care workers, who have done so much to support our community this year."

The first vaccine was administered before the holidays to Jaunito Driz, a personal support worker at Langstaff Square Care Community in Richmond Hill.

"This is a very important moment for everyone, and I am grateful for the opportunity to receive the vaccine today," says Driz. "As a front-line worker, I am committed to doing everything I can to protect those around me, especially the seniors I care for, and so I was eager to get vaccinated."

Rollout of the province's vaccination program has come at a critical time for Ontario hospitals. In recent weeks,

Mackenzie Health, like many other hospitals in the GTA, has seen a significant increase in the number of COVID-19 patients admitted to hospital. Last week, it exceeded its staffed 38-bed ICU capacity for the first time since the start of the pandemic. As a result, Mackenzie Health has had to operate critical care beds in less-than-ideal locations, such as the Emergency Department, as well as transfer patients to nearby hospitals.

"We are at a critical juncture and we can't do it alone," Stationwala explained. "Our hospital is overwhelmed, and our staff are overstretched and falling ill. While the vaccine is a ray of hope, we still need our community to pull together so that we can continue to provide the necessary care that our patients need and deserve."

The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is the first vaccine authorized by Health Canada for COVID-19. It was put through an independent and thorough scientific review for safety, efficacy and quality. At this time, the provincial government, based on the expert recommendations of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force and in alignment with the National Advisory Committee on Immunization, prioritized the earliest doses to vaccinate Ontario's most vulnerable.

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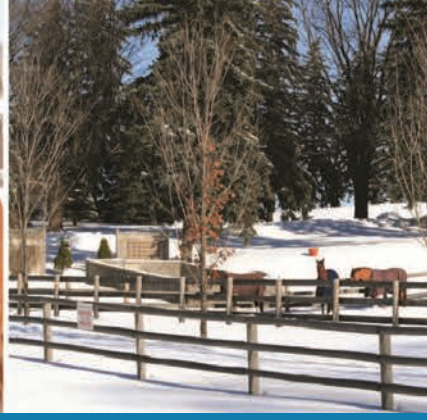
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

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>

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Tuesday, January 26
6:00 pm – Committee of Adjustment
Virtual meeting at <http://cofameetings.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

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Christmas tree pickup

Christmas trees will be picked up on **Mon., Jan. 11** only. Please remove all decorations, nails, tree stands and plastic tree bags. Crews will not dig out a tree or climb a snowbank to retrieve one and trees over six feet tall in height must be cut into pieces.



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



Nobleton sewer works

King Township has started the third contract of the second phase of providing infrastructure for residents to connect to the municipal sewer system in Nobleton.
Phase 2, Contract 3 sanitary sewer and concurrent works in Nobleton will take place in and around the following roadways: Sheardown Drive, Dobson Court, Cain Court, Hazelbury Drive, Chamberlain Court, Russell Snider Drive, Witherspoon Way, Mactaggart Drive, Holden Drive, Robb Drive and McCutcheon Avenue affecting approximately 200 homes.
Weather permitting, work is scheduled to take about 27 months to complete. Residents who have any questions about the project can visit <http://majorprojects.king.ca> or contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or serviceking@king.ca.

*****LATEST UPDATES*****

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

King Township 2021 Waste Calendar

The 2021 edition of King Township's waste collection calendar is now available online at www.king.ca.



Please see more King Township notices on page 5



Happy New Year!

On behalf of Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Members of Council we wish all of our residents and their families a very happy and safe New Year!

PUBLIC NOTICES



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

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

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

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

LATEST UPDATES

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>.

The Township has, since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, been offering all administrative services to our businesses and residents virtually. King Township remains open for business. Many services—including things like building permits, planning applications, garbage bag tags and the payment of water bills—can all be accessed online. We have also introduced virtual recreation programming and will continue to offer as many outdoor recreation programs as possible in the coming weeks. Learn more at www.king.ca.

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.

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

Site Alteration By-law Review

<https://speaking.king.ca/site-alteration-by-law>

KING TOWNSHIP RURAL ZONING BY-LAW REVIEW



Call for Participants: Hamlet and Agricultural Area Zoning By-law Review Workshops

The Township will be hosting two community workshops to discuss specific zoning issues and opportunities in the Hamlets and Agricultural/Rural areas of King Township. Members of the public are invited to register and attend!

Two community workshops are being planned for approximately late February 2021:

1. A workshop to discuss zoning within the **Hamlets** of the Township; and
2. A workshop to discuss zoning issues in the **Agricultural and Rural areas**.

How can I register to attend or find out more about the workshops?

Please visit speaking.king.ca and click on "Rural Zoning By-law Review" to register.

Alternatively, or if you require assistance, you may contact Kristen Harrison, Policy Planner, at kharrison@king.ca or 905-833-4065.

More details about the format and materials will be provided to registrants closer to the meeting date.

York Public Health begins distributing Moderna vaccine

York Region Public Health has begun the process of delivering Moderna COVID-19 mRNA vaccines to long-term care homes in York Region.

"This is an exciting and hopeful step forward in our fight against COVID-19," said Dr. Karim Kurji, York Region's Medical Officer of Health. "By prioritizing vaccines for residents of long-term care homes, we are protecting some of our most vulnerable York Region residents."

Over the past several weeks, York Region has been working closely with health system partners on the rollout and administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes working with the Province of Ontario, the Ministry of Health, Ontario Health, local hospitals, local long-term care and retirement homes and other groups in key areas related to vaccine administration, transportation, training and storage.

In this first step, York Region Public Health will distribute the vaccine to long-term care homes. Staff at the homes will administer the vaccine on-site to their residents.

The vaccine will help to protect approximately 3,700 York Region long-term care residents in 28 homes. Sadly, to date, York Region has lost 257 residents to COVID-19 within institutional settings.

Southlake Regional Health Centre

and Mackenzie Health were included among 19 Ontario hospital sites to receive the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and administer to staff and essential caregivers at long-term care homes and high-risk retirement homes in York Region and hospital workers based on the Ontario Government's Ethical Framework for COVID-19 vaccine administration.

Following distribution to long-term care homes, York Region Public Health will begin delivery of the Moderna vaccine to retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors.

Out of respect for residents living in long-term care, and for the safety and security of the vaccine, York Region will not publicly share specific dates and times of vaccine delivery.

York Region continues to work with our health system partners on the distribution of the vaccine to residents who wish to receive one. The Ontario government has indicated most Ontario residents will be offered the vaccine by early fall 2021.

The COVID-19 vaccine is voluntary, but highly encouraged for those who are eligible – not only for personal protection but for the safety and well-being of others.

For long-term care residents who are unable to consent to the vaccine for themselves, the long-term care home

will work with their substitute decision-maker to obtain consent prior to the immunization date. Family members and substitute decision-makers should contact their respective homes for more information with questions or concerns.

York Region is one of four areas in southern Ontario identified by the province to participate in this initial phase and deliver vaccine to select long-term care and high-risk retirement homes.

Best practices learned during these

pilots will be shared and applied within public health units across Ontario as they begin their local distribution.

As vaccinations begin in Ontario, it is important to continue following public health measures to keep everyone safe and healthy, including avoiding social gatherings, practice physical distancing, wear a mask when required and wash your hands frequently.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines and York Region's role, please visit york.ca/COVID19vaccine

Moderna vaccine is more mobile

Health Canada's approval of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine has come as good news.

"This is phenomenal news for Ontarians and Canadians – yet another life-saving COVID-19 vaccine has been approved for safe and effective use in the province and in the country. We are taking another step towards ending this terrible pandemic," said Ontario Premier Doug Ford.

The federal government has allocated approximately 53,000 doses of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine for Ontario in December 2020, and they will be delivered before the end of the month. These are the first of 40 million doses Canada will be receiving through its agreement with Moderna.

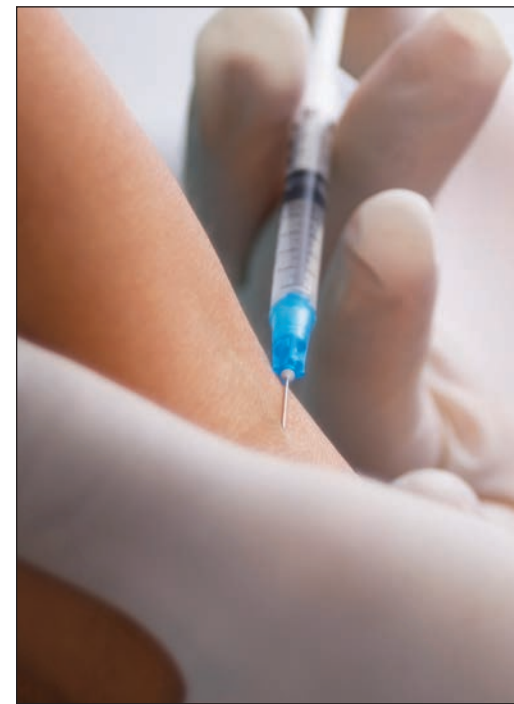
"The Moderna vaccine is a real game-changer as it does not need to be stored at extremely cold temperatures and is more mobile. This means health staff can administer this vaccine onsite in our long-term care homes, retirement homes, congregate care settings, rural and remote locations, and other places where our most vulnerable populations live. For the first time, we can take the vaccine directly to our priority groups.

"As we move forward in the first phase of our three-phase vaccine implementation plan to keep Ontarians safe, the Moderna vaccine will support our ability to protect frontline health care workers and residents in long-term care homes and retirement homes, as well as adults in Indigenous populations."

Moderna and Pfizer doses will continue to be delivered and administered in January and we expect increasing numbers of doses through to March

and beyond. Phase Two is expected to begin this spring when Ontario receives more of the ordered doses of vaccine from both Pfizer and Moderna, and potentially other vaccines, as they go through clinical trials and approvals. General Rick Hillier and the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force are ready to distribute these vaccines as soon as the province receives them.

"As we await the arrival of more vaccines, I continue to ask all Ontarians to remain vigilant and keep following the public health measures, including wearing a mask when required, maintaining physical distancing, and avoiding social gatherings. These measures remain our best and only defence against fighting this virus until the vaccine is more widely available."



Water and wastewater user rates move to 0% increase

Regional Council has adopted amended recommendations to 2021 Water and Wastewater User Rates. The previously approved 2.9% increase in the combined water and wastewater wholesale rate for the year beginning April 1, 2021 has moved to 0% increase, maintaining the rate at the existing \$3.07 per cubic metre.

In April 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Regional Council decided not to proceed with a planned water and wastewater rate increase for 2020, instead maintaining user rates at their 2019 level. Any operating shortfall due to changes against budget will be drawn from rate stabilization reserves.

After the Region completes a User Rate Study in Q2 2021, Council will be asked to consider recommendations for a new multi-year plan for future rates. The 2021 User Rate Study will assess COVID-19 impacts and other pressures in more detail to recommend rates in 2022 and beyond that will ensure long-term financial sustainability for water and wastewater.

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- Michael Connelly

'Do or do not' is an applicable sentiment

"Do. Or do not. There is no try."

Without sounding too much like a sci-fi geek, who doesn't love one of the most famous movie quotes of all time?

Master Jedi Yoda urges the iconic hero Luke to focus and concentrate. He's really telling Luke to unlearn what he has been taught, and try a new approach.

This bit of advice, albeit from a small, green puppet, is something we can all use.

Faced by any modern-day dilemma, there are really only two choices - face it or fear it. It's the proverbial fight or flight response.

There's little sense worrying oneself into a frenzy. Look at the problem and decide among the options, or possible solutions. There are usually only two - fix it and move on, or don't fix it and leave it alone.

Sure, maybe neither are palatable, enjoyable or even affordable. But those are, as they say, the cards we were dealt.

Something as simple as a leaky car tire is an example, since it happened to one of our family vehicles. Look at the tire. It's low. Fill it with air. It's better. A few days later, it's low again. There's a leak, albeit a slow one. The solution? Keep filling it with air or take it in and get it fixed.

Did I want to spend \$400 before Christmas on new tires? No. Did I have a choice? No, not in the long run anyway.

Sure, there may be shortcuts, cheats



Mark Pavilons

or quick fixes, but we all know what the real solution is.

Lately, I've been approaching things as Yoda would have recommended.

Whether it's hiring a plumber to fix the pipes under the kitchen sink, or renovating a bathroom. Do or do not. There's no in between unless of course you do something half-way, but this seldom works out for the best.

We humans were instructed, from a young age, that if we do something, we should do it right.

We know this, but given the fact Duct tape is one of the best selling items of all time, some of our "fixes" may be temporary.

Our parents tended to be handy, not because they were all skilled tradespeople, but because they had to be. Economics and practicality dictated that they had to find solutions themselves to common, everyday household problems.

My dad was notorious for those odd-looking repairs that combined a branch from a tree in the back 40, with some rusted metal bracket he got at a farm auction. His workshop looked like a work in progress. Things hung from the wall that didn't even have a name.

While unique, many of his personal creations did the job.

When it came to simple car repairs, I helped him work on our 1983 Olds. You could actually get your body part-way into the engine bay to affect repairs. We changed an alternator and pulled out a radiator. We did oil changes and rotated our tires.

Today, a couple of these are still doable in our driveways, but I doubt many of us (yours truly included) are so inclined. It's not that I'm wasteful. Au contraire, I'm quite frugal when it comes to spending money.

But I know my limits and I know when it's time to call in a professional.

That's not to say this old dog can't learn a few new tricks, but doing cartwheels with a wrench in my mouth isn't one of them.

Thanks to the greatest invention of all time - the internet - I can simply search for instructions on changing car wiper blades, or cooking the best sirloin pot roast. I can look up possible sources of my aches and pains, but online medicine is always to be taken with a grain of salt.

I can read about setting the Christmas light timer, since the original instructions were lost years ago. I can try to find the original replacement cutlery/utensil basket for our dishwasher.

I can do it. Or choose not to do it. In my opinion, there is some wiggle

room in Yoda's original statement.

I think trying is still part of the equation and even if we don't fully succeed, giving it our best shot has got to have merit. At least that's what a lot of husbands tell our wives.

"I spent hours trying to get that widget in place, honey, but no luck. It must be broken."

If something terrible happened, like we lost our internet connection, would some of us be completely lost?

Quite likely.

Could I build a lean-to or small shelter out of logs if I were stranded in the bush? I doubt it.

My dad did. He actually built quite a nice gazebo on our rural Caledon property, without drawings and without a real plan.

Okay, it may not have been perfectly level but it stood for more than two decades.

I also recall helping him form, pour concrete and lay patio slabs, all of his own creation. He would never have considered spending hundreds of dollars on patio stones.

I will admit that I've lost that good, old fashioned ingenuity that served our ancestors so well. I could never make a radio out of coconuts like the Professor did on Gilligan's Island!

And my offspring are even further removed from rolling up their sleeves and giving it the old college try. They are, however, resourceful. They are quick to turn to dear old dad, or mom, and ask us to handle the problem!

I fear that too much hand-holding will make our species weak in generations to come.

Of course, technology will continue to improve and come to our rescue.

Electric cars will mean fewer repairs. A cabin-in-a-box may already be a reality. Our smart devices and smart homes will get even more intelligent.

But the push of a button or verbal command kind of takes the "do" out of it, don't you think?

Maybe we will become more of a "let someone else do," or "do not" society.

Letter to the Editor

Midwives are neglected

The following letter, to Premier Ford and Minister Elliott, was submitted to the Weekly Sentinel.

I was listening to The Current on CBC Radio One, during which the host, Matt Galloway, spoke with Ontario midwife Remi Ejiwunmi and Lehe Spiegelman, president of the Midwives Association of B.C. about the impact of COVID-19 on their lives, both professional and personal.

I'm ashamed to admit that, although blessed with the birth of our fifth grandchild in June in the midst of the pandemic, the extreme difficulty of being a midwife under the current conditions had not previously entered my mind.

These 900 Ontario healthcare professionals are on-call 24/7 and must deal at all hours with the complications of donning and doffing personal protective equipment (PPE) and with personal disinfection in settings that include hospitals, their clinics, and a succession of private homes.

I was shocked during the interviews to learn that, not only did these healthcare workers not benefit from a COVID pay supplement delivered by the province to other front-line workers, but their purchase of PPE was not and is not being subsidized by the province.

The province's explanation to the CBC was disingenuous, "... Unfortunately there is a limit to the amount of funding provided by the federal government through our shared agreement, and we are not able to expand the pandemic pay program beyond the over 375,000 employees already deemed eligible," this despite that fact that an additional 900 highly deserving workers would constitute less than 0.24% of the total.

I note that the Ministry suffered a resounding (and expensive) loss to the Ontario Association of Midwives before the Ontario Tribunal of Human Rights as recently as last February based on gender discrimination, a decision that was upheld by the Divisional Court in June.

In a posting by the applicant's lawyers, the decision "took into account the pervasive systemic factors which continue to make invisible and to undervalue work associated with women."

I can only wonder whether the exclusion from COVID supports is a type of retaliation for this loss or whether the Ministry is still challenged on the human rights front.

Bill Patterson
King City



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Results from last week's poll:

Are you glad to bid farewell to 2020?

a) Yes **91.7%**

b) No **8.3%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you plan to get the COVID vaccine when it's available?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

Quote of the Week

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

- Winston Churchill

Trivia Tidbits

Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta is better known as Lady Gaga

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PUBLIC NOTICES



HOLD THE DATE!
We will be holding a virtual Public Information Centre on Jan. 20 from 6 to 8 pm to provide information on the draft 2021/2022 budgets and gather feedback. More information on how to register will be provided in the new year in the Weekly Sentinel, www.king.ca and speaking.king.ca/2021-budget. You can preview the budget documents on the finance section of www.king.ca and at speaking.king.ca.

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 MEETINGS – REVISED – DECEMBER 16, 2020
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 Scandlan, Watson and Associates Economists Ltd.

RE: **ADDED:** Virtual engagement Public Information Centre (PIC): **Wednesday, January 20, 2021 – 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

A virtual engagement Public Information (PIC) has been arranged to provide information on the Draft 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan to allow all interested parties an opportunity to review the Township of King's preliminary budget and to provide feedback. Information on how to register will be provided in the new year.

RE: 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.

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.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. MOVED to January 25, 2021**
Draft – 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan *(Consideration of By-law for Adoption, Monday, February 8, 2021)*

The Township of King's Draft 2021-2022 Budgets & Business Plan, will be tabled at the January 25, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Budget information will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, January 21, 2021.

RE: Council Meeting: **Monday, February 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. MOVED to February 8, 2021**
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 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. Budget information will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, February 4, 2021.

For further information regarding the 2021-2022 Budget & Business Plan, please visit the Township's website at www.king.ca or contact: Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance and Treasurer, ptollett@king.ca
Telephone: 905-833-5321 Fax: 905-833-2300

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Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services
Township Clerk

NOTICE OF Public Planning Meeting Concerning a Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

(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, this is an electronic meeting held remotely and live streamed via <http://meeting.king.ca>.

Purpose of the Public Planning Meeting

The purpose of this Public Planning Meeting is to receive information and provide comments on a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application to facilitate the proposed development at 22 Patton Street in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended.

Public Participation – Speak at the Meeting or Provide Written Comments

If you wish to speak to Council virtually about this matter (audio-telephone in), you must register by contacting the Corporate Services Department at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than Monday, February 1, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. (noon). Please provide your full name, address, contact details and the item you wish to speak to.

When your registration is received, a confirmation message and instructions for participating in the virtual public meeting will be provided. Please note that deputations are limited to ten (10) minutes in accordance with Procedural Bylaw 2018-060.

If you prefer to comment in writing or cannot participate virtually, please send written comments to the Corporate Services Department at clerks@king.ca no later than Monday, February 1, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. (noon). Written comments will be circulated to Members of Council prior to the start of the Meeting. **All comments will become part of the public record.**

Subject Property

Location: 22 Patton Street, King City
Plan 85, North Part Lot 36
Owner: Paria Kargaran Kermoney Far, 2728324 Ontario Inc.
Applicant: Deborah Alexander, Alexander Planning Inc.
Agent: Deborah Alexander, Alexander Planning Inc.
File Numbers: Z-2020-09

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Application, Planning File Z-2020-09 submitted by Alexander Planning Inc. on behalf of Paria Kargaran Kermoney Far, 2728324 Ontario Inc. concerns a property located on the east side of Keele Street, south of King Road in the Village of King City. The subject property measures approximately 1840 square metres and has a frontage of approximately 30.5 metres on Patton Street. The property is currently used for residential purposes.

What Are The Proposed Amendments?

The subject property is designated Village Core in the Township's new Official Plan, OurKing, and is zoned 'Residential 1 – C (R1C)' as per Zoning By-law 2017-66. The applicant has submitted a Zoning By-law Amendment application to facilitate the rezoning of the property from R1C to Core Area – King City, with exceptions (CAK-XX). The rezoning is proposed to facilitate the change in use, as well as to permit an outdoor playground within the planting strip, to permit a revised parking rate of one space per 50 square metres of gross floor area, to permit a reduced planting strip along the rear lot line, to remove the requirement for a loading space, to permit one parking space in the front yard and to permit a maximum floor space index of 0.7. A Site Plan Development application will be required for the property to facilitate the proposed development.

Appeal Procedure

If a person or public body that would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"), does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Any person may attend the virtual public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. **Written comments will become part of the public record.**

How To Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at clerks@king.ca.

Additional Information

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, including supporting information, are available by contacting the Planning Division by telephone at 905-833-1004, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or by email to Aloma Dreher, Planner II, at adreher@king.ca, by referencing the address or file number. Written comments may be mailed or emailed to the Planning Division.

Dated at the Township of King this 7th day of January, 2021.

Kathryn Moyle
Director, Corporate Services
Township Clerk
Township of King



Comments and personal information (PI) are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13 as amended, and become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form, also become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information (PI), please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321.

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Time running out to reach environmental goals

We are running out of time. While the Ontario Auditor General cites significant weaknesses and ineffectiveness in the concept and delivery of the "Made in Ontario Environment Plan (2018)," the Ontario government is taking bold action through other legislation to aggressively undermine our environment and our democracy in the name of economic recovery. Let me highlight a few actions that have been taken:

After almost 10 years of greenhouse gas reductions in Ontario, emissions jumped by 10 mega-tonnes in 2018. This was the same year that the provincial government lowered the greenhouse gas emission targets and cancelled the well received and effective cap and trade program that funded \$2 billion worth of other carbon reduction programs. The province is now in court spending millions to get their way.

A new process under the Environmental Assessment Act was passed weakening or exempting many infrastructure projects and requirements, eliminating the need to look at impacts on sensitive environments and species, and allowing increases in Greenhouse Gas emissions. As a result, for example, the fabled Highway 413 which was deemed to be redundant will be fast tracked through the Greenbelt negatively impacting scores of watercourses and sensitive areas (so much for protecting the Greenbelt).

Amendments to the Planning Act have increased Minister's (MMAH) powers and taken planning out of the hands of your Municipality through Minister's Zoning Orders. This amendment has already been used to disregard the Provincial Policy Statement on wetlands by allowing for the creation of

Letters to the Editor

a 22 ha storage facility in a Provincially Significant Wetland.

The passing of the most recent budget Bill 229, an omnibus bill which precludes direct public input, resulted in several significant changes to environmental protection. The most controversial was a shift of important decision-making power from Conservation Authorities (CAs) to politicians, allowing Ministers to approve developments when CAs won't. The work of Conservation Authorities is based on science. As the climate crisis worsens, why would scientists be removed from important flood mitigation decisions? Section 8 of the Bill allows for extraction of aggregates in the habitats of species at risk (and I haven't even talked about the changes to the Species at Risk Act).

And there is no mention of the promised \$400 million Emission Reductions Fund that was approved in the 2019 budget but never allocated.

I could go on, citing changes to the LPAT that effectively eliminate meaningful community input to planning decisions, or talk about continued threats to the Greenbelt, but I think you get the picture.

To be frank, I am in no mood to listen to the weak promises and excuses delivered to us by this provincial government. We need bold action now to protect the environment and to address climate change. I know they can do it because we have witnessed bold actions with COVID 19.

So I implore this government: stop throwing time and money at the same old fiscal stimulus of infrastructure spending and development support.

The world has changed. Think bigger. Think broader. Think about an economy that supports needed social, environmental and climate change policy

and act on it. Do it now because we are running out of time.

Mary Asselstine

Councillor comments on MZO issue

As a King Township council member it is very energizing to have citizens engaged and passionate about their community.

The Dec. 22 KWS edition reported how King Council refused to endorse a request for a provincial Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) by the Augustinian Fathers (Ontario) Inc. The report quoted many of the comments from council members, the proponent and members of the public who spoke. Hence, anyone who had not watched the live stream and had only the KWS as a source, has a good idea of what occurred. This is a good demonstration King Township's good fortune to have a local paper with an editor who reports on our council meetings. Thank you Mark Pavilons!

In addition to making this acknowledgment it is important to recognize and thank the 150 individuals who sent in letters. Many of these citizens exercised their right in our democratic processes by expressing their perspective on this very important issue: namely a request to King Council to endorse a request to the Province to not only

override our Official Plan but to consider allowing urban development on the provincially protected Oak Ridges Moraine.

Most of the letters I received were individually written. There were 2 consistent themes: an Official Plan, particularly one which has just been approved, should not be overridden at the request of an individual stakeholder; and, compliance with the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan is vital. In addition to all the numerous letters there were many deputations, far more than I have ever heard before. And to be fair I must acknowledge that there was a petition with about 35 signatures supporting the request to endorse the MZO request.

As we begin a new year, I share with you my hope for continued citizen engagement on issues that are vital to our community. Our local government serves our community needs best when people are engaged and informed.

Debbie Schaefer
Councillor Ward 5
King Township

A verse on living in King through the pandemic of 2020

I'll remember 2020 as the year my routine was uprooted. The year I traded my hour commute and granola bars on the train for couch snuggles with my toddler and weekday pancake breakfasts.

I'll remember it as the year I got outside more. The year I wore my shoes into the ground and our car was used only on weekends to drive to physically distanced visits with friends and family.

I'll remember 2020 as the year I saw more sunsets and sunrises. The year I went for daily walks and that the playground at the end of the street was our second home.

I'll remember the guilt I felt balancing work with a toddler and that at times I thought I was failing at both. But I'll remember how I could take a break from writing a news release to draw pictures of my daughter's favourite cartoons on the driveway. How I could take My dog for a walk at lunch or throw a load of laundry in between calls.

I'll remember how I baked more, how I dug out my Grammie's butter tart recipe and attempted her prize winning dessert.

I'll remember how I missed seeing my parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, sister, niece and nephew but how I was able to witness changes in my daughter every day. How I helped her learn her colours and how to say her last name.

I'll remember how we connected with friends and family. Our zoom dinners, our virtual game nights, our daily FaceTimes. I'll remember how we disconnected. How we left the phones at home when we went for a walk or turned them off to get a break at night.

I'll remember how we explored our own backyards, how we visited local farms and ordered takeout from our favourite restaurants.

I'll remember 2020 as the year I gave birth to my second daughter. I'll remember the challenge of wearing a mask during my seven hour labour and 24 hour hospital stay; and how this was only a glimpse into what the nurses and doctors had been doing for the past six months.

I'll remember how I worried about the kind of world I was bringing her into. But the joy I felt as she was placed on my chest moments after birth.

I'll remember 2020 as the year the world had challenging but necessary conversations. How we had those conversations at home. How I thought about the kind of mother, friend, sister, daughter, wife, colleague, ally, neighbour, citizen I want to be.

Brianne Sommerville
King City

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King bylaw now keeps illegal grow-ops out of the Marsh

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Cannabis grow-ops are not welcome in the Holland Marsh.

That message was made clear by King council when it approved its updated bylaw surrounding cannabis production facilities.

Led by Marsh farmer and Councillor Avia Eek, the move will help Township staff curb illegal activities. Once the bylaw is in place, staff can actively tour the municipality and enforce the new measures.

The approval came Nov. 28 after a public meeting held earlier this month to gather public input.

Staff first reported to council back in 2015, when they created rules for medi-

cal marijuana operations. At the time, staff and council were weighing the options and deciding whether these were commercial or agricultural operations, and where to put them.

As the issue progressed, and with the pending legalization of marijuana for recreational use, King needed a new bylaw.

Health Canada oversees the use of cannabis and access was granted under the 2011 Marijuana Medical Access Regulation (MMAR). This enabled individuals with the authorization of their health care practitioner to access dried marijuana for medical purposes by producing their own plants, designating someone to produce it for them, or purchasing it from Health Canada.

That was followed in 2013 by the Mar-

ihua for Medical Purposes Regulation (MMPR), which created conditions for a commercial industry responsible for the production and distribution of marijuana for medical purposes.

In 2015, licenced producers were allowed to produce and sell cannabis oil, fresh marijuana buds and leaves. The Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulation (ACMPR) replaced the MMPR in 2016. This sets out provisions for individual who have registered with Health Canada to produce a limited amount of cannabis for their own purposes or to designate someone to produce it for them.

Licensed producers must comply with municipal bylaws such as zoning, building code and fire code requirements.

The new King bylaw provides defini-

tions of cannabis production facilities and identifies where such facilities could be permitted, as well as lot, building standards and setbacks.

Staff have been struggling with deciding whether to limit such operations to agricultural areas, or put them in industrial areas in urban centres, like vacant lands in Schomberg.

Large-scale cannabis processing should be directed to the settlement areas of the Greenbelt Plan area and the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan area, they note.

Staff did point out they used guidelines provided by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to formulate their new bylaw.

The bylaw also amend the M2 industrial zone to permit industrial and medical cannabis production facilities.



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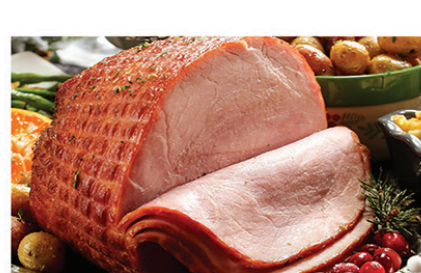
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By Mark Pavilons
Editor

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"The technological transformation that 5G brings will change the way Canadians connect to the world around them," said Jorge Fernandes, Chief Technology Officer at Rogers Communications. "5G networks will be a critical building block for Canadian entrepreneurs and researchers to build world-class applications that will fuel productivity and innovation for Ontario and the country. This next generation technology will provide the digital platform and capabilities that our industries need to continue to grow and have a lasting impact on Canadian prosperity."

Rogers also announced that it's starting to roll out Canada's first 5G stand-alone core network, powered by Ericsson, in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver, marking the next important step in evolving Rogers 5G network.

Expected to introduce new capabilities that are significantly more advanced than previous generations of wireless technology, 5G will transform businesses and industries with increased speed and capacity, more efficient use of spectrum and lower latency. 5G will also support a massive increase in the number of connected devices that require near instantaneous access for applications like earthquake prevention using AI and machine learn-

ing, autonomous mining and smart city applications such as collision prevention.

"This investment is a great step forward in connecting people and businesses in underserved communities in Ontario," said Hon. Laurie Scott, Ontario's Minister of Infrastructure. "The government appreciates the private sector's commitment to closing the digital divide and this expansion of services by Rogers is the kind of investment to do just that."

"I am pleased that Rogers is making this important investment in our community by offering this exciting next step in telecommunications technology," said Bracebridge Mayor Graydon Smith. "5G will help Bracebridge continue its growth, allowing our citizens and businesses to be connected to the rest of the world with near instantaneous speed."

In addition to providing Canadians with the latest technology, wireless industry investments in 5G networks are expected to contribute an estimated \$40 billion annually to the country's economy and 250,000 permanent new jobs by 2026.

Rogers has invested over \$30 billion over the past 35 years to build Canada's most trusted and reliable wireless network. In 2020, the company was awarded the best wireless network in Canada for the second year in a row by uMlaut, the global leader in mobile network testing and benchmarking. Rogers is also ranked number one in the West and Ontario in the J.D. Power 2020 Canada Wireless Network Quality Study. A recent 2020 Ookla Speedtest report found Rogers wireless network delivers the most consistent speeds of any national wireless network in Canada.

King moves forward with its transportation vision

King Township is on the road to implementing a comprehensive network of plans that will set the future of transportation in King for the next decade.

Council in 2020 approved four key plans including the Transportation Master Plan, Active Transportation Strategy, Traffic Calming Strategy and 10 Year Paving Strategy and Pavement Management Plan.

"A tremendous amount of work has gone into making these plans a reality," said King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "Council and staff have done the research, spoken to the experts and sought feedback from the community. At the end of all of that, we now have a clear vision for the future of transportation in King Township. It's a progressive vision that, while allowing for the efficient movement of vehicles and people, responsibly addresses the threat of climate change. I'm extremely proud of the work we've accomplished."

The Transportation Master Plan was approved on Feb. 24, 2020. This plan guides King's transportation network to the year 2031 and beyond. It includes strategies to improve different modes of travel including walking, cycling, transit and motor vehicles.

The Active Transportation Strategy was approved on Oct. 19, 2020. This strategy provides a recommended implementation plan for specific sidewalks, multi-use paths, bike routes, and mid-block pedestrian crossings within the Township.

The Traffic Calming Strategy was approved on Nov. 16, 2020. This plan recommends three streams for implementing traffic calming measures including a community stream, programmed stream and requests stream. A Traffic Calming Request Policy was also approved.

The 10 Year Paving Strategy and Pavement Management Plan was approved on Dec. 14, 2020. This plan sets how the Township will prioritize the paving of asphalt, surface-treated and gravel roads over a 10-year period between 2021 and 2031.

Plans can be downloaded and reviewed by visiting King's public engagement platform [SpeaKing](http://speaking.king.ca) at: <http://speaking.king.ca>.

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Chamber continues to support members

By Angelo Santorelli
President, King Chamber of Commerce

What a difference a year makes! As we welcome 2021, I can't help but reflect proudly on how well we have come together in King as individuals, as businesses and as a community to take on the COVID fight together.

Whether it be donations of time, money or goods everyone has done their bit to get us through this unprecedented public health and economic disaster.

This gives me great hope for 2021. Although it will still no doubt be a mixture of the best and the worst of times for at least the first half of the year I truly believe that a return to health and economic prosperity is just around the corner.

The proverbial light at the end of the tunnel is near. I just hope and pray that we all continue to pull together and do everything we can to get our business community in King through to the other side. There will very sadly no doubt be some local businesses that don't survive the pandemic but we need to continue to do everything we can as a Chamber and as a community to minimize the losses.

At the King Chamber we will continue to work tirelessly to support and advocate for our local businesses.

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Province launches the new Ontario Small Business Support Grant

The provincial government recognizes that small businesses impacted by these necessary public health measures will require additional support so they can continue serving their

communities and employing people in Ontario once the COVID-19 pandemic is over.

That is why the government is announcing the new Ontario Small Business Support Grant, which will provide a minimum of \$10,000 and up to \$20,000 to eligible small business owners to help navigate this challenging period.

Small businesses required to close or restrict services under the Province-wide Shutdown will be able to apply for this one-time grant. Each small business will be able to use the support in whatever way makes the most sense for their individual business. For example, some businesses will need support paying employee wages or rent, while others will need support maintaining their inventory.

Eligible small businesses include those that:

- Are required to close or significant-

ly restrict services subject to the Province-wide Shutdown effective 12:01 a.m. on Dec. 26, 2020.

- Have less than 100 employees at the enterprise level.

- Have experienced a minimum of 20 per cent revenue decline in April 2020 compared to April 2019.

Starting at \$10,000 for all eligible businesses, the grant will provide businesses with dollar for dollar funding to a maximum of \$20,000 to help cover decreased revenue expected as a result of the Province-wide Shutdown. The business must demonstrate they experienced a revenue decline of at least 20 per cent when comparing monthly revenue in April 2019 and April 2020. This time period was selected because it reflects the impact of the public health measures in spring 2020, and as such provides a representation of the possible impact of these latest measures on

small businesses.

Essential businesses that are allowed to remain open will not be eligible for this grant. More information about the Ontario Small Business Support Grant is available here. Further details, including how to apply, will be announced later this month.

Businesses that are impacted by the Province-wide Shutdown will also be eligible for the property tax and energy cost rebates. In November, the government launched a program to provide rebates to offset fixed costs such as property tax and energy bills for businesses that are required to shut down or significantly restrict services due to provincial public health measures. These Ontario Small Business Support Grant rebates will continue to be available for businesses impacted by the Province-wide Shutdown and earlier restrictions.

Financial impacts of COVID-19 in York Region

York Regional Council received a memo outlining the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario's independent report on the financial impact of COVID-19 on municipal budgets.

The report, which uses internal municipal estimates and publicly available information, projects Ontario municipalities will incur significantly lower revenues and higher expenses in 2020, 2021 and 2022 as a result of COVID-19.

The impacts of COVID-19, projected to be \$151 million in 2020, have been mitigated by staffing redeployments, deferral of non-essential activities, senior government funding to assist with pandemic-related impacts and other savings. As the 2021 budget is developed, known COVID-19-related pressures are expected to reach almost \$70 million in 2021 and \$45 million in 2022.

On Dec. 10, 2020, Regional Council approved the creation of a Pandemic Management Reserve Fund to assist any future tax-supported expenditure or revenue shortfall due to COVID-19.

Funding received from other levels of government through pandemic relief funds could be directed to the Pandemic Management Reserve Fund to address future pressures. These funds would be in addition to any potential operating surpluses; based on projected year-end results, the contribution to this reserve could be almost \$63 million for 2020.

Council has also temporarily suspended the Surplus Management Policy, redirecting the contribution of any future tax supported operating surplus to the new Pandemic Management Reserve Fund. This dedicated reserve fund complies with requirement that municipalities hold any excess 2020 funding from the Phase 1 Safe Restart Agreement of offset future pressures.



King's Alpine Graphics wraps postal vehicle

This Canada Post vehicle was wrapped by Alpine Graphics as part of their "Thank You Merci" campaign to their employees for their continuing efforts as essential workers. In total, 36 vehicles will be wrapped and will travel throughout communities across Canada. This vehicle is in Schomberg this morning - visiting the local post office, Alpine & St. Patrick's elementary school for the kids to directly mail their Christmas letters to Santa.

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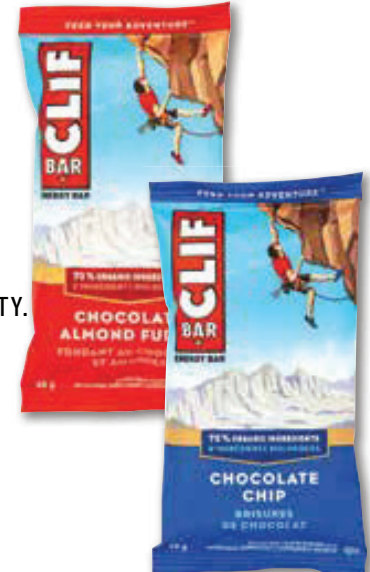


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Arts & Entertainment

Parallels between dancers, butterflies explored in flight2

By Brock Weir

Dancers have the power to convey significant emotion with a deceptively simple shift in their body.

They are celebrated the world over for their fluidity and grace, and have inspired no end of artistic inspiration.

King artist Grazyna Tonkiel is also attracted to grace and fluidity in her work. But rather than depicting dancers mid-movement, her attentions are focused on the humble butterflies of Canada.

The grace and movement of both butterflies and dancers have now converged in flight2, an exhibition coupling Ms. Tonkiel's drawings of butterflies and sculptures created by Gordon Becker, hosted virtually by the Aurora Cultural Centre.

flight2 is the first gallery exhibition hosted by the Aurora Cultural Centre in Town Hall following the temporary closure of the historic Church Street School during Library Square construction.

As closures and lockdowns continue, however, what they hoped to deliver in-person to the public has been translated by the Centre into a virtual exhibition that is on now through February 27.

Ms. Tonkiel, an artist and musician, takes her work very seriously. Her King Township garden is a designated wildlife and butterfly habitat, providing her with no end of artistic inspiration.

"My degree is in Operatic Performance and acting, so for 30 years of my life, I have been an opera singer and a second interest has always been visual art," said Ms. Tonkiel, sitting down

with curator Clare Bolton during the gallery's installation. "Now, having retired as an opera singer and singing only occasionally, I have been drawing butterflies as my full-time job. [It started] as a simple project of drawing butterflies for my daughter's bedroom. Once I was doing it, I started drawing more and more butterflies. That sparked an interest in learning about butterflies.

"Butterflies have been the symbol of beauty through the history of human kind and dancers also reflect the symbol of beauty. They possess complete control over their body and as fragile as they look, they are extremely small [and strong]. I point, for example, to the migrant monarch butterfly. It travels sometimes 9,000 km. As fragile as they are, they also have tremendous strength."

The strength and complexity of the butterfly is very much reflected in her work.

Her drawings not only depict the colourful wings we're so familiar with, but the underside of the butterfly as well, a dimension which offers its own unique beauty.

While her work is two-dimensional, it's kicked up to the third through the application of such media as gold leaf to bring out the depth and the light within her subjects.

"We all need a ray of light to uplift our souls and spirits," she said. "I hope that flight2 will raise hope in anybody to conquer the sadness or the anxiety in the moment we are [in] at the present."

"The preparation for this exhibit sparked an idea because I was at the very beginning of my process of draw-

ing butterflies, I was drawn more to tropical butterflies. As I went and my sanctuary grew, I am more and more inclined to do everything for the butterflies and I am more than ever interested in Canadian butterflies. I am going to work on creating the only collection of Canadian butterflies. There are 160 [species of] butterflies in Ontario, so I don't think I will be short coming on subjects to draw. I don't know

if I ever will finish 160, but I will try to actually draw a lot of them to bring awareness to the public. We are familiar with monarch butterflies, but very few people can name any other Canadian butterflies."

For more on flight2, including a complete gallery of works created by Grazyna Tonkiel and Gordon Becker and how to purchase the works on display, visit auroraculturalcentre.ca.

Heritage Facts

KCSS celebrates diamond anniversary in 2021

By Kelly Mathews

When King City Secondary School (KCSS) opened on Tuesday Sept. 5, 1961, it was originally called the King City Composite School (KCCS).

In Canada, the term "Composite School" refers to a secondary school that offers academic, commercial, and industrial subjects. The suffix "Secondary School" was applied to the institution in September 1965, at the start of its fifth year.

Before KCCS opened its doors in 1961, the great majority of students that were high-school age in King, attended Aurora High School, which was renamed Dr. G.W. Williams Secondary School (named after Dr. David Garnet Wolseley Williams) the year that KCCS opened. KCSS school has undergone many major additions and renovations over the years to meet the ever-changing needs of its growing community and changes in the delivery of academic, athletic and student services.

Just weeks before the school opened, an article titled "Rushing Work on New King City High School" stated that the opening of the school is "the most important current event for the next few weeks" (August 24, 1961 Newmarket Era & Express). The article went on to say that there was an estimated enrollment of 550 students in Grades 9-13 with a staff of 25 teachers the day the school opened.

Today, the KCSS website indicates that the student body exceeds 900 students supported by more than 90 teachers and support staff.

KCSS will be celebrating 60 years of service to the community in 2021 – a diamond anniversary that I'm certain will not go uncelebrated after an unprecedented 2020, which challenged the school to deliver quality education in the face of a global pandemic.

Although many things have changed at KCSS over the past six decades – a great many other things have held true. The mascot, a fierce and brave lion, and the school colours; gold, green and white, have remained constants on the school campus as has their enduringly appropriate motto, in Latin, "semper progrediens" which translates in English to "always progressing."

The 1960 King City Composite School Song: Green White and Gold:

"We are proud of the colours of GREEN, WHITE and GOLD, and we sing of the glory foretold;

"We will always stand up for the cause that is right, when we sing of the GREEN, WHITE and GOLD.

"In the school that is best from the East to the West, that's where we will meet the test;

"We are always progressing with spirit and zest, at our own K.C.C.S (now K.C.S.S).

"We are loyal and true alma mater to you, we are always advancing with you;

"We will always remember our years here at King, when we hear of the GREEN, WHITE and GOLD!"

Kelly Mathews, vice-chair of the King Township Heritage Advisory Committee, is currently working under commission for the King Township Historical Society to research and write a comprehensive history of King Township. Kelly will be contributing monthly to the King Weekly Sentinel "Heritage Facts" section sharing some interesting findings from her research to date.



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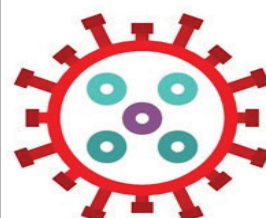
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King City home is 2021 hospital lottery grand prize

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism Initiative

King has once again been chosen as the site for a grand prize home in the Princess Margaret Home Lottery. The King City home is part of the whopping, \$7 million grand prize. This 11,000-square-foot home features a stunning gourmet chef inspired kitchen with oak beam ceiling detail and stunning views of the backyard. Sliding glass doors open to a beautiful lanai that boasts an outdoor television plus additional living and dining space

for all to enjoy. The dining room and separate living room with fireplace makes entertaining intimate and personal. The main floor is home to a sprawling guest suite complete with a breathtaking ensuite, unobstructed view of the backyard. The second floor is home to 3 beautifully appointed bedrooms each with their own private ensuite and all with spacious walk-in closets. The principal bedroom is a private oasis complete with a stunning walk-in closet, freestanding tub and luxurious shower with dual shower functions.

This home also offers a private second floor home office, elevator, and two laundry rooms. The lower level features an oversized family movie and recreation room as well as a private kids oasis complete with a music/jam room, and an intimate art studio. Awarded fully furnished, professionally decorated and landscaped. It's custom built by Greenpark Group with interior design by Sarah Baeumler. This game-changing prize also includes a 2,217 square foot Muskoka lakefront cottage and \$500,000 cash.

Other lottery prizes include a \$2.6 million Toronto home. It's over 2,600 square feet of modern luxury, featuring 4 bedrooms and 4.5 bathrooms. This prize also includes \$100,000 cash. Also to be won is a Prince Edward County country home. The Country Home, valued at \$1.3 million, features nearly 3,000 square feet of cozy luxury, including a 2-storey great room with soaring windows, and a see-through fireplace shared by the kitchen, living and dining areas. You'll want to spend plenty of time outside, too, enjoying the views from the wrap-around covered porch. The prize includes \$25,000 cash. There's a \$1 million bonus prize and \$1.7 million early bird prize, along with more than 21,000 other prizes available to be won, including vehicle prizes, dream vacations, and more. The lottery raises money for the hospital, considered one of the top five cancer research centres in the world. Tickets are \$100 each. For more, visit <https://princessmargaretlotto.com/>



Guides support King Food Bank

Ava and Daniela presented a cheque for \$2,500 recently to Leona Zadoko, King Township Food Bank director. The 1st Nobleton Guides (including Sparks and Brownies) sold 1,000 boxes of cookies, and the cheque fulfills a pledge by their family to donate \$2.50 per box to the Food Bank. What a very sweet and generous gesture. Thank you for your support!



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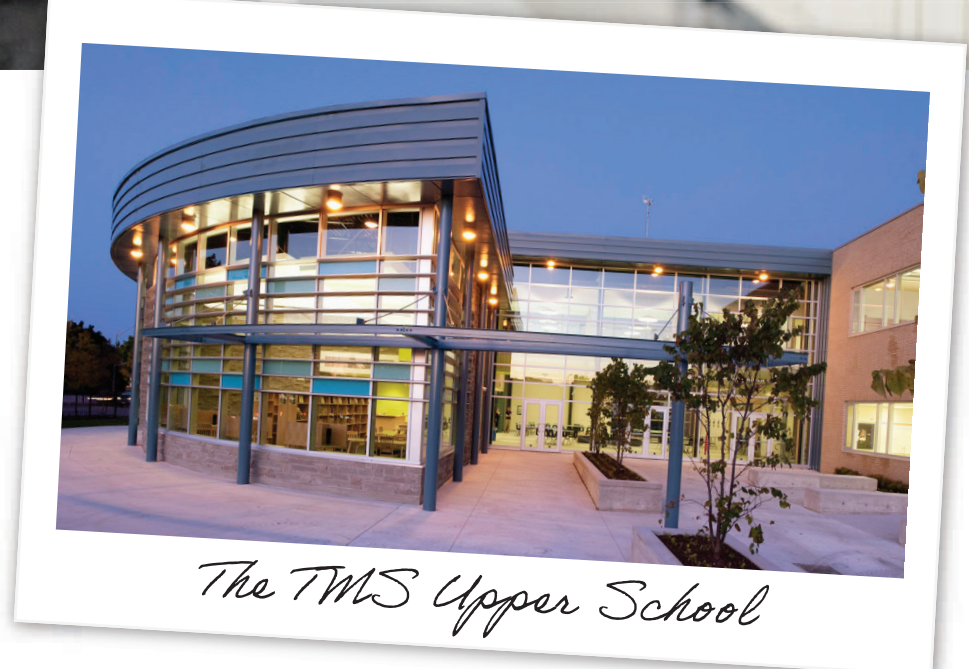


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Volunteers deserve thanks for yuletide efforts

By Julia Galt

It should come as no surprise that 2020 has hit community volunteer groups particularly hard. With fundraising events cancelled, gatherings restricted, and donations in short supply, King's volunteer groups have faced a year unlike any other.

This holiday season, few would have faulted local volunteer groups for putting a pause on the traditional festivities. With COVID-19 regulations and safety measures in place, however, community volunteer groups have pushed forward.

"It's been different this year; that's for sure," said Tom Wray, who volunteers with the Schomberg Village Association. "But the response we've got has been awesome."

Since 2007, the Schomberg Village Association has powered Schomberg's Main Street Christmas, a quarter century-old event that hosts the famed Farmers' Parade of Lights, Santa Clause Parade, craft show, and street festival. This year, the parade, craft show, and festival were out of the question; COVID-19 restrictions made gatherings of any size impossible, and the associated risks were too high. The 2020 Farmers' Parade of Lights, however, was able to soldier forward, with great credit given to the dedicated farmers and volunteers who made

the transition to a drive-through event possible.

"There's a big misconception that it's the Township that puts on these events and decorates the town," said Wray. "But it's small, local community groups, like the Schomberg Village Association and Agricultural Society, that are doing almost all of it."

Gracing Schomberg's streets this holiday season are 30 seven-foot-tall Christmas trees and 40 handmade hanging snowflakes, erected around town by volunteers and shining with solar lights.

Schomberg's Christmas tree lighting ceremony, another festive staple, was broadcast live by the Village Association as a virtual event.

"This year, there's been a really overwhelming need for something positive, something that resembles normal," said Wray. "We wanted to do different things that would lift people's spirits."

The result, after months of work, was a Christmas not too dissimilar from the ones Schomberg has had years previously. Over 650 cars drove through the stationary Farmers' Parade of Lights, while thousands of others were able to enjoy the festive charm offered by Schomberg's Main Street.

Throughout it all, volunteers from the Schomberg Village Association adhered to COVID-19 protocols, wearing masks, social distancing, and ensuring

no large gatherings took place.

"We really emphasized the rules and safety this year," said Wray. "We abided by all the COVID-19 protocols, and then some."

It goes without saying that the 2020 holiday season was one for the books. Lacking the funds typically raised through Main Street Christmas' tickets, and determined to keep the event free in a year rife with hardship, 100% of the season's cost came directly from the Schomberg Village Association themselves.

"We wanted to give back to the community," said Wray. "The response

we've gotten has been absolutely incredible. It's been heartfelt. Everyone has been saying that this is just what they needed."

"There were people entering the Farmers' Parade of Lights who were so overwhelmed with appreciation, they had tears in their eyes," said Charles Cooper, the Schomberg Village Association's President.

Those who donate to the Schomberg Village Association (online at <https://www.schomberg.ca/copy-of-postersales>) will receive a commemorative 2020 Main Street Christmas poster in thanks.

ASK presents photo contest

By Dorita Peer

Everywhere you look someone is holding a cell phone to their ear or thumbing a text message. And when they are not, they are snapping pictures. You have to wonder if the cell phone would have been the obsession it is without that little lens few can resist.

It may be the age of technology, but our primal instincts are finding the photographic hunt and the capture irresistible. Naturally, we mortals long to immortalize the moment.

We long to relive our feelings in the reactions of our friends. Some of us are professional trophy hunters. When that hawk owl visited Dufferin Marsh scores of very long lenses aimed and clicked and made that raptor world famous.

Whether you wield a smartphone or an SLR, now is your big chance to seize the ichi-go ichi-e moment and reap extra rewards.

Arts Society King is calling all shutterbugs to get out there and capture the coldest, warmest, most mystic and funniest winter sights in King Township during The White Hot Shot Winter Photo Contest. There are cash prizes, plus fame and glory when the winning photos will hang displayed in the windows at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre from Feb. 19 through March.

Separate divisions are open to pros and amateurs, so send in your entries from Jan. 15 to Feb. 15 for judging. For more, visit artsocietyking.ca



Drive-by birthday celebration

A local woman celebrated her birthday in novel fashion this year. Benilde Nalli marked her 97th birthday, with drive-by congratulations. She was born in Rome, Italy on Dec. 21, 1923.

In 1965 she and her three children immigrated to Canada to be reunited with her husband, daughter, son-in-law and her first newborn grandson.

Over the years she has created a beautiful life and family of 4 children, 10 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren (and more on the way).

She embraced this new world with optimism, worked hard, took English classes and obtained her driver's licence at the age of 55.

Benilda has always been a huge role model in the family. She raised her children to love the Lord. Her faith has always been strong and desires to continue passing this along not only to her children but her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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SSE 90 is the place to be for soccer development in 2021

By Robert Belardi

By no stretch of the imagination, is it easy to find the right fit for your child. It's an ever-growing affair. A relationship that seemingly tests the thinness of your patience as you slowly watch it piece itself together.

Soccer parents might be able to advocate for this. Numerous questions can surface on the development of their child in a system that seemed like on paper, it was the perfect fit.

And if it isn't, it's hard to filter through academy websites. Read right through glib messages and mumbo-jumbo back stories that try to prove how each academy is number one.

No wonder there can be a sense of feeling lost at some point. In most cases, word of mouth marketing of academies might be trustworthy. And there are plenty of academies now, that offer credible insight to the beautiful game as your child aims to reach their full potential.

Moving into 2021, SSE 90 has been a reputable academy for young soccer players since its inception in 2013 and it is something owner Valerio Rocca wants you to know.

SSE 90 has seen players head off to the United States on scholarship, one sign with Rimini in Italy and Mark Anthony Gonzalez, drafted by Sporting KC in the MLS.

Located in Southfields, on the edge of Caledon, Bolton and Brampton, Valerio has been reconstructing the delivery of the program this past year. Due to the pandemic, he's had an ample amount of time.

Throughout the summer months, his recreational and rep clubs were practicing three times a week and his academy created an inter-mural league within the club to keep his players engaged.

"It also provided us with an oppor-

tunity to see who is serious about the game," Rocca said.

"Because a serious player is going to find a way to train no matter what."

With 175 players in the system, it was time to preen the business model and heading into this year, the academy will be introducing more to their system to enhance player development.

Veo cameras will be introduced for individual and collective analysis of both training sessions and games. Heart rate and GPS monitors by Beyond Pulse have been purchased. Reaction and cognitive training devices by Blazepod will be used to look at player responses.

The academy will also introduce Playermaker, a device that tracks touches on the ball on both your right and left foot in a session and one, that isn't found everywhere.

"Besides TFC (Toronto FC), we're the only academy that provides this kind of software," Valerio explained.

SSE 90, currently holds a Canada Soccer Provincial Level 1 Club License. And despite the obvious, of coaching and developing players within the academy for a professional route, college route or soccer for life route, Valerio is also investing in a parent education program.

"Every quarter, we will hold a seminar with the parents on how they can help us. Parents play a major role. When you want to talk about high performance and a player, playing a major role in games, parents play a major role in that."

Every quarter, Valerio plans to bring in a health expert to discuss nutrition. Three times a season, the athlete will undergo fitness tests. And if these assets to the program may not convince you to enrol your child in SSE 90, surely the credentials will have a major say.

Valerio has been invited to complete his U.S. Soccer Premier Diploma next



year. In the past five years, he has completed his FIFA "A" Professional International Coaching License, Canadian National "B" License, Ontario Soccer Technical Director Diploma and is currently the Vice-President of the National Soccer Coaches Association of Canada (NSCAC).

So when he began hiring his team, he said it wasn't that simple. It takes a lot to trust somebody to enter the fold and comply with your ideologies and beliefs. But with his current staff, he believes this is the perfect fit.

He hired goalkeeper coach Anto-

nio Rojas first and then fitness coach George Bull. It didn't take long for the reputation to circulate within the soccer community, leading UEFA licence holder Geoff Strauch to join the staff, USA National B licence holder Mario De Roia to come in and University of Nipissing player Julia Preville to come in for a youthful presence.

For more information and registration on the website you can head to sse90.com and contact Valerio Rocca directly for any questions for this upcoming 2021 year at valerio@sse90.com.

Esports streaming has seen quite an influx in viewership this past year

By Robert Belardi

It's been a tough year for sports. But a certain sport, that has seen a surge in viewership, competition and value is one you can play at home.

Esports coverage, interest and participation has been proliferating for some time now. YouTubers and Twitch streamers have made killings on the internet streaming their video games. And then competing in world-wide competitions, leaving their thumbs all up to the task of earning them the big bucks.

It might sound crazy. How do people watch other people play video games? What's the drive behind it? Although these are all predicated around numerous unknown reasons, the fact of the matter is, people enjoy it. Here are some facts and projections discovered by The Sentinel over the winter holidays.

This past November, the streaming website Twitch, surpassed its previous record set in October as viewers watched over 1.7 billion hours of online gaming in the month alone according to Venture Beat.

Women make up more than 40% of the gaming lifestyle scene according to StreamElements chief executive officer Doron Nir.

Esports is valued at \$950 million U.S. and is projected to grow to \$1.6 billion by 2023 according to Statista.

Twitch represented 91.1% of esports streaming in Q3 of 2020 according to StreamLabs.

495 million viewers tuned into esports in 2020 and this number is expected to rise to 695 million by 2023 according to Roundhill Investments.

Published on the House of Highlights and the Score's Instagram page, gamer Skylar Howard researched the University of Kentucky's Twitch page to recently discover the school invested into the esports industry.

Sports news site Bleacher Report,

also had their gaming page tagged in the post.

In esports folklore, Twitch is the most popular platform used.

The Amazon owned streaming-service is home to some of the most popular figures.

Ninja, also known by Richard Blevins, who famously made his name playing Fortnite, currently has 16.5 million followers on Twitch, followed by his compatriot from the United States Turner Tenney (Tfue).

In third on the list, is Mississauga's very own Michael Grzesiek (Twitch name Shroud) with 8.6 million followers on his account, playing predominantly Apex Legends.

Video games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends and even Call of Duty have surfaced as some of the most sought out games to watch.

As for sports games themselves, Madden, NBA, FIFA and NHL are of course the most popular.

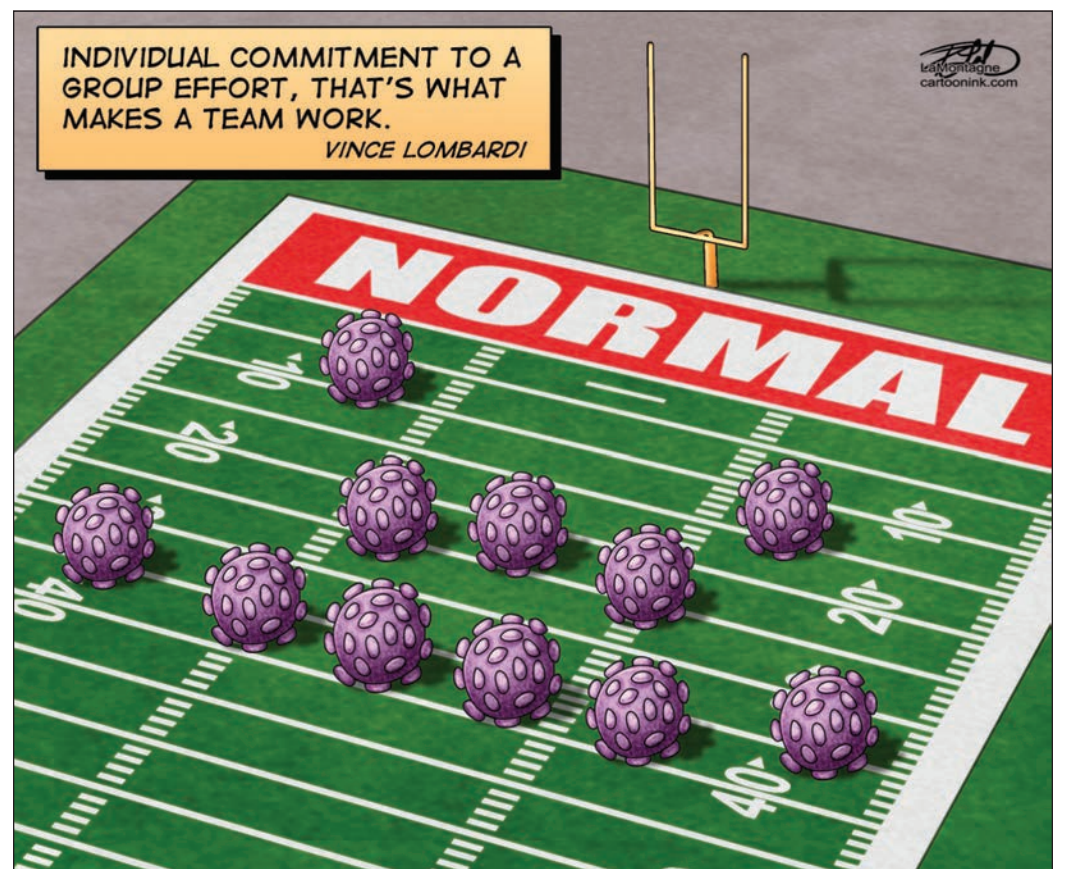
Back in April of 2020, Washington Capitals forward Alexander Ovechkin took on the great one Wayne Gretzky on Twitch in an NHL charity tournament while in quarantine.

Recently in December, EA Sports FIFA Twitch page completed the competition's FIFA Global Series Europe Qualifier's reaching 943,869 viewers on the channel.

While continuing to surpass thresholds that were in its way, the growth of esports has led a university to begin a program. It has provided commentary and journalistic positions for many people and is quite the money-maker if you can enhance viewership experience with your ravishing gameplay.

With expectations set to rise exponentially over the course of a three-year projection and with the recent release of the Xbox Series X/S and the PlayStation 5, it prompts the mysterious question; how far can this really go?

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Nobleton United Church holds Nativity drive-thru

Smiles on children's faces said it all.

Amidst a pandemic lockdown, the miracle of Christmas returned to Nobleton as families visited the Nativity Drive-Thru at Nobleton United Church. The evening featured a traditional nativity scene with Mary (Olivia Budweth), Joseph (Danny Dorval) and Baby Jesus; Santa arranged by Gino DiFebo; the Nativity Donkey (played by Phil); a video explaining the Christmas story and a blessing by Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman. Each child and visiting car received a small gift. The grounds were lit by lots of Christmas lights as fluffy snow fell softly as Christmas music played.

Hearts were touched when a little girl said that she wanted to make a donation to the church "because the church helps people." She then voluntarily handed over her Christmas savings to the donation basket. Truly, this little girl understood the message of Christmas better than many adults.

Rev. Chapman knew that the pandemic would prevent their usual "Breakfast with Santa" and other Christmas activities. Knowing that any event would need to be held outdoors due to the pandemic, the idea of a drive-thru seemed like a good way to reach out safely to the community. All participants wore masks while those attending stayed safe in their cars. Gifts were handed off with poles to avoid any possibility of viral spread.

Andrew Winter brought it all together with his small crew of helpers. Phil, the donkey, travelled from Schomberg and delighted everyone with his antics. In fact, Phil enjoyed the evening so much, he didn't want to get into his trailer for the trip back home to the barn! Lynda Rogers and Sharon Birks worked on getting toys and treats ready.

Nancy Hopkinson summed it up beautifully: "I haven't seen so many smiles in a long time. This was something that helped to make up for some of the sadness of the isolation imposed because of COVID-19."



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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

This Sunday, Jan. 10, Jeff's message is entitled, "Not Quite Libertarian," based on Romans 13:1-7.

Due to the lockdown, our in-person gatherings are cancelled until further notice. Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca live each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages at www.stpaulsnobletonchurch.ca.

Life Connect Groups will be reconvening online sometime this month. Details will be provided shortly. 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.

We plan to run an Alpha course this year, online once again. If you're looking for a Zoom gathering that will provide a safe place for you to learn and explore, ask questions, discuss, share

opinions, make friends and have fun, all in a Jesus-centred environment, check out <https://alphacanada.org/en>, and watch this space in the new year for online meeting nights.

St. Mary's

Dear parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish and St. Mary's Mission, following the recent announcements from the Ontario Medical Officer and the Archdiocese of Toronto, the celebration of public Holy Mass has been cancelled. All Masses will be celebrated privately. The Sunday Holy Mass will be Livestreamed. Please refer to the parish bulletin for Livestreamed Mass schedule by visiting our website: www.spmchurch.ca and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stpstmchurch to participate in the Livestreamed Mass.

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We continue to have recorded online worship each Sunday that can be received by e-mail, viewed on the Nobleton Facebook page, or via the No-

bleton 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.

If you would like to support our ministry, you can find us on Canada-Helps.org.

You can contact Carol-Ann at ministernobletonschomberg@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-clubhouse.org/sites/nobleton/>

Also of note is an ongoing service that the Club is offering to people in self-isolation and others unable to leave their homes. The Lions are providing a free delivery service for Pharmasave prescriptions. Just call Club

president Rick Evans at 1-905-806-9988, and we will drop packages outside your door.

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest via Zoom at an upcoming meeting by contacting our Club president. From all of us to all of you, please respect the guidelines from our health authorities, and Stay Safe! We're in this together!



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708 OBITUARIES

Earl Lowe

Lowe, John Earl, in his 100th year, passed away peacefully at his home in Kingsmere Retirement Residence (Alliston) on December 28th 2020. Predeceased by Kay his loving wife for 68 years and his loved daughter Janet Hawkins (Brian). Beloved father to David (Ruth), Marion Taylor (John) and Don (Anne Marie). Proud grandfather to Jennifer Fletcher (Tom) and Jessica Oxtan (Jamie) and great grandfather to William Fletcher.

Earl was the 4th of nine children born to John (Jack) and Annie Lowe of Ramsay Township in Lanark County northwest of Ottawa. He is predeceased by his siblings Hilda, Elva, Jean, Roy, Gladys, Doris and Elsie and survived by his dear sister Edna McNeely.

Earl was a WW II veteran, serving in the RCAF as a radar technician for 4 years. While Earl's formal education was minimal his drive for learning, an inquisitive nature and a knack for fixing things helped him build a successful working career as a leading salesperson and manager for RCA Victor Canada.

Earl married the love of his life, Kay, in 1951. They moved to Toronto and a few years later Earl built the family home in the small hamlet of Laskay in King Township. They raised their four children in that close-knit community and resided there happily for fifty years. In 2005 they moved to Alliston to be closer to family.

Earl and Kay were stalwart community supporters while living in the King area and when they moved to Alliston, Earl enjoyed and supported the Knox Church community, the Alliston Legion and the Borden Golf club.

Earl loved the outdoors and enjoyed gardening, camping and fishing. He was an enthusiastic, skilled golfer and played regularly into his mid 90's when failing eyesight forced him to quit.

Earl and Kay were extremely fortunate to enjoy a long and healthy retirement together. They were able to travel, spend winters in Florida, and visit family and friends often. Family was very important to Earl. He was always supportive and keenly interested in each of our lives.

Earl will be missed and fondly remembered by family and friends, but we are happy he is now free to rejoin his beloved Kay. Many thanks to the staff and caregivers at Kingsmere Retirement Residence for the good care and comfort they provided to Earl in the final months of his life.

Due to Covid lock-down restrictions there will be no public funeral or celebration of life for Earl at this time. The family will gather privately later this spring to celebrate and honour his life.

Donations in memory of Earl may be made to Matthews House Hospice or Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation in Alliston.

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708 OBITUARIES

Browne; June Marie

Peacefully at Elginwood Long Term Care, Richmond Hill, on Saturday, December 26th, 2020. Marie (Cole), beloved wife of the late Edward (Ed) Browne. Loving mother of David (Janet), and Stephen (Sandra). Sadly missed by her grandchildren Andrew (Samantha), Sarah, and her great-granddaughter Taylor. The family wishes to express their heartfelt thanks to Mackenzie, Marie's personal care worker, for her compassionate care. A private family celebration will be held. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, 905-936-3477. www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

708 OBITUARIES

Wendy Marilyn McKay

Passed away peacefully, with her loving husband by her side on Sunday, December 27, 2020 in her home in Nobleton. Wendy was 79 years old and the beloved wife of Gerry McKay for 60 years. She was the loving mother of William McKay and Peggy Savage, and Denise and Shayne Cannon. Cherished grandmother of Shelby Savage and Justine Cannon. Proud great-grandmother of William and Kylie Savage; Mia and Cruz Agüero. Dear great-great-grandmother of Donovan, Jasper and Mabel Savage. Dear sister of Wayne and Anne Cowan, Gary and Heather Cowan, Gordon and Mary Cowan, Glen (deceased) and Laura Cowan, Philip and Michelle Cowan, Gail and Larry Hosking. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements by Egan Funeral Home, Bolton (905-857-2213). Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

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**King City United
By Sheryl Sinka**

King City United wishes you a happy and safe New Year. We pray that all will be safe and in God's care in 2021 and that you and your extended families and friends will experience joy, love and peace in the coming year.

Our Jan. 10 worship will be available online at 10 a.m. on Sunday with Rev Andrew K. Lee presiding. You can also access the worship off our website at kcuc.net If you would like to emails please contact the church at kcuc@bell-net.ca to be put on the list.

While we are in grey lockdown in the province of Ontario, we have moved back to worshipping online only. We will update you when we resume on-site worship but we hope that you will stay home, stay safe and join with us virtually. 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.

If you have any questions you may contact the King City office for more information at 905-833-5181.

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

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

If you are in need of assistance please contact the office at 905-833-5181.

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

Happy New Year to all!

Join us online at standrews-kingcity.ca as we continue to worship together into 2021! YouTube was very busy Christmas Eve; however, we managed to have our online service two hours later at 9 p.m.! It was worth the wait and we wish to thank all who participated, especially to Lynn Vissers and Dirk deRoos.

Our Sunday morning services are held at 10:15 a.m. and following the service, "Coffee Fellowship" is held. Pour yourself a coffee or tea and click on your invite link. Get in touch with Lynn or Kathy at 905-833-0391 if you need the link.

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

Also, should you need to contact Pastor Niyazi or Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship, call 416-878-8499.

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.

**All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage**

For events and online service times during the lockdown please check our website at www.allsaintskingcity.com or our Facebook page for recorded services as well www.facebook.com/AllSaintsKing.com. We continue with thanks to worship, pray, and praise God together and all are welcome to join in.

Special Bible Study – On the next two Mondays our bible study group will continue watching a three-part webinar given by University of Victoria professor John Burrows. As an indigenous scholar and person of faith, he blends native spirituality and history to help us better understand what reconciliation really means. To participate e-mail Leah Springford at leahs49@sympatico.ca

Last Sunday Fr. Michael used as his text Ephesians 3, 9-10: "The plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places."

"Paul's letter to the Ephesians tells us momentous things about the role of the church as an ordained part of God's plan for the salvation of the world and the defeat of God's cosmic enemies, sin and death.

"But first the story of the Magi from today's Gospel in Matthew. They tell

King Herod that "we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage". Matthew saw the Magi as heralds of the incarnation, as faithful foreigners who used their intellects to follow God's leading and to make God in Jesus known to the world. The Magi are included in the gospel because they point to Jesus. They see God revealing God's self in the star and in the babe in Bethlehem, and they respond to it. The Magi are thus an example for us, so that we are ready to recognize God in Christ and to respond with gratitude and adoration to our Saviour.

"Paul likely didn't know any of the nativity stories. What he did know and preach was that God had revealed himself to us in Christ. His commission, Paul explains, is to help others 'to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.' (Eph 3.4-5). The mystery that is now made clear is that all people, Jews and Gentiles – even magicians from far off Persia! – may be saved by becoming God's family – 'heirs, members of the same body' – through Jesus. Paul writes that it is 'through the church' that God's plan is to save the world in Christ.

The church is part of God's plan, not ours – God has now revealed this plan 'so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known'. The church is God's gift to us to manage. If any church needed a mission statement, there it is. In our case, All Saints King City exists to show the world God's plan to save the world."

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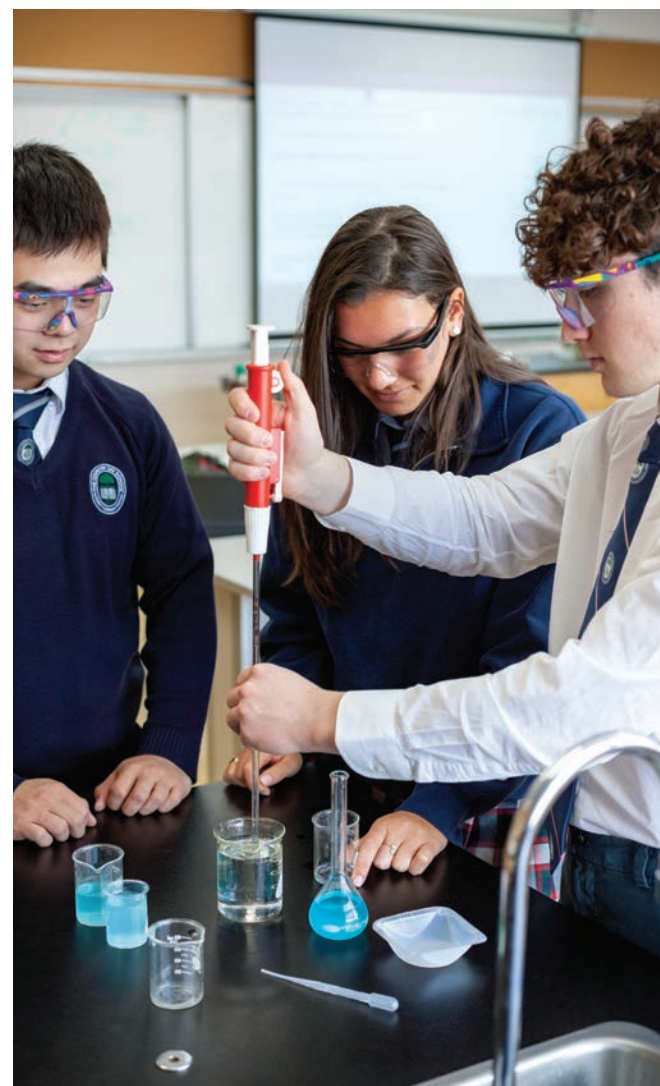
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