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Walk marks first anniversary of air tragedy

A sombre, peaceful walk honoured all 176 victims of Ukrainian Flight 752, which was shot down Jan. 8, 2020. A Nobleton man reflects on his personal loss, and the search for truth and justice. Turn to page 3 for the full story.

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Province issues stay-at-home order

By Mark Pavilons
 Editor
 Local Journalism Initiative

Residents are being told to stay home, as the province is in the grips of a COVID-19 emergency.

In response to a doubling in COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks, the real and looming threat of the collapse of the province's hospital system Premier Doug Ford issued a new stay-at-home order Tuesday.

"The latest modelling data shows that Ontario is in a crisis and, with the current trends, our hospital ICUs will be overwhelmed in a few short weeks with unthinkable consequences," said Premier Ford. "We need people to only go out only for essential trips to pick up groceries or go to medical appointments. By doing the right thing and staying home, you can stay safe and save lives."

Effective Thursday, Jan. 14, at 12:01 a.m., the government is issuing a stay-at-home order requiring everyone to remain at home with exceptions for essential purposes, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, accessing health care

services, for exercise or for essential work. This order and other new and existing public health restrictions are aimed at limiting people's mobility and reducing the number of daily contacts with those outside an immediate household. In addition to limiting outings to essential trips, all businesses must ensure that any employee who can work from home, does work from home.

Additional public health measures include:

- Outdoor organized public gatherings and social gatherings are further restricted to a limit of five people with limited exceptions.
- Individuals are required to wear a mask or face covering in the indoor areas of businesses or organizations that are open. Wearing a mask or face covering is now recommended outdoors when you can't physically distance.
- All non-essential retail stores, including hardware stores, alcohol retailers, and those offering curbside pickup or delivery, must open no earlier than 7 a.m. and close no later than 8 p.m.

Further, schools in York will not return to in-person instruction until Feb. 10.

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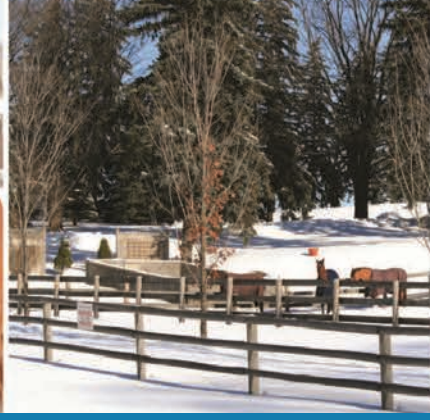
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, January 25
6:00 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://meeting.king.ca>

Monday, February 1
6:00 pm – Council Public Planning Meeting

Monday, February 8
6:00 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://meeting.king.ca>

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

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

Thursday, February 11
3:00 pm – Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board (virtual meeting)

Tuesday, February 16
6:00 pm – King Township Public Library Board (virtual meeting)

BID NOTICES

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

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

• **Public Works – Roads Supervisor – closes January 20, 2021 at noon**
Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

PUBLIC NOTICES

King Township - Community Improvement Plan Review
Notice of Virtual Public Open House



King Township is undertaking a review and update of its Community Improvement Plan. The Community Improvement Plan was approved by Council in 2014 to set out a strategy for revitalizing and improving the Township. All interested persons are invited to join a **Virtual Public Open House** to learn about this project and to provide input. The success of this Plan will greatly benefit from our community's input!

What is the Township of King's Community Improvement Plan?

Using the Community Improvement Plan, the Township can make grants available to property owners and businesses. A Community Improvement Plan is prepared in accordance with Section 28 of Ontario's *Planning Act*. This tool is commonly used by municipalities to promote community revitalization. The King Township Community Improvement Plan, approved in 2014, currently focuses on making grants available to property owners and businesses in the core areas of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. The Plan includes programs to promote business facade/signage improvements; landscaping/property improvements; accessibility/cycling; as well as other matters. To learn more about the Plan, visit <https://speaking.king.ca/community-improvement-plan> for links and information.

Why is the Township updating the Community Improvement Plan?

Now that the Plan is approximately 6 years old, there is a need to review its relevance and effectiveness. In particular, there is an opportunity to make grants available within other areas of the Township, including the Hamlets and rural/agricultural areas. There is also an opportunity to consider grants that will help businesses adapt to the current pandemic and future trends.

What is the timing for the Community Improvement Plan Review?

The Review and Update to the Community Improvement Plan is targeted for completion by approximately May 2021, in order to bring the programs into effect as soon as possible. In addition to this planned Virtual Public Open House, a future public meeting with Council is targeted to occur in early March, 2021.

When and where is the Virtual Public Open House?

The Virtual Public Open House is being held on **January 27, 2021 from 6 pm - 8 pm**. This event is being held virtually due to restrictions and guidance related to the ongoing pandemic. A presentation will begin at approximately 6:15 pm, followed by a period for discussion and questions.

Registration is required to attend the Virtual Public Open House. To register for the Virtual Public Open House, please visit <https://speaking.king.ca/community-improvement-plan> to access the registration page, where you must sign-up to participate. You will be able to join the Public Open House via a computer or a telephone. The link and phone number will be emailed to you on the day of the Public Open House. Registration closes at noon (12:00 pm) on January 27th.

We would be pleased to discuss any requested accommodations and accessibility needs. Please email or call Kristen Harrison at kharrison@king.ca or (905) 833-4065 for more information or if you have a special request.

If I am unable to attend the Virtual Public Open House, where can I find more information?

If you are unable to join the Virtual Public Open House, please visit <https://speaking.king.ca/community-improvement-plan> starting on February 1 to view the presentation and recording of the Virtual Public Open House. We welcome and encourage your input into this project. The success of the Community Improvement Plan will depend on the community's involvement. Should you have any questions or comments, please contact: Kristen Harrison, Policy Planner, Township of King by email at kharrison@king.ca or (905) 833-4065.

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.

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.

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Justice is the only way to find closure for families of victims

By **Mark Pavilons**
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

The sudden loss of family members in what's being called an act of "murder" is incomprehensible.

In an instant, the blink of an eye, all hopes, dreams and future plans are gone.

That's what family members of 176 passengers who died on Ukrainian Flight PS752 are struggling with. The aggressive act by the Iranian military took place Jan. 8, 2020.

The pandemic has derailed plans for large-scale, open vigils or ceremonies to mark the anniversary and the loss.

But for people like Nobleton's Shahin Moghaddam, the event was marked with a small, intimate family gathering, under current lockdown rules. He lost his 39-year-old wife Shakiba Feghahati, and their 10-year-old son Rosstin Moghaddam.

He planted two trees in front of his home and he often sees residents stopping to pay tribute, or leave flowers behind.

A walk of remembrance in Toronto, with supporters carrying photos of all victims, took place through empty city streets.

Moghaddam and many other family members shared a teleconference with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and MPs Jan. 7.

The messages of support and condolences do little to ease the pain.

Moghaddam said few can relate to his situation and the pandemic hindered regular gatherings with friends, family

and other victims, as a means of healing.

He still can't sleep through the night and he's taken a lot of time off of work.

He said most of us plan our lives – we go to school, graduate, get jobs and settle down to raise families. We set goals.

"There is no hope, no future (for us)," he said. "Our plans are gone."

Aside from the emotional scars, the reality of the world comes crashing in. Bills pile up and there has been no relief for families from any source or any government.

Moghaddam pointed out several families of victims had to sell their homes and cars just to pay their bills.

"This is our real life," he observed.

Moghaddam was instrumental in forming the Association of Families of Flight PS752 Victims. With contacts throughout Iran, they're doing their own investigation, raising awareness and lobbying the government to take action.

"One of the central missions of our Association is to seek justice and investigate the truth of the events leading to the attack on Flight PS752," says the group's website.

This is important for two reasons, they say. First, the only way to bring any closure to the families of victims is by disclosing the truth and punishing the perpetrators. Second, this process is crucial in reducing the chances of similar events from occurring in future by forcing the parties at fault to alter their dangerous behaviour.

"We, the families of victims, want a full investigation into all circumstances and decision-making related to the attack on flight PS752 and the murder

of its passengers and crew. We will not rest until the perpetrators are brought to justice."

Through consultations with top lawyers in the field of international law and human rights, the Association is working with all interested governments to advance these goals. They are consolidating information from families and collecting all relevant facts from external sources.

"We call on all individuals with relevant information to please come forward and help us in our mission."

For more, visit the website at <https://www.ps752justice.com/>

Moghaddam said plans are in the works for a petition, to be presented in Parliament.

While the Canadian government has been open and receptive to the families, Moghaddam wants stronger action, calling for the Iranian government to be held accountable in world court. Seeing the accused in court is really the only "justice" for families, he said.

They're waiting on Canada's official response following Iran's final report on the matter. He hopes Canadian and Ukrainian officials will lead the way and get things done.

Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 was tragically shot down by two successive surface-to-air missiles of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) shortly after taking off from Tehran's Imam Khomeini International Airport (IKA) on Jan. 8, 2020. All 176 passengers and crew were killed. These passengers included citizens of Iran, Canada, Ukraine, Sweden, Afghanistan, and the United Kingdom.



Of the 167 passengers, 138 were traveling to Canada via Ukraine, including 55 Canadian citizens and 30 permanent residents. The majority of the passengers were children, university students, distinguished academics, and eminent professionals who had travelled during Christmas break. This atrocious attack robbed many young souls of their hopes and dreams, left countless families deeply scarred, and shook the conscience of the world.

The largest Canadian loss of life since the 1980s, this devastating crash claimed 57 citizens, including men, women and children. York region students, an eye surgeon, two realtors, a York Region employee and a dentist with ties to York, also perished in the crash.

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- Michael Connelly

Aging is part of the journey to what's next

"Who among us says, 'Yippee, I'm getting older?'"

- Jens Voigt

I have a few body parts that aren't too pleased with me.

At least that's how my family doctor put it to me recently. A nice way of saying I have some age-related failings.

I recently developed pain in my neck, shoulder and upper arm. Since I am not a professional baseball pitcher and no longer use a jackhammer, I'm not sure where my unkind soreness originated.

My MD said some are old stresses, with related calcium deposits. And there's a bit of arthritis creeping in.

Arthritis? Isn't that what seniors get? OMG.

Dashing to and fro, and infrequently glancing in the mirror, I had considered myself a dashing 40-something. In reality, I overstayed my welcome in that age bracket long ago.

Inside this happy-go-lucky comedic body is, alas, an aging machine. Even though it was made perfectly, as all human babies are, that was a while ago.

Heck, the year I was created, things like microwaves and even push-button phones did not exist! Oh, woe is me!

While galavanting around the cosmos is for the young, I really hope I haven't outlived my usefulness.

I gave up my dream of being a Chipendale dancer many moons ago, long before I ever heard of Spanx. Even with some modern, form-fitting bodywear, I'd still look like Mr. Potato Head after being stretched in a medieval rack.

But maybe I can trick my body, and defy nature. Perhaps I can cheat the ag-



Mark Pavilons

ing process with copious amounts of magnesium, milk thistle and turmeric. I could even take a bath in epsom salts.

It's funny, you know, this aging thing. When I look at my wife and I, I really believe the years have been kind to us. I don't feel much different than I did when we were married. Okay, my sprints are shorter and "Starsky and Hutching" it over the hood of my Buick is now out of the question.

But as we share the effects of gravity, it just gives us even more character. My laugh lines are even more pronounced, maybe because I continue to chuckle on a daily basis.

"Aging gracefully means being flexi-

ble, being open, allowing change, enjoying change and loving yourself."

- Wendy Whelan

I do spout off aloud in the comfort of my home that I'm getting too old for this or that. While my young, witty charges respond with snappy barbs, my wife says it's an excuse. Sure it is, but what excuses are left? As a responsible spouse, parent and homeowner, I simply can't say "I don't want to."

And yet, that's how my middle child responds when I ask about certain chores.

No one WANTS to, but often we HAVE to.

It's just like aging. No one wants to deteriorate, slow down and suffer from a loss of our senses.

Everyone in my household says I'm losing my hearing. So, the TV has to go up a notch and obviously everyone around me is mumbling! I could just twist my head around to the good side!

Many "experts" will say that age is all in the mind, and there are many ways to stay fit and young at heart. That's true. But what's also a scientific fact is that many of our inner processes, hormones and various other chemicals, all change, slow down and work less efficiently. This all leads to a slow degeneration. All the walks in the forest and dark green veggies won't change that.

Is it attitude, genetics, the environment or metaphysical influences that impact our aging process?

Maybe all of the above.

Of course, there is one option, albeit a bit out of reach at this point in time. Astronauts don't age at the same rate as we down here on terra firma.

So my friends, the answer is for all of us to get shot into space!

I'm in. While some view death as the "final adventure," I happen to think outer space is where it's at.

But then again, we can always turn to our faith, and even the supernatural to

give us some eternal hope.

An interesting Netflix show on near-death experiences and other related phenomena, piqued my interest.

One woman surgeon technically drowned, and was "dead" for roughly 30 minutes before being revived. Most medical practitioners say that's far too long to ever be revived successfully. She told her story of visiting a serene, euphoric plane of existence. Aside from the marvels of this apparent glimpse into the afterlife, she received word that her eldest son would not live past 19. She lived with that "knowledge" for a decade before it actually came to pass.

Others profiled in the show reported leaving their bodies briefly and having a look around the operating room, watching the goings-on. Their accurate descriptions caught doctors by surprise. They all said there is simply no way the person could have seen or heard those events.

Another episode featured channeling mediums.

While some of this has to be taken with a grain of salt, almost every culture and religion on the planet believes in some form of afterlife, or life everlasting. The miracle of Christ's resurrection is something we're all familiar with.

There are also thousands of near-death experiences on file, so it makes one stop and ponder.

I've often believed that this existence on Earth can't be all there is. It's too self-centred, often too painful, to be all there is.

Critics will say that religion and the belief in an afterlife are only coping mechanisms.

But our universe, our understanding of existence, is still so new that I believe anything, and I mean anything, is possible.

So friends, enjoy the aging process. We'll all be joking about it on the other side!

Letter to the Editor

Emissions are increasing

In 12/24/20 KWS there is a letter from our MPP, Minister Lecce, where he identifies the numerous initiatives of the Ontario Government to protect the environment.

After reading it several times I am struck by what is NOT said. I will focus on one missing headline: greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Ontario are increasing and they will continue to do so because of our increasing dependence on gas fired generators to produce our electricity.

In contrast to the missing headline Minister Lecce identifies that a "crucial initiative" to reduce GHG is increasing the renewable content in regular-grade gasoline by 2030 as such is equivalent to removing 300,000 cars.

This initiative and its alleged value upsets me greatly. First: it is an initiative more appropriate for the 1990s, not in 2020. We should be reading about the goal for number of electric cars in Ontario by 2030.

Secondly, some Google research and arithmetic suggests that this initiative is trivial. Per US EPA regular vehicle emits 4.6 tonnes CO2/yr; Minister Lecce's 3000,000 cars emit 1.4 million tonnes/year. This improvement is drowned in the tsunami of GHG from our electricity generation. From 2020 to 2025 GHG emitted from our electricity generation is projected to rise from 4.8 to 10 million tonnes.

The crucial and very bold initiative Minister Lecce should be announcing is the phase out of all gas fired generation. As his riding hosts a gas fired generator, which will likely run more frequently when Pickering is shut down (the latter being the trigger for increased usage of gas generation), this would be of great interest.

Multiple municipalities, including King Township, in the last three months, have passed resolutions to ask the Province to phase out the gas generators by 2030. As identified in these resolutions there are alternatives, and their implementation are a means of reducing cost of electricity in Ontario.

Debbie Schaefer

King Township Councillor



Quote of the Week

"Know more today about the world than you knew yesterday and lessen the suffering of others. You'd be surprised how far that gets you."

- Neil deGrasse Tyson

Trivia Tidbits

Not surprisingly, Switzerland consumes the most chocolate per capita.

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Results from last week's poll:

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



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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you concerned about the rising cases of COVID-19?

- a) Yes
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PUBLIC NOTICES



Want to learn about what's in the 2021 Municipal Budget and provide feedback? Join us at a virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) on Jan. 20 from 6 pm – 8 pm.
Pre-registration is required. If you would like to watch the online presentation and provide feedback, please email ptollett@king.ca by January 19th, 2021 (By Noon). Prior to the meeting you will receive information on how to login to watch the PIC and provide feedback. You can also review the Draft 2021 Budget, take a survey and provide feedback through our online engagement platform SpeakKing at <https://speaking.king.ca/2021-budget>

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

A virtual engagement Public Information Centre (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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NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY-LAW FOR THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Township of King passed Development Charges By-law 2021-002 (the "By-law") on the 11th day of January, 2021 under subsection 2(1) of the *Development Charges Act, 1997*, S.O. 1997 c.27 (the "Act"), as amended;

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or organization may appeal the By-law to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal (LPAT) as stipulated under Section 14 of the Act, in respect of the By-law, by filing with the Clerk of the Township of King on or before the 20th day of February, 2021 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons supporting the objection. (NOTE: If the final appeal date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the appeal date will extend to the first Monday at 4:30 p.m., following the last appeal day.)

The development charges in the By-law will apply to all new residential and non-residential development, subject to certain terms, conditions and limited exemptions as identified in the By-law.

Development charges are levied against new development to pay for the increased capital costs related to the provision of such municipal services as Water, Wastewater, Services related to a Municipal Roadway, Public Works and Waste Diversion.

The development charges imposed by the By-law, which comes into effect on January 12, 2021, are as follows:

Service/Class of Service	RESIDENTIAL					NON-RESIDENTIAL
	Single and Semi-Detached Dwelling	Multiplex	Large Apartments	Small Apartments	Special Care/Special Dwelling Units	(per sq.m. of Gross Floor Area)
Township-Wide Services:						
Services Related to a Highway	\$ 17,047	\$ 14,439	\$ 10,705	\$ 7,332	\$ 5,392	\$ 83.53
Fire Protection Services	958	811	602	412	303	4.74
Parks and Recreation Services	11,740	9,944	7,372	5,050	3,713	21.10
Library Services	1,587	1,344	997	683	502	2.80
Growth Studies	506	429	318	218	160	2.58
Total Township-Wide Services (A)	31,838	26,967	19,994	13,695	10,070	114.75
Urban Services						
Stormwater Services	391	331	246	168	124	1.94
Water Services	2,748	2,328	1,726	1,182	869	13.24
Water & Wastewater Studies and Capital Improvements	315	267	198	135	100	1.61
Total Urban Services (B)	3,454	2,926	2,170	1,485	1,093	16.79
Area Specific Services						
Wastewater Services - King City (C)	3,484	2,951	2,188	1,499	1,102	17.01
Wastewater Services - Nobleton (D)	3,976	3,368	2,497	1,710	1,258	4.41
Total King City (A + B + C)	\$ 38,776	\$ 32,844	\$ 24,352	\$ 16,679	\$ 12,265	\$ 148.55
Total Nobleton (A + B + D)	\$ 39,268	\$ 33,261	\$ 24,661	\$ 16,890	\$ 12,421	\$ 135.95
Total Schomberg (A + B)	\$ 35,292	\$ 29,893	\$ 22,164	\$ 15,180	\$ 11,163	\$ 131.54

No key map has been provided in this notice as the By-law applies to all lands located within the Municipal boundaries of the Township of King. Charges for water and wastewater are applicable where municipal services are available.

Due to the efforts to contain the spread of COVID-10, a copy of the By-law is available on the Township of King's website at www.king.ca

For further information regarding the 2020 Development Charges, please contact: Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance and Treasurer, ptollett@king.ca

DATED at the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON, this 14th day of January, 2021.

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Tax reduction helps strengthen seniors' security

Canadians are ringing-in the New Year with another tax reduction from the federal government—they can now earn more before paying any federal income tax. It's another important step forward for the middle class and those working hard to join it – and for seniors' financial security.

When the Liberal government's increases to the Basic Personal Amount are fully implemented in 2023, 4.3 million seniors will benefit, including 465,000 whose federal income tax will be reduced to zero. Every year, singles will save close to \$300 and couples will save nearly \$600.

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These savings will help seniors with everyday expenses, like groceries, hydro and deliveries.

It's part of the Liberal government delivering on their plan to make life more affordable for seniors.

That work started in 2016, when the first act of our new government was to pass the Middle Class Tax Cut to reduce personal income taxes. This saved affected Canadians an average of \$330 a year for singles and \$540 a year for couples.

Seniors depend on strong public pensions, and our government is committed to improving them.

We reversed the previous Conservative government's increase to the age of eligibility for Old Age Security (OAS) and the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS), restoring it to 65 years from 67 years. That put thousands of dollars back into the pockets of new seniors.

To help low-income seniors, we increased the GIS by \$947. And to help those low-income working seniors keep more of their benefits, we increased the GIS earnings exemption so they can earn up to \$5,000 without any reduction in benefits and get a partial exemption for their next \$10,000 in income.

To help seniors with extra expenses of the pandemic, we made one-time payments to seniors in April through the GST Credit and July through OAS. Together, they are worth over \$1,500 for a low-income couple, all tax-free. We also worked together with provinces and territories to increase the Canada Pension Plan's maximum yearly benefit for future retirees by about 50 percent, meaningfully reducing the risk of

not saving enough for retirement. The Quebec Pension Plan mirrored these improvements.

Our policies are showing positive results: 25 percent fewer seniors live in poverty than when we took office in 2015.

As seniors age, they are more likely to outlive their savings, have disabilities, be unable to work and be widowed – all while their health care costs are rising. To help address these pressures on older seniors' quality of life, the Liberal government has reaffirmed our commitment to increasing Old Age Security by 10 per cent once a senior turns 75.

Taken together, our government's ambitious and progressive measures are making a real difference in seniors' financial security, however, there is more work to do. Canadian seniors can always count on Liberals to listen, understand their needs and work hard to deliver for them.

By Deb Schulte

Canada's Minister of Seniors
MP for King-Vaughan

Township approves community grants

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

King's volunteer and charitable groups will benefit by grants supplied by the Township.

King approved distributing roughly \$14,000 to local organizations, while a total of \$23,000 was earmarked for the program. While typically approved and distributed in the spring, this year's process was delayed by pandemic related issues.

Several groups receive funding without having to apply. They included The Legion Poppy Fund, \$400; high school graduation awards, \$1,600; Nobleton firefighters (Victoria Day), \$1,000; Schomberg's A Main Street Christmas, \$750.

Grants were down this year, largely because many groups did not run programs or events and hence, did not require or request funding from the Township.

Those receiving grants were CHATS, \$2,000; Hope House Community Hospice, \$2,500; Kettleby Cemetery, \$500; Schomberg Horticultural Society, \$1,000; Southlake Foundation, \$2,500; St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, \$500; Schomberg Union Lodge 118, \$500.

As well, council agreed, back in 2018, to distribute unallocated grant money to the United Way Greater Toronto Southlake Foundation and MacKenzie Health. The \$2,916 in 2020 will be split three ways between these organizations.

We need to restore economic life

Our house is on fire. This was the refrain heard around the world until COVID-19 took our collective attention.

As we look forward to 2021 with hope how are we going to put out the fire and revive our economy? I found inspiration in an unusual place, listening to Canada's Mark Carney deliver the Reith lectures on the economy available free through the BBC.

As Mr. Carney elaborates, the economy is not isolated from our values, we direct the economy to help us deal with crisis and set our future direction. And our governments are in place to ensure our public values like health, clean air and water and education, essential to our quality of life are upheld. One-way government regulates powerful private interests from disrupting the public good is through policies and regulations.

As Mary Asselstine's letter noted last week many environmental policies have been dismantled that threaten the values we hold dear.

As we work to restore economic life after COVID we need all levels of

government to work together to take collective action. Infrastructure and community stimulus funding should support healthy communities like reducing tolls on the 407 for truck traffic, an idea put forward by many people, reiterated in a recent article by Paul Webster about the GTA West highway. Here are few more ideas ... keep farmers farming by holding firm on urban boundaries (an idea put forward by the Ontario Federation of Agriculture); relaxing zoning rules that restrict seniors from living communally as an alternative to long-term care; promoting renewable energy generation; protecting the Greenbelt; investing in electric vehicle fleets for school buses; and reinstating watershed planning expertise and regulations that support clean water and reduce flooding.

We can have a clean environment and robust healthy communities if we get the post-pandemic economy right.

Susan Lloyd Swail
Nobleton



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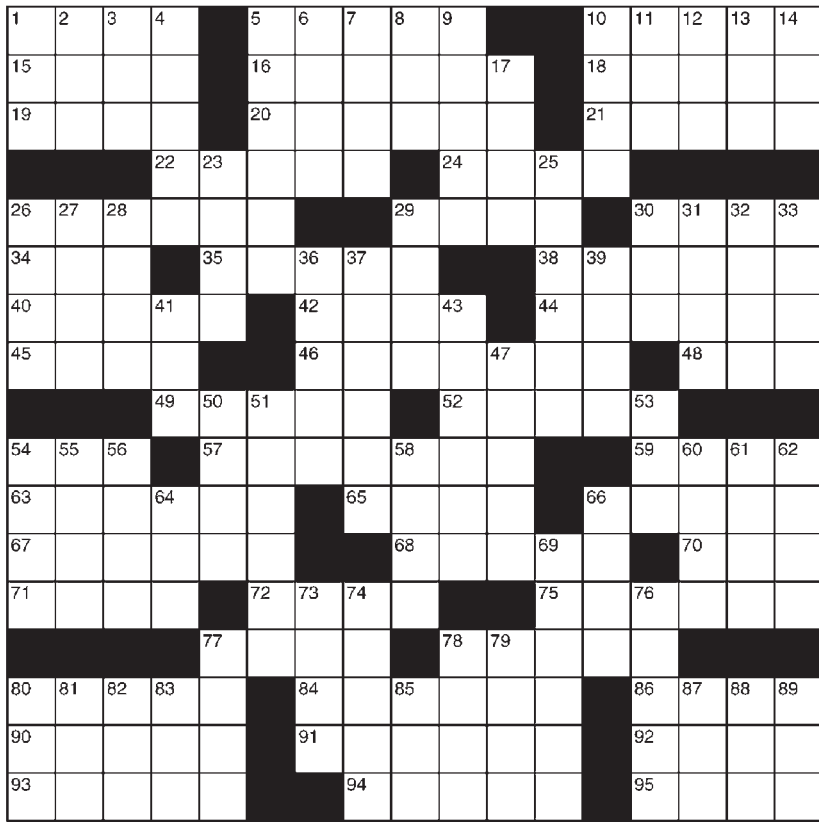
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COVID-19 vaccinations for long-term care homes a priority

By **Mark Pavilons**
Editor
 Local Journalism Initiative

The Ontario government is continuing the rollout of Phase One of its vaccine implementation plan by ensuring that all residents, health care workers and essential caregivers at long-term care homes in the priority regions of York, Toronto, Peel, and Windsor-Essex receive a COVID-19 vaccination by Jan. 21.

The government's vaccine rollout is well underway since launching in December. Frontline health care workers who participated in the successful Pfizer pilot program in Toronto and Ottawa received their second doses last week.

More than 50,000 people have been administered the Pfizer vaccine, including over 26,000 vaccinations administered to health care workers in long-term care homes and retirement homes, over 20,000 vaccinations admin-

istered to health care workers and nearly 1,000 vaccinations administered to residents.

Nearly 3,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine were administered to 24 long-term care homes between Dec. 31, 2020 and Jan. 3, 2021. An estimated 2 million vaccine doses are expected to arrive throughout the winter during Phase One of the province's vaccine implementation plan.

York Region Public Health had been directed to deliver the Moderna vaccine to the 28 long-term care homes in York Region. That began Jan. 2.

The staff within the homes would administer the vaccine to residents of the homes, with guidance from Public Health. The Pfizer vaccine would be administered within the hospital sector to staff of long-term care homes and essential caregivers.

The Ontario government has now asked the Public Health units in these areas to administer the Moderna vac-

cine directly to all residents, staff and essential caregivers within the long-term care homes in an effort to expedite the initial Phase 1 vaccination rollout.

The target York is working towards to complete is Thursday, Jan. 21.

"Ontario continues to make important progress in quickly and safely vaccinating our frontline health care workers, our most vulnerable and those at greatest risk, and we continue to administer doses to thousands of Ontarians across the province," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "Our Vaccination Distribution Task Force, led by General Rick Hillier, has put a plan in place to get these doses distributed and administered as quickly as possible and that plan is working."

On Dec. 30, Ontario received nearly 53,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine from the federal government. This first, small shipment is being used for a pilot in Toronto, York, Peel and Windsor-Essex to vaccinate residents at long-term care homes and high-risk retirement homes, with the vaccine being administered at select long-term care homes within a day of receiving the shipment.

As the rollout of COVID-19 vaccines continues, the Ontario government is investing an additional \$398 million during the second wave to reduce the risk of the virus from entering long-term care homes from the community. The new funding will help homes adhere to enhanced staff and visitor testing requirements and continue to improve COVID-19 prevention and containment. The new investment brings Ontario's total funding to protect long-term care homes since the start of the

COVID-19 pandemic to \$1.38 billion.

"We continue to do everything we can to help stop the spread of this virus and protect our most vulnerable, as well as the staff who have been working tirelessly to keep residents safe," said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care. "While we rollout the vaccine as quickly as possible, we are also providing additional support to help homes detect any cases early so that the virus can be contained."

"Ontario continues to follow the expert advice and recommendations of the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force in order to ensure the timely, effective and ethical execution of Ontario's immunization program," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "This investment, along with prioritizing long-term care homes in areas with high rates of COVID-19, will help protect our most vulnerable residents and keep Ontarians safe."

"We are getting the vaccine to those who need it most as quickly as possible," said General Rick Hillier (retired). "Every vaccination has the potential to save a life. Our focus is on getting the vaccines to the most vulnerable, as well as to the outstanding men and women who serve and care for our long-term care residents."

As part of Phase One, Ontario will continue to focus on vaccinating vulnerable populations, and those who care for them, as more vaccines become available. As the vaccination rollout continues, it remains critically important that all Ontarians continue following public health advice to protect our communities and most vulnerable populations, and to stop the spread of COVID-19.

Electric vehicle chargers coming to York

The federal government is pitching in to help boost electric vehicles in York Region.

Tony Van Bynen, MP for Newmarket-Aurora, on behalf of the Honourable Seamus O'Regan, Canada's Minister of Natural Resources, announced \$350,000 to help the Regional Municipality of York build 70 electric vehicle (EV) level 2 chargers to be installed across the region as part of the government's commitment to a low-carbon future.

Federal funding is provided through Natural Resources Canada's Zero-Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Program (ZEVIP), which supports the government's ambitious target that all new passenger cars sold in Canada by 2040 will be zero-emission. It also builds on the recent commitments made in the Speech from the Throne to make zero-emission vehicles more affordable while investing in more charging stations across the country.

The government has provided over \$300 million to support the establishment of a coast-to-coast network of fast chargers as well as charging in more localized areas, such as apartment buildings, on-street and workplaces. This investment also includes establishing natural gas refuelling stations along key freight corridors and hydrogen stations in metropolitan centres. The infrastructure resulting from these investments will ensure that people can drive and charge their vehicles across Canada. Funding will also support the demonstration of next-generation charging technologies as well as the development of enabling codes and standards.

The government continues to support green infrastructure projects that will create good jobs, advance Canada's green future and help us achieve net-zero emissions by 2050.

"We are providing greener options for Canadians to get where they need to go. This is how we get to net zero by 2050," said O'Regan.

"Achieving zero greenhouse emissions by 2051 is a strategic priority for York Regional Council. Through ongoing collaboration with the federal government and investments through the Zero-Emission Vehicle Investment Fund, York Region is able to take innovative steps to electrify our fleet and support public demand for zero-emission vehicles," stated Wayne Emmerson, York chair and CEO.

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Property values continue to rise across Ontario

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Despite today's challenges and financial burdens imposed by the pandemic, property values across Ontario continue to rise.

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) released its annual assessment rolls in Ontario and they tell an interesting story. Property values in Ontario increased by more than \$37 billion in 2020.

This specific growth comes strictly

from new construction and renovations to existing properties. MPAC did not reassess existing properties that did not undergo renovations in the past year.

In 2020 more than 36,000 new residential units and 16,000 residential condominium units were built in Ontario and there was a 28% year-over-year increase in the number of renovation permits in the province.

The top municipalities for new assessment include Vaughan, \$1.49 billion and nearby Brampton, \$1.11 billion.

MPAC estimates the value of all properties in the province to be more than \$3 trillion. These changes are summarized in the annual assessment rolls, which were delivered to municipalities across Ontario.

"Even during a pandemic, Ontario continues to grow as evidenced by the \$37.3 billion in new assessment across Ontario from new construction and improvements to existing properties," said Nicole McNeill, president and CAO. "In 2020 Ontario saw more than 36,000 new residential units and 16,000 residential condominium units. And with people spending more time at home this year we saw a 28% increase in the number of renovation permits this year as people invested in making improvements to their homes."

"We valued nearly 1,700 new commercial and industrial buildings across Ontario," added McNeill. "One area that saw substantial growth was the warehousing and logistics sector as we assessed eight new distribution centres with a total value of more than \$405 million."

Across Ontario, more than 60% of new property value was located in 10 municipalities. Toronto led the way with \$11.65 billion new assessment, followed by Ottawa at \$2.68 billion, Vaughan at \$1.49 billion, Hamilton at \$1.15 billion and Mississauga at \$1.14 billion.

In other areas of the province, a major driver of property value was the construction of seasonal properties. Cottages accounted for nearly \$600 million in new assessment. Muskoka Lakes had the largest growth with \$59 million in new assessment, followed by Lake of Bays with \$41 million, Seguin Township with \$37 million, Innisfil with \$28

million and the Kawartha Lakes with \$21 million.

Property values and new assessment numbers for the province continue to be based on Jan. 1, 2016, the valuation date for last province-wide Assessment Update. MPAC updates the current value assessment of every property in Ontario every four years to capture changes to properties and the real estate market.

In March, the Ontario government postponed the province-wide Assessment Update that was scheduled for this year.

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation funded by all Ontario municipalities, accountable to the Province, municipalities and property taxpayers through its 13-member Board of Directors. Their role is to assess and classify all properties in Ontario in compliance with the Assessment Act and regulations set by the Government of Ontario.

King Treasurer Peggy Tollett said MPAC is responsible for determining the current value assessment (CVA) of all properties in Ontario and providing municipalities with an up to date assessment roll. The assessment role is used to determine the tax rate.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ontario government has postponed the 2020 Assessment Update which means that the recently released assessment figures only reflects any additions, changes, or reductions that have materialized throughout the year and do not include any changes in assessment value. Basically, the municipality takes the assessment value and multiplies it by the tax rate which gives you the amount of property taxes.

King continues its CIP grants

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

King Township will be continuing to offer incentive grants in 2021. Staff will also be reviewing options and new ideas.

The Financial Incentives Program (FIP) component of the Community Improvement Plan is aimed at helping businesses in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg with physical improvements.

The CIP, in place for six years now, has put the Township on course for revitalizing the historic commercial cores in these three villages. Since its inception, \$259,954 has been granted.

Using a CIP, the Township provided financial incentives to property owners and tenants to stimulate investment and improve aesthetics of local properties and streetscapes. Staff noted that roughly 180 properties in these areas are eligible for the FIP.

The Township hopes to set aside \$75,000 per year through 2022.

In all, 34 grants have been distributed so far. In 2020, seven successful applicants shared \$56,000 in funding.

The results have been impressive. Staff pointed out that nine net new businesses have been established throughout King with help from the CIP grant program.

Most applicants require a lot of guidance and direction through the process, and staff is more than happy to provide it.

The application process has been designed to be fairly simple and responsive. But some applicants have had challenges in completing all the required sections and providing adequate supplementary information. The Township will continue to refine the process moving forward.

This past August, York council okayed COVID-related funding related to small business support. King's share is \$20,000 and staff hope to utilize the refreshed Township-wide CIP FIP to disburse these funds. They must be used by Dec. 31, 2021.

The purpose of the "refresh" is to reflect current policies in planning rules and King's OP.

The review will also address emerging issues and trends and improve effectiveness in "advancing economic prosperity across the entire Township."

Staff are looking to add things like signage, landscaping and fees to the FIP grants.

The CIP takes a long term approach to vitalization and the planned review will help in move things along.

A planned virtual public open house will be held Jan. 27, following by a public meeting March 8. Hopes are the new CIP will be in force and in effect by mid-April.

Alcohol delivery is here to stay

The Ontario government is supporting jobs at local restaurants, bars, breweries, wineries and distilleries during the COVID-19 pandemic by expanding opportunities in alcohol sales, including making the sale of alcohol with food takeout and delivery orders permanent.

"Ontario's vibrant hospitality sector and its workers have been hard hit by COVID-19 in every community across our province," said Attorney General Doug Downey. "We're building on the actions we took early in the pandemic to support local restaurants, bars and other businesses by providing permanent help to workers and small businesses as they face these ongoing challenges."

Ontario previously approved some of these changes on a temporary basis to support businesses significantly impacted by the spread of COVID-19. The province is now permanently allowing licensed restaurants and bars to include alcohol with food as part of a takeout or delivery order.

Additional permanent reforms for the hospitality sector will allow:

- Alcohol service on docked boats by operators with a liquor sales licence.
- Reduced minimum pricing of spirits consumed on-site, to align with the reduced pricing introduced for takeout and delivery orders.
- The length of time for temporary patio extensions to be set out by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).
- For a requirement that ensures third parties delivering from licensed restaurants and bars have a delivery

licence.

The requirements that apply to alcohol sales, service and delivery will continue to apply to boats with a liquor sales licence and liquor delivery services, including checking ID, Smart Serve training and not serving or selling to intoxicated people.

The province is also supporting businesses by:

- Removing restrictive rules to allow for the delivery of alcoholic beverages in food boxes and meal kits.
- Allowing eligible alcohol manufacturers to deliver their own products and charge a delivery fee.
- Allowing restaurants and bars to offer mixed cocktails and growlers as part of a takeout or delivery order.
- Permitting eligible manufacturers to sell spirits and 100 per cent Ontario wine at farmers markets.

"Local restaurants and bars are essential to community life in this province," said Attorney General Downey. "We are taking actions to provide more opportunities for Ontarians to directly support their local communities when and how public health directives permit."

"The AGCO's focus on delivering strong and effective regulatory services includes looking for every opportunity to reduce burden, simplify rules, and offer greater flexibility," said Tom Mungham, CEO & Registrar, AGCO. "We're pleased to continue partnering with the Government of Ontario to provide meaningful support to the individuals and industries we regulate while protecting the public interest."

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Rocabi weighted blankets offer a 'big hug'

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

Consumer Savvy

Local Journalism Initiative

These days we all need a hug. Since we can't get it from friends and extended family, it's nice to know we have one waiting for us every night.

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Insomnia, anxiety, and stress are a growing problem in today's fast-paced,

social media filled society. This, and stress associated with the pandemic, have led to chronic sleep deprivation, which is resulting in lost productivity and an increase in mental and physical health issues.

According to the National Institute of Health 50 to 70 million Americans suffer from sleep or wakefulness disorders. This is a severe problem and has led to an over dependence on sleeping pills and other pharmaceuticals, which lead to an increase in the proliferation of depression and addiction issues.

"Our mission at Rocabi is to help everyone get a restful night's sleep. We aim to achieve our goal through educating our clients on effect sleep aids, routines, low-tech products including weighted blankets and other innovative products that are currently under development. We want to make this information available to as many people as possible and provide an alternative to sleeping pills," said Patrick Roche, Rocabi founder & CEO.

The Casper, WY based company ships all over, and the blankets arrive in Canada quickly.

Rocabi's product is definitely a cut above. And Roche even answers customers' emails, lending credence to his

mandate and passion for customer service.

Every family should have one of these in their linen closets. The blankets

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Working group will better focus Conservation Authorities

The Ontario government is creating a working group to help implement changes to conservation authorities. Hassaan Basit, President and CEO of Conservation Halton will chair the new group which will provide input on the development of proposed regulations under the Conservation Authorities Act, and on how conservation authorities are governed.

"As we move forward together, we want to build stronger relationships with conservation authorities so we can work together to ensure consistent best practices, good governance and appropriate accountability to best serve the people of Ontario," said Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "I'd like to thank Hassaan Basit for the discussions over the last few weeks which helped inform some recent amendments to the legislative changes to ensure conservation authorities have the tools they need to protect their communities. I look forward to continuing our positive and constructive dialogue towards our shared goals."

As part of the government's commitment to ensuring conservation authorities focus and deliver on their core mandate of protecting people and property from flooding and other natural hazards and conserving natural resources, the province introduced legislative changes through Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act, 2020, which received Royal Assent on Dec. 8. Amendments were made to the Bill based on valuable feedback from stakeholder groups, including conservation authorities.

The new working group will include representatives from conservation authorities and other experts. Representatives of the working group will be announced in the coming weeks.

Once they begin work in January, the working group will provide input to help the province develop regulations that will focus on:

- The mandatory core programs

and services conservation authorities would be required to provide.

- The agreements between municipalities and conservation authorities and the transition period associated with non-mandatory programs and services.

- How local members of the community can participate in their conservation authorities through community advisory boards.

"Partnerships and collaboration are critical to ensure that conservation authorities can continue making watershed-based resource management decisions in the interest of the environment, health, and safety," said Hassaan Basit, President and CEO, Conservation Halton. "Alongside conservation authorities across Ontario, Conservation Halton is looking forward to working with the province, offering scientific expertise and leadership, in the development of regulations pertaining to recent amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act contained in Bill 229."

In addition to the input provided by Hassaan Basit and the working group, Ontario will also be seeking the public's feedback on regulatory and governance proposals through the Environmental Registry. Public consultation on these proposals is also expected to begin early in the new year.

The Protect, Support and Recover from COVID-19 Act, 2020 included amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act such as:

- Enabling officers appointed by conservation authorities to issue stop work orders, defined in a way that is consistent with entry powers without warrants. This will help ensure conservation authorities have effective enforcement tools in place to stop significant threats and impacts to the environment.

Ontario is served by 36 conservation authorities.

The Ontario government recently announced a \$30 million investment in a new wetlands program.

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Arts & Entertainment

Len Mizzoni's self-titled album arrives Jan. 18

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

A new album by a prolific local singer-songwriter is about to drop.

King Township's Len Mizzoni will unleash his new, self-titled album, "Len Mizzoni" Jan. 18.

The album features the song "Sleep Away," by American jazz pianist Bob Acri.

"I really was just inspired by Bob

Acri's playing and the beautiful melody."

Mizzoni said he was so moved by this timeless instrumental track that it inspired a beautiful lyric which he presented to the publisher rights holder, a jazz record label in Chicago. They produced and released the original track in 2007.

"They absolutely loved my lyrics and performance so much so that they are releasing it on Jan. 23 in North America to American songbook, jazz and smooth jazz radio. If it does well they plan to release it in Europe and Asia as well," Mizzoni beamed.

He said he couldn't believe that a vocal had never been written for this song.

"It's my hope is that my version will introduce this jazz standard to an entire new audience."

The song also has a more personal meaning.

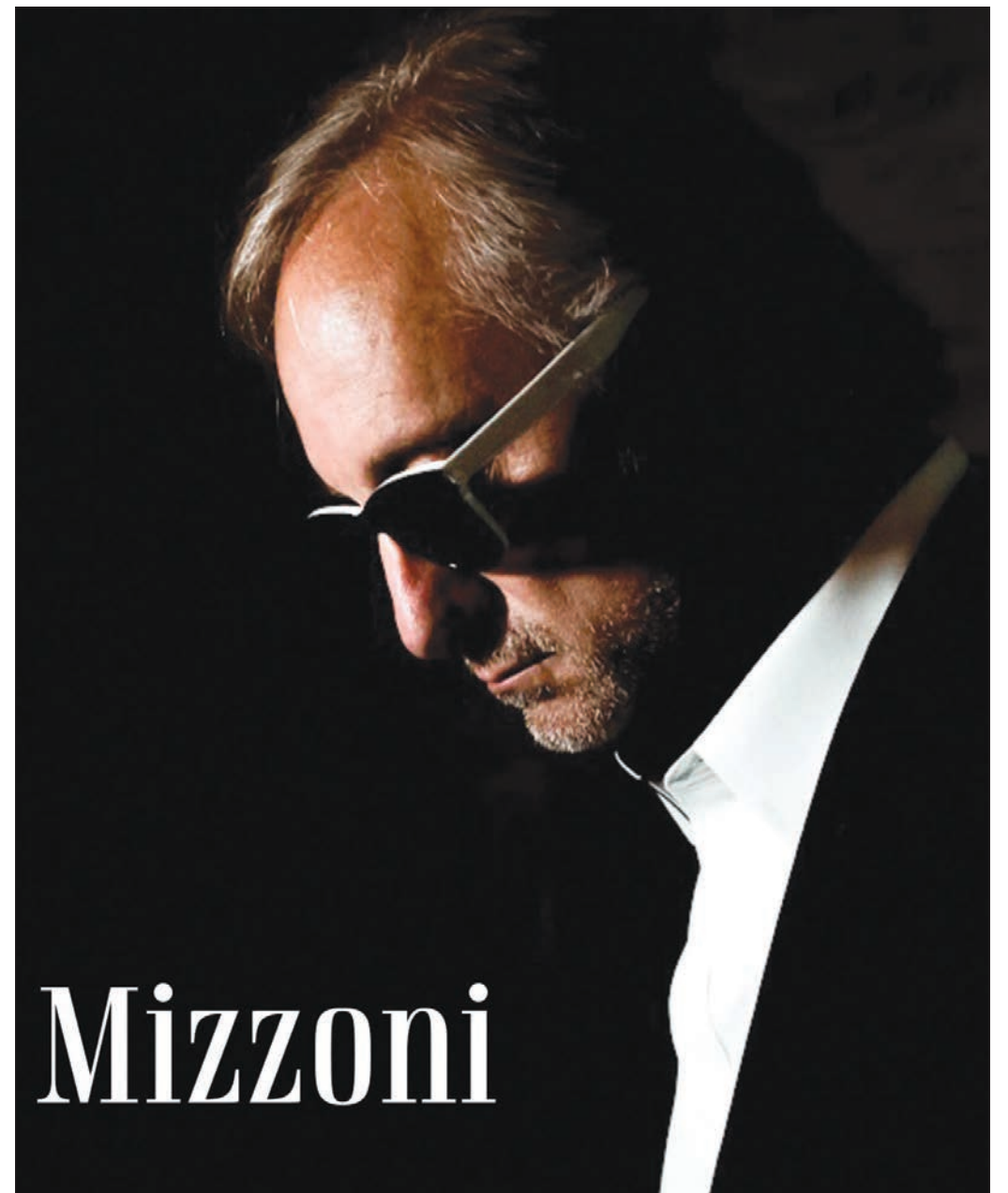
Mizzoni recently lost his 8-month-old granddaughter who was living with Len and his wife Rita for the last 4 months.

"On many occasions I would bring her into my studio and we would dance to 'Sleep Away.' She was a big fan of grandpa's music."

The new album features two remakes of jazz standards like "Autumn Leaves" and "The Shadow of Your Smile" along with a few new original jazz songs and a couple of intimate piano ballads.

"It's a more 'mature' sound for a 'mature' artist like me," he said.

For more, visit www.lenmizzoni.com or <https://soundcloud.com/len-mizzoni/sleep-away>



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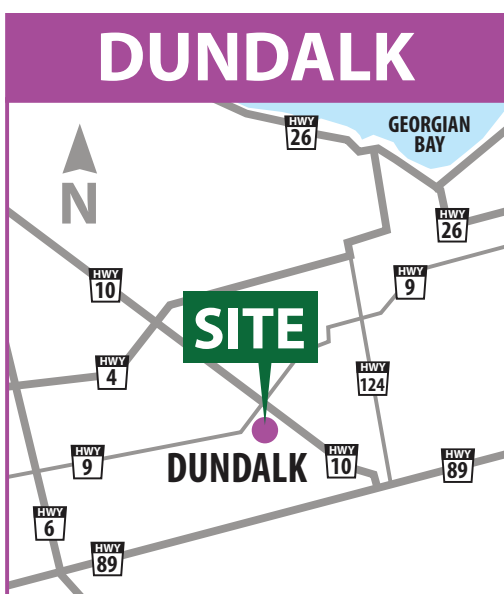
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Holiday Light Tour lights up King Township

King Township lit up and so did Christmas morning for a lot of individuals and families in the area, thanks to the generosity of King Township residents. Christmas in King's first Holiday Light Tour was a great success, bringing in close to \$6,000 through map purchases and donations.

Donations were used to provide more than 300 recipients with their choice of gifts, a hamper of festive foods, and other items to help make the holiday season brighter.

Maps to experience the 30 locations were available for \$10 and purchasers were invited to vote for their favourite business/non-residential and residential display. Congratulations to the winners – King Bible Church (business/non-residential) and 13184 Hwy 27 (residential). Each winner will receive an exterior service valued up to \$300, donated by Shack Shine. Photos of the winning displays along with other participants can be viewed at www.christmasinking.ca.

The Holiday Light Tour initiative was undertaken by a dedicated team of volunteers including Geoff Simpson, Theresa Sherwood, Kerstin Wyndham-West, Filomena Mazzuca and Carol Ann Trabert, led by Patti Skrypek.

Christmas in King extends a huge thank you to those who registered their light displays and to those who purchased maps and made donations. Special thanks to the Township of King, LPC Media, King Weekly Sentinel, Jewel 88.5 FM, Vaughan and Beyond Media, Shack Shine and The Country Day School.

Due to new COVID-19 restrictions to help keep people safe by staying at home and reducing travel, the tour ended a few days earlier than planned. Anyone who purchased a map and wishes a refund because they could not take the tour can send their request through the website at www.christmasinking.ca by Feb. 1, 2021.



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The campaign has focused on different demographics. Many will recall the original focus encouraging women to post photos capturing moments of empowerment – a campaign so successful it gained celebrity participation and national coverage.

Recently the theme continued into the field of Emergency Services. Momentum quickly built among King Fire and Emergence Services.

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Cancer survivor blessed to be a Tiger once again

By Robert Belardi

Dermot Anderson has 12 surgical scars blazoned over his body. One, an eight-inch incision down the centre of his spine to repair melanoma and 11 other from carcinoma in situ.

The 46-year-old single father of two had no choice but to become – in the purest of forms – the definition of a warrior. In March 2019, Anderson was diagnosed with skin cancer, shortly after signing one of the most lucrative contracts in the Ontario Junior Hockey League, to become the first general manager of the Collingwood Colts.

His two sons – a 17-year-old with type-one diabetes and a 13-year-old having to enter manhood even if he wasn't ready to – witnessed a fight of the ages from their father. They watched a third family member simultaneously

tackle the disease. Anderson's mother, is fighting cancer for the third time as well as his father-in-law.

A superhero to his sons, his family and to the OJHL hockey community. Anderson showcased exactly what comes with that kind of title. He endured living with constant cancer treatments and sleepless nights, to be handsomely rewarded this past year, free of the disease.

Upon recovery, the Collingwood Colts went into another direction. The club that Anderson helped put together, finished their inaugural season with a 27-17 record. Good, for second place in the North Division.

Collingwood hired a new general manager in his place. He was now a free agent, fresh out of the gate, looking to do what he loves and that is to manage a team.

In June, he received a phone call. It was Team Governor of the Aurora Tigers, Jim Thomson.

Thomson, without hesitation, offered Anderson a deal to come back to the jungle. To the place where it all started.

"I'm speechless when it comes to that. The respect that I have for him. I shouldn't have left him in the first place because of what he did for me. But, he also taught me to push and not leave opportunities that were beneficial for my family," Anderson said.

"I'm even more thankful and blessed he offered me my job back."

Anderson was first introduced to the Tigers in 2016 by the Director of Hockey Operations Tim Armstrong while on the job as a stone mason.

He was hired in 2016 as the head scout and roughly 6-8 weeks later to his memory, he became the general manager of the club.

In his second year, Anderson's managerial efforts helped lead the Tigers to a 36-12 record and a 24-24 record a year later.

Entering the picture now once again, Anderson is delighted to be working with newly-hired assistant general manager Paul Noad, head coach Jim Wells Jr, assistant coach Robert Powers, Greg Johnston, Tim Armstrong, equipment manager Clayton McConnell, Jenn Vacunas, Rachel Wayne and of course, Thomson himself.

Following a 7-43 record, the Tigers posted the second worst offence in the league and conceded the most goals; 266 to be exact.

"My mentality is, we win the first faceoff, we win the shift, we win the periods, we win the games, we win the division. We win," Anderson said. "We have to get everyone thinking that."

From the moment Anderson has sat at the helm, his first intention was to repair a leadership flaw he saw in the dressing room. Too many players wanted the final say. Too many chiefs were in there trying to call the shots.

So, Anderson took on the younger route. Traditional it isn't what he's used to.

But, he loves the drive, the determination and the commitment these



younger boys bring. With four 20-year-old players and the rest of the group in their teenage years, the boys are hungrier more than they have been in the past three years for results.

So, he went out on in search for the hungriest players out there. Anderson has brought in 17 fresh new-faces to the roster this season along with eight players returning.

It's why co-captains Trevor Grasby (returning player) and Rocco Testa Basi (who Anderson had in Collingwood) were the perfect leaders chosen by the Tigers staff. A wonderful fusion of the old and the new.

"We're destined for a good season. There's a lot of work to do still. That work is a little uncertain because of how the times are. But, what I can say, every single night I'm searching every CJHL league. Players from the (United) States. All the transactions whether teams or playing or not. Even watching NCAA games just to see which kids might be a certain fit for a team and go to bat and push them harder towards that program or ask that program to take a look at these guys a bit more," Anderson said.

"I want Aurora to be known as one of the teams that keeps sending kids out to scholarships in the NCAA."

Jelaca passionate about running

By Robert Belardi

When Justin Jelaca was just eight years old, he was fascinated with watching the cross-country team. His father John, was the head coach at Ellwood Memorial Public School.

Every day, the team would meet up in Mr. Jelaca's classroom to eat lunch. Justin would follow.

In the classroom that day, Mr. Jelaca asked his son if he would like to become a runner. But, Justin, full of innocence and curiosity, asked quite the humorous question for a response.

"I just asked him, what is running? And he just said, you will be part of a team, like you are in soccer. You will train. You will run and race against other kids your age," Jelaca said.

Both of his parents were runners growing up. He lived in the environment, surrounded by running shoes preened for long-distance extravaganzas.

His twin sister, Taryn, had already been gearing herself up to follow in the footsteps of mom and dad. Jelaca, wasn't entirely sure if he really wanted to become a runner. Once his sister pricked through his barrier of doubts, she influenced him to become one. And he's never looked back.

Jelaca entered his first race at Albi-on Mills the same year.

"I look back on it now, being the runner that I am, I laugh at myself," Jelaca chuckled.

Less than 100 metres to go, he let his teammate and friend pass him. Instead of finishing third he finished fourth.

His mother came to him and offered a piece of cordial advice; don't do that again.

He never did. He joined 310 Running in the same year, and began piecing himself together as a runner.

When he moved up to Allan Drive Middle School, he became better. He was faster. And in the eighth grade, just upon graduation, he understood the gap between running recreational and pursuing this as a future.

"That's really when the first sign of me really wanting to take this sport seriously started," he said.

"I started learning there's running in the Olympics and running professionally."

He trained with the Humberview Secondary School team. He travelled to Senigallia, Italy with Team Canada to compete. Everything had slowly become surreal.

In his first year of high school at Humberview Secondary, he qualified for the cross-country team and punched his ticket to OFSAA in November. He finished 12th in the third-largest, cross-country championship in North America.

Jelaca knew the winner of the OFSAA competition. He was part of Toronto West Athletics. In the latter half of Grade 9, Jelaca made the decision to

move to the club.

And in the summer of Grade 10, he began organizing a list of schools he was interested in going to. Sure, the big names were on the front page of his Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. Who doesn't want to go to Purdue or Duke?

He filled out questionnaires. Then his father asked him a question he holds dear to this day.

"Do you want to be a big fish in a small pond or small fish in a big pond?"

And that struck him. So, he continued to research. And a school came into the picture he never would have expected. As a matter of fact, he didn't even want to go there. The University of North Dakota. They had been tracking Jelaca since Grade 11.

Everything had been copacetic so far. So why now, something to throw him off? He told himself, it shouldn't matter where the school is. It should matter if his tide will ebb out from the sea onto the shore; in other words, put him in a better position to take the next step.

The program is led by Christine Engel and Cale Wallace, both with numerous track accolades. The program has fresh names, such as Luke Labatte and Alec Nelson. It was the right fit. On Nov. 26, 2020, Jelaca became a Fighting Hawk.

He continues to improve. This past year, prior to COVID, he finished first in the 800m and 3000m competitions for Ontario U-20. He also finished first in the 1500m race at Hal Brown Memorial Track and Field Centre in Toronto.

He's worked on himself, in areas that he wouldn't have the chance to because of the virus.

This past summer, in unofficial, inter-club races with Toronto West Athletics, he ran a staggering 3:57 in 1500m and 1:56 in 800m.

He's excited to experience freedom. Dive into one of the best aviation programs in the country with an aspiration of one day becoming a pilot. He'll take life into his own hands now. Something he's always wanted.

He remains motivated, by doubt. Jelaca says, there are a lot of people who criticize running as a sport. They believe it's easy, when really, it's a very mentally-driven competition.

His father, told him this game is 10 per cent physical and 90 per cent mental. But, Jelaca has developed a 100 per cent ideology towards the mental side. He drew influences from a sports psychologist and he feels better than ever to head south of the border this summer, to compete in Div. 1 in the NCAA.

So, when asked what running is now, the 17-year-old Bolton native has procured a very different response than his eight-year-old self.

"Running is this broad sport that has very many different meanings to people. Many people do it for many reasons," Jelaca began to explain. "And it draws in every kind of person."

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The excitement doesn't get any better than this

By Robert Belardi

The provincial government gave the A-Okay for Ottawa and Toronto to play home games in their arenas. Canada, gave the nod for hockey to return. For the first time in the NHL, Canadiens will be witnessing an all-Canadian division.

One that was branded because of the coronavirus. If there's one positive that has come out from all of this, it's hockey will be here for the NHL's 56-game regular season schedule.

The season kicked off last night as it traditionally has with the Montreal Canadiens taking on the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Both clubs have been quite busy this off-season. The Maple Leafs acquired more grit and depth, with veteran talents Joe Thornton and Wayne Simmonds. The Maple Leafs defence, which has been heavily criticized in the past few seasons, got their hands on the former Calgary Flames' second-hand man T.J. Brodie and snagged Zach Bogosian off of free agency.

The Habs played their part too, bringing in former Stanley Cup champion Corey Perry and a slew of other moves at the forward position with Tyler Toffoli, Josh Anderson and veteran Michael Frolik. Oh, and let's not forget Joel Edmundson on the back line and one of the best back-up goaltenders in the NHL in Jake Allen.

This is no discredit to other Canadian teams, who have also made some roster changes. That would include the Canucks bringing in Braydon Holtby from the Washington Capitals. Even Jakob Markstrom to the Calgary Flames perhaps.

In its totality, Canadian clubs have been assertive in the market this off-season. The last time any Canadian team made it somewhat far in the playoffs was in 2017, when the Ottawa Senators bowed out against the Pittsburgh Penguins in a gut-wrenching double overtime loss in the eastern conference finals.

Across all seven Canadian teams, there have been 48 free-agency signings and 13 trades involving at least

one Canadian team in the transaction since the play-in series.

Alone, the Maple Leafs signed eight players off of free agency and were involved in two trades. The Habs signed four free agents and were involved in two trades as well.

The Calgary Flames have been the busiest of the bunch this off-season, signing 11 free agents and the Ottawa Senators have been the most aggressive on the trade market with seven deals completed.

Nonetheless, the aggressiveness from all Canadian clubs has been outstanding. But specifically, heading into this shortened NHL season, the Toronto Maple Leafs and the Montreal Canadiens look to lead the pack. Fitting, for the two most historic teams in the country.

The Maple Leafs are well adorned with star-studded talent and the Habs look like the team equipped with the most depth than any other roster.

And if you ask any Maple Leafs fan what they want in this life, it's to see the beloved blue and white win the cup.

If you ask any Montreal Canadiens fan, they'll tell you it's to see the 25th Stanley Cup banner raised in the Bell Centre.

Both clubs have everything to prove. Head coach Sheldon Keefe picked up Mike Babcock's garbage and is slowly building his club to a championship pedigree. Claude Julien, showed last year Montreal's 12th place finish was simply an anomaly.

Sure, pundits are also currently predicting the Winnipeg Jets to have their say in this division and with Connor Hellebuyck backing them up between the pipes, it's a fair proposition. Then there's Patrick Laine trade rumors swirling around the NHL. But that doesn't matter. The Jets have everything to prove too since losing Dustin Byfuglien and other defensive machines like Jacob Trouba and Tyler Myers.

It took a pandemic for the Stanley Cup to be hoisted on home soil last year and it wasn't even a Canadian team lifting the illustrious trophy more than six-feet off of the ground.

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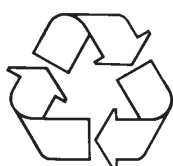
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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

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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.

Nobleton, Schomberg United Churches

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

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Nobleton Lions Club

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

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

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



708 OBITUARIES

Catherine Vonk

Born: January 6, 1927
Bleiswijk, Z. Holland, the Netherlands
Passed away January 3, 2021
Haliburton, Ontario, Canada
"Toos" Catharina Maria Vonk, nee Groenewegen, Peacefully on Sunday, January 3, 2021 at her home in Haliburton, formerly of the Holland Marsh and Schomberg, with family by her side in her 94th year. Beloved wife of the late Hans Vonk. Loving mother of the late Jim (Susan), Jeanette (Jim) Angus, Mary Anne (Garry) Swagerman, Don (Wendy), Dave (Brenda), and John (Laurie). Cherished Oma of 16 Grandchildren and 17 Great Grandchildren. Toos will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by her brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews in the Netherlands and in Canada. Arrangements have been entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham. Interment and private family service will be at St. Patrick Cemetery, Schomberg in the spring. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Society <<https://alzheimer.ca/en/take-action/donate>>. Condolences for the family may be left at www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com

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Everything Bagels

Makes 6

- 1/2 cup full-fat coconut milk
- 2 tablespoons finely ground golden flaxseeds
- 1 tablespoon gluten-free active dry yeast
- 4 eggs
- 1/4 cup melted ghee or virgin coconut oil
- 1 teaspoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 1/2 cups arrowroot powder
- 1/3 cup coconut flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons grain-free baking powder
- 1 teaspoon fine sea salt

Everything seasoning:

- 1 teaspoon poppy seeds
- 1 teaspoon dried minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon dried minced onion
- 1/2 teaspoon white sesame seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon black sesame seeds
- 1/2 teaspoon coarse sea salt

Pour the coconut milk into a small saucepan and heat it over low heat to 110 F. Place the warmed coconut milk, the flaxseeds, honey, and yeast in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the beater attachment and mix on low speed to combine. Let the mixture sit for 4 to 5 minutes, until it begins to foam.

Add the eggs, ghee and vinegar to the bowl and mix on medium speed to combine. Add the arrowroot, coconut flour, baking powder, and salt and mix again until fully incorporated. Cover the bowl with a kitchen towel and let it sit for 1 hour at room temperature.

To make the everything seasoning, combine all of the ingredients in a small bowl and stir to combine.

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Scoop the batter into a 3 1/2-inch silicone doughnut pan, filling each cavity two-thirds full. Sprinkle the tops with the seasoning and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until the bagels are golden brown and a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean. Cool the bagels in the pan on a wire rack for 20 minutes, then remove them from the pan and cool completely on the rack.

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Our Jan. 17 worship will be available online at 10 a.m. with Rev Bruce Roffey presiding. You can also access the wor-

ship off our website at kcuc.net. If you would like to emails please contact the church at kcuc@bellnet.ca to be put on the list. We offer our thanks to the many individuals who are fighting this virus and its devastation on the front lines and pray that you and your families remain safe while you continue to fight.

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. We are grateful for your cooperation in following our safety protocols when entering our buildings. Our churches are adhering to the guidelines of the Province of Ontario, York Region and Shining Waters Region (United Church of Canada) and we continue to comply with the Grey-Zone requirements for worship.

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

The Women's Prayer Circle is still "open for business," and we can still pray together, even if not in person. Although our weekly Tuesday morning meetings at the condo building on Burns Blvd. are still suspended, they will resume as soon as the government rules are relaxed. Meanwhile, if you need prayer, for yourself or a loved one, please call Deana at 905-833-5375 and your request will be shared by phone with other prayer sisters. Surely we all agree that prayer is needed now, more than ever. Be still and be well.

King Bible Church

This week we're online on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series Living Between

Two Worlds with a talk about being "Chosen."

Living Between Two Worlds – "Elect Exiles," this is the title Peter gave to the recipients of his first letter, Christ followers who found themselves caught living between two worlds, their earthly home and their eternal one. It is also the reality of every Christian that has ever walked this planet, the pressure of knowing that because of Jesus, we no longer fit in with the world around us, yet also knowing that while we are still here, we are called to be both salt and light to the world around us.

This brings us to the theme of the journey we are going to be taking through the letter of 1 Peter, to learn how to effectively live in this place between two worlds, to understand how our identity in Jesus, informs our actions so that we maintain both our calling to be to be holy and our calling to love others?

Would you commit to joining us in this journey?

All of our services are available through Facebook and YouTube. Missed it? You can also find previous services and sermons on there too. Please visit our website for full details on our sermons as well as other online ministries. www.kingbiblechurch.com

St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

As we continue to worship online together, join us at standrews-kingcity.ca at 10:15 a.m.

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Lynn announced last Sunday that virtual Art for the Soul is starting up again on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Contact Lynn for the Zoom 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.

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

Keep in touch and we hope to see you soon.

**All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage**

Our 10:30 Sunday Morning Prayer with sermon, taped organ interludes and sung psalms and hymn is available on Zoom live or recorded on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/AllSaintsKing.com or on our website at www.allsaintskingcity.com. We continue with thanks to worship, pray, and praise God together and all are welcome to join in. To get the log in to our live service ask the church office (905-833-5432) to e-mail you.

Last Sunday we celebrated the baptism of our Lord and Fr. Michael spoke on that story in Mark 1 in when God spoke, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

"What would it mean for God to say the same thing for each of us? "This is

my son or daughter; with you I am well pleased.' Think about how the baptism of Jesus makes it possible for God to be pleased with us, about how baptism is as much of an act of creation as is the coming together of the world in Genesis 1.

Why was it proper that Jesus should be baptized? It's not that Jesus needed to become righteous. Rather, he was baptized to offer us a new state of being, a re-creation where we could become righteous.

Jesus's baptism is a moment when we see God's creative, life-giving power at work. When the Spirit comes down on Jesus God says He is 'well pleased.' Mark signals that God has done something wonderful and new. John hinted at this new thing when he said that he only baptized people with water; but Jesus 'will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

That same creative power that descends on Jesus in the dove and pronounces Jesus 'well pleasing,' that same creative power made us into new beings in the baptism that we share with Jesus. Through our baptism, we become the son or daughter of God, the beloved, with whom God is well pleased.

We might think that our baptism happened long ago, and since then we've all done things we're not proud of. How can God still be well pleased with us? Baptism shows us what God wants for us. It's not a vaccination against sin and subsequent misdoings, but it is the start of a relationship that we can grow into. Baptism is the beginning of a lifetime of leaning into God, of trusting and depending in the Father's love for us.

"Remember what happens immediately after Jesus' baptism? Mark says that 'And the Spirit immediately drove

him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan' (Mk 1.12). I think we can all agree that we are frequently tempted, as Jesus was. And what is the greatest temptation of them all is to stop believing that we are beloved children of God.

We get into trouble when we fail to trust in God's love. Despite all the self-help talk about inventing a new you, we can't make ourselves new, better people. Only God can do that. When Jesus came up out of the Jordan, he gave that life to us. John says to all who did receive

him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God (Jn 1.2).

"Today, the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus, we are reminded that Jesus is a Saviour who opens the door of God's creative power to make us all new. In our baptism, we have received the assurance that we are beloved children of God. That gift of adoption was always ours. The only way that gift can be taken away from us is if we are tempted into thinking that we are not worthy of it."



Run raises \$22,000

Geoff Peat, the Schomberg Country Run race director, and pastor George Elliott, hold the \$22,000 cheque, going to FaithWorks and then on to the Toronto Urban Native Ministry. FaithWorks will be matching the donation dollar for dollar, so in total local efforts have raised \$44,000. Once again, a big word of thanks to everyone who supported the 10th annual Schomberg Country Run.

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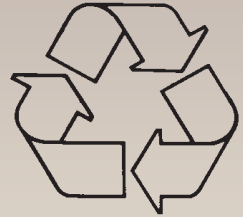
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