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Flato supports Food Bank in difficult times

By Mark Pavilons
Editor
Local Journalism Initiative

A local developer has stepped up to the plate, and boosted the efforts of the King Township Food Bank.

Flato Developments is proud to be an annual sponsor of the King Township Food Bank.

They look forward to not just building homes but building and supporting the communities they build in.

"This is part of our corporate mission, not just building homes but building the communities we develop. Supporting our local food banks is the right and moral thing to do any time we can. It would be a shame for anyone to go to bed hungry in a rich country like Canada," said Shakir Rehmatullah, president of Flato Developments.

And indeed, Flato Developments and the Rehmatullah Family have a long history of philanthropy that spans decades from supporting hospitals. In fact, Mr. Rehmatullah has a cancer wing named after him at the Markham/Stouville Hospital). The company has supported homeless shelters, food banks, animal shelters and everything in between.

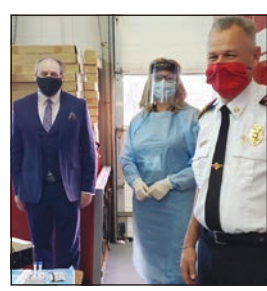
"Our goal in community building is that everyone, rich or poor feel part of the community and enjoy where they live," Rehmatullah added.

King Township Food Bank welcomes Flato Developments as the newest Annual Diamond Sponsor. The KTFB is grateful that Flato recognizes the need in King and is stepping up to help this totally volunteer organization fight hunger with their ongoing commitment to support KTFB every year.

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Monday, February 1
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Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://meeting.king.ca>

Monday, February 8
6:00 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole

Monday, February 22
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

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
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Nobleton sewer works

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.
LATEST UPDATES
• Sheardown Drive between Highway 27 and Holden Drive and all of Chamberlain Court have been completed up to base asphalt.
• There are currently crews working on Sheardown Drive from Holden Court to Russell Snider Drive, Cain Court, Hazelbury Drive between Cain Court and Sheardown Drive and at McCutcheon Drive installing sewers north of Sheardown Drive.
• Temporary road restoration will follow mainline sewer crews. 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.

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. It has also implemented a stay-at-home order. People should only leave their homes for essential trips for things like food, medicine or essential work.

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.

NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING SECTION 51(37) OF THE PLANNING ACT

On the 11th day of January, 2021 the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King approved an application for Draft Plan of Subdivision under Section 51 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, c.P 13, as amended, regarding the following application:

The Draft Plan of Subdivision application under File Number 19T-17K02 known as Forestbrook Hills Phase 2, submitted by Sycamore Construction Ltd. & 2395959 Ontario Ltd. concerns lands legally described as Part of the East Half of Lot 32, Concession 9, Township of King, as shown on the map below. The subject lands are situated on the south side of Church Street and west of Roselena Drive in the Village of Schomberg and contain a portion of the Schomberg River and valley system. The subject lands are also the subject of an application under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, to an amendment to the Zoning By-law under file number Z-2017-11.

Brief explanation of effect, if any, of written and oral submissions on the decision

All submissions were considered as part of the decision making process. Public, Staff and Agency submissions were considered and where applicable, are reflected in the Conditions of Approval and/or draft plan. Public consultation on the Draft Plan of Subdivision took place in the form of a Community Consultation session on June 22nd, 2017, a Public Information Open House on April 25th, 2018 and a Public Meeting held by Council on June 25th, 2018, which was a formal statutory meeting under the *Planning Act*. All comments received were considered in Municipal Planning staff reports and were made available to the public. The comments were identified, discussed, and where appropriate, addressed in the conditions of draft plan of approval and the draft plan, which were presented at the virtual Council Meeting held on January 11th, 2021.

When and how to file an appeal

Any appeal of the decision of Council to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"), is made by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King, no later than 20 days from the date of this notice, a notice of appeal including the reasons for the appeal, together with separate cheques in the amount of \$1,100.00 (certified cheque or money order only), payable to the Minister of Finance to cover the prescribed Local Planning Appeal Tribunal fee, and a cheque for \$231.00, representing the Clerk's Department 2021 administrative processing fee, payable to the Township of King. **The last day for filing an appeal is February 9th, 2021.** Should this date fall on a holiday or weekend, you will have until 4:30 p.m. of the next business day to file your appeal. If you wish to appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, a copy of an appeal form is available from the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal website at www.olt.gov.on.ca. Please note the Tribunal will only accept filing fee payments by certified cheque or money order.

Who can file an appeal?

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal decisions in respect of a Draft Plan of Subdivision to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

Right of applicant or public body to appeal Conditions of Draft Plan of Subdivision

The applicant, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, or any public body that has made oral submissions at the public meeting or made written submissions to the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King before the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision was approved may, at any time before the approval of the Final Plan of Subdivision, appeal any of the conditions imposed by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal by filing a notice of appeal with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal of the decision of the approval authority, including the lapsing provisions or changes to the conditions, unless the person or public body, before the decision of the approval authority, made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the Council, or made a written request to be notified of changes to the conditions or, in the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal's opinion, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

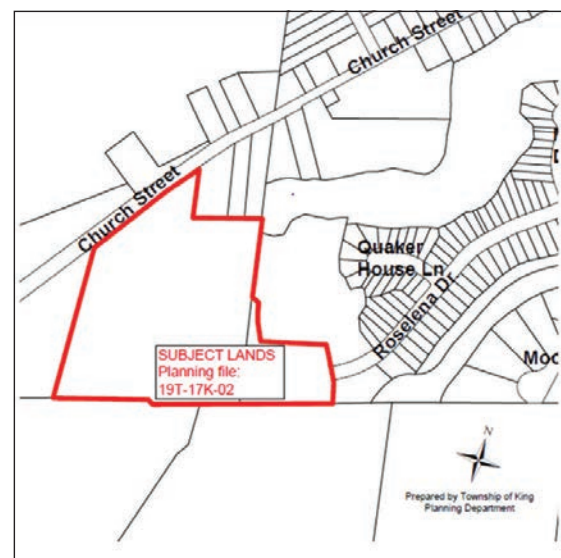
How to receive Notice of Changed Conditions

The conditions of an approval of a Draft Plan of Subdivision may be changed at any time before the final approval is given. You will be entitled to receive notice of any changes to the conditions of approval of the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision if you have made a written request to be notified of changes to the conditions of approval of the Proposed Plans of Subdivision.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the Draft Plan, a key map showing the location of the lands affected by the Plan and the conditions of approval of the Draft Plan of Subdivision are available on our website (www.king.ca). Additional information about the application is available by contacting Paul Kulyk, Planner II, by telephone at (905) 833-4063, or by email (pkulyk@king.ca) during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the Growth Management Services Department.

DATED at the Township of King this 21st day of January, 2021.

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Council okays 2021 budget with zero increase in local portion

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

King councillors stayed true to their word and wasted no time in giving King taxpayers a break on their municipal taxes. Council passed the 2021 budgets Monday that crossed all the boxes, offering a zero net increase while still maintaining efficient services and putting money into reserves.

During a pandemic, that was quite a feat, one that didn't go unnoticed by council and every staffer at the municipality.

Council approved a zero per cent increase in net levy requirements – the portion of the tax bill that goes to the Township.

The other two components of the tax bill are payments to the Ministry of Education and York Region. Those two components still have to be finalized by York Region and the Ministry of Education.

"The past year has been extraordinarily difficult on all of our residents," said King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "Many of them have seen their work hours cut during the COVID-19 pandemic, while others have been laid off. We could not ask them to pay more on the Township's portion of their tax bill."

Mayor Pellegrini said that despite the additional costs of introducing new technology to maintain service levels during the pandemic, staff have looked for efficiencies in other areas in order to keep the Township's portion of the tax bill flat.

"I'm extremely proud of the work council and staff have done to continue offering not only our essential services like Fire and Emergency Services, waste collection and road and sidewalk maintenance, but we've been able to offer new services. This includes virtual recreation programs, a brand new website with many new online services and curbside pickup of blue and green

bins," said Mayor Pellegrini.

King CAO Dan Kostopoulos said major changes and staff efficiencies have actually added value to King taxpayers.

"The mayor and council asked for a zero tax increase and staff delivered," he said. The CAO also pointed out King has one of the leanest administrations in the N6.

The net zero comes without compromising King's future sustainability. Capital projects are still on track.

Division head after division head provided a break-down of department efficiencies and changes. Staff all echoed that modernization and online services have been ramped up to meet taxpayer demand. Staff rose to the challenges and no stone was left unturned in finding new ways to do things. In fact, King achieved more than 80 innovations.

Some last-minute tweaking by Mayor Pellegrini delayed a tax-funded project and programs. It was all that was needed to arrive at the net zero rate.

Some of the highlights from the capital budget include:

- Improvements to various community parks (\$2 million) – Blue Heron, Kettle Lake; Tomlinson Gardens, Nobleton Lions Community Park, Tasca Community Park, St. Andrews, OSIN Park.
- Schomberg Community Hall renovation and accessibility upgrade (\$1 million).
- Road-related infrastructure repairs and conversion of gravel roads (\$2.5 million).
- Nobleton Sewers Phase 3 (\$14.6 million).

In addition to infrastructure investment, property tax dollars pay for a wide range of programs and services including snow removal from roads and sidewalks, road and bridge repairs and maintenance, fire and emergency services, parks, arenas and four library branches.

The total approved 2021 operating budget is \$46 million, while the total approved capital budget is \$22 million.

In order to obtain as much input from the public as possible, King Township offered residents several engagement opportunities. These included a virtual Public Information Centre and an online budget priority survey on King's digital engagement platform at

www.speaking.king.ca.

King has also put together a budget quick reference guide which can be accessed at <https://www.king.ca/your-local-government/budget-and-finances/budgets> along with a complete set of documents related to the 2021 budget.

Province welcomes budget input

The Ontario government is asking the people of Ontario for their ideas on how to continue to support families, workers and business during COVID-19, while positioning the province for a strong economic recovery with the launch of the 2021 Budget consultation.

Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board, Peter Bethlenfalvy, is encouraging people from all walks of life to share their insights and opinions, online, by email or mail, or through a series of virtual consultations across the province.

Visit Ontario.ca/budgetconsultation to learn how to submit your ideas by email, mail or by filling out a survey. The 2021 Budget Consultations will close on Feb. 12.

People can participate in this year's budget consultations by:

- Sharing ideas online by participating in the online survey.
- Emailing submissions to submissions@ontario.ca
- Mailing submissions to the Minister of Finance.
- Attending a virtual consultation session.



King first in York to test its firefighters

Monday marked the first COVID-19 tests for members of King Township Fire and Emergency Services. KFES is the first service in York Region to implement such a system.

King Mayor Steve Pelligrini and Fire Chief Jim Wall took their tests right off the mark. Both were negative.

The tests will be conducted weekly, to ensure the safety of both volunteer firefighters and members of the public they serve. They will be done by King's own Hospall, led by Michelle Frauley.

Mayor Pellegrini said he's a staunch supporter of KFES, a service he says is among the finest.

"It's important we all do our part to keep our community safe," he said. "It is a community; a caring community."



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Losing human contact impacts all of us

Poet John Donne pointed out that no man is an island. Our personal networks – our connections to one another – are facing unprecedented strain.

This is perhaps one of the keys to the mounting stress during the current pandemic.

In an effort to curb the transmission and mounting cases of COVID, governments all around the world have had to come up with some novel, ingenious and yes, extreme methods. The latest include our stay-at-home order, and in some places, curfews, forcing people to stay inside for parts of the day.

Curfews are nothing new, and were used in times of crisis and war. The last time they were implemented here in Canada was the "October crisis," in 1970 when the FLQ kidnapped Quebec's deputy premier Pierre Laporte and British diplomat James Cross. Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau enacted the War Time Measures Act, the only peacetime use of this extreme measure.

Our on again, off again, imposed isolation, is getting tiresome.

We've all been affected, some more than others. For those who are simply somewhat "on edge," make no mistake that this is the reason.

"The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed," Carl Jung once said.



Mark Pavilons

Just what has happened to this necessary transformation?

The old adage, you don't know what you have until it's gone, rings true. In what seemed so long ago, simply running errands, smiling and greeting our fellow human beings was taken for granted. Now that it's very limited, it's like a hole in our hearts.

With heads down and mouths covered, we trudge along as best we can. Few even make eye contact anymore.

We frail humans need one another, despite cries by some that they love their solitude.

We need to talk, to share, and we need human contact.

That's one of the reasons we have so many well developed senses. While they have initially been entrenched to increase our chances of survival, we have evolved to the point of choosing when and where to use our God-given abilities.

The pandemic has altered our daily routines and rituals. It has forever changed our hygiene and sense of contamination and contagion. To some, it has become a bit of an obsession.

Will this forever change the way we approach and come in contact with our fellow human beings? Maybe.

While impractical, I suggest when all of this is over we organize one massive group hug. It would be like a giant wave at a ball game and it could start right here in our home town. Can you imagine? From sea to shining sea, just like Canada's motto (A Mari usque ad Mare).

Until then, we are forced to confine, sequester, detach, disengage and insulate.

Not very nice terms, and not very conducive to the way human beings are meant to live.

I would be so bold as to say this is shaking the very foundations of our democratic society. Recent events have very graphically demonstrated that.

Our society is based on enshrined rights and freedoms, contained in our venerable Charter. These include guarantees of free speech, to gather, to practice religion. We are granted the right to enter and leave Canada at will.

Now, due to such unusual and unprecedented circumstances, these rights have been curtailed and severed. It is not an ideal situation by any means.

All of these rights and freedoms have to do with human nature. It has to do with supporting an engaged public, do-

ing things which bring us together for a common goal or purpose.

To lose one's purpose is sad, indeed. Sure, we can express our opinions on blogs and social media. We can share Mass and Sunday service via YouTube. We can study and learn through Google.

Again, this is not how it's meant to be. How does one go from being a social creature, to a recluse, closed off from our brothers and sisters? How do we simply flick the switch, and turn off that part of our essence?

The answer is we can't. But we've been forced to.

Therein lies the dilemma.

People in some cities and regions around the world have protested, some vigorously, against the restrictions, curfews and orders. Whether touting fundamental freedoms, or simply being frustrated, they desperately want to be together again with their fellow citizens.

Who doesn't? No one is an island.

It's unlikely any of us will be able to celebrate upcoming Valentine's Day, birthdays, and March Break as we would have liked. There are a couple of milestone birthdays in my household, and I have no idea what to do.

At the moment, even going to the store is not an option. I doubt you can order balloons on Amazon.

I don't want to be detached, segregated, divided, removed or kept apart.

I want to be emancipated, released, sprung, let loose and unfettered.

Right now, we can't physically heal one another's wounds, or reach out to damaged hearts.

But the time will come when the doors swing wide open and we're greeted by a breath of fresh air and the sun on our faces.

And when that happens, I hope we see a flood of hope, compassion and love. I hope we see an outpouring of gratitude and mutual support.

Will the world emerge from this cocoon with renewed spirit? I truly hope so.

Letter to the Editor

Lecce's virtual town hall a disaster

Back in late November, I received a phone recording that the next day, I should expect to be invited to MPP Stephen Lecce's virtual Town Hall Meeting that would start at 7 p.m. I thought, good, I will make a list of things to ask Lecce.

I like "ranked ballots." London, Ontario was the first region to have used ranked ballots in 2018. Other municipalities were studying the idea.

If three or more candidates are running for a position, and no one gets more than 50% of the vote, then the votes of the candidate with the lowest number of votes gets dropped, and those votes get given to whomever the voter marked as their second choice. The procedure continues until a candidate gets more than 50%. Premier Ford himself was elected on a ranked ballot when he sought the leadership of the Ontario Conservative Party.

The Ontario government decided to ban ranked ballots for municipalities. I wanted to ask why.

Previously, the GTA West Corridor (Hwy. 413) was cancelled. It was not going to save more than about a minute for commuters, would cost about \$6 billion, and would pave over farms, forests, wetlands. Many people will continue to work from home and not need to commute. Climate change is an issue. For those that need to commute, we need safe dependable transit, such as Go Trains.

The Ford government has resurrected the Hwy. 413 and is fast-tracking the environmental assessment. The only people to profit from building this highway are the land speculators who want to develop along the corridor. This corridor goes from Milton, thru the western and northern parts of Brampton (Brampton does not want it), through Vaughan to Hwy 400. There are interchanges at Hwy. 27 between Kleinburg and Nobleton and at Weston Rd. south of Laskay. This will cause even more traffic chaos and air pollution in Nobleton and area. I wanted to ask why.

The Ford budget's omnibus bill included limiting the power of the conservation authorities and even over-riding them. Conservation authorities were created to prevent another Hurricane Hazel disaster. With climate change, we need to be more cognizant of dangers of drought and floods, not less. Again, I wanted to ask why.

Bill 213, entitled "the Better for People, Smarter for Business Act," allows Canada Christian College, whose president is Charles McVety, a man known to be homophobic and transphobic, to be granted University status. I wanted to ask why.

Imagine my surprise when I did not get a phone call before 7 p.m. The call came at 7:40 p.m. to connect me. There was no opportunity to ask my questions, as the whole event ended at 8 p.m.

Nancy Hopkinson
Nobleton



Quote of the Week



"Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier."

- Mother Teresa

Trivia Tidbits

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time. While there are many variations, the common one is 1/100th of a second (Autodesk Animator).

King Weekly Sentinel WEBPOLL
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Results from last week's poll:
Are you happy to see Donald Trump leave?

a) Yes **83%**
b) No **17%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Have you lost a loved one to COVID-19?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**REVISED NOTICE OF BUDGET MEETINGS –
REVISED – JANUARY 12, 2021
2021 WATER & WASTEWATER RATES and BY-LAW**

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: 2021 Water & Wastewater Rates: Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
(Consideration of By-law for Adoption)

The Township of King 2021 Water and Wastewater Rates Report will be presented at the February 8, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting. The By-law will be considered by Council for adoption at the Monday, February 8, 2021 Council Meeting.

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

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services/Township Clerk

**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	Multiples	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	663	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.

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services/Township Clerk
clerks@king.ca

**TOWNSHIP OF KING
SITE ALTERATION and MOVEMENT OF FILL
BY-LAW REVIEW**

Your thoughts on Site Alteration and Movement of Fill



ABOUT THE REVIEW

The Township of King is in the process of updating its By-law regarding Site Alteration and the Movement of Fill within the Township to align with recent regulatory changes as outlined in Ontario Regulation 406/19.

The updated By-law is designed to manage activities such as altering the grade of land, changing drainage, and the removal (cut) or importation of soil (fill). The purpose is to enhance environmental protection and provide a structured approach for landowners who wish to alter their property.

We are inviting members of the public review the draft By-law and supporting documents and share their feedback. Your input will assist in finalizing the content.

PARTICIPATE IN OUR VIRTUAL PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, February 3rd, 2021

• 12:00–12:30 pm – Presentation with Q&A After

Registration: (kingbylaw@rjburnside.com)

Contact: Nancy Cronsberry, Manager of By-law Enforcement
ncronsberry@king.ca 905-833-5321, ext. 4001



Cannot attend? For more information about the Site Alteration By-law Review, please visit: <https://speaking.king.ca/site-alteration-by-law-review>



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.

KING FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

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After a snowfall, check your nearest hydrants for a 3 foot (1 metre) radius of clearance

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE

KING UPDATE AS OF JANUARY 22, 2021

TRISAN CENTRE 8AM - 5PM CLOSED	COLD CREEK CONSERVATION AREA 8:30AM - 4PM OPENING SAT JAN 23
NOBLETON ARENA 8AM - 8PM CLOSED	KING CITY ARENA 8AM - 8PM OPENING SAT JAN 23

- 5 skaters are permitted on the ice at a time
- Provincial and Local COVID-19 protocols are to be followed at all times
- Masks are mandatory for all participants both on and off the ice
- Pre-registration is REQUIRED up to 24 hours in advance
- Each participant is required to register for a time slot prior to arrival
- Register at: townshipofking.perfectmind.com

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AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK**

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NO DROP-INS PERMITTED

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for more information



Visit townshipofking.perfectmind.com to check the status of upcoming time slots

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Living in harmony and knowing our place in nature

By David Suzuki

Commentary

The following is adapted from *The Sacred Balance: Rediscovering Our Place in Nature* (Greystone Books), a book I wrote with Amanda McConnell in 1997 and updated in 2007. It seems as relevant today as when we wrote it, if not more so. I hope you enjoy it and that the year ahead brings new ways of seeing and thinking about the world so that we can finally find ways to live in harmony with each other and the natural systems that keep us alive and healthy.

For thousands of years, small communities of people ensured relative tranquility while providing for the social needs of their members. The explosive rate at which our species has been converted to an urban creature has been accompanied by a deterioration of the social fabric that held people together. The 20th century witnessed an unprecedented shift from predominantly rural community living to big city living.

In cities, distanced from nature and the primary means of production like agriculture, fishing, logging and even manufacturing, we accept that it is the economy that provides our needs. Technology has enabled us to travel rapidly and communicate over vast distances, while television, computers and portable entertainment devices sever the shared activities with neighbours and communities.

Consumerism has taken the place of citizenship as the chief way we contribute to the health of our society. Economic rather than social goals drive government and corporate policies. The resulting high levels of unemployment produce stress, illness, and fami-

ly and community breakdown. Stable communities and neighbourhoods are a prerequisite for happiness, for productive and rewarding lives, for a crucial sense of security and belonging. They are a bottom line for the health and happiness of human beings. It is not economics that creates community but love, compassion and co-operation.

Those qualities exist in individuals and are expressed between people. And they cannot be fully expressed in isolation, without context, cut off from their place in time and space, their source in the natural world.

The stability of family – whatever its form – within a community provides an environment within which a child develops curiosity, responsibility and inventiveness. Ecological degradation – deforestation, topsoil loss, pollution, climate change and so on – destabilizes society by eroding the underpinnings of sustainability. This consequence was graphically illustrated in 1992, when all commercial fishing of northern cod in the Canadian province of Newfoundland was suspended. Overnight, 40,000 jobs were lost as the foundation of that society for five centuries vanished.

All across Canada, towns boomed as forests were clearcut around them, only to crash when the trees were gone. The coast of British Columbia is dotted with villages that once supported fishing fleets and canneries but were abandoned as salmon populations declined. Ecological health is essential for full community health.

War, terrorism, discrimination, injustice and poverty mitigate against

that social stability that is so important. Chronically high levels of unemployment, such as those found in the Atlantic provinces in Canada, on American Indian reservations or in Australian Aboriginal communities today, result in despair, alcoholism, illness, even death. The need for meaningful employment is critical to the well-being not only of family but of community.

Besides the economic benefits to government and individuals, there are compelling reasons to seek full employment as a social goal.

An economy was once created to serve people and their communities. Today economic rationalists contend that people must sacrifice and give up social services for the economy. As we reflect on our fundamental needs as social animals, it is clear that families and communities assured of biodiversity, full employment, justice and secu-

city constitute the real non-negotiable starting point in the delineation of a sustainable future.

From family to neighbourhood, from neighbourhood to nation, out into the commonwealth of our species – the connection seems to attenuate as it becomes more inclusive. But as we explore the continuum of relationships in any human life we start to see that the circle of inclusion extends further still; the “continent” of which we are each a part encompasses the Earth.

The “law of love” is as fundamental, and as universal, as any other physical law. It is written everywhere we look, and it maps our intimate connection with the rest of the living world.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Learn more at david Suzuki.org.

2020 may have been most important year for nature conservation in Canada

By Dan Kraus
Senior Biologist
Nature Conservancy of Canada

A year ago, there was much anticipation in the conservation community that 2020 would perhaps be the most important year ever for nature.

Canada’s Nature Fund promised to accelerate the conservation of our wild spaces and species. There was a buzz about the International Union for Conservation of Nature’s World Congress. The World Economic Forum had made a call to stop the loss of biodiversity.

And then everything changed. Urgent and immediate crises have a way of laying bare the true values and character of individuals and societies. Basic needs become priority needs. We draw closer to what we love. Safety, essential supplies, family and friends were at the top of everyone’s list. And in a world that was suddenly slowed and silenced, many of us were drawn closer to nature.

Our parks and conservation areas filled with new visitors. There was more traffic on the trails. Bird seed sold out. Urban foxes became celebrities. There was global interest on how nature had responded to our absence, and even thrived.

The hope for conservation from 2020 is not just that it moved many of us to a rediscovery of the outdoors and rethinking what we value. Despite one of the most monumental crises of our generation, nature conservation has continued, and moved us closer to a more sustainable world for people and for nature.

When nature thrives, we all thrive: There is growing recognition and funding for nature-based solutions to stabilize our climate, reduce the impacts of climate change and support our economy and well-being. There is also increasing evidence that wetlands, forests and grasslands are an essential part of our modern infrastructure and that physical contact with nature makes us healthier people.

The pandemic made it clear that our relationship with nature has a direct bearing on our well-being. Unmanaged and illegal wildlife trade and habitat destruction have found their way back to us. This stark realization resulted in quick calls to action to halt illegal wildlife trade and stop habitat loss.

Protected and conserved areas: Canada and 30+ other countries have pledged to protect 30 per cent of their lands and oceans by 2030. This will increase Canada’s protected areas from about 1.2 million km² to almost 3 million km² – or the equivalent area of over 260 new Banff National Parks. This will need new conservation partnerships and Indigenous-led conservation. It will also require work in southern Canada, where most people live and where nature is most threatened by habitat loss. The federal government is investing \$100-million in land conservation through the Natural Heritage Conservation Program. These funds will be matched by funds raised by the Nature Conservancy of Canada, Ducks Unlimited and the country’s land trusts.

Wildlife recovery: While the global trend of wildlife loss continues, there also continues to be promising stories of wildlife recovery.

NOBLETON

FAMILY DENTAL

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Richard Gong, Agent
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King

7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, January 28 to Wednesday, February 3

THURS 28TH	FRI 29TH	SAT 30TH	SUN 31ST	MON 1ST	TUES 2ND	WED 3RD
Sun/Clouds High -10C Low -17C 1-3cm Wind N 19k	Mainly Sunny High -13C Low -21C <1cm Wind NW 18k	Mainly Sunny High -12C Low -21C - Wind N 10k	Sun/Clouds High -7C Low -13C - Wind E 14k	Scattered Flurries High -5C Low -12C <1cm Wind E 20k	Mainly Sunny High -3C Low -12C - Wind N 10k	Sunny High -1C Low -9C - Wind SE 9k

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King's Anna Roberts carries Conservative banner

Anna Roberts has been officially nominated by the Conservative Party of Canada membership in the riding of King-Vaughan to stand as their candidate in the next federal election. Anna is looking forward to working with the community to put families first during these unprecedented times.

Anna Roberts grew up in the GTA and is the daughter of Italian immigrants. She currently lives and works in the hamlet of Kettleby. Having lived and worked in King-Vaughan for 20-plus years, she understands the needs of her community first hand and is passionate about being a strong representative for its residents.

She is an energetic volunteer, youth mentor, wife, mother, and grandmother. Anna was proud to have represented the Conservative Party of Canada in the riding of King-Vaughan during the 2019 federal election.

“During the 2019 campaign I met many constituents who shared their concerns about the importance of a caring community vision – and the future direction of this country. This reaffirmed my total commitment to work towards representing King-Vaughan in the next federal election.

“My overriding goal is to service the community to the best of my abilities, listen, and assess res-

idents needs – and be an effective voice representing those needs in Ottawa,” she said.

Anna has spent much of her adult life dedicated to her community through her strong record of volunteering. With a dedicated commitment of over 30 years to public service, Anna has received numerous awards including the prestigious Ontario Provincial Volunteer Award. She has also been recognized by Toronto Sick Children’s Hospital, the Salvation Army, and many other community service organizations for her dedicated efforts.

Recognizing the increased vulnerability of the elderly, she has volunteered at the King City Lodge seniors’ residence for over a decade and currently serves as a member of the King Township Accessibility Committee. Most recently Anna volunteered with the local Chamber of Commerce to assist in a local “drive-flu” clinic to ensure the community had access to a necessary vaccination program.

Professionally, Anna brings over 30 years of senior administrative experience from the banking and financial industry. Being a recipient of the “Branch Manager of the Year” award is a testament to her abilities and commitment to outstanding service. In her current role she continues to provide clients with financial literacy and sound

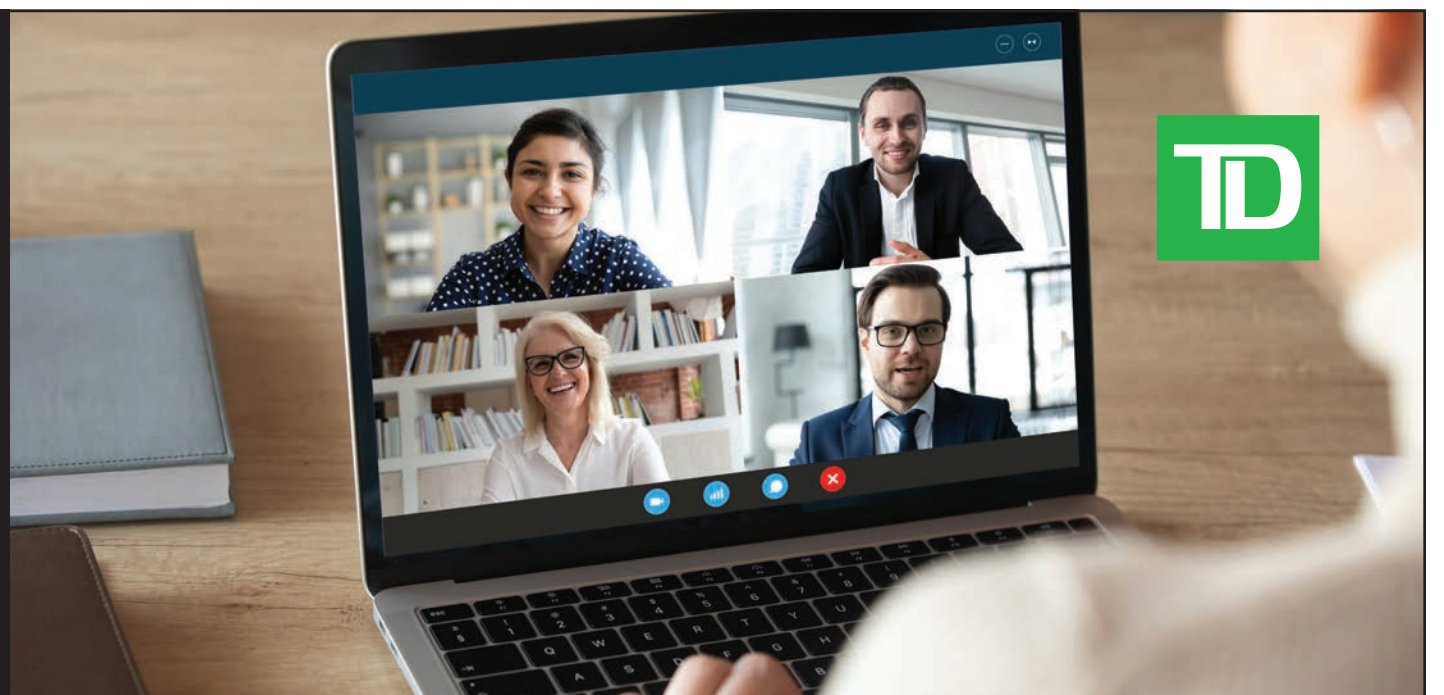


mortgage planning advice. Her candidacy brings decades of fiscal responsibility and accountability to the table.

Anna believes in her party’s strong message of putting families

first. She has a strong team working alongside her and is ready to put forth a strong and effective plan that will ensure her campaign is positioned for success in the next federal election.

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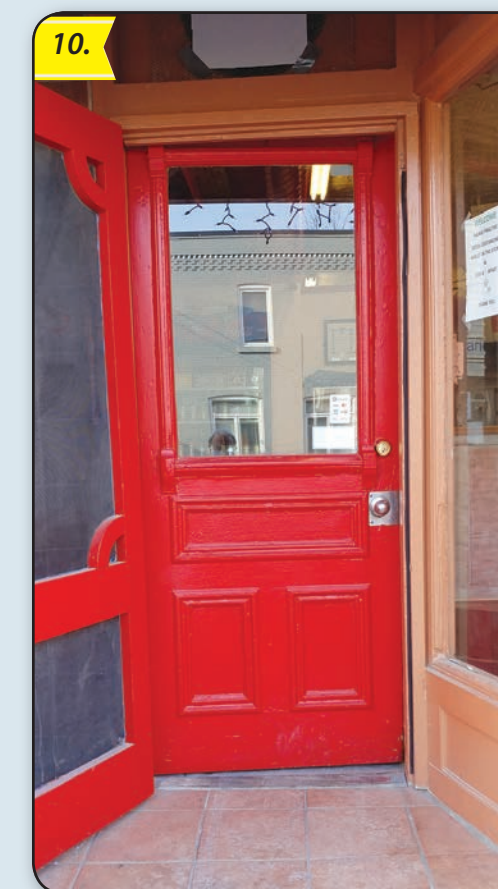


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Simply email a picture of your list of businesses, in the correct order, to: zach@pcmedia.ca

Entries must be submitted by 5pm on Friday February 12th.

If your entry form has all 20 businesses matched to the correct door, you will be entered into a Draw for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes.

Winners will be selected and announced in the Feb. 18th King Weekly Sentinel Newspaper.

Top Prize: \$500 gift card bundle, 2nd & 3rd prize: \$250 gift card bundles.

All correct entries will be entered into a draw for the Care Package. Must be 18 years of age to win.

One entry per email address or person per week.

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Businesses encouraged to apply for relief during shutdown

The Ontario government has received more than 42,000 applications for the Ontario Small Business Support Grant. Businesses that have been approved can expect to receive payment within about 10 business days. During the province-wide Shutdown all eligible small businesses facing challenges are being encouraged to apply for this financial support and receive at least \$10,000 and up to \$20,000.

An update on the new grant was provided last week by Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board, Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, and Lisa Thompson, Minister of Government and Consumer Services.

"There's no question that eligible small businesses need urgent relief to help them navigate this challenging period," said Bethlenfalvy. "If you own an eligible small business in Ontario, I

urge you to visit Ontario.ca/COVIDsupport to join tens of thousands of others to access the support that is available to help navigate COVID-19."

Small businesses required to close or significantly restrict services under the province-wide Shutdown are able to apply for the Ontario Small Business Support Grant and use this funding in whatever way makes the most sense for their individual business needs. For example, some businesses could need support paying employee wages, while others could need support with their rent.

The program will financially support a variety of businesses, including restaurants, retail and personal care services. It will help them pay their bills and meet their financial obligations so they can continue to employ people and support their local communities once it is safe to do so.

Eligible small businesses include those that:

- Were required to close or significantly restrict services due to the prov-

ince-wide Shutdown imposed across the province effective 12:01 a.m. on Dec. 26.

- Have fewer than 100 employees at the enterprise level.
- Have experienced a minimum of 20 per cent revenue decline in April 2020 compared to April 2019. New businesses established since April 2019 will also be eligible if they meet the other eligibility criteria.

"As they have in the past, small businesses will continue to play an important role in Ontario's economic future," said Fedeli. "The Small Business Support Grant offers a critical injection of funds that can help power them through today, so they can be ready for a brighter tomorrow."

"Whether your small business employs a couple of close family members or dozens of people from all over the community, it matters to our government and to our province," said Associate Minister Sarkaria. "That's why we want you to go to Ontario.ca/COVIDsupport to apply for grants that can help bridge the gap to better days ahead. It's easy, it's fast, and it's one of many ways our government is supporting small businesses - every step along the way."

The Ontario Small Business Support Grant is one of a number of supports

available to businesses during the pandemic, such as \$600 million available in rebates to help offset fixed costs such as property taxes and energy bills, and grants to help cover the cost of personal protective equipment. Eligible business owners can apply for all of these supports through a single, hassle-free application.

"Our team at Government and Consumer Services is ready to assist with any questions applicants may have," said Minister Thompson. "The overwhelming number of applications demonstrates that our government's support of small businesses has been well received in every community across Ontario."

More information about the Ontario Small Business Support Grant and other rebates is available on Ontario.ca/COVIDsupport.

The Ontario Small Business Support Grant is a one-time grant. To apply, businesses must demonstrate they experienced a revenue decline of at least 20 per cent when comparing monthly revenue in April 2019 and April 2020. This time period was selected because it reflects the impact of the public health measures in spring 2020, and as such provides a representation of the possible impact of these latest measures on small businesses.

Province investing more than \$600,000 for infrastructure projects in King Township

The Ontario government is making another investment in small, rural and northern communities. Through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF), Ontario continues to support municipalities as they build and repair roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure.

In 2021, King Township will receive more than \$600,000 across to address their local community infrastructure needs.

"I am fully committed to delivering investments to our rural community - funding that will support better local infrastructure including road and bridge repairs, along with clean water infrastructure," said King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce. "I will continue to partner with King Council to ensure families in our community have dependable services and quality local infrastructure that keeps them safe and active, while supporting the growth of our local economy."

"On behalf of King Township council, I'd like to thank the Ontario government and Ministers Stephen Lecce and Laurie Scott for the OCIF funding. Building and maintaining infrastructure in King Township is one of the most important services we deliver," said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "Our citizens expect and deserve to drive on safe roads and bridges and to have clean water coming from their taps. This significant funding will allow us to continue delivering these services to our citizens in the most cost-effective manner possible."

Total investment in King Township is \$608,548.

The funding is a part of Ontario's approximately \$200 million commitment to 424 communities to help them address their core infrastructure projects and asset management planning needs in 2021.

"By investing in infrastructure projects across the province, we are strengthening and building communities," said Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure. "This is part of our ongoing commitment to support small, rural and northern municipalities across Ontario, providing stable funding needed to build long-term economic resilience."

King approves its new DC bylaw

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

King Township has approved its new Development Charges Bylaw.

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

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

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

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

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

Staff noted DCs are vital in that "... the importance of ensuring that growth related costs are appropriately supported by developer contributions si paramount of the long-term financial sustainability of the municipality. As population growth continues to proceed in a planned and timely manner towards build-out, it is essential that growth related infrastructure needs are constructed as new residents arrive."

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

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

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

The overall increase for Township-wide services for single family residences rises 11%, from \$28,681, to \$31,838.

The non-residential rate jumps 21.7%, to \$114.75 per square metre, up from \$94.29 per square metre.

Staff noted the non-residential DCs are significantly higher and are calculated using expected employment growth. The employment forecast shows a shift from expected industrial/warehousing to less industrial and more commercial and office uses, which has a higher employee per square metre rate.

Development charges are of interest to new investors when looking to establish businesses. Staff believe other, more important factors, lead them to King. They include land availability, construction cost, access to transportation, workforce and infrastructure.

"Staff is of the opinion that DC rates and the higher rate increase will not put the Township out of the market for new investment."

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

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

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Vaccinations for most vulnerable to be accelerated

The Ontario government is accelerating the vaccination of residents in long-term care, high-risk retirement, and First Nations elder care homes by a new target date of Feb. 5.

To protect access to second doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine for those who have already received their first dose, Ontario will maintain the maximum interval of 21-27 days for long-term care, retirement and First Nations elder care home resident groups and up to 42 days between the two doses for all other groups. These adjustments are being made following notification by the federal government of reductions in Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine shipments.

"Due to the delay in the next shipment of Pfizer vaccine doses, we are ensuring all available supplies are redirected to those who need them most: our residents in long-term care and retirement homes," said Premier Ford. "I know this will mean that some people

may have to reschedule their vaccine appointments, but it is critical that our most vulnerable seniors receive the protection they need as soon as possible."

On Jan. 19, the federal government notified the province of further reductions in Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine shipments. Ontario will not receive vaccine deliveries for the week of Jan. 25, and will receive just over 26,000 doses for the first weeks of February.

Ontario has not been provided its allocation for the weeks of Feb. 8 and 15, creating further uncertainty for the Province's vaccine rollout.

In response to the significant reduction in distribution by the federal government and the uncertainty of future shipments, the province and vaccination sites have worked together to develop a plan to accelerate vaccination of the province's most vulnerable. Second doses will continue to be administered

based on availability of supply provided by the federal government. Actions being taken include:

- Accelerate vaccination of the most vulnerable populations across Ontario with the goal of visiting each home in the province to administer first doses by Feb. 5, pending week of Feb. 1 delivery dates.

- Doses of the Moderna vaccine will be reallocated to 14 public health units to ensure vaccines are administered at each long-term care home in the province.

"Despite ongoing challenges with supply, together with our partners, we continue to vaccinate our most vulnerable as quickly as possible, and we continue to be ready to administer vaccines to Ontarians as soon as we receive them from the federal government," said Minister Elliott. "Until there is sufficient supply to vaccinate every Ontarian who wants to receive one, we continue to urge everyone to stay home and continue to follow public health measures."

"We are working diligently with our partners to ensure vaccines continue to reach our Phase 1 priority populations, despite limited supplies from the federal government," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "It is critical that Ontarians continue to follow public health measures to ensure we limit the spread of COVID-19 and keep our communities safe."

The government is ready to administer the COVID-19 vaccine and expand the number of vaccination sites as soon as doses are received. Ontario has capacity to vaccinate nearly 40,000 people per day and is building capacity to triple or quadruple that capacity pending

federal government supply.

"We continue to push forward with our vaccination efforts across the province to ensure our frontline health care workers, remote First Nations and vulnerable populations are protected," said General (Ret'd) Rick Hillier. "We will be ready to ramp up our efforts once again when more doses become available."

The government extended the declared provincial emergency for another 14 days. The declaration of emergency made under section 7.0.1 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA), originally declared on Jan. 12, will now expire on Feb. 9, unless extended further. All orders under the EMCPA, including O. Reg 11/21 (Stay-at-Home Order), O. Reg 8/21 (Enforcement of COVID-19 Measures) and O. Reg 13/21 (Residential Evictions) were also extended. Orders under the Reopening Ontario Act (ROA) continue to be in force.

Ontario is committed to vaccinating residents in long-term care and high-risk retirement homes as quickly as vaccines are received. To date, the first round of vaccinations have been completed, for those who are willing and eligible, in all long-term care homes in Toronto, Peel, York, Windsor-Essex, Durham, Halton, Hamilton, Niagara, Ottawa, and Simcoe-Muskoka regions.

As of Jan. 25 at 10 a.m., over 287,000 vaccine doses have been administered across the province, including over 80,000 doses administered to long-term care staff and retirement home staff, over 114,000 doses administered to health care workers and over 68,000 doses administered to long-term care and retirement home residents.

Township benefits from gas tax revenue

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

King will enjoy a much-needed boost, thanks to proceeds from the federal gas tax fund.

Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation, announced that Ontario is providing \$375 million through the Gas Tax program to help 109 municipalities across the province operate and expand public transit. The province will flow the funding as soon as possible in 2021.

"Our government is committed to helping municipalities sustain and improve public transit throughout the province," Mulroney said. "Supporting transit systems is more important than ever as municipalities across Ontario struggle during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding will help ensure people have access to safe, reliable transportation to get to work or pick up essential items like a prescription."

King Township will receive \$777,401.84 this year, up from \$743,600 last year. It's projected to stay the same for 2022 but increase to \$811,201.92 in 2023.

Funding for the Gas Tax program is determined by the number of litres of gasoline sold in the province during the previous year. Municipalities supporting public transit services in their community receive two cents per litre of provincial gas tax revenue collected. This funding can be used to extend service hours, buy transit vehicles, add routes, improve accessibility or upgrade infrastructure.

"Transit systems again thank this government for its unwavering support. From keeping existing service running safely and conveniently to building transit for tomorrow, Minister Mulroney has been an ally of transit systems and our riders. Ontario has placed immense value on public transit to help frontline workers get to and from work each day throughout the pandemic," said Kelly Paleczny, chair of Ontario Public Transit Association and General Manager of the London Transit Commission. "This funding is crucial to communities across the province in the fight against COVID-19 and will play an important role in Ontario's economic recovery."

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Arts & Entertainment

Distinguished panel of judges for ASK photo contest

By Dorita Peer

Shutterbugs have been out there, shooting away in their backyards, or from their balconies, or digging deep into their albums for that winning photo. Images are rolling in. The jury of three inspiring experts are at the post. And what pedigrees! Here are their stories:

Dattu Husnain's disconcerting habit of staring at strangers startled his concerned family – until the day photography became his calling. His search for insight led to degrees from the University of York, in Psychology and Theology, and that one in photography from Ryerson.

Not one to rest on his stupendous laurels and heaps of awards, the master is busy sharing his expertise with Humber College students while also pursuing an MFA at OCAD. A tour his

Natasha V.



website will reveal his story and theirs in faces familiar as Margaret Atwood's or in intriguing strangers-no-longer. <http://www.dattuphoto.com>

Natasha V. is known for mixing a minimalist's eye with a maximalist's sense of colour. Her precise, sculptural approach pleases such illustrious clients as Holt Renfrew, Indigo, Canada Post, The Hudson's Bay and Canada Goose.

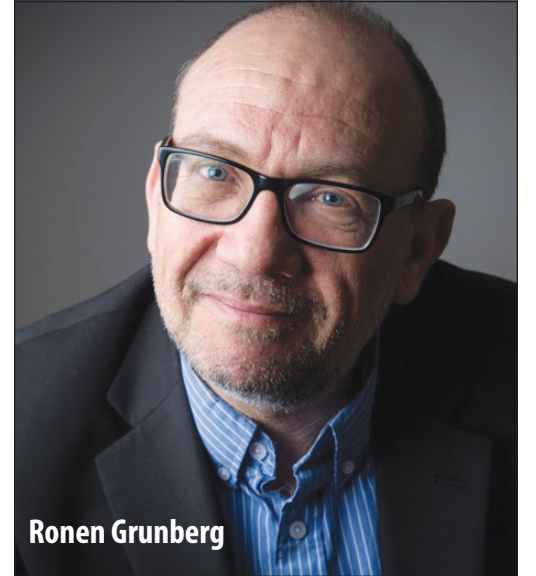
Her love of storytelling and conceptual still life have won her National Magazine and Advertising and Design Club of Canada awards, and her work has been featured in North American and European publications. A tour of her website is a romp over melting deserts, objects of mystique, uncovered textural peeks and food with attitude. natasha@natashav.com

Ronen Grunberg, SLR and Super 8 in hand, began exploring photography

and videography in a Grade 9 media course. The congenial man behind the lenses was surely destined to become a teacher. Retired now from 30-plus years teaching high school, he now shares his genius with the members of the Aurora Public Library Camera Club he founded in 2012 where area shutterbugs share their knowledge and creativity.

His recent fascination with the use of drones in aerial photography makes his views from above a feature of his creative output. A hint to contestants: a tour of his website below is practically a tutorial as well as completely enchanting. <http://www.aplcc.ca>

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NCC asks visitors to respect its nature reserves

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is asking all visitors to its publicly-accessible nature reserves to do so with respect and to follow all posted signage for guidance on permitted activities.

"We have noticed an increase in some non-permitted activities on our properties in recent months," said Wendy Cridland, senior director of conservation in Ontario with the Nature Conservancy of Canada. "Off leash dogs, ATV and snowmobile use, people going off trails, fires, dog waste and other litter are just a few of the complaints we have received from community members. First and foremost, our nature reserves are to protect the species found there, so it is important that all visitors treat these places and other users with respect."

These issues have escalated during the pandemic, especially since the province-wide shutdown went into effect last month.

"If visitors see any illegal activity, such as vandalism or trespass, we encourage people to report it to NCC staff and the local authorities," said Cridland.

The following activities are prohibited on all NCC properties in Ontario:

- Off-leash dogs. Pets must be kept leashed at all times for their wellbeing and to protect other visitors, other dogs, and wildlife and their natural habitat.
- Littering. All garbage, including pet waste, must be taken with you. NCC does not maintain waste bins on its properties.
- Camping or fires.
- Foraging or picking of plants.
- Off-trail use.

All of the non-profit, national charity's properties are private lands. Most are open to visitors to enjoy and appreciate nature.

Many of these properties were donated by generous individuals who wanted to ensure these special places remain in

their natural state forever. However, the natural values of these places can be threatened by unsustainable use.

"We know nature is important in our lives and good for our health and well-being, especially in these stressful times. Many of our properties are popular with nature lovers and outdoor enthusiasts. But we need the public to respect these special places. Many of our trails are maintained by volunteers and a limited number of staff. We are asking everyone to respect these areas and to follow the directions on use as posted in our signage," said Cridland.

During Ontario's province-wide shutdown and State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NCC urges residents to follow all public health guidelines including:

- Keep a distance of two metres (6 feet) from people not from your household.
- Do not gather in groups of more than 5 people – please do not gather with other households (households with more than 5 members excepted).

- Do not congregate.

For more information visit COVID-19: province-wide shutdown | Ontario.ca.

NCC's website offers opportunities for people to enjoy nature at a distance by taking virtual hikes — thanks to 360-degree Google Trekker footage — coast to coast. These can be seen at natureconservancy.ca/trekker. NCC also has a series of online activities to help people of all ages get their nature fix. Visit natureconservancy.ca and watch for updates and activities being added regularly.

For public inquiries regarding our conservation sites, please call: 1-877-231-3552.

The Nature Conservancy of Canada (NCC) is the nation's leading not-for-profit, private land conservation organization, working to protect our most important natural areas and the species they sustain. Since 1962, NCC and its partners have helped to protect 14 million hectares (35 million acres), coast to coast to coast, with more than 84,000 hectares (207,000 acres) in Ontario. To learn more, visit natureconservancy.ca.

Blueprint to Recovery is a guide for better health

By Robert Belardi

Between process and recovery. A gaping hole that historically has never been simple to bridge.

With fitness, there are ways that it can be. Recently published work from Quinton Nurse and Christopher Araya, *The Blueprint to Recovery* is your one-stop-shop; your supplement, to making a difference in your daily life. It is all about the will power to make a difference.

Still in the process of getting his Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine degree at the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine, Caledon resident Quinton Nurse yearned for more knowledge and approached a registered massage therapist (RMT) teaching his physical therapeutics class for more information.

Christopher Araya, RMT and owner of Araya Health Centre in Scarborough, won the 2019 Toronto Star Reader's Choice Award for the best therapy clinic in the city.

With the idea of putting something practical and symbiotic together, Araya knew who he could turn to discuss this.

"I approached Quinton. He had a strong background in nutrition but for me, it was always interesting to talk to him. Quinton always shared some insight on nutrition and fitness and how I always preached massages. It was always integrated in the bigger perspective of health," Araya said.

They shared intricate conversations on nutrition, fitness, and therapy. They both determined each of these three could not reach its full potential without the others. Fuelled by their own motives to make a difference, Nurse and Araya wanted to play a role filling a void in the health care and fitness industry they both felt needed to be addressed. Together, they co-wrote *The Blueprint to Recovery*.

The e-book released last month is a practical and engaging, 75-page informative work that is supported by their three concepts; otherwise known here in as pillars.

It shares intricate detail on nutrition, exercise, and therapy with an emphasis on diet, restorative movement, and metabolism.

"If your metabolism is way off, and the foods that you are eating contribute to inflammation, no amount of mas-

sage therapy is going to fix that. So, when one pillar is completely off, you won't have success," Nurse explained.

For example, the body not only needs water to be hydrated but also needs water to properly function and perform. He also mentions that the foods that we consume are better off being consumed while there is daylight. Nurse explained, "the sun impacts your metabolism right down to your genes".

Research shows that bodily signals stimulated by the sun help the body use foods and can provide a sufficient amount of Vitamin D. The book will detail how to maintain your health throughout the winter months with less sunlight (and often activity) per day, and how to use food timing to help recovery.

As many workers experience working from home due to COVID-19, people continue to experience an insurmountable shortage of movement.

Nurse says the human body will adapt to its surroundings and in this case, in a negative way. It's a big part of how people come to experience pain and damage. This blueprint is in part a guide on how to diversify your movement to prevent negative adaptations.

"I would view this book in the same category as an important supplement, because as a supplement to what you are currently doing currently, it isn't meant to carry you all the way. More, it shows you what you need to go forward, sets you in the right direction, and stimulates your curiosity for betterment. And that's what this book does," Araya said.

"It's a gateway to the next step. It's a checkpoint."

Further in, celebrity Chef John Abanilla, crafted healthy recipes to get you started.

Illustrator Anthony Nucifora showcases what movements you can do to ensure the body is steadfastly, meeting its own demands and needs for activity.

Combined with over 15 years of total experience between Araya and Nurse, the *Blueprint To Recovery* is designed for everyone. For those with everyday pain and injuries, and for athletes desiring to further pinpoint their problems and improve their longevity in the sport, this is the right read for them.

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Open House Round 2

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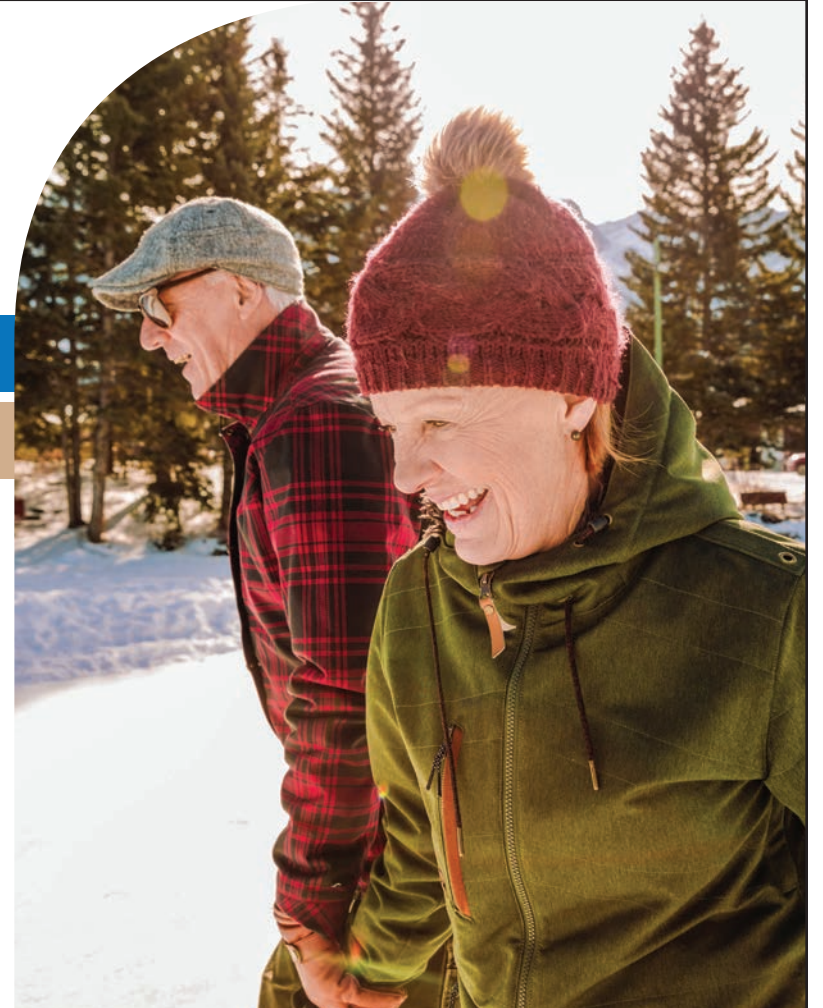
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Slow progress on crash investigation offers little solace

By Mark Pavilons
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Iran's offer to compensate families who lost loved ones a year ago on Ukrainian Airlines Flight 752 does little to ease the pain and suffering. In fact, the offer was summarily dismissed by the Canadian government.

The investigation seems to be moving along at a snail's pace. That, and a lack of transparency, has caused frustration among surviving family members.

The Iranian government, at the end of December, offered families \$150,000 in compensation for each family who lost their loved ones.

Ralph Goodale, Canada's special advisor, rejected the offer, noting Iran can't simply offer such an amount unilaterally, without due process and negotiations.

Goodale said the final amount will be subject to negotiations between Iran and Canada and the four other countries whose citizens were killed on the plane.

Goodale was appointed last March to lead Canada's response to the Jan. 8, 2020 shooting down of Ukraine International Airlines Flight 752 by Iran's Revolutionary Guard that killed all 176 people on board.

They included 55 Canadian citizens, 30 permanent residents and 53 more travellers bound for Canada, including many Iranian students, as well as citizens of Britain, Afghanistan, Sweden and Ukraine.

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Foreign Affairs, along with his colleagues from the four other affected States of the Coordination Group are committed to holding Iran accountable for its violations of international law.

"We have indicated our intention to hold state-to-state negotiations in order to ensure that Iran makes full reparations for the downing of PS752."

A government spokesperson said the first round of talks took place July 30, during which time modalities for these negotiations were discussed. However, there have been no further talks.

"Given the sensitive nature of these discussions, it is not appropriate for the Government of Canada to disclose any further information or to speculate on possible outcomes.

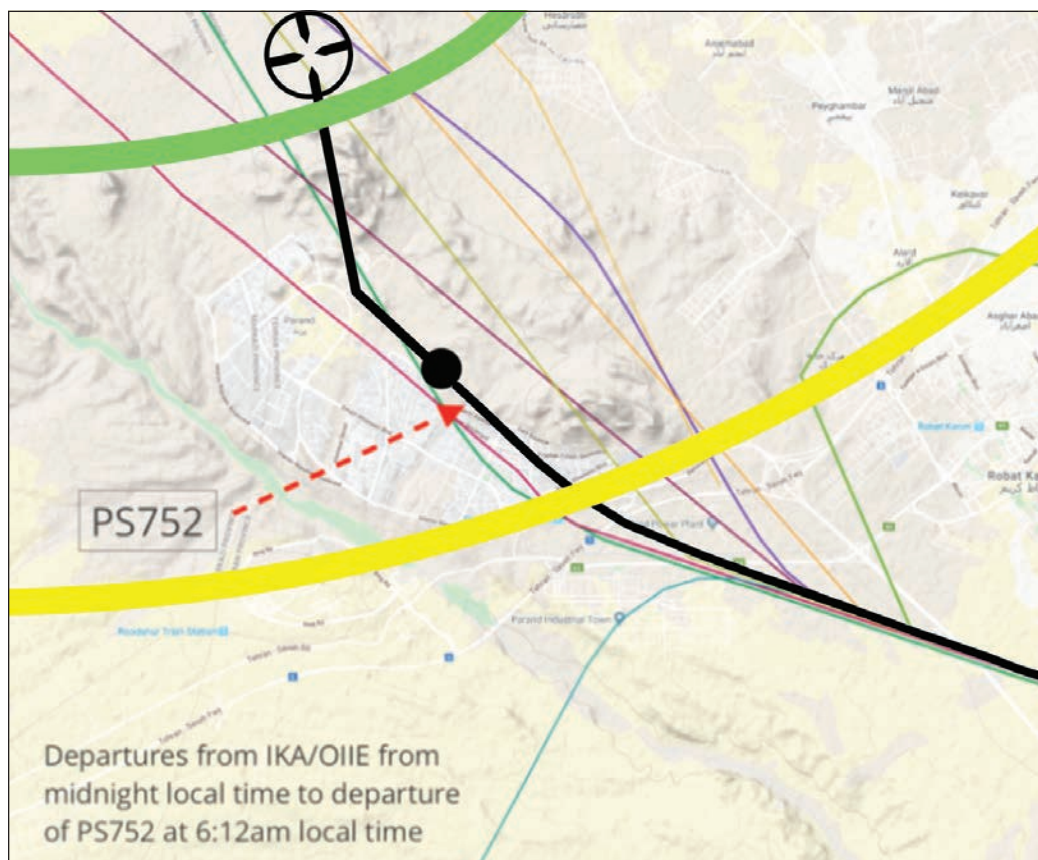
"Canada and the Coordination Group members are committed to holding Iran accountable and to pursue justice for the families of the victims of PS752. We expect Iran to live up to its obligations in his regard," said John Babcock, spokesperson for Global Affairs Canada.

Schomberg resident Andre Milne, whose firm Unicorn Aerospace has been investigating details surrounding the case and working with the Ukrainian government, is becoming concerned over Canadian government inaction.

Milne questions what he says are contradictory claims of Foreign Affairs Minister Champagne against his own spokesperson.

"How does it work that Global Affairs Canada uses references to future modalities for discussions with Iran towards negotiations that have not yet happened? He then goes on to say that what was discussed with Iran can not be disclosed because it is sensitive."

Milne began his investigation within



hours of the crash and contacted the federal government within days with his data. He said by early February, the Ukrainian Anti Terrorist Prosecutor was assigned to use Milne's evidence as the framework to investigate Iran for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

A peaceful, quiet march was held in Toronto to mark the anniversary earlier this month. Family members and participants held up posters, photos of each of the victims. The event came and went with little in the way of fanfare.

It has been reported in national media that some of the families of the victims have been harassed by members of the Iranian secret service.

"The RCMP is aware of allegations of intimidation of the grieving families of the PS752 and we take such complaints seriously. Depending on the facts, harassment, intimidation, uttering threats, hate speech, terrorism and foreign interference are specific offences under the Criminal Code and other statutes. While we cannot comment on individual cases, the RCMP is working with local police to monitor alleged threats of harassment, intimidation and foreign interference in Canada," according to a statement from the RCMP.

Milne was in Toronto during the walk and he said he spoke with a Toronto police officer, who said the RCMP made zero effort in coordinating any counter intelligence surveillance. Milne wants to know why the RCMP national security "missed an opportunity to gather field intelligence on suspects" in what Milne deems is a "painfully obvious ongoing intelligence operation being conducted on Canadian soil by the Iranian government."

On the anniversary of the downing of Flight PS752, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Canada has worked tirelessly to get the transparency, accountability, and justice that the victims and their families deserve. On the anniversary, Champagne, and the Honourable Marc Garneau, issued the following statement:

"Canada's priority since the downing of PS752 has always been to provide families and loved ones with the support they need. We continue to work with other impacted countries to hold Iran to account and seek transparency and justice for the victims of this tragedy and their families.

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“No one should have to go through the torment these families have faced. That is why Canada is working with its international partners through the Safer Skies Initiative to protect civilian air passengers from the dangers of traveling through and near conflict zones.

“The Government of Canada will continue to stand alongside the families and relatives of the victims who lost their lives during the senseless tragedy of Flight PS752.”

Trudeau said Canada has worked tirelessly to get the transparency, accountability, and justice that the victims and their families deserve.

“We have been unrelenting in pursuit of the truth, and Canada will not accept anything less than a comprehensive and honest explanation from the Iranian regime of what exactly happened that day. We continue to work closely with our international partners to ensure a thorough, transparent, and credible investigation into the cause of this tragedy, and to hold Iran accountable, including by ensuring that Iran makes full reparations for the victims of PS752 and their grieving families, and to ensure that those responsible are brought to justice.”

Milne said he’s been directed to continue gathering evidence by the Ukrainian Anti-Terrorist Prosecutor. This evidence will assist the Ukrainian War Crimes Investigation against Iran.

Milne warns that any government or agency that stands in the way of the investigation could be standing in the way of justice, and in fact be considered accessories to this crime against humanity by the International Criminal Court.

Trudeau went on to say: “We have also been unwavering in our commitment to support the families through this painful and tragic situation and keep Canadians safe from future disasters. I welcomed a report by Special Advisor Ralph Goodale, which will help establish best practices to prevent and respond to any future air disasters if they occur, including by providing better support to the families of victims. We have also led the development of a global Safer Skies Initiative to better protect passengers from the risk of flying in or near conflict zones.

“Going forward, the Government of

Canada will continue to support the family members of the Canadians and permanent residents of Canada who were lost to the tragedies of Flight PS752 and Ethiopian Airlines Flight 302. This includes offering a pathway to permanent residence to some of the family members. Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada will provide more details about who will be eligible and how to apply once the policies are implemented. In the meantime, family members who are in Canada on a temporary basis can apply to extend their stay if needed.”

King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte added “Canada will continue its fight for justice for the victims and their families.”

Premier Doug Ford said the people of Ontario will move forward to ensure respect for international law and advocate for the rights of victims and their families.

Goodale pointed out that each personal story and family circumstance is unique. But the common element for all is the “trauma and heartbreak of losing precious loved ones in such a senseless and tragic manner at the hands of the Iranian military.”

He noted more than a dozen federal departments and agencies are collaborating to assist victims.

One of the difficulties is the international nature of this disaster. This means that several countries with varying interests, perspectives and legal systems have a stake in how it is ultimately resolved, and multilateral decision-making is never simple. The applicable legal framework is set through longstanding international conventions, to which all the affected countries are signatories, as well as general principles of customary international law and the domestic laws of the affected countries.

“That complex framework does not lend itself easily to expeditious outcomes.”

That notwithstanding, the Canadian government has made it clear: The families matter most. And Canada will not rest until we get the answers and actions those families need and deserve.

Goodale’s role as special advisor is mandated to support the prime minister, various ministers, parliamentary secretaries and the public service in “meeting the needs and expectations

of the grieving families, including the pursuit of both justice and compensation.”

The RCMP has assigned a dedicated team to facilitate and coordinate victims’ support services to all PS752 family members in Canada. Working with municipal police partners across the country and with federal government partners involved with the PS752 tragedy, trauma support and related services are being made available to family members impacted.

RCMP members have been meeting with PS752 family members to inform them of the supports available to them. The RCMP has been consulting with experts and specialists from around the world in the field of support to victims of mass fatality incidents, as well as past victims of terrorism and mass fatality incidents, in order to better as-

ist the PS752 families on their forward path towards healing. The RCMP will continue with these efforts into 2021.

RCMP members travelled to Ukraine in the days following the downing of PS752 to assess the situation and to see how we could assist the Ukrainian criminal investigation. Members returned to Canada on March 13, 2020 because of the pandemic, however, the RCMP is continuing to support international law enforcement partners.

As well, RCMP Federal Policing National Security investigators are working with Ukrainian counterparts to determine the best methods to support the Prosecutor General of Ukraine’s investigation into the matter under Ukraine’s criminal law. The RCMP is undertaking investigative steps to preserve any evidence that may reside in Canada.

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King City boys cracked Aurora's Junior A club

By Robert Belardi

King City defencemen Evan Roccatani and Stefan Lakoseljac were walk-ons in the Aurora Tigers training camp and in a rare setting, have cracked the roster for this upcoming season with the club.

"A lot of guys have commitments before they come to camp," head coach, Jim Wells Jr said.

"It's just like an NHLer they have a contract right. These guys both came on as walk ons essentially, and made their team in camp."

Wells Jr. went on to add the first thing that struck out to him was both of their work ethics. They exemplified both in video, dry land and on-ice, integrity and consistency.

Lakoseljac constantly asked for feedback and both made it very clear how bad they wanted to be an Aurora Tiger.

"I've always wanted to play for the Tigers, ever since minor hockey," Lakoseljac wrote.

"It's always been great hockey club, and I have so much respect for the organization, the management the coaching staff and everyone associated with the team. I also love how the team is always doing amazing things in the community."

The work ethic shown by these players was remarkable. They proved their



Evan Roccolani

worth by holding their play accountable and continuing to show improvement with every shift.

"Since I first arrived on the scene for tryouts, I knew that I had to be the hardest working player on the ice," Roccatani wrote.

"I knew if I did this it would give me a better chance to get noticed. Another thing that I noticed was that in the locker room, everyone is respectful. It

looked like a great atmosphere to be around."

Both Roccatani and Lakoseljac couldn't be more pleased to have reached the Junior A level. Both have wanted this for some time and knew the Tigers were the best fit.

Lakoseljac got his first taste of Junior A hockey back in 2017-18 in midget, with the York Simcoe Express U-18 AAA.

He came on for one game with the Stouffville Spirit and said the game was fast and the players were bigger and stronger back then.

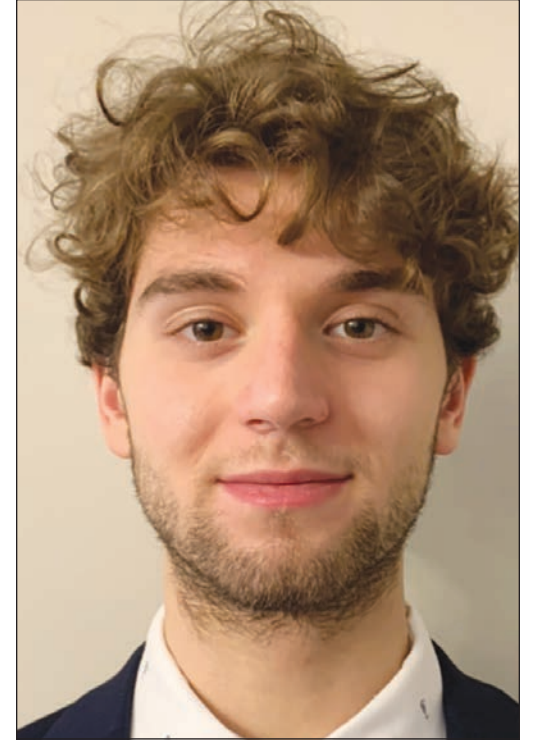
Since then he's come a long way. Following an 18-point season in 42 games played with the Port Hope Panthers in the PJCHL last year, Lakoseljac knows who he is now and what he will bring to the roster.

"I'm, a fast, high energy, aggressive player, and I have a great first pass. We have a great group of guys, lots of talent, and I look forward to seeing what we can do as a team," Lakoseljac said.

Roccatani has also had his eye on Junior A hockey for quite some time.

Following a 10-point season with the Toronto Nationals and a Div. 1 YRAA championship with his high school team, the King City Lions, Roccatani knows what's at stake and believes this year, the Aurora Tigers will be taking everyone by surprise.

"The team has made big strides this



Stefan Lakoseljac

past year. I can see how good the team is just from tryouts and from a few practices. I think we are going to catch a lot of teams by surprise this season," Roccatani said.

In accordance with provisions set by Public Health and the Provincial government there is no telling when the season will officially begin. But when it does, these players could be more excited to get on to the ice.

Gym owner fears closure if reopening doesn't happen soon

By Robert Belardi

Georgette Dunn went to the University of Nottingham. Not only did she earn a degree, she also found love while in England, to a man named Rick Dunn.

She married Rick and solemnly convinced him to emigrate to her home nation. Rick obliged to come live in Aurora 10 years ago.

He brought along a fine history of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA). In Nottingham, Rick was an active professional. So, it only made sense for the two to open up their own club. They opened Fearless MMA 2015.

Dunn became the only female-indigenous business owner in the town and still to this day, holds that title high. She claims she might be the only one in all of York Region.

Over the course of the six-year period, Fearless MMA moved over two locations. Dunn has earned her NCCP Coaching Licence 1 and became a professional hand-wrapper. Without an official title for it, she is qualified to wrap the hands of pro fighters.

She also teaches female boxing and fitness classes, while Rick teaches MMA to both amateurs and professionals.

Together, they've built a wonderful community for fighters. They've built robust relationships, strengthened the will of others. They've strengthened the mind set of others, the very fibres of the human conscience. They've taught others how to endure pain through Muay Thai, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu and boxing.

Now, it's time to use everything her and Rick have taught others and fight through the threats of COVID-19.

Her now, 6,000-square-foot facility is under siege. There is a feeling of trepidation. Dunn says she is simply hanging on to what she and husband so fought so hard for, by a thread.

"We hope to be in the community for another six years, but it's not looking very good," Dunn said.

When in the red zone, fighters did come in to train. Dunn said that was better than nothing, but not nearly good enough. 70 per cent of the business was lost.

A provision was introduced by Boxing Ontario and Boxing Canada, that if you had any pro fighters coming to the gym, your facility can remain

open. Fearless MMA has seen athletes qualify for pre-Olympics, national and provincial competitions.

Richmond Hill native Jahangeer Faquiry qualified for pre-Olympic trials. Aurora native Sabir Yousufzai, won golden gloves, the Brampton Cup and multiple provincial titles. Stouffville native Carter McGhie won the national Muay Thai championship last year and all the way from Georgia in Europe, Emzar Lashvili; known as the Ninja by Rick, emigrated just a year ago to Canada and is a fantastic athlete.

Just recently, Aurora's Todd Stoute, also known by his fight name The Black Hulk, is a pro fighter who has recently come to the club to train.

"We have 80 registered members with the sanctioning government. We were able to continue to train them. When the government went into the gray zone and it happened in Toronto first, Boxing Ontario originally said, the government was leaving it up to the sanctioning body to interpret the legislation and act accordingly," Dunn explained.

Boxing clubs in Toronto were only open for a mere three to four days before Public Health, seemed to of denounced the provincial government's proposed legislation.

"Boxing Ontario released a statement that Public Health/Health Canada, had released an addendum, to the statement and said, to be clear, all indoor facilities were to be closed," Dunn said.

Clubs were not to be opened at all moving forward, despite any pro fighters. Dunn says it's going to be a challenge to bring all of these athletes back up to speed once everything does open up.

Much like a plentitude of other businesses, seemingly resorting to virtual classes, Dunn says this is not an option. MMA is tactile. Everything is done within six-feet apart from one another.

The bills continue to add up. Every now and then, Rick and Georgette will enter the building to ensure everything is functioning properly. The Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) is running a month behind. Although it covers 65 to 90 per cent of monthly rent, Dunn fears when she must go back on her own, the debt incurred will be quite the load to carry.

"I guess everybody is in the same

boat, but I guess everybody doesn't have the same amount of overhead, because we are such a large facility."

Boxing Ontario President Jennifer Huggins sent letters to petition this closure to the Assistant Deputy Minister of Sport, Recreation and Community Programs Division, Steve Harlow, the Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, the Hon. Lisa MacLeod and the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford.

A meeting was held and the results of this meeting are pending. Dunn believes, this might go very far.

In her facility, students who lack stable households came to the facility not only to train but to look for their coaches to be a figure and a role model in their lives.

Dunn says many students have come out discuss their struggles and to seek advice and mentorship. It is a grave concern to her and her husband, while also acknowledging the severity of the virus.

As of now, Dunn is putting together a marketing contingency strategy to promote discounted prices once she is able to open her doors.

She says she has a firm foothold in the Aurora community, having held donations for the women's shelter

and donated to the food bank.

She has also held fundraisers for Indigenous causes. As a proud Indigenous woman, recognized as Metis, she will continue to support groups, spread her culture and will continue the fight for all Indigenous communities to achieve equality.

It is very important to her to keep the culture relevant, and notify people that she is a business owner. She wants to erase misconceptions and stereotypes. She wants to eradicate the borders that are created within our society and let citizens know, there are plenty of Indigenous entrepreneurs around.

And to all 200 members, Dunn says Fearless MMA is a place where the people in the community and elsewhere, can come and feel right at home.

Anyone is welcome to Fearless MMA. Even if you don't want to fight. Even if you want some rigorous cardio and teachings of self-defence, it's a great place for that too.

Dunn says she is unsure when the facility will be available to be open. She hopes it will be soon, as her and Rick, continue the fight of their own. With all MMA teachings, they hope to be back at full strength once again.

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NFL referees never fail to be inconsistent

By Robert Belardi

For four quarters in the NFC Championship game this past Sunday between the Green Bay Packers and the Tampa Buccaneers there were plenty of calls missed. There was a simple connotation behind this and it was pointed out by FOX Sports announcers Joe Buck and Troy Aikman. They both acknowledged to all viewers these officials were simply letting the boys play.

There were holding calls missed on Packers receiver Allen Lazard. There were holding calls on the Packers lineman. There were false starts missed. It all seemed to be up and down all afternoon in Lambeau Field.

Until, everyone saw, at least in my opinion, one of the worst calls with over a minute left in the game. For me, the second worst call/non-call in an NFC Championship game that I have ever seen.

The worst, in the 2019 NFC Championship game between the Los Angeles Rams and the New Orleans Saints, when Rams cornerback Nickell

Robey-Coleman flat-ironed Saints wide receiver Tommylee Lewis, preventing him from catching the ball. A blatant pass interference missed. The Rams went on the Super Bowl. The NFL released an apology, saying they had made a drastic mistake.

On 3rd down, the jersey of Buccaneers wide receiver Tyler Johnson was tugged by Packers corner Kevin King. Just like it has been done throughout the game to Lazard. But instead of letting it slide and following a childish complaint from Johnson, the officials threw a late flag that ultimately sent the Buccaneers to the Super Bowl.

As a Packer fan, it is troubling. I feel like the Saints fans did two years ago. Robbed and cheated.

A tumultuous roar, raged inside of me. All game the NFL officials had let these jersey tugs slide. But, don't tell me, because it's Tom Brady; the G.O.A.T, and with the Super Bowl set up to be played in Tampa Bay, you make that call. I can't be far off with this call.

It left other professional players out-

raged. Saints wide receiver Michael Thomas tweeted, "Nah, it's rigged lol that's the same way the other play wow on Brady."

Pittsburgh Steelers tight-end Eric Ebron, yelled over twitter that, that wasn't a flag.

American sports journalist Jason Whitlock tweeted, "Unreal. They looked the other way on pass interference ALL game and then you ruin the ending. The NFL."

Former NFL head coach and Super Bowl winner with the Indianapolis Colts Tony Dungy tweeted, "That was OBVIOUS Pass Interference. But the problem is they let other jersey grabs go during the game. Inconsistent calls frustrate you."

Indeed Dungy, they do. Sure, did Kevin King grab his jersey? Absolutely he did. No question. But it didn't help that Johnson jumped into the air to flop on the ground and sell the call. It also didn't help, tugging of the jersey wasn't called all game. The ball wasn't even catchable. So why now? When Green Bay was about to get the ball back?

It is most certainly troubling. It's horrific. But as a Packer fan I can't be mad at the way the team played. The team had their chances.

Devante Adams dropped a pass in the end zone in the second quarter. Aaron Rodgers missed Devante Adams on a free play down the field. The Packers, who intercepted Brady on three-straight drives, only came up with six points. Rodgers, on third and goal had an open lane to run and chose not to.

And then there's the controversial decision that head coach Matt LaFleur later regretted after the game. To go for it on fourth and goal to try and take the lead. He opted for the field goal.

As a Packer fan, this loss hurts the most. A fifth NFC Championship with Rodgers at the helm and the Packers improve their record to 1-4.

The NFL hasn't failed to frustrate its supporters with inconsistency and the monstrosity continues year after year and progressively gets worse. Something has to be done about it. You either make the calls all game, or you don't.

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Nobleton Notes

By Angie Maccarone

Good news! It's not too late to register for our next Alpha Course which begins next week Wednesday, Feb. 3. It runs weekly until April 21, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom.

If you are looking for a virtual 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, please go to our website, stpaulsnobleton.ca, and check out the trailer and find the instructions for registration.

This Sunday, January 31, Jeff's message is entitled, "One Voice," based on Romans 15:1-13.

Due to the lockdown, our in-person gatherings are cancelled until further notice. Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages anytime, also on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

Our women's Life Connect Groups

have started up again online, one meeting each Tuesday morning at 9:30 and another meeting each Thursday at noon. 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 office at secretary@stpaulsnobleton.ca.

Nobleton, Schomberg United Churches

How are you doing? While preparing for our Annual General Meeting, I realized how different things have been over the past year – recorded services, outdoor social visits, newsletters to keep connected and outdoor events to share a little joy. Some of you may think of church as a building but it is so much more.

In 2020, I felt as if we opened the doors wide, walked out and said, "Here we are, we are the church and we are here to serve ... this is what following Christ looks like."

Sure, like you, there are things that I miss. I miss my weekly visits to Tim Horton's in Nobleton where I got to know several people from the community. I miss chatting with people

at the monthly senior's lunches in Schomberg. I miss just being able to walk down the street and give somebody a wide smile.

Although there has been loss of some of the "normal" activities, we persevere, and we do what we can to show the love of Christ through our actions.

If you would like to watch one of the recorded services you can find them on the Nobleton United YouTube channel, or on Facebook. If you'd like

a typed copy of the service, or links to some weekly music choices or if you just want to connect with me, send me a message, I'd love to hear how you are doing.

You can support the ministry of Nobleton United or Schomberg United on CanadaHelps.org.

You can contact me, Carol-Ann at ministernobletonschomberg@gmail.com or leave a message at 905-859-3976. (messages are picked up weekly).

Webinars aimed at electric vehicles

Climate Action King and the EV Society of Ontario are presenting free webinars to give residents some insight into electric vehicles.

The webinars will take place Wednesday, Feb. 24 and March 24, both at 7 p.m.

If you're thinking of buying an electric vehicle and have questions, year from experienced owners who will share their thoughts.

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Do dessert at home this Valentine's Day

Dining out is a Valentine's Day tradition. Couples new and old typically make Valentine's Day into date night at nice restaurants, making this holiday that much more special.

Couples who want to add a special twist to Valentine's Day date night can enjoy a nice meal out before returning home for some homemade dessert. Whether couples prepare it together or surprise their significant others, the following recipe for "Coffee Crisp" from Bob Blumer's "Surreal Gourmet Bites" (Chronicle Books) can make for the perfect ending to a Valentine's Day date night.

Coffee Crisp
Yields 12 bites

- 6 egg yolks
- 8 tablespoons sugar
- 2 tablespoons instant espresso or coffee powder
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract



Preheat the oven to 300 F.

In a medium bowl, whisk egg yolks and 6 tablespoons of the sugar for 1 minute, or until smooth and pale yellow in color. Reserve.

In a second medium bowl, add espresso granules and 1/4 cup of the cream. Whisk until smooth, then add remaining cream and vanilla, and whisk until well blended.

Very gently, fold espresso cream mixture into egg yolks.

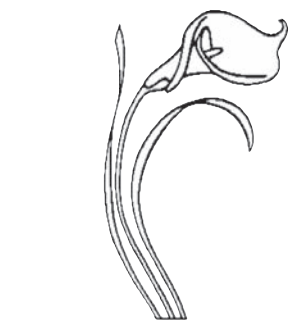
Use a ladle to pour custard mixture into espresso cups, filling them three-fourths of the way to the top.

Place cups in a baking dish or roasting pan and transfer to oven. Fill a pitcher with warm tap water. Before closing oven door, pour water into pan (but not into the cups themselves!) until it reaches halfway up the sides of the cups.

Bake for 40 minutes, or until the custards jiggle just slightly when you shake the pan. Remove pan from oven and leave out on counter, allowing the residual heat of the water to finish the cooking process.

When custards have fully solidified, refrigerate for 2 hours

Just before serving, sprinkle 1/2 teaspoon of sugar evenly overtop each custard. Use a small blowtorch to caramelize the sugar. Alternatively, place cups 1 inch below oven broiler under a watchful eye for approximately 2 minutes, or until sugar caramelizes.



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King Weekly Sentinel

King's Corners

King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

Last week, Jan. 24, Rev. Bruce's message entitled "The Power Struggle" centered again on our call and our direction by God. How do we face our difficulties, how to we respond to God's call and who is ultimately in control?

The Jan. 24 worship is still available to view online along with the previous weeks on our website at kcuc.net

Our Jan. 31 worship will be broadcast at 10 a.m. on Sunday with Rev. Andrew Lee presiding.

If you would like to emails please contact the church at kcuc@bellnet.ca to be put on the list for the Sunday morning worship link. We are optimistic about the numbers in Ontario and hoping that our behaviours and sacrifices are finally making a difference that is reflected in lower numbers, thank you everyone for doing your part hard as it is.

While we continue to remain in grey lockdown in the province of Ontario, we will be 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.

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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.

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

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

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

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 "The Witness of Conviction."

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?

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

St. Andrew's invites you to join us online as we continue to worship together, at standrews-kingcity.ca, Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

Following the service, "Coffee Fellowship" is held so pour yourself a coffee or tea and click on your invite link. Get in touch with Lynn or Kathy at 905-833-0391 if you need the link.

Virtual Art for the Soul is on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. Contact Lynn for the Zoom link.

A new mural will be finished this week for the south wall of the church, replacing the Nativity Scene at Christmas time. It is St. Andrew's tribute to the front-line workers! We invite you to have a look when out for a walk or driving by the church. We can't thank them enough and we are keeping them in our prayers.

The King Township Food Bank is continuing with its safe food distribution each month. Need more information? kffb.ca

For pastoral care, call or text Lynn Vissers, Director of Congregational Ministries at 416-998-4652 or the Rev. Paul Johnston, our Interim Moderator at 705-341-7738.

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

May God's presence of hope, peace, joy and love be experienced daily in 2021. God is with us!

Do keep in touch and we hope to see you soon.

All Saints Anglican Church

By Patrick Gossage

Last Sunday marked the end of the international week of prayer for Christian unity. This is Jesus's own call for unity in John 17: "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me."

Words to Live by - Fr. Michael spoke on a passage in Jonah 3: "When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it."

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King's Corners

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"Recent events in the U.S. have shown us what happens when large groups of people entrench themselves into more and more extreme positions. We may be becoming programmed into ways of thinking that are self-righteous, judging, and which are very far from the gospel of our faith in Jesus Christ.

Today's reading from the Hebrew scriptures offers us a way out of that mind set. God tells Jonah to go to Nineveh, the capital city of the Assyrian Empire: "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it" (Jon 1.2).

Spending on public schools in Ontario up nearly \$2.8 billion

Contrary to public perceptions, spending on public schooling in Ontario increased by 10.6 per cent or \$2.8 billion between 2013-14 and 2017-18 despite enrolment only increasing by 0.2 per cent, finds a new study by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

Per student spending on public schools in Ontario continues to surpass the national average. After adjusting for inflation, spending per student on public schools increased 2.9 per cent, and in 2017/18 reached \$14,394, more than the national average of \$13,798 per student.

It would be like today a Christian evangelist getting sent to the capital of North Korea. Assyria was so hated and feared that another Hebrew prophet, Nahum, called Nineveh a "city of bloodshed, utterly deceitful" (Nah 3.1). Not one to embrace a martyr's fate, Jonah buys a ticket on the first ship going as far from Nineveh as possible, but Jonah can't escape his destiny. Thrown overboard in a storm, Jonah ends up in the belly of the fish, Jonah thanks God for saving him: "Deliverance belongs to the Lord!" (Jon 2.9).

"Then, after hearing what is sometimes called the worst sermon every preached (loosely paraphrased as "Forty days from now, God will kill you all!") Jon 3.4), the King of Nineveh repents, along with the whole city, even the animals. "All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands" (3.8) and God has mercy on them. The Book of Jonah teaches us that God loves the people that we hate.

The author of Jonah dared to imagine the love of God for all of his creation, even for the enemies of Israel.

How do we implement this lesson in our lives and in this historical place and time? It's a great temptation to think the worst of those we disagree with. How do we as disciples of Christ live in an age of violent and extreme beliefs? It's not easy. We believe in a good and merciful God. We believe that all are created equally by that same God.

Our voices, our actions, and our ethics need to flow from these starting points. Today, at the end of the Week of Christian Unity, we are called to ask ourselves, what will our disagreements look and sound like when we realize that those we may disagree with are just as beloved of God as we are?"



Former King firefighter remembered

A well liked firefighter from King has passed away.

Ross Rumble is remembered by friends and colleagues on KFES, including retired captain Gerry Binsfeld.

"When I first joined King Fire many years ago Ross was one of the first firemen that I met," Binsfeld said. "My memories of Ross are all good."

Ross was one of those great guys who loved to share his knowledge and skills with younger guys.

"Believe me that I was the recipient of a great deal of firefighting help from Ross."

Ross had a kind of infectious laugh which made everyone relax around the fire station and to keep coming back for more training as well as more good times with guys like Ross.

Binsfeld said Ross was the kind of firefighter that made you think "I will be like him when it is my turn to help new recruits."

Ross had to resign from the fire department due to health issues and he suffered from a very serious heart condition.

Memorials in Ross's name could be sent to The Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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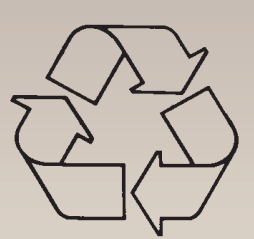
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