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## Carrying Place boosts Food Bank

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## King strives for efficiencies among staff

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

The pandemic has laid waste to countless jobs, many of which will never return.

Staff cuts and layoffs may be the easiest way for companies in the private sector to deal with revenue losses.

But King Township has opted for efficiencies and redeploying staff, to create a much more productive administration.

As staff and councillors went through their 2021 budget deliberations, a few things became abundantly clear – the pandemic changed the way the municipality does business. And it led to more than 80 identifiable process innovations.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said some municipalities have laid off staff, but King didn't want to go that route.

At the outset of the pandemic last spring, King reacted very quickly, he said. Part-time and contract positions were scaled back. But layoffs don't make for a conducive atmosphere and employee morale, he pointed out.

After discussions with staff and unions, everyone decided that employees would be reallocated. The mayor said some who were in the office actually got out and rode lawnmowers in the summer.

While the municipal office may be closed to the public, it's business as usual. In fact, staff are busier than ever. During the transition, the Township "never missed a beat," according to the mayor.

The mayor is confident that he can look every taxpayer in the eye and say Township staff are doing their jobs and no one is idle.

See 'Re-allocation' on Page 3

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

**Monday, February 22**  
6:00 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://meeting.king.ca>

**Monday, March 1**  
6:00 pm – Council Public Planning Meeting  
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](http://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](http://www.king.ca), click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.  
Or visit on the following link  
<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**Administration - Supervisor - Data Engineer – Closes Feb. 10**  
Please visit the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) for employment opportunities.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

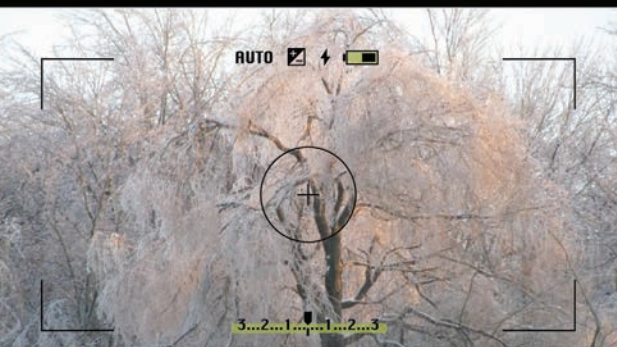
**Nobleton sewer works**

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](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).



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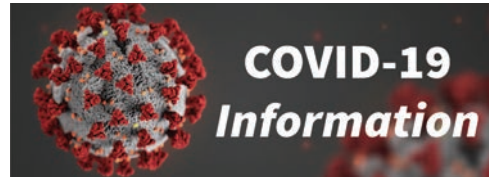
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Awards & Winners Show February 20th at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre

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Please see more King Township notices on page 3

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.king.ca).

Citizens can still do business with King on our website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca), by phone at 905-833-5321 or by email at [serviceking@king.ca](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).

For the latest King Township COVID-19 related information, please visit [www.covid19.king.ca](http://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](http://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 PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING**

pursuant to Section 28 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended

**COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF KING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.**

*(Electronic Meeting pursuant to Section 238(3.1)(3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)*

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

**Purpose of the Public Planning Meeting**

TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of King will be holding a virtual Public Meeting under Section 28 of the Planning Act to consider an updated Community Improvement Plan (CIP). The purpose of the virtual Public Planning Meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Plan, which relates to all lands located within the Township of King.

**Purpose of the Community Improvement Plan Review:**

A Community Improvement Plan is a document that is prepared in accordance with Section 28 of Ontario's Planning Act. This tool is commonly used by municipalities to promote community revitalization.

Council approved the Township's current Community Improvement Plan in 2014 for the commercial cores of King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. This exciting action-oriented program is being used to promote beautification, property improvements and economic development in the three communities. The Plan includes programs to promote business façade/signage improvements; landscaping/property improvements; accessibility/cycling; as well as other matters.

Now that the Community Improvement Plan is approximately 6 years old, there is a need to review its relevance and effectiveness. In particular, there is an opportunity to make grants available within other areas of the Township, including the Hamlets and rural/agricultural areas. There is also an opportunity to consider grants that will help businesses adapt to the current pandemic and future trends. This Review will result in a revised Community Improvement Plan, including new financial grant programs and new Community Improvement Project Areas.

**Public Participation**

The public meeting is an opportunity for members of the public to learn more about the proposed Community Improvement Plan.

You are invited to participate in the public meeting by submitting comments and/or concerns via email to the Township Clerk at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting in order that they can be circulated to Members of Council prior to the start of the meeting. Comments will form part of the public record.

Anyone wishing to speak to Council virtually (audio-telephone in) must register by contacting the Clerks Department at 905-833-4068 or email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than **Monday, March 1st, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. (noon)**. When your registration is received, a confirmation message and instructions for participating in the virtual public meeting will be provided.

Please provide your full name, address, contact details and the item you wish to speak to when contacting the Clerks Department. **Please note that all comments will become part of the public record.**

**Appeal Procedure**

If a person or public body that would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"), does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the Township of King the proposed Community Improvement Plan is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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

**How To Stay Informed**

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Community Improvement Plan, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca).

**Additional Information**

A copy of the proposed revised Community Improvement Plan and related information and material will be available for inspection via the Township's public engagement website, SpeakKING at: <https://speaking.king.ca/community-improvement-plan>, on **Monday, February 8, 2021**.

For further information contact Kristen Harrison by email at [kharrison@king.ca](mailto:kharrison@king.ca) by telephone at 905-833-4065. Written comments may be mailed or emailed to the Planning Division and will become part of the public record.

**Dated at the Township of King this 4th day of February, 2021.**

Kathryn Moyle  
Director, Corporate Services  
Township Clerk  
Township of King  
2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1

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

# Re-allocation of staff is proving to be effective

From Front Page

In fact, demands have risen and residents are demanding even more services.

King has responded with online services and ServiceKing staff is working hard to answer all concerns.

The Township conducted a thorough review of all services, programs and staff levels across the organization in 2020 to fully understand the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on revenue, expenditures and service level requirements.

As a result of that review several actions were taken.

Job vacancies were not filled for most of 2020 and some vacancies still remain open as service levels do not warrant current hiring. This created additional workloads for current staff to continue delivering all services and respond to additional COVID-19-related challenges.

Most recreational part-time, casual and contract staff were laid off in the

early part of 2020 to reduce operating costs.

A Redeployment Strategy was developed and staff were re-deployed where necessary to support other areas experiencing additional service delivery requirements.

•Facilities were closed to reduce operating expenses for staffing, cleaning, energy costs and maintenance to offset reduced programming revenue. Many remained closed through the partial re-opening in fall 2020.

King realized significant operational savings from delaying hiring of many existing vacancies which offset the loss of revenues, primarily from cancelled recreational programs. As King's staffing levels are considerably lower than comparable municipalities in York Region, some existing permanent staff were also redeployed (26 in total) to support other areas with service level needs that were impacted by the hiring freeze and/or the decision to not contract additional staff.

Planning is now under way for summer 2021 and it is expected that at minimum there will be a similar service level to 2020. As revenue shortfalls are unavoidable through the year it is anticipated that there will be significant redeployments again in 2021 to meet the service levels required.

Despite all these challenges King Township has continued to deliver all essential and most non-essential services without increasing the Township portion of the 2021 tax bill.

A summary of service level enhancements/initiatives that were introduced due to COVID-19 can be seen on King's website, [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca)

## Ontario extends off-peak electricity rates to Feb. 9

The Ontario government is extending electricity rate relief for families, small businesses and farms to support those spending more time at home in response to the provincial Stay-at-Home Order. The government will continue to hold electricity prices to the off-peak rate of 8.5 cents per kilowatt-hour until Feb. 9.

This lower rate is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week for Time-Of-Use and tiered customers.

"We know staying at home means using more electricity during the day when electricity prices are higher, that's why we are extending the off-peak electricity rate to provide households, small businesses and farms with stable and predictable electricity bills when they need it most," said Greg Rickford, Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines, Minister of Indigenous Affairs. "We thank Ontarians for following the provincial Stay-at-Home Order to help stop the spread of COVID-19."

"We are cutting hydro rates for families as we encourage them to stay home and save lives," said MPP Stephen Lecce. "We will continue to support families through this difficult period with relief, including direct financial relief to parents in this province."

The off-peak rate came into effect Jan. 1, for a 28-day period, providing families, farms and small businesses with immediate electricity rate relief. The government is now extending this rate relief for an additional 12 days, for a total of 40 days. The off-peak price will continue to be automatically applied to bills of all residential, small business, and farm customers who pay regulated rates set by the Ontario Energy Board and get a bill from a utility.

## King senior latest COVID fatality

Sadly, York Region Public Health reported that a 90-year-old King woman died Jan. 27 from COVID.

She passed away at Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville and she tested positive for the virus Jan. 20.



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### PUBLIC NOTICES

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**Site Alteration By-law Review**

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**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](http://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](mailto:kharrison@king.ca) or 905-833-4065.

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

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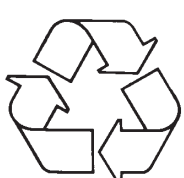
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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

- Michael Connelly

## Local media always has your back!

Arthur Miller once said that a good newspaper is like a "nation talking to itself."

And Robert Peel believed that public opinion is a compound including "newspaper paragraphs."

P.T. Barnum espoused "he who is without a newspaper is cut off from his species."

A recent Edelman's trust barometer poll revealed some less than positive results. Some 56% of Americans agree with the statement that "Journalists and reporters are purposely trying to mislead people by saying things they know are false or gross exaggerations."

And 58% think that "most news organizations are more concerned with supporting an ideology or political position than with informing the public."

The 2021 Trust Barometer reveals an epidemic of misinformation and widespread mistrust of societal institutions and leaders around the world. There's a failing trust in four major institutions - business, government, NGOs and media

The pandemic, and the uncertainty it has created, is somewhat to blame. Toss in fear, apprehension, racism and financial pressure to the mix, and you have a recipe for mistrust.

A large part of this apprehension comes from a certain former head of state and his repeated bashing of the media and use of the term "fake news." There's an old saying about glass houses and stones. Unfortunately, he's left a bad taste in the mouths of Americans.

The 2019 Digital News Report outlines the effect the loss of hundreds of newspapers across the country has had on its media ecosystem. Canadian news sources seem to be held in a higher regard, with trust levels at 52%. In addition to those who rely on digital for news, 66% rely on TV while only 28% source their news from a print publication.

Sure, I'm biased, but I firmly believe



Mark Pavilons

that our trust is high. We ultimately serve you, the public, our readers. You are the boss, not the person named on our masthead.

The community newspaper is the one true source of local information. It's likely the last bastion of local news. It's one of the few remaining places where you can learn about your neighbours, local policies, where your taxes go, when your road is getting paved and how your son or daughter performed on their sports team. Few other venues exist to tout local business accomplishments, discoveries, milestones and acts of kindness.

Our mandate is to report reliable facts as they are presented to us. We are not psychics or have some invisible pipeline to the truth. We rely on other individuals and organizations - entrepreneurs, politicians, municipal staff and residents - to share their stories and facts on various issues. Yes, some of

it is opinion and some is inherently biased. But that should be clearly stated in every instance and it's up to the reader to decide and decipher. We can present the facts, and the opinions, what you do with them is up to you.

Some argue that the media itself isn't strong enough to turn this tide of trust around. They need support and yes, endorsement, from those very same sources. This is the basis of credibility.

While credibility, honesty and passion can be established, it only takes one big mistake, or one misstep, to set it all back to the beginning.

I have been with this paper for nine years now. I worked hard in the beginning, getting to know all the community leaders, local politicians, local volunteers, organizations and just what makes King tick. It took about two years before I could confidently say I had a handle on it.

It also took me two to three years to build a reputation, both for myself and this newspaper. It took vigilance, a listening ear, fact-based reporting, and providing publicity for every worthwhile cause. It involved highlighting local accomplishments and always being in King's corner. In a way, I had to become one of the community's biggest cheerleaders.

You would think that once I established credibility and had a good, solid track record, that would be it. Not so. The work continues week after week. Every issue I have to reaffirm our

commitment to the community; provide timely and pertinent information. I have to continually be the best I can be, so the community is not only informed, but engaged and enlightened. I want everyone to feel they can turn to me, contact me, about anything on their minds.

Often, these grass-roots stories appear in print. Sometimes, they don't. There are issues, mainly legal ones - disputes, court cases, employment issues - that we shy away from and that demand caution.

I'd like to think I do an excellent job in putting this package together for you week in, and week out. The pandemic has been challenging, resulting in much fewer public events and in-person interviews. But we have persevered and still provide oodles of decent articles for you to digest.

Just as I ask people to reach out to me about their stories, I also ask that they put me in my place when necessary. I'm not perfect. I do make mistakes. Hopefully they are minor, and few and far between.

Again, the ultimate judge is you. Tell us how and where to improve. Tell us what you love and what you hate.

Just as our system of government relies on engagement and involvement, so too, does your local community newspaper.

I'm with Sally Quinn, who once said "I can't imagine life without a newspaper."

I'm here for you!

### Letter to the Editor

## Re-examine sick days

Over the last few weeks we have seen experts from the advisor panel advising the Ford government how to handle the pandemic in the province to put in place paid sick days. COVID-19 is ravaging our long-term care homes across the province and is being brought in by unwell staff and caregivers.

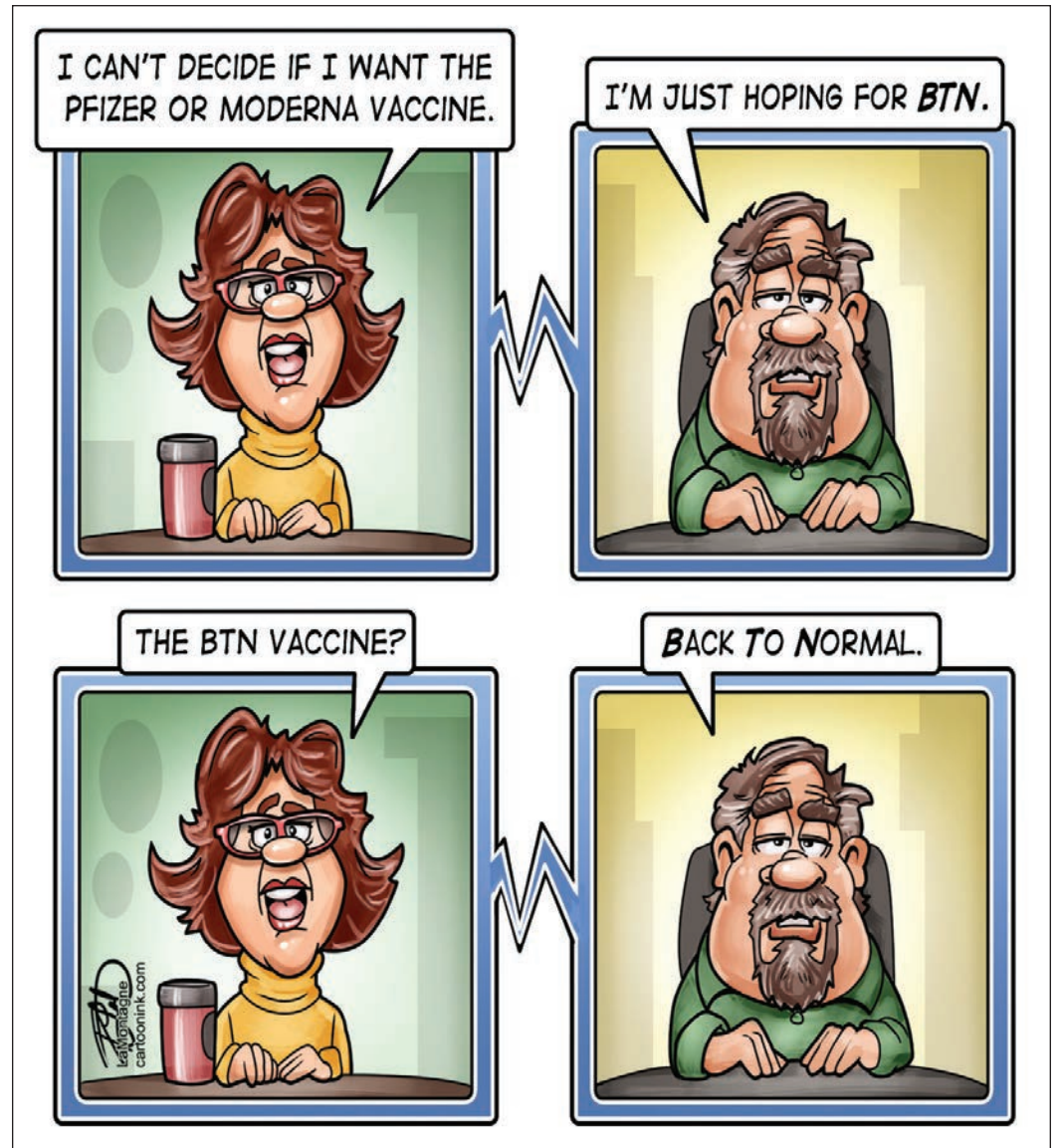
When the Ford government came to power one of their first acts was to cancel the sick days legislation that was in place guaranteeing sick days for all employees.

I don't understand why the Ford government is so adamant in not reinstating the past legislation so those who feel ill can stay home. To me it seems that Ford would rather have seniors die that allow employees sick leave.

Nigel Hussey  
Nobleton

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### Quote of the Week



*"Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear."*

- George Addair

### Trivia Tidbits

*Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.*

**KingWeeklySentinel WEBPOLL**  
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Results from last week's poll:  
**Have you lost a loved one to COVID-19?**

a) Yes  0%

b) No  100%

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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Are you upset about the travel ban to the Caribbean?

a) Yes  
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

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

(Electronic Meeting pursuant to Section 238(3.1)(3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

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

**Purpose of the Public Planning Meeting**

The purpose of this virtual Public Planning Meeting is to receive information and provide comments on a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Application for 13054 Keele Street, submitted to the Township of King in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 13, as amended.

**Public Participation**

Anyone wishing to submit comments, which will form part of the public record, may submit written comments to the Township Clerk at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting in order that they can be circulated to Members of Council prior to the start of the meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak to Council virtually (audio-telephone in) must register by contacting the Clerks Department at 905-833-4068 or email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than Monday, March 1st, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. (noon). When your registration is received, a confirmation message and instructions for participating in the virtual public meeting will be provided.

Please provide your full name, address, contact details and the item you wish to speak to when contacting the Clerks Department. **Please note that all comments will become part of the public record.**

**SUBJECT PROPERTY**

Location: 13054 Keele Street, King City  
PLAN 85 S PART LOT 59

Owner: Andrea Robins

Agent: Dan Stone, Thorstone Consulting Services Inc.

Our File Number: Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2021-02

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment Application, Planning file Z-2021-02, was submitted by Thorstone Consulting Services Inc., on behalf of the owner, Andrea Robins. The Application concerns a property located on the west side of Keele Street, north of King Road in the Village of King City. The subject property measures approximately 0.32 acres (1295 square metres) and has 15 metres of frontage on Keele Street. The subject property contains a two storey detached dwelling. The Zoning By-law Amendment Application proposes to permit the establishment of a retail store known as "Molly's Market" and an office use. The business operation is to operate as a healthy food market and will include locally sourced products together with on-site nutritional counselling services.

**What Are The Proposed Amendments?**

The subject property is designated 'Existing Low Density Residential Area' by the King City Community Plan (OPA #540) and is designated 'Village Core' by the Township's New Official Plan, Our King. The subject property is zoned 'Residential Single Detached C (R1C)' by Zoning By-law #2017-66, as amended. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to rezone the property to 'Core Area - King City (CAK)' to permit an office and retail use. The establishment is to operate within the existing building located on the subject property. A commercial parking lot is to be established at the rear of the property and will make use of an existing paved area. No new structures and/or development are being proposed.

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

**Appeal Procedure**

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

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

**How To Stay Informed**

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

**Additional Information**

A copy of the Zoning By-law Amendment, as well as related background and supporting information, are available for inspection by contacting Giuliano La Moglie by email at [glamoglie@king.ca](mailto:glamoglie@king.ca) or by telephone at 905-833-5331 ext. 1018, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., quoting File Numbers Z-2021-02. Written comments may be mailed or emailed to the Planning Division and will become part of the public record.

Dated at the Township of King this 4th day of February, 2021.

Kathryn Moyle  
Director, Corporate Services  
Township Clerk  
Township of King  
2585 King Road  
King City, ON L7B 1A1



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

**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 (per sq.m. of Gross Floor Area)
	Single and Semi-Detached Dwelling	Multiples	Large Apartments	Small Apartments	Special Care/Special Dwelling Units	
<b>Township-Wide Services:</b>						
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	957	653	502	2.90
Growth Studies	506	429	318	218	160	2.58
<b>Total Township-Wide Services (A)</b>	<b>31,838</b>	<b>26,967</b>	<b>19,994</b>	<b>13,695</b>	<b>10,070</b>	<b>114.75</b>
<b>Urban Services</b>						
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
<b>Total Urban Services (B)</b>	<b>3,454</b>	<b>2,926</b>	<b>2,170</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>1,093</b>	<b>16.79</b>
<b>Area Specific Services</b>						
Wastewater Services - King City (C)	3,484	2,951	2,188	1,499	1,102	17.01
Wastewater Services - Neleton (D)	3,976	3,368	2,497	1,710	1,258	4.41
<b>Total King City (A + B + C)</b>	<b>\$ 38,776</b>	<b>\$ 32,844</b>	<b>\$ 24,352</b>	<b>\$ 16,679</b>	<b>\$ 12,265</b>	<b>\$ 148.55</b>
<b>Total Neleton (A + B + D)</b>	<b>\$ 39,268</b>	<b>\$ 33,261</b>	<b>\$ 24,661</b>	<b>\$ 16,890</b>	<b>\$ 12,421</b>	<b>\$ 135.95</b>
<b>Total Schomberg (A + B)</b>	<b>\$ 35,292</b>	<b>\$ 29,893</b>	<b>\$ 22,164</b>	<b>\$ 15,180</b>	<b>\$ 11,163</b>	<b>\$ 131.54</b>

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](http://www.king.ca)

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

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING CONCERNING PROPOSED DRAFT PLANS OF SUBDIVISION AND A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW 2017-66 AND 74-53**

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

(Electronic Meeting pursuant to Section 238(3.1)(3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)

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

**Purpose of the Public Planning Meeting**

The purpose of this virtual Public Planning Meeting is to receive information and provide comments on proposed Draft Plans of Subdivision and a Zoning By-law Amendment application from Janeking Holdings Inc. & Janeking Holdings Inc. South & King Hill Inc., to facilitate the development on the property outlined below, submitted to the Township of King in accordance with Sections 51 and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P. 13, as amended.

The Township of King has received an application for a proposed amendment to the Township of King Zoning By-law 2017-66 and Rural Area Zoning By-law (By-law 74-53) as amended by Oak Ridges Moraine Conformity By-law 2005-23 to facilitate the development on the property outlined below, submitted to the Township of King in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act.

**Public Participation**

Anyone wishing to submit comments, which will form part of the public record, may submit written comments to the Township Clerk at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) by 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting in order that they can be circulated to Members of Council prior to the start of the meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak to Council virtually (audio-telephone in) must register by contacting the Clerks Department at 905-833-4068 or email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than Monday, March 1st, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. (noon). When your registration is received, a confirmation message and instructions for participating in the virtual public meeting will be provided.

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**SUBJECT PROPERTY**

Location: Part of Lots 3 and 4, Conc. 4; King City  
12805 & 12665 Jane Street; and 2955 King Road

Owners: Janeking Holdings Inc. & Janeking Holdings Inc. South & King Hill Inc.

Agent: Malone Given Parsons Ltd.

Our File Numbers: 19T-20K01(King Hill); 19T-20K02(-  
Jane-King);

Zoning By-law Amendment Z-2020-08

Related File: Official Plan Amendment Application OP-2017-01, FSDAS-2020-02

**What Are The Proposed Amendments?**

The subject applications propose to amend the Township's Zoning By-law and seek approval for applications for Draft Plan of Subdivision. More specifically, the development plan for the King Hill parcel includes public roads and blocks identified for employment and future development. The employment block, proposes to permit a variety of low-rise, low-density offices or industrial buildings with some limited commercial uses. The uses for the future development blocks, which are subject to a conversion request with the Region of York, have not yet been determined.

Residential units are proposed for the Janeking Holdings parcels and include 170 single-detached homes and 39 street access townhouses, as well as 65 Lifestyle units geared towards seniors, for a total of 274 units. The Lifestyle units will include 52 townhouse units, ten semi-detached units, and three single-detached units. All residential units will front onto public roads.

The subject lands consist of separate parcels by each land owner. The applications for each parcel are being pursued jointly in a coordinated manner under File FSDAS-2020-02.

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

**Appeal Procedure**

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

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

**How To Stay Informed**

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

**Additional Information**

A copy of the proposed Draft Plans of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment, as well as related background and supporting information, are available for inspection by contacting Gaspare Ritacca by email at [gritacca@king.ca](mailto:gritacca@king.ca) or by telephone at 905-833-4064, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., quoting File Numbers 19T-20K01, 19T-20K02, Z-2020-08, OP-2017-01. Written comments may be mailed or emailed to the Planning Division and will become part of the public record.

Dated at the Township of King this 4th day of February, 2021.

Kathryn Moyle  
Director, Corporate Services  
Township Clerk  
Township of King  
2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1



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**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](http://www.king.ca) or contact: Peggy Tollett, Director of Finance and Treasurer, [ptollett@king.ca](mailto:ptollett@king.ca)  
Telephone: 905-833-5321 Fax: 905-833-2300

Kathryn Moyle  
Director of Corporate Services/Township Clerk



# All Township departments adapting to changes

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Recent 2021 budget deliberations at King Township revealed that one thing is clear – every department, every staffer has had to adapt to the current circumstances.

While the pandemic has shut down many municipal facilities, including the town hall itself, staff have been redeployed and they're efficiently handling increased workloads.

King council adopted a zero net increase in this year's budget, for the Township portion of property taxes.

That, according to Mayor Steve Pellegrini, is an "incredible feat" considering it was achieved during a pandemic and associated costs it presented.

The success, he said, came from changes in organization, service delivery and service innovation. More permits are being issued online and residents have actually seen enhanced service delivery for things like blue boxes and garbage tags.

Virtual recreation programs have been a success.

The Township supports local businesses as much as it can, and launched a successful patio program last summer.

"We're doing what we can to help our business community," Pellegrini said.

Chris Fasciano, director of Community Services, said projects have been advanced in parks and forestry. His staff maintained a high service level despite the drop in seasonal and part-time staff.

The Township completed some massive projects last year, including the new King City library and seniors' centre.

The Township made some progress in the climate change arena, with the purchase of two new electric vehicles. A \$200,000 government grant will see some 20 electric charging stations installed around King.

Fasciano said staff continue to adapt, and in a post-COVID world, many virtual services will continue.

His department is working on a heritage master plan and enhancements are being made to programs for all age groups.

Samantha Fraser, director of public works, pointed out several culvert replacement projects were carried out last year. As well, roughly 34 kilometres of roads were paved across King. Priorities for her department include traffic calming measures and responding to continued growth pressures. They're hoping to improve their water operations as well.

Kathryn Moyle, director of corporate services and King's clerk, said staff achieved many efficiencies through organizational realignments. With support from IT staff, the pivot to virtual meetings has been successful.

Human resources staff faced a "whirlwind" of policies and procedures in response to COVID.

The digital transformation at King continues and the Township has extended its reach through things like Twitter, Facebook and SpeaKing.

Stephen Naylor, director of growth management services, said there were some milestone accomplishments in 2020. They included formalizing King's Official Plan and several zoning bylaws. A current priority in that regard is ad-

ressing the appeals to the OP so the document can be in full effect as soon as possible.

More building plans have been received and reviewed electronically, a process that's been well received by the development community.

Peggy Tollett, King's treasurer and director of finance, noted there's been an increase in online tax payments from residents. King will also be looking at tax arrears, which hover around 12%. Staff are reviewing its reserves and debt policy.

Adele Reid, manager of administrative & branch services, King Township Public Library, said they had to move to curbside pickup. All staff just can't wait to meet people again and show off the brand new facility. Staff have been busy keeping the community engaged and informed, by increasing the reach through social media.

King Fire and Emergency Services personnel had to adapt as well. Chief Jim Wall said they moved to crew-based training which has proven to be quite successful. Training has been upgraded for many staff and all COVID protocols are in place.

He and his staff are working on a fire master plan survey.

King CAO Dan Kostopoulos said staff were engaged through various COVID working groups. The Township had to upgrade its modernization and it involved a lot of mobile technology. There has been a "considerable transformation" in administration, he pointed out, noting service levels have increased substantially.

"ServiceKing continues to evolve to meet needs," he said, adding more and more services are moving to online platforms.

The CAO did point out that King has one of the leanest administrations

among the N6 municipalities in York.

## Department Budgets

Department budget totals include expenditures minus revenues. The figures would be net costs to the Township.

The total budget for administration for 2021 comes in at \$2.44 million.

The grand total for Community Services is \$6.45 million.

For Corporate Services, the total will be roughly \$1.95 million.

Finance will absorb roughly \$278,657. It will cost roughly \$2.77 million this year to operate King Fire and Emergency Services.

Growth management will cost roughly \$1.488 million and it will cost an estimated \$1.9 million to run King's libraries.

Public works rings in at \$9 million, down roughly \$500,000 from last year.

The 2021-22 capital budgets include \$48.8 million for 103 projects. The bulk – \$37 million – is earmarked for the new township wide recreation centre.

Other projects include community parks (\$2 million), paving work (\$2.5 million) and Nobleton sewers phase 3 (\$14.6 million).

Sources of funding are directly linked to development charges, particularly in the north-east quadrant of the King City Community Plan. Delay in these projects may delay some of the Township's capital plans.

Property taxes collected by the municipality are shared three ways. King receives 40% of the tax dollars, while York Region gets 38% and the remaining 22% go to the boards of education.

King's increase is a net zero, and it's anticipated the boards of education will also levy a zero increase. At this point York Region is looking at a 2.96% increase.



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**Real Estate Transactions  
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## YRP creates a new REP team

The York Regional Police Road Safety Bureau has expanded to form a new Regional Enforcement of Priorities (REP) Team as part of its ongoing commitment to keeping York Region roads safe.

The new unit launched at the beginning of January, under the enforcement umbrella of the Road Safety Bureau. The team was formed to focus attention on criminal offences related to the top road safety priorities in our communities such as impaired drivers, dangerous drivers and high-risk driving behaviors.

In the first few weeks of deployment, the REP has realized significant results, including seven impaired driving arrests. Thirteen drivers were suspended for three days for driving with alcohol in their system within the warning range.

On Jan. 21, REP team officers were investigating a habitual high-risk driver and located a vehicle with a stolen licence plate attached. Through the investigation a suspect was identified and was arrested for Possession of Property Obtained by Crime. During the arrest and search, officers located a quantity of fentanyl with a street value of approximately \$9,600 as well as \$5,000 in cash. The accused was subsequently charged with Possession for the Purpose of Trafficking.

Road safety continues to be among the top community concerns in York Region. Motor vehicle collisions, which are often preventable, have a significant impact on citizens. Reducing fatalities and serious injuries caused by collisions on our roads has always been, and continues to be, one of the top priorities of York Regional Police.

Citizens are encouraged to report dangerous driving incidents or suspected impaired drivers by calling 9-1-1.

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59. Your and my
60. Diminutive
62. Control
64. Latin quarter
66. Lectern
67. Ooze
71. Erode
72. Voting-machine component
74. Stick-on design
76. Internet surfer
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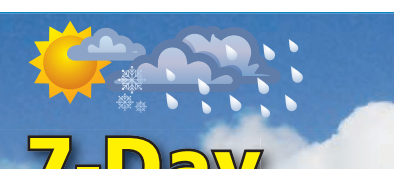
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# Weather Outlook



From Thursday, February 4 to Wednesday, February 10

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# Ontario providing transit funding for King, York

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor  
Local Journalism Initiative

King will get some transit upgrades, thanks to funding from the Province.

Ontario is providing \$16,943,429 in funding to York Region through Ontario's Gas Tax program.

This year, the province is providing a total of \$375 million in gas tax funding for 109 municipalities that deliver public transit to 144 communities across Ontario. The province will flow the funding as soon as possible in 2021.

"We are investing more in our community to ensure that families and seniors in King-Vaughan have reliable transit and infrastructure improvements they can depend on," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "We will continue to invest in local infrastructure - including major investments in the Rutherford, Maple & King GO Stations, and the extended 427 highway to Major Mackenzie, all of which will reduce congestion and improve the environment."

"In recent months I have had numerous conversations with community groups and constituents who are keen to complete improvements to roads infrastructure and continue to see transit services expanded," said Paul Calandra, MPP for Markham-Stouffville. "We will all be grateful to see these funds delivered and put to work."

"Our government is continuing to support our local transit system in York Region," said Christine Elliott, MPP for Newmarket-Aurora. "This funding will help make it easier for people in York Region to get where they need to go while supporting economic recovery in our community."

"Our government is committed to helping municipalities sustain and improve public transit throughout the province," said Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York-Simcoe and Minister of Transportation. "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."

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 prov-

ince in the fight against COVID-19 and will play an important role in Ontario's economic recovery."

The 109 municipalities receiving funding through the Gas Tax program deliver public transit service to 144 communities representing more than 92 per cent of Ontario's total population.

## Canadian groundhogs predict early spring

Canada may be in for an early spring, but our U.S. counterparts will have to endure more winter.

Ontario's Warton Willie; Nova Scotia's Shubenacadie Sam, and Quebec's Fred La Marmotte all predicted an early spring.

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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.

Match the Correct Door to the Participating Businesses

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## Rural Ontario new hotspot for home buyers

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor  
Local Journalism Initiative

As homeowners look outside urban centres in the GTA, areas like King are becoming more attractive.

According to a new report from Statistics Canada, more Canadians were “opting to live outside of Canada’s largest urban centres.” The report cites that this trend continued “in spite of” the pandemic; likely a reflection of shifting lifestyle priorities including the ability to work remotely, and the need for green space, as well as swiftly growing real estate prices in major urban centres.

Zocasa, looked at home sales and average sold price data from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB) for the period between April 2020, the first full-month after COVID emergency measures were implemented, and December 2020, to quantify this trend of urban flight during the pandemic within the GTA.

Their findings indicate that there was a higher rate of sales and price growth for low-rise homes versus condo apartments in nearly every region. For the GTA as a whole, this translated to an 11% increase in detached and semi-detached house sales but conversely a 10% decrease in condo apartment sales between April and December 2020 compared to 2019. The average house price rose 13% or \$132,736 to \$1,123,618 year-over-year (year over year) during this period, and the average condo apartment price rose just 4% or \$26,056, to \$621,637.

Further, there was clear evidence of the trend of “urban flight” taking place. Although there was an increase in sales and average sold detached and semi-detached house prices across every GTA region other than Dufferin County in 2020, the increase in sales and prices was most prominent in regions outside of the City of Toronto – municipalities furthest from the City of Toronto generally saw the largest jumps in the growth rate of house sales. In the condo apartment market, condo-dense regions like the City of

Toronto and Peel Region experienced declines in condo apartment sales, however, prices noted a slight y-o-y increase.

Simcoe County had the highest percentage increase in house sales in the GTA.

Within Simcoe, detached and semi-detached house sales grew 21% (y-o-y) between April and December 2020, with 2,393 houses changing hands. The average sold price grew 17% annually to \$766,083. Innisfil recorded a 36% increase in detached and semi-detached house sales – the highest for the region – with 829 sales.

Following Simcoe County was Durham Region, where there were 1,143 more detached and semi-detached house sales between April and December 2020 compared to the same period in 2019; a 17% increase y-o-y. The average house price rose by \$117,263, to \$775,213. Within the Durham Region, Scugog (+35%) and Brock (+32%) noted the highest rate of increase in sales.

King Township recorded an impressive 75% increase in house sales y-o-y and a 20% annual increase in the average home price to \$1,798,590 between April and December 2020.

King had 162 more sales compared to 2019, with the average house price increasing by \$294,000.

Next to Toronto Centre, with an average sold price of \$2 million, King homes command the highest price in the GTA.

Georgina noted a 36% spike in house sales during this timeframe and a 24% increase in the average house price to \$710,758.

Within Peel Region, Caledon experienced the largest increase in annual house sales – rising 29% y-o-y. The average sold price for detached and semi-detached houses in Caledon grew 21% to \$1,224,675.

Sales growth for detached and semi-detached houses was relatively more subdued within the City of Toronto.

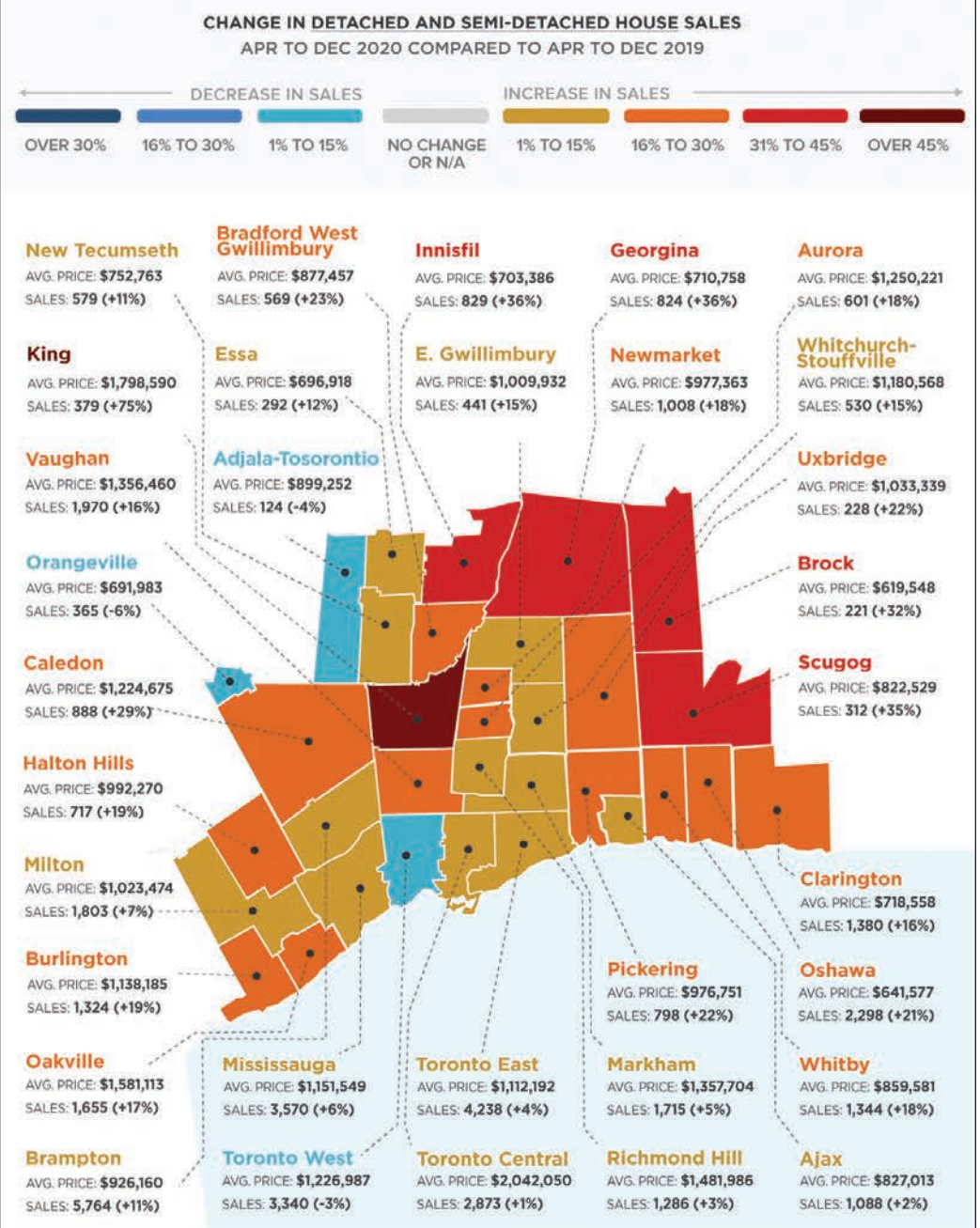
House sales growth was relatively flat with just 99 more houses selling between April and December 2020, compared to the previous year, a mere

### COVID-19 Urban Exodus: Greater Toronto Cities With the Highest and Lowest Changes in House Sales

APR TO DEC 2020 COMPARED TO APR TO DEC 2019

Zocasa reviewed detached and semi-detached house sales across the Greater Toronto Area between April 2020 (the first full month since the introduction of COVID-19 pandemic measures in Ontario) and December 2020 to understand how buyer and seller demand changed across the region’s municipalities compared to the previous year.

Detached and semi-detached house sales and average sold prices were sourced from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB).



Source and methodology: Detached and semi-detached house sales and average prices for April to December 2020 and April to December 2019 were sourced from the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board (TRREB). The average price for detached and semi-detached houses combined is a weighted average between the two property types.

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1% increase. For Toronto, where there is the highest concentration of condo apartments across the GTA, condo apartment sales dipped 12% y-o-y to 11,634; however, sold prices remained relatively steady with a slight 3% increase to \$662,959. Across all GTA regions, condo apartment sales noted the sharpest decline in Peel Region. Sales across Peel Region declined -20% y-o-y for the period between April and December 2020. Despite the drop in sales, however, the average home price for condo apartments grew 9% to \$515,801 in Peel – possibly driven by buyers seeking larger units with more square footage due to pandemic-driven lifestyle shifts. Within Peel Region, condo sales declined 22% in Brampton and 20% in Mississauga, while prices rose 13% and 8% respectively in both municipalities. Elsewhere across the GTA, perhaps surprisingly so, condo apartment sales grew and average sold prices followed suit. Notably, Simcoe County stands out once again with an 108% increase in condo apartment sales y-o-y, and a 14% increase in the average sold price for condo apartments.

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In Halton Region and York Region, condo apartment sales eked out small 3% and 4% increases respectively. Zocasa is an award-winning brokerage that uses data and technology to deliver an intelligent, end-to-end real estate experience to buyers, sellers, and renters in Canada.

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# 'Shrooms' come to the rescue for homeowners

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor  
Local Journalism Initiative

## Consumer Savvy

An ounce of prevention is a valuable commodity these days.

Homeowners are always on the lookout for products and devices that not only make their work easier, but add value.

Shroom products check all the boxes and their lineup of innovative items are must-haves in every home.

The company is known for its innovative drain plugs – attractive little, mushroom-like stoppers that perform a herculean task. They stop all unwanted debris and drain-clogging hair from ever entering the pipes.

That in itself is a godsend.

They say you can't build a better mousetrap, but Shroom has done it with their patented designs.

They're brilliant and quite innovative.

Compatible with virtually any size drain, these replacement strainers are tiny marvels. They're designed to catch debris and hair without restricting water flow. Adapters are included to fit virtually every possible drain size.

Strainers are life's necessary evils, so why not get one that performs flawlessly? The savings in cleaning clogged drains, or having to call a plumber, makes these a no-brainer.

Most after-market strainers are rather boring, more functional than aesthetic.

And yet, the Shrooms are both. They're appealing and are very well constructed. They're easy to clean and maintain – simply pull



them out and remove the debris effortlessly.

The bottom line is we all know how gross these things can be, especially if you have a large family. The bathtubs/showers are the worst offenders and most of us avoid the nasty task of cleaning the drains. Pop one of the Tub Shrooms into the opening and you're all set. You'll never have to dig and pull out offending hair ever again.

These are perfect additions for every drain in the home – kitchen, bathroom, tub and shower.

Juka Innovations, makers of the Shrooms, didn't stop there.

The company also offers a few accessories to keep on hand.

The Drain Shroom is like an industrial snake, attaching to any power drill. Within seconds, you've got a powerful snake that's easy to use and quite effective. If you've every had to rent one, or watch a

plumber use one, you likely said to yourself, "I wish I had one of my own, just in case." Well, here's your chance.

A handy "just-in-case" gadget is the Toilet Shroom, which offers much better results than the ugly plunger sitting next to the bowl. The flexible head can actually reach down into the toilet. It also acts as squeegee brush.

Another handy product is the RevoClean, a set of brushes that also attach to a power drill. Pop one of these on and you can quickly and easily clean everything from tubs and tiles to counter tops, grills, even carpets and glass. Take the sweat out of daily chores.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Resident publishes first online book, *Evolo*

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

A Schomberg resident has penned his first book, a dream come true.

Robin Leacock released *Evolo*, a young adult science fiction novel.

The story is set in a dystopian future, where people live in fear of an apocalyptic event called the Last Day. The leaders in charge of keeping everyone safe create a new world to escape to, but suspicious events occur and secrets are exposed that call everything into question.

Leacock explained that on a smaller scale, the story deals with themes of creativity, imagination and dreams, which “I think are all interesting concepts to explore, especially for young readers.”



In terms of the book’s bigger picture, there’s a lot of attention paid to what’s real and what isn’t, and whether or not the people in power are telling the truth.

“So, you could say our real world inspired me to create this fictional one.”

Leacock said he’s been writing as a hobby his entire life.

“When I was a child, I would copy texts from books or magazines, typing away on my parents’ typewriter, then go door-to-door selling my unintelligible “news” to my neighbours for quarters.

“Writing and publishing a book became a goal of mine in high school. I wasn’t a great student, but the only subject I cared about and got good grades in was English. Reading and writing were the only tasks that motivated me and became passions of mine.”

Since then, he admits he’s started and abandoned hundreds of stories. A couple years ago, his wife told him that if I really wanted to write and become an author, he would have to pick his best idea and go with it.

“She was right. That idea became *Evolo*, and publishing it definitely qualifies as a dream come true.”

During the process, Leacock learned a lot about himself as a writer.

“I learned about the importance of planning, and to not be afraid to let other people see my work. I found readers that I trust, who will give me their honest opinions and critiques. I’ve also learned that my community is extremely supportive.”

When it comes to the publishing process, he said he’s learning something

new every day. As a self-published author, he took on all of the marketing duties, which is fun but challenging.

“I’ve also learned about printing and distribution costs, as well as the importance of building an audience. It’s fair to say that I’ll be doing a few things differently on the next go around.

“The most important thing I’ve learned is that this is what I want to do. Nothing has ever felt more rewarding or creatively fulfilling than publishing my first novel, and now I want to do it more.”

Leacock said he’s been “pleasantly surprised” by the reception. He’s heard from friends, family, former students of his and young readers.

“They’ve all enjoyed different aspects of the book, whether it be the story’s twists and turns, its characters, its setting or its message. I’ve also gotten some constructive criticism that I know will help me in the future.”

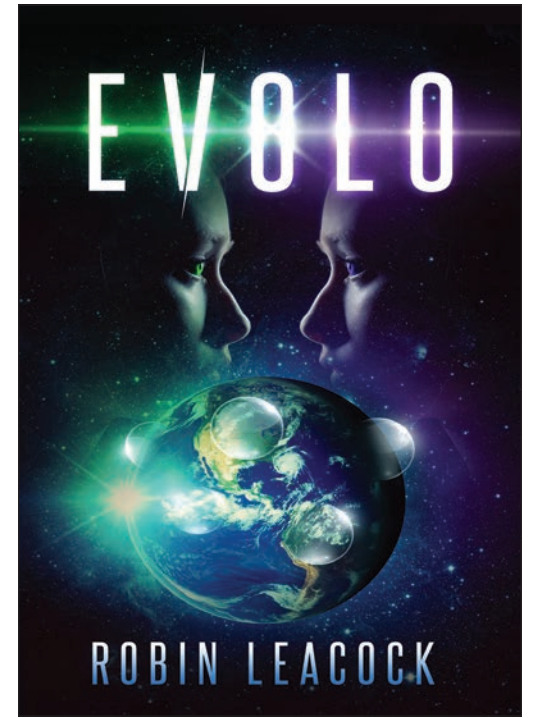
Fitz, the story’s main character, struggles with social anxiety. To make matters worse, in the future in which he lives, the term “anxiety” has completely disappeared, so he’s simply seen as a weird and awkward kid that no one understands.

Fitz fights hard to overcome all of this.

“I want young people to know that having social anxiety is normal. They need to know that they’re not alone and that they can still live life to its fullest, even with their anxiety.”

He’s already been asked about a sequel.

While it’s a possibility, his main goal now is to get the book into the hands of



young readers.

“The idea of a 13-year-old reader getting lost in the world I’ve created motivates me. I believe in the story and believe that young people will love it.

“I’m also looking to set up virtual Meets with English classes from GTA schools. I’d love to share my experience with students and encourage them to write and read.”

Of course, he has “dozens” of ideas floating through his brain on a regular basis. “I’m ready to attack them all.”

*Evolo* is available on Amazon, in both paperback and Kindle formats.

Leacock is an English teacher at École catholique Pape-François in Stouffville. He lives in Schomberg with his wife Andrea and their dog Milo.

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# Plenty to learn from online seminars on EVs

By Catherine Flear

Thanks to Climate Action King (CAK), on Jan. 20 I had the opportunity to learn all about the merits of electric vehicles. As the owner of a 10-year-old car that will need to be replaced before long, I have wondered about purchasing an EV but really didn't know where to start.

This session was presented by Keith Beckley, a long-time resident of King and an early adopter of an EV. Here are some of the things I learned:

There are 3 types of EVs: hybrid, hybrid plug-ins, and all-electric (battery) only.

Battery operated EVs are zero emitters of green house gases when the electricity supply is green (which most of Ontario's is).

There are only 20 moving parts in an EV compared to about 2,000 parts in a gas-powered vehicle. Maintenance is typically half of a gas car, limited mainly to common items like brakes and wipers. Electric motors are very reliable.

The lithium-ion battery pack that powers an EV lies under the floor boards giving the vehicle a low and very stable centre of gravity.

The batteries have evolved tremendously and now will outlast most cars.

To efficiently charge the battery, a charging station (available from car dealers and yes, from Amazon) needs to be installed where you park at home and will cost about \$1,000 to have installed.

Charging stations are becoming ubiquitous and, of course, there is an app that will tell you where the closest ones are located when you are travelling. Charging at the

highest speed stations takes about 20-40 minutes, long enough to grab a bite to eat.

The federal government offers a \$5,000 rebate to EV purchasers.

The average driver will save about \$1,000 per year in fuel charges if you use an electric vehicle vs. a gas vehicle.

EVs are like driving a sports car in that they have amazing torque and when you take your foot off the accelerator, the vehicle slows down requiring minimal use of the brakes since the kinetic energy is used to charge the battery in the process.

They are the safest cars ever tested because they have large crumple zones in the front and back of the vehicles and the low centre of gravity mentioned above.

Most, if not all manufacturers, have or are soon going to produce some version of an EV. Many options are available in various price ranges and in the distance range provided by the battery pack. Several EV models now available have ranges greater 300 km even up to 600 km.

By 2040 gas powered cars will no longer be produced in Canada. Quebec and BC are planning to phase out gas-powered cars much sooner.

Plug 'N Drive is an EV discovery centre located in North York where you can compare and test drive various models and receive ongoing information via email (see [www.plugndrive.ca](http://www.plugndrive.ca)).

Another helpful resource is [www.evsociety.ca](http://www.evsociety.ca).

If this has whet your appetite, CAK is offering this webinar again via Zoom on Feb. 24 and March 24 at 7 p.m. To register contact [www.ClimateActionKing.ca](http://www.ClimateActionKing.ca)





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# New CT, MRI scanners at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Local residents will benefit from equipment at Vaughan's new state-of-the-art hospital

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce and Michael Tibollo, MPP for Vaughan-Woodbridge, highlighted two new Computed Tomography (CT) scanners and two new Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanners at the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, demonstrating the continued progress on Canada's first smart hospital and the first net new hospital in Ontario in decades.

As construction of the hospital continues, MPP Lecce toured the new hospital with senior leadership and received an update on the facility's progress. The Government of Ontario is investing over \$1 billion to build this state-of-the-art hospital that will be

opening soon.

"The new CT scanners and MRI scanners will provide increased access to state-of-the-art health care to our families, help save lives, and play an important role in our fight against COVID-19. My number one local priority is getting this hospital opened for families in Vaughan and King, in partnership with our generous community. Nothing matters more than overcoming this pandemic with strength and optimism," said MPP Lecce.

Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital is the first net new hospital to be built in Ontario in the last 30 years. With a focus on enhancing patient care, the hospital features fully integrated smart technology systems.

"At a time when our province is taking decisive action to stop the spread of COVID-19, I believe Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital will be critical in efforts during the current pandemic



## York opens COVID-19 isolation centre

The Regional Municipality of York today opened a Voluntary Isolation Centre to ensure self-isolation is easier for residents who may be facing complex barriers.

Operated by the Canadian Red Cross on behalf of York Region, the Voluntary Isolation Centre offers a safe, comfortable, temporary and private hotel room free of charge.

Eligible residents can rest and recover without worrying about spreading COVID-19 to their family, loved ones, roommates or others. All guests receive on-site supports and services including daily meals and snacks, Wi-Fi and cable service for up to 14 days at no cost.

"Made possible through funding from the Ontario government, the voluntary isolation centre will help remove some of the barriers to self-isolation," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "During these challenging times our top priority has always been, and will remain, the health and safety of those who call York Region home."

York Region will connect eligible residents to available services and emergency financial assistance supports to cover rent, utilities and food so they can take the necessary time off work to self-isolate at the centre or at home.

"We know close contact continues to drive the spread of COVID-19 in York Region," said Dr. Karim Kurji, York Region's Medical Officer of Health. "Every person who self-isolates at the York Region Voluntary Isolation Centre or at home is doing their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19 in the community and prevent our health-care system from becoming overwhelmed."

York Region received funding to operate the Voluntary Isolation Centre and provide emergency financial supports through the Province's High Priority Communities Strategy. York Region is one of several regions in Ontario to open an isolation centre recently.

"Ontario is proud to be investing up to \$42 million in COVID-19 isolation centres across the province that provide a range of wraparound supports and services, including meals, security, transportation and links to health and social services," said Steve Clark, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. "This new centre in York Region will help people self-isolate to keep their families and communities safe."

and that it will serve York Region families for years to come," added Lecce. "I thank both Premier Ford and Deputy Premier and Health Minister Elliott for their leadership in helping to get this incredibly important hospital built, funded and operational."

"From world-class medical technologies to the finest mental health and addictions care, the opening of Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital will help save lives not only during this critical moment in our fight against COVID-19, but well into the future," said Michael Tibollo, MPP for Vaughan-Woodbridge and Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions. "I wish to thank everyone involved in making this possible and for ensuring people and families here in Vaughan-Woodbridge have access to the highest-quality health care close to home."

"Technology is a powerful enabler of exceptional care. With two state-of-the-art, high-definition CT scanners and two MRI scanners at Cortellucci

Vaughan Hospital, our experts will be able to diagnose injuries and diseases like cancer earlier and with pinpoint accuracy, and deliver the information our patients and health providers need to make the best, personalized treatment decisions," said Altaf Stationwala, president and CEO, Mackenzie Health.

The provincial government has invested \$1.3 billion in the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital project. Through its Ultimate campaign, the community has generated more than \$180 million to date towards its \$250 million goal – the local share required to help build and equip Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital.

The Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital will be Canada's first smart hospital, featuring devices and information systems that communicate with each other to anticipate the needs of patients and health care providers. The 1.2 million-square-foot hospital has the capacity for 350 beds with room to grow.

## KING HILL AND JANEKING PROPERTIES – KING CITY

# DEVELOPER'S OPEN HOUSE

Applications for Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment  
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The applications propose to amend the Township's Zoning By-law and seek approval for Draft Plan of Subdivision. The development plan includes public roads and blocks identified for employment and future development on the south side of King Road. The employment block proposes low-rise, low-density offices or industrial buildings with some limited commercial uses. Residential units are proposed in the southern portion of the lands and include 170 single-detached homes and 39 street access townhouses, as well as 65 Lifestyle units, for a total of 274 units.

An online open house will be held on:  
**Thursday February 18th, 2021**  
**7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

Should you wish to log onto this meeting, please RSVP by emailing your name and address to the contact provided below. Upon RSVP you will be provided meeting access details.

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# King steadfast in its opposition to MZO

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

King councillors remain steadfast in their commitment to local planning regulations.

They refused to endorse a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) for a potential Nobleton development, united in their opposition to this form of planning.

The request came from 2541004 Ontario Ltd. and centres around lands located just south of Nobleton – within the village boundary, but just outside the urban area.

Proponents hope to develop the land to include 118 single detached homes, as well as an 88-unit seniors' rental apartment building. The proposal also includes a one-hectare park.

While in the very early stages, the proponent asked for council support for the MZO to facilitate their plans.

King staff stressed they only received the request in November and there hasn't been enough time to review the plan or material.

Staff pointed out the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing may issue an MZO without consultation or appeal. MZOs may be issued theoretically without the need to conform to local OPs.

It's not something municipalities welcome, especially since many believe this avenue usurps local planning. The proponent has also filed an appeal with respect to King's OP.

These lands are earmarked for future development, but only when population numbers and servicing is available.

Counsel for the applications, Katarzyna Sliwa, said the 12.7-hectare property will provide a diverse mix of housing options and the MZO would facilitate the property's development.

This plan, according to Nick Pileggi, will fill in and complete the community fabric, and connectivity with nearby subdivisions. There's a need to get seniors' housing online and this proposal would still have to go through a full public process and council approval.

Resident Susan Swail aid this bid is premature and King finished its OP process, which sets the stage for the next 15 years. MZOs, she said, undermine the planning process and "compromises the system."

An MZO allows a plan to "jump the queue" and they should be used sparingly with discretion.

This parcel has no servicing and is far from shovel-ready, she contends. Susan Walmer, CEO at the Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust, said environmental studies are necessary and anything that compromises them is dangerous. There's a need to recognize the importance of the water system throughout the Oak Ridges Moraine, and study the impact of any fast-tracking.

Councillor David Boyd said there's a need for full public consultation to address issues related to this proposal and he recommended council deny the request for endorsement of the MZO. He doesn't see the need before 2031 for this development.

Councillor Avia Eek said she doesn't support any application that "goes against our planning framework," adding "MZOs are an irresponsible approach."

Councillor Debbie Schaefer agreed, saying an MZO in this case is a "slap in the face of the community."

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Open House Round 2

The Regional Municipality of York is updating its Water and Wastewater Master Plan through the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment master planning process. The Master Plan Update will identify long-term infrastructure projects for future water and wastewater servicing needs to 2051. Your input will help inform the recommended servicing solution and future infrastructure that will be shared in the next Open House.

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## Support for horse businesses impacted by COVID-19

The Government of Ontario is investing up to \$3 million through the Equine Hardship Program to help horse experience businesses cover animal maintenance costs incurred from COVID-19 disruptions.

During the pandemic many horse experience activities, such as riding schools, trail ride operations, and horse camps have been unable to operate, which has put these businesses and their horses in jeopardy.

"COVID-19 has disrupted many of the activities offered by horse experience operators making it challenging for some to care for their animals this winter," said Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "Our investment of \$3 million will allow these businesses to keep up with the costs of animal care so they can maintain their horses and be ready for when activities can start up again."

The Equine Hardship Program, which kicked off Jan. 18, is providing individual businesses offering horse related experiences up to \$2,500 per horse up to a maximum of \$20,000 in financial support to help cover direct costs for feed, water, veterinary care and farrier services needed to maintain horses.

"Ontario Equestrian would like to thank Minister Hardeman, and the Ontario government for their dedication and support of the equine sector over the past months," said Tracey McCague-McElrea, Executive Director of Ontario Equestrian. "This funding announcement will certainly provide much needed relief to our business owners and equine farmers who have fought to maintain their herds since the beginning of the pandemic and we look forward to on-going collaboration with the government to ensure sustainability and growth for the sector."

Horse experience businesses will be eligible for funding if they earned at least 50 per cent of their revenue in 2019 from horse experience activities, their 2020 revenue was less than half

of what was earned in 2019 due to the pandemic, and they attest they are facing hardship as a result of COVID-19 that will make it difficult to care for the horses.

The Equine Hardship Program was specifically designed for horse experience businesses that are not eligible for other agriculture related programs that help farmers manage risk such as the Risk Management Program and AgriStability.

Lobbied as a joint effort between OE, Equestrian Canada (EC) and Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA), this funding is the first of its kind in the province and country. OE and EC undertook fundraising campaigns at the start of the pandemic to try support at-risk teaching horses facing dire health and wellness circumstances.

"While OE's For the Herd campaign, with the incredible support of our membership and the community, was able to raise \$213,744 early on, the need for support far out-weighs that amount," explains Tracey McCague-McElrea, OE's executive director. "OE is standing by to help support our members as they go through the application process to access these necessary funds."

Of the estimated 6,328 equine businesses in Ontario, OE projected that 2,212 were in at high risk due to finances, supplies, or inability to qualify for existing government relief programs. This is estimated to have affected 11,060 employed equines.

"This landmark funding provided by OMAFRA will not only help prevent an animal health and welfare crisis, but it will also help the equestrian facilities that have been in insurmountable deficit since March," added Peter Chiddy, president of Ontario Equestrian. "These facilities and their school horses are how children and adults get started in equestrian sport."

The funding is in addition to the government initiatives launched this year to assist the agriculture sector in meeting challenges related to the COVID-19 outbreak, including:



- The \$25.5 million Agri-food Prevention and Control Innovation Program to help reduce disruptions in business operations and risks of COVID-19 exposure in the workplace.

- The launch of a portal to connect farms and other agri-food sector business with labour needs to job seekers.

- The creation of a \$26.6 million Enhanced Agri-food Workplace Protection Program in partnership with the federal government.

- The investment of an additional \$50 million into the Risk Management Program for 2020, one year earlier than originally promised.

There are approximately 150 horse experience businesses in Ontario including more than 50 horse camp or trail ride operations, at least 15 car-

riage operators, at least 14 therapeutic riding centres and many riding schools. These businesses also include horse drawn carriage or sleigh rides.

Under the Equine Hardship Program, costs incurred between March 17, 2020 and Feb. 28, 2021 will be eligible. Enrollment and claim forms will be accepted until March 12, 2021, or while program funding remains available, whichever comes first.

Eligible business owners may be provided up to \$20,000 (total) to maintain horses used to provide these experiences. A cap of \$2,500 per eligible animal will be applied.

To learn more and apply to the Equine Hardship Program, visit <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/equinehardship.htm>

## Is York9's goalkeeping tandem the best in the league?

By Robert Belardi

Markham native Nikolaos Giantsopoulos became acquiesced in the idea of taking the long road.

The 26-year-old goalkeeper with quite the footballing journey, has recently been signed by York9 FC two weeks ago, joining old friend Nathan Ingham in between the pipes in a friendly bout for the number one spot.

Both men have known each other since they were 12 years old from Ajax SC and Just4Keepers training camp operated by Riccardo Greco. Giantsopoulos also recalls coach Camilo Benzi from that camp as well, who would also become a part of his professional journey.

He's seen it all throughout his young career. He attended Adrian College in Michigan in the NCAA Division III before transferring to Calvin College. He deviated away from the interest of other NCAA Division I and II schools to make the move.

In March 2016, he travelled to Australia to play in the second division. Giantsopoulos made over 80 first-team appearances for Davenport City, Broadmeadow Magic and ended his courtship off with Launceston City.

It was then one of his best buddies Sergio Camargo facilitated the opportunity to join Cavalry FC's try-outs in Calgary and he officially made his move to the Canadian Premier League two years back. Over the course of two seasons, he's made 10 appearances, with four clean sheets and eight goals conceded in two seasons with the club.

Entering free agency, York9 FC were the first team to call Giantsopoulos.

"I felt like this spot was there to take the number one job and at the end of

the day who doesn't want to play at home. I don't know how much longer I'll be playing so when the opportunity to be a one and to also play at home came up, it was kind of a no brainer for me."

He looks to work alongside Ingham, who he says, is one of his best friends in the sport.

He will also be reuniting with Benzi once again. He is eager to learn from Benzi's South American goalkeeping style at a professional level and will bring a "sponge-mentality" in this new environment.

Although he is joining the club, Cavalry FC knocked out of contention this year from the Island Games, there is a sight for sore eyes within the Nine Stripes' clubhouse. This might be the best goalkeeping tandem in the league. Managing Consultant Angus McNab seems to think so and so does Giantsopoulos.

"I can't see any other goalkeeper duo beating us. But to be fair, this league has a lot of really good goalkeepers. It's just whether who can show at the right moments. It's a tough position to be a goalkeeper. But, yeah, I'd put me and Nate up against any other duo, but in saying that, I expect every other duo to say they're the best duo as well," Giantsopoulos said.

In any case when two number one keepers are on the same roster; needlessly to say, there's a competitive edge within the side for the starting spot. In this case, it is a friendly one as Giantsopoulos is eager to compete with Ingham; it's nothing new. He did come to this team to be the number one that is.

Giantsopoulos thanked Tommy Wheeldon Jr. and the Cavalry FC organization for his time with the club.



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# Who has the edge this Sunday in Super Bowl LV?

By Robert Belardi

For the first time in Super Bowl history, a team will be hosting the NFL's most prestigious game in their home stadium.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers will become the first to do so on Sunday when the Kansas City Chiefs come to town to battle it out for the Vince Lombardi Trophy.

Both teams earned their trip to the grand dance in exhilarating fashion. The Buccaneers staved off the Green Bay Packers in Lambeau Field 31-26. The Kansas City Chiefs came back down 10-0 to the pesky Buffalo Bills at Arrowhead Stadium, with a 38-24 victory.

Each year, the hype surrounding the Super Bowl never seems to fade but this year's story line is one for the ages.

Tom Brady will be playing in his 10th Super Bowl, having won six titles already. And he will be taking on the quarterback on the other end of the field that has been pegged as his predecessor in Patrick Mahomes.

Mahomes looks to defend his title, having won the Super Bowl last year against the San Francisco 49ers.

And he might be able to do so because of his coaches. Chiefs head coach Andy Reid and offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy aren't shy to take risks. We saw it in the AFC Divisional Round against Cleveland on fourth down with their back-up Chad Henne. To risk it all, is what Reid and Bieniemy are all about.

Football Editor at theScore, Daniel Valente predicts Reid and Bieniemy won't be the only ones that are willing to risk it all.

"Really what makes this match-up against Tampa Bay intriguing is, they're going up against another coach and another team that has the philosophy of, we're going to risk it all," Valente said.

"Bruce Arians, Tampa Bay's coach, no risk it, no biscuit. He's same thing. Third and one he's going long. I think if it's any team that can blow for blow with KC, it's Tampa."

In a tale of two offences, that totalled

over 6,000 yards in the regular season each, the Chiefs have distinctive weapons that Valente says, are talented to earn more yards after the catch.

Tyreek Hill, Mecole Hardman and Travis Kelce are only three of the Chiefs' offensive stalwarts that will be quite the load to handle for the Bucs.

But another intriguing match-up in this one, is the Buccaneers pass rush against a banged-up Chiefs offensive line.

"I think that's the one thing that's being overlooked a lot in this match-up is the battle in the trenches. Tampa's pass rush against KC's depleted offensive line. They're down (Eric) Fisher and Andy Reid said today (Jan 25) that Mitchell Schwartz isn't looking likely to be coming back in the Super Bowl," Valente said.

If Tampa Bay wants to pull off an upset, this is the key match-up. The Buccaneers stout defence with Ndamukong Suh, Jason Pierre-Paul, Vita Vea, Shaquil Barrett, Devon White and Lavonte David will be key.

If the Buccaneers also want to con-

trol the tempo offensively, they can do so running the football. The Bucs have two studs in Leonard Fournette and Ronald Jones with other running options should they choose to use them.

But, Valente says, he is confident in Kansas City's defence heading into this match-up with the Bucs. It's because of their defensive coordinator.

"What really gives me trust in Kansas City's defence, is their defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo. He's gone up against Brady numerous times in his career. He's the guy who ended the (Patriots') undefeated season when he was with the Giants," Valente said.

"He's done it once in 07. He's caused Brady fits throughout his career."

It's going to be a tale of match-ups heading into this game. It's going to be about the Chiefs defence locking up Bucs wide-outs Mike Evans, Chris Godwin and depending on his usage, Antonio Brown.

Valente's pick if he had to choose: 23-17 in favour of the Kansas City Chiefs. We'll find out on Sunday who will bring home the Vince Lombardi trophy.

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By Angie Maccarone

Good news! It's not too late to register for our next Alpha Course, which begins 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](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca), and check out the trailer and find the instructions for registration.

This Sunday, Jeff's message is en-

titled, "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](http://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](http://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](mailto:secretary@stpaulsnobleton.ca).

**Nobleton, Schomberg United Churches**  
By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

I hope this week finds you well. Online services continue to be available via the Nobleton United YouTube channel, or on the Facebook page.

On the first three Tuesday evenings in February at 7 p.m. I will be hosting a Zoom Worship reflection meeting,

where we will take a look at the previous Sunday's scripture to explore what it might be saying to you. If you'd like to join, please send me a message and I'll send you a link. You can also get a typed copy of the service, or links to some weekly music choices if you wish.

If you'd like to support the ministry of Nobleton United or Schomberg United, find us on [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org).

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

## York Pines United Church news

York Pines United Church has a new, updated website. Check it out at: [www.yorkpines.ca](http://www.yorkpines.ca).

It is full of information as well as a link to our weekly pre-recorded service. Send us a message via the website and let us know what you think and how you are doing in these challenging days. Are you using technology more? We would like to hear from you as we continue to develop and grow the York Pines site.

We all pray that in-church worship can soon resume, along with other aspects of life pre-COVID. As we await more vaccine availability, stay safe and well everyone.



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### 708 OBITUARIES



*Davis, Lois Ellen*  
(née Greenwood)

Lois Ellen Davis, of Schomberg, Ontario, passed away peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on January 27, 2021 in her 90th year. Lois was predeceased by her parents, Alfred and Mary (Shaw) Greenwood and her husband Richard Wendell Davis. She is survived by her son Andrew W. Davis (Norma), daughter

Bonnie E. Rapus (Mark) and by the grandchildren she adored: Anastasia Davis, Courtney Davis (Tim), William Davis, Conner Rapus and Luke Rapus.

Lois was born on August 11, 1930 on the family farm in East Luther. She enjoyed a happy childhood there helping her mother and father on the farm. Lois was tenacious and had a talent for exceeding expectations. After high school she pursued a career in nursing. She proudly graduated as an RN from Sick Children's Hospital in 1953. She worked in the operating room at Sick Kids Hospital for several years before moving to Orangeville where she worked at the Orangeville District Hospital until 1988. She was a respected professional and trusted colleague to many. In 1955 Lois met Richard, the love of her life. Their marriage of 54 years began in 1956. Like so many of their generation, they started out with few material things. With love and dedication, they worked hard to build a wonderful life for themselves and their children.

First and foremost, Lois was a dedicated, wife, mother, and grandmother. Her quiet love nurtured the best parts of those who were blessed to know her. She was happiest when she was tanning by the pool, reading a good book, or spending time with her grandchildren. She was always there for her family and provided loving care for her parents and husband in their later years. She will be remembered for her subtle wisdom and sense of humor. Lois was always happy to babysit, host family get togethers, or share a meal with friends; her home will always be remembered as a place of light and laughter. Lois was active in St. Mark's Anglican Church and enjoyed her time as a member of the church of St. Mary Magdalene in Lloydtown. After Richard's passing Lois moved from Orangeville to Schomberg ON, with her beloved dog Katie, so that she would be close to her daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren in her twilight years. Having dedicated her life to her loved ones Lois always said that her family was her greatest source of happiness and pride.

Lois was always happiest at home. We would like to extend thanks and gratitude to health care providers Carmen, Sharon and the local CHATS organization whose hard work and dedication made it possible for Lois to remain in her home for as long as possible. We would also like to thank Dr. Mauro and the entire staff on F wing at Headwaters Hospital for the exceptional holistic care and comfort they provided. She was in good hands then, and in God's hands now. In keeping with her wishes, cremation has taken place. A service for immediate family is planned.

A celebration of Life will be held at a later date as COVID permits. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to SickKids Foundation. A tree will be planted in memory of Lois in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The next annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.dodsandmcnair.com](http://www.dodsandmcnair.com)

### 708 OBITUARIES

*MacDonald, Madge Elizabeth*  
November 30, 1931 – January 19, 2021



It is with sadness that the family of Madge Elizabeth MacDonald (née Atkins) announces her passing at Roberta Place LTC, in Barrie on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at the age of 89, due to COVID issues. Beloved wife of the late Robert MacDonald and daughter of the late Melville and Kathleen Atkins. Dear sister of Melville Atkins (Louise) and Catherine Henderson (Paul) and predeceased by sisters Lenore Ford, Patricia Cochrane (Frank) and Dahlia Sanders (Larry). Dear sister-in-law of John Charles Ford and his wife May. Second mother to 18 nephews and nieces and numerous great nephews and nieces. A Celebration of Life will be held when the current pandemic restrictions permit. Interment at King City Cemetery. Forever in our hearts. Online condolences [www.peacefultransition.ca](http://www.peacefultransition.ca)

### 709 IN MEMORIAM



*In Loving Memory of King Township's Champions of the Oak Ridges Moraine*

**Jane Underhill** (8 Feb 2020)  
**Dorothy Izzard** (1 Mar 2019)

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### 709 IN MEMORIAM

**Ivan Plus**

November 7, 1939 - February 6, 2020

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*My Dad:*

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**King Weekly Sentinel**

# King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

If you would like to emails please contact the church at [kcuc@bellnet.ca](mailto: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 a talk about "The Witness of Servanthood."

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 call-

ing to be to be holy and our calling to love others?

Would you commit to joining us in this journey?

All of our services are available through Facebook and YouTube. Missed it? You can also find previous services and sermons on there too. Please visit our website for full details on our sermons as well as other online ministries. [www.kingbiblechurch.com](http://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](http://standrews-kingcity.ca), Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

We look forward to having our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Paul Johnston with us, bringing the message from God's Word. Last week the Rev. Dr. John Vissers delivered a sermon on Forgiveness based on the Lord's Prayer - Matt.6: 12.

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 informa-

tion? [ktfb.ca](http://ktfb.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

Quest for Respect – a Zoom Lenten study series exploring indigenous spirituality will be offered by All Saints to all those interested beginning Tuesday, Feb. 23 at 7:30 p.m. We will explore the Christian - Indigenous spiritual encounter and discuss what respect for indigenous belief looks like in our journey to reconciliation. Please contact Fr. Michael for further information at [priest-allsaintskingcity@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:priest-allsaintskingcity@toronto.anglican.ca).

Fr. Michael preached last Sunday on the story in Mark of Jesus casting out an unclean spirit from a man who asks: "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God" (Mk 1.24).

"Today's gospel reading invites us to ask Jesus to free us from the dark things that burden and oppress us. The gospel story brings us face to face with a struggle between Jesus and hostile, invisible powers.

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# King's Corners

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In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul wrote that "our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Eph 6.12).

"So, what do we as educated, western Christians make of that passage from Ephesians, and how can we understand

today's gospel reading? Do we want to see our walk with God as part of a cosmic struggle between God and evil?

We Anglicans tend to look for naturalistic expressions to explain the kinds of demonic possessions that the man in the Gospel faced. But mental health and wholeness have a spiritual dimension. Spiritual possession exists in many forms, even if we have trouble recognizing it. If we implicitly accept the existence of unclean things – alcohol, pornography, chronic rage, racism – that can possess us, then why would we refuse to accept the existence of a power that can make us whole and one that God has who created us?

Mark tells us that the force possessing the man is a 'spirit.' In Mark a spirit can either be with God or against God. The Spirit at Jesus's baptism comes down from God like a dove, a symbol of purity. Mark describes this spirit: 'And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him' (Mk 1.10).

"Baptism reminds us that through Christ the evil spirits have been and will be defeated and rendered powerless. The evil powers are routed but are still dangerous. If you still feel that you are bondage to one of these unclean spirits, there are many forms of help that you can turn to – medical, psychological, addiction counselling, therapies – but always remember that spiritual help should be part of your recourse.

Through the sacrament of reconciliation and absolution, through the prayers and encouragement of the faithful, and through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we can find our way back to the God who has always known each of us for who we are."



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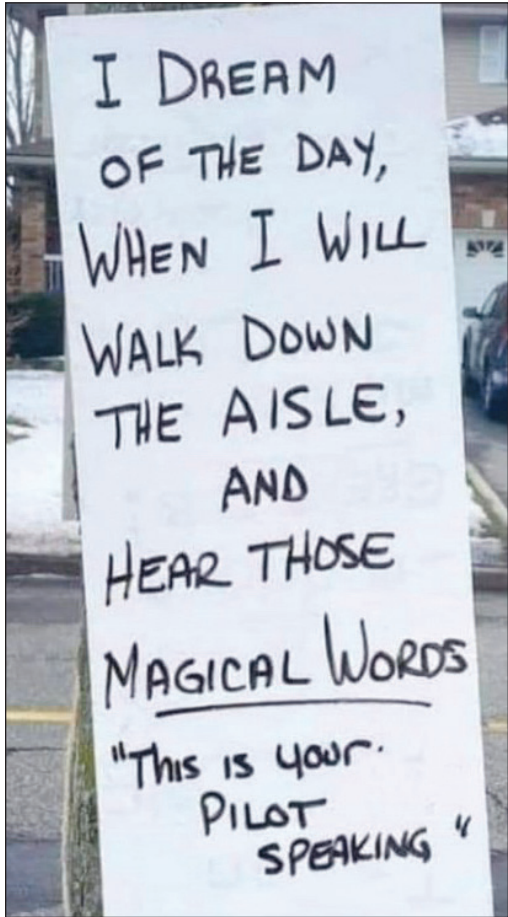
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There is a \$50 prize for each winner plus a professionally mounted print. Check out our illustrious judges at their website links.

Contest closes Feb. 15, so send your entries in by logging on to artsocietyking.ca. All photos entered are eligible for People's Choice, so don't forget to "Like" your pick on our Instagram @arts\_society\_king or Facebook page "Arts Society King 2020"

Above, Leslie Hobson's photo entitled "Water's Edge" in the Coldest category.



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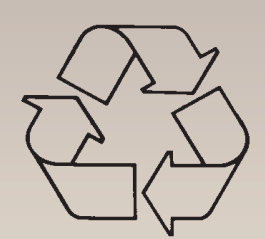
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