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## Majestic visitor graces King forest

King Township seems to attract some majestic visitors. This barred owl, a fairly common species, is seen perched in a tree. It's also known as the striped owl, or hoot owl. It's common to eastern North America. The photo was taken on the Love Mountain Nature Reserve in the Happy Valley Forest. Its haunting call sounds like "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you too?"

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## King, York move into the red-control zone

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor  
Local Journalism Initiative

A call by York's medical officer of health saw Premier Doug Ford move the region into the red zone Monday.

The premier announced Friday that the stay-at-home order for York has been lifted. The region has just started to transition to the colour-coded framework.

Red-Control measures allow capacity of 75% for supermarkets and other stores that primarily sell groceries, convenience stores, pharmacies, 50% for all other retail, including, but not limited to discount and big box retailers, liquor stores, hardware stores and garden centres.

The stay-at-home order and all existing public health and workplace safety measures for an additional two weeks in the Toronto and Peel Public Health Regions, along with the North Bay-Parry Sound District.

"Our government's number one priority is the safety of

all individuals and families, and that's why we are taking a gradual, cautious approach to returning regions to the Framework," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "These are difficult but necessary decisions, in order to protect against COVID-19 variants and maintain the progress we have all made together. Until vaccines are widely available, we continue to urge all Ontarians to follow public health advice and measures, and stay home, stay safe, and save lives."

In nearby Caledon (Peel), the stay-at-home order will continue to apply until at least Monday, March 8.

After returning to the Framework, public health regions are required to stay in their level for at least two weeks. The government will then assess the impact of public health and workplace safety measures to determine if the region should stay where it is or be moved to a different level.

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, March 1

6:00 pm – Council Public Planning Meeting  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

Monday, March 8

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

Monday, March 29

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

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, March 4

6:00 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee (virtual meeting)

Tuesday, March 9

1:00 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee (virtual meeting)

Tuesday, March 16

6:00 pm – King Township Public Library Board (virtual meeting)

Wednesday, March 17

6:00 pm – Committee of Adjustment  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

Wednesday, March 24

6:00 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee (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

• Finance – Financial Analyst – closes March 3

Please visit the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) for employment opportunities.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

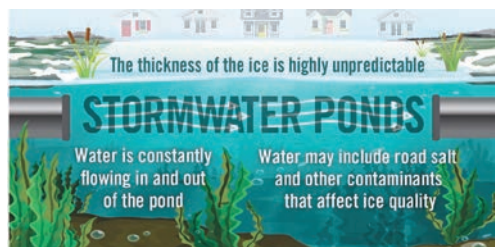
**Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD):** PAD program is available for **Property Tax** accounts. The enrolment form is available at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) (search for "PAD")



To ensure enrollment please apply prior to due date.

The deadline to enroll for the monthly PAD program is **June 1, 2021** in accordance with the Township By-law 2021-074 unpaid balances following the due date, a penalty of one and one quarter per cent (1.25%) per month, shall be levied on the first day of the next calendar month following the due date and each month until paid in full.

Please visit our website for details.



## Stay off stormwater ponds

Staff and by-law officers are reminding residents found using stormwater ponds for skating that this is prohibited and unsafe due to possible changing conditions. As indicated by the conservation authorities:

Stormwater ponds are designed to continuously collect stormwater from surrounding roads and neighbourhoods

No matter how deep into the winter or how thick the ice may appear, temperature changes and water flowing in/out can cause major variations in ice thickness

Air pockets are also easily formed under the surface and contaminants like salt weaken the ice

Stormwater ponds are dangerous in winter. All these factors combined, create dangerous and unpredictable conditions that put your safety at risk.

You can book ice and use the four open municipal ice pads (King City, Nobleton, Schomberg & Cold Creek). More details can be found at [king.ca/OutdoorRinks](http://king.ca/OutdoorRinks) and booking can be completed at <https://townshipofking.perfectmind.com/>

## 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.

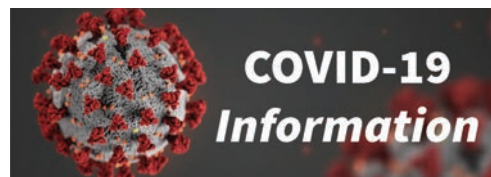
### LATEST UPDATES

• 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).

## 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://king.ca/meetings>.**

### 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.*

Please see more King Township notices on page 5



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# Variants remain as wild cards in health measures

From Front Page

Public health regions may be moved to a higher level within the two-week window, if necessary, based on the set indicators and thresholds outlined in the Framework. In addition, Ontario has introduced an “emergency brake” to allow the Chief Medical Officer of Health, in consultation with the local medical officer of health, to immediately advise moving a region into Grey-Lockdown to interrupt transmission.

“While the health indicators have improved enough to allow us to return an additional region to the Framework, we are not yet at the point where we can safely transition back the remainder of the province,” said Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “Everyone is strongly advised to continue staying at home, avoid social gatherings, only travel between regions for essential purposes, and limit close contacts to your household or those you live with regardless of which level of the Framework you are in.”

The Province allowed York to transition, largely due to a plea by its Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Karim Kurji.

Earlier in the week, Kurji pointed out it’s clear businesses are suffering greatly and with that comes loss of jobs and incomes, an important social determinant of health.

“We are seeing social isolation leading to mental illness. We are also ob-

serving some underground activity for disease transmission; for example, personal service workers doing nails in people’s homes transmitting the variant disease.”

He pointed out York Region’s incidence rates have been dropping and plateauing.

“Our outbreaks in the long-term care institutions have dropped from immunization efforts and we are continuing to push aggressively with our immunizations as vaccine supplies become available,” Dr. Kurji said.

“We know York Region resident hospitalizations have been going down too; however, they are still quite pressurized and taking patients from across the province.

“The wild card has been the variant: we have around 258 variant of concern cases; 62 are active and the remainder have recovered; 7 are hospitalized and sadly there has been 1 death.

“We have been looking at the increase in the number of variants in many epidemiological ways: doubling times, shape of the cumulative cases graphs and proportional variants on a daily basis; however, we are not seeing explosive growth at this point but we will continue to monitor this closely.”

Dr. Kurji admitted York has seen large numbers of variant cases early on around Christmas, but with aggressive case and contact management, interventions at the borders and the public’s help in following public health guide-

lines, “we have a reasonable handle on these cases.

“Our message is quite clear: still stay home, only go out for essential visits, maintain physical distance, keep encounters brief, wash your hands and be sure to wear a mask.

“With enhanced restrictions in the Red-Control Zone, along with our strat-

egies for aggressive case and contact investigation and enforcement, we can keep this in check.

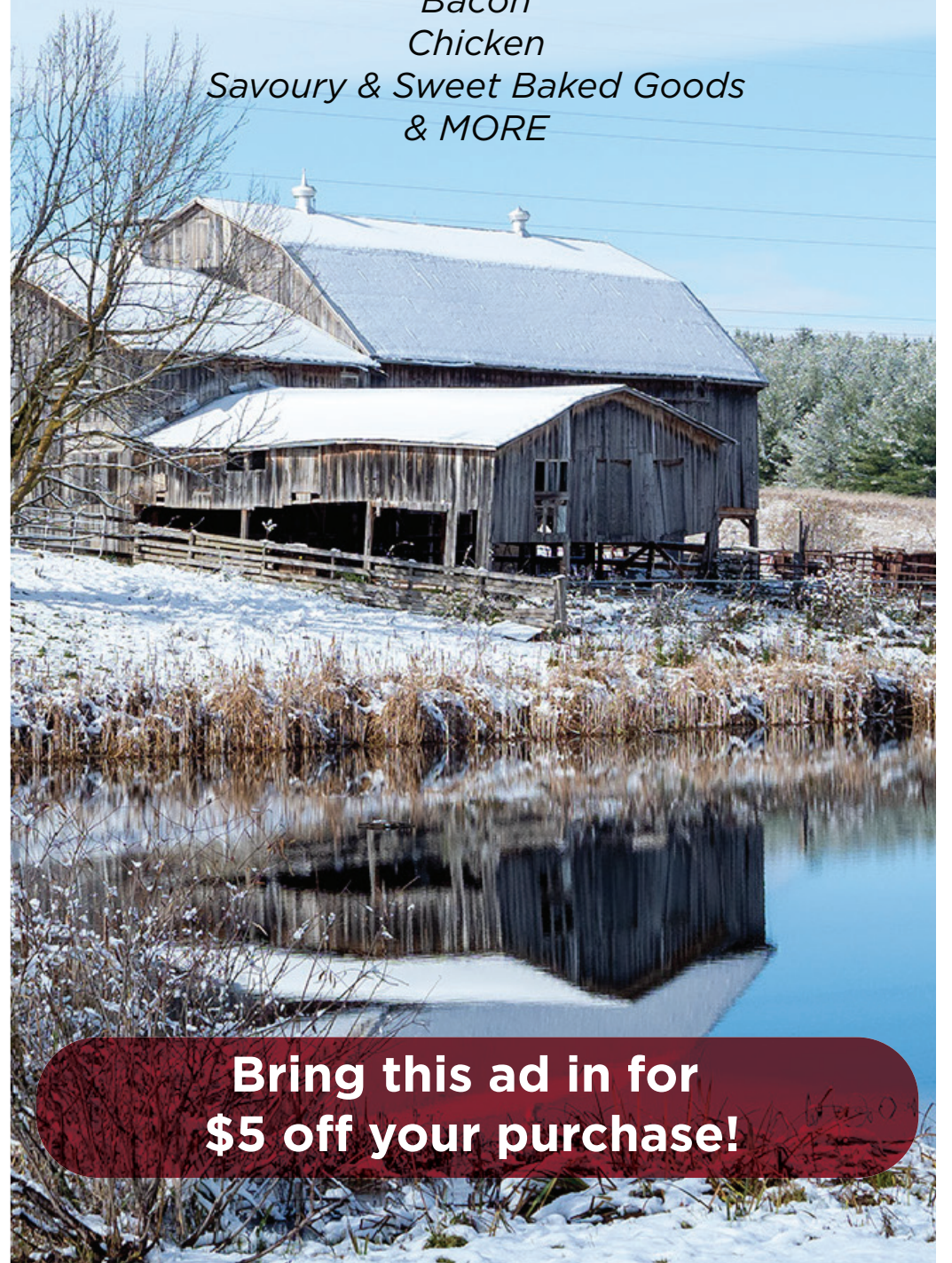
“The new tool in our toolbox are the vaccines; we are moving aggressively to vaccinate as many as possible within the province’s identified priority populations, as vaccine supply becomes available.”

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## YRP warn of new strain of fentanyl

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

A new drug has very serious side effects, and York Regional Police are issuing a strong warning.

Police have found a new strain of fentanyl, following an overdose in Newmarket.

The fentanyl seized at the scene have distinctive orange and pink colors, something no one has seen before. Also, police said the drug was consumed through a vape pen, with the fentanyl mixed with nicotine oil.

“This could pose a significant risk to public safety, especially if residents are unaware of this consupiton method and assume a vape pen they may use contains nothing more than nitocine or other flavorings,” police said in a release.

YRP points out that fentanly is 100 times more potent than morphine. Two milligrams of pure fentanyl (the size of roughly four grains of salt) is enough to kill an average adult. If combined with alcohol and other drugs, the risk of death is increased.

Someone overdosing on fentanyl may display slow, irregular and shallow respirations, pinpoint pupils, muscle rigidity, seizures and unconsciousness, which could lead to a coma. Less lethal effects include dizziness, drowsiness, headache, sleepiness, nausea and vomiting. Treating symptoms of fentanyl require higher doses of the antidote naloxone compared to other opioids.

York Regional Police is committed to combatting the distribution of opioids in the community.



# STEPHEN LECCE

## MPP for King-Vaughan



## Ontario’s COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Ontario launched a webpage to provide transparency on the daily totals of administered vaccines. To keep updated on the totals and the rollout plan, please see the link:

[ontario.ca/covidvaccine](https://ontario.ca/covidvaccine)

### THREE-PHASE VACCINE ROLLOUT

- 1 Dec 2020 to Feb 2021**  
Prioritize and vaccinate healthcare workers and long-term care residents, staff, and essential caregivers, On-Reserve First Nations residents.
- 2 March - July 2021**  
Provide the vaccine to people age 80 years and older and decreasing in five-year increments, at-risk populations and their caregivers, essential workers, more congregate-care centres.
- 3 August 2021**  
Expand the vaccine to all Ontarians.



# 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

## Pandemic has sparked some innovations

Human history is filled with some very amazing accomplishments.

It seems that some of our greatest achievements arise out of the ashes like the mythical Phoenix – good things come from very bad experiences.

Humankind's work in aeronautics, jet and rocket propulsion, was advanced decades due to the Second World War. German scientists worked around the clock to make major leaps in all of these areas. After the war, many of these scientists were conscripted to work for NASA. The space program was quickly accelerated because of war-time research.

Other inventions that came from the war included synthetic rubber and oil, pressurized aircraft cabins, radar and helicopters.

Tragedies often spawn improvements or greater efficiencies. Only when we suffer great loss can we work to prevent it from happening again.

Improvements in firefighter gear often come from loss. In fact, many major fires have led to improvements in safety regulations, building design efficiencies, and firefighter equipment. We are now much better at saving lives.

Breakthroughs in medicine all followed major disease outbreaks and pandemics.

The current COVID pandemic has led to vaccine development in record time



**Mark Pavilons**

around the globe. How researchers work and develop medicine has likely taken a major leap forward. As work continues on the current batch of vaccines, perhaps some other "cures" will emerge. Science often "stumbles" on treatments while looking for something else.

With pharmaceutical companies making untold billions from COVID vaccines, I only hope they can direct more of their profits to cancer research. There's no question our society has

adapted and evolved in many ways.

And technology has played a major role. We switched, in a matter of months, into a digital world. Online services – from consumer goods to municipal services – grew tenfold.

Online learning, government meetings and interviews via Zoom and YouTube are now commonplace. A year ago, few of these were in common practice.

Technology associated with online platforms has lunged ahead and we can expect even more great things from here on in.

In the past 10-20 years alone, we've witnessed some incredible advancements. Here are some:

GPS-enabled devices (remember those odd looking gadgets for the car?). Now any of us can ask for directions to anywhere on the planet.

Hybrid and electric vehicles. The Tesla first appeared only 12 years ago.

How about "texting?" It was introduced by AT&T in 2000.

How about Wikipedia, iTunes, Google, smart watches, drones ...

A report from the Brookfield Institute for Innovation + Entrepreneurship (BII+E) explores the biggest social, political, economic, environmental and technological trends driving Canada's labour market in the decade ahead.

The rapid adoption of remote work is something that is here to stay.

Using strategic foresight research and interactive expert workshops, the "Yesterday's Gone" report identifies and explores eight megatrends with the potential to impact employment in Canada by 2030. Key findings from the report:

The COVID-19 pandemic has accelerated pre-existing trends such as automation and digitization while forcing society to rethink many of our assumptions about how we work and learn, and our socioeconomic structures and systems.

COVID-19 has given rise to new trends, including a heightened priori-

tization of meaning and well-being in our work and lives. While some changes may be temporary, they could have longer term implications for the labour market.

Topics that may seem unrelated to Canada's labour market, such as floods, air pollution, and responsible AI, all have the potential to impact the future of work.

The writing is on the wall for gas-powered vehicles, as almost all major manufacturers have vowed to end production by 2030, in place of electric cars. Our penchant for technology, and newfound direction for research, may in fact, accelerate this, too.

Undoubtedly, battery technology will improve, too, to the point where we have uber long-life AAs, car batteries or button cells.

Since we've grown more attached to our smart gizmos, this industry will only grow exponentially.

During the pandemic, many of us have been secluded and sheltered, with only our gadgets and the internet for companionship. Some may have realized their own personal tech is out of date, so they're seeking the ultimate in connectivity. I bet we'll see a surge in phone and laptop technology very soon.

From pocket-sized drones taking photos overhead, to remote-controlled robo-vacs, our lives are filled with gadgets and gizmos.

Our tech-propelled society will simply roll right over us in the coming decade. And yet our needs are likely quite simple, emerging out of the darkness.

I'm am looking forward to enjoying backyard BBQs again, perhaps sprucing up the yard.

I want to take my family on outings again, maybe to a lake or cottage.

I want to enjoy life's simple pleasures.

And I want to forget all about the pandemic. It's one story I really don't want to share with future grandkids.

### Letter to the Editor

## Highway-led growth is wrong

The Region of York was asked to comment on interchanges for the proposed GTA West highway (413).

Drawings from the Ministry of Transportation indicate interchange locations for the new 400 series highway just south of the King Vaughan road at 27, Pine Valley Road and Weston.

In the communities of Nobleton and Laskay and at the 400 more traffic can be expected. And highway led growth doesn't just affect people nearby, it affects how the region grows.

As the Region of York and local municipalities are preparing plans for the next 30 years through the Municipal Comprehensive review process, it is essential that we urge them to support infrastructure and land use decisions that are financially sustainable. Highways fuel an unsustainable sprawling pattern of growth that is contrary to affordable transit supportive communities. Sprawl type development results in higher levels of debt for municipalities and higher taxes for residents too.

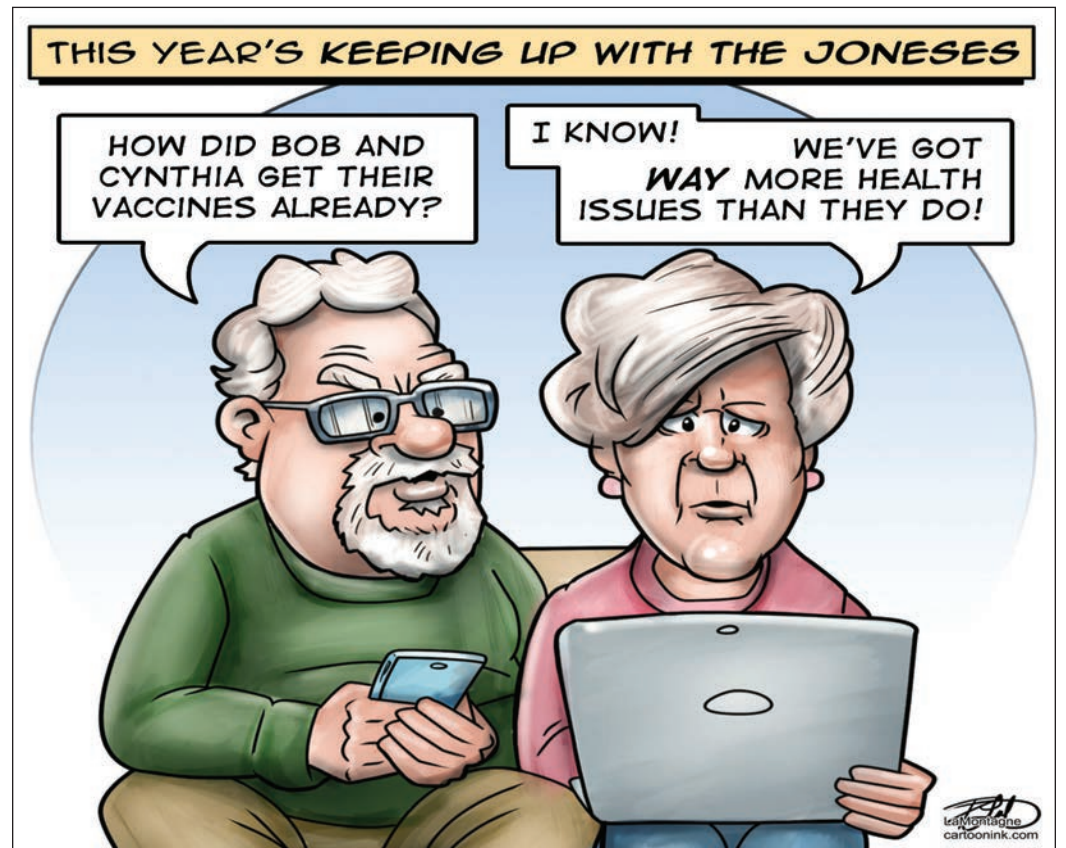
Many of us are experiencing first-hand the devastating effects of COVID on our economy. As we rebuild our economy to support local business, reinvest in healthcare and affordable housing is spending billions building the GTA West highway the best use of our provincial tax dollars when we have so many other priorities today?

In 2018 the GTA West expert panel report noted many problems with the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the highway. Specifically, the need for the highway was not established in the early stages of the EA process and the route pushes through the Greenbelt. Indeed, the route for the transportation corridor not only crosses the Greenbelt, it affects 200 wetlands that absorb floods and filter water, and over 50 rivers, streams and sensitive headwater areas.

Further, many municipal councils across York Region have declared a climate emergency and vowed to put the fire out. Moving forward with this highway is inconsistent with climate change action as highways don't reduce congestion, like transit does, they generate traffic and increase greenhouse gases. We can do better.

I urge you to ask your provincial MPP and your mayor, your regional representative to build back better, not backwards.

Susan Lloyd Swail  
Nobleton



### Quote of the Week



*"Life itself is the most wonderful fairy tale."*  
- Hans Christian Andersen

### Trivia Tidbits

**Cats have over one hundred vocal sounds. Dogs only have about 10.**

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**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

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# Councillor says more info needed on Marylake

The Feb. 18 KWS included two items about the Staff report at the Feb. 8 council meeting regarding Marylake Monastery. As reported, the staff report did trigger a strong response from the public.

I do not think the editor's "finger wagging" at those who made deputations is merited. It is true that despite the mayor communicating withdrawal of the recommendation to delegate site approval at the beginning of meeting, and it is true that some persons persisted in expressing opposition to that recommendation. Ideally, they would have modified their planned speech to express agreement with the last minute amendment to the report; and they would have simply questioned why staff believed there to be such urgency.

Several times during the meeting it was expressed that it was very unusual to have a staff report dealing with a site plan when there was not yet an application for such. I would say that it is also unusual to have a staff report amend-

## Letter to the Editor

ed at the beginning by the mayor. This irregular action, coupled with the challenges of virtual meetings and in some cases unreliable broadband, may lead to some less than perfect deputations; but the effort to be engaged is still valuable.

The context for an important point has not been adequately reported. The staff report identified that building a new long-term care facility at Marylake Monastery was permitted as it would be an expansion of a current use and accordingly it met the criteria for development on the Oak Ridges Moraine (ORM). Given the potential ecological impact of large-scale developments on the ORM, introduction of new ones after the Plan came into (2002) is forbidden; but expansion of current ones is permitted. Given that people are interested in changes in their community and are passionate about the ORM

I think it is a positive sign that people want more background.

I requested an amendment that there be a legal review not because I want to stop the development. I want a legal opinion. 1) Is the unlicensed health care activity pre-2002 a basis for saying that a licensed long-term care facility is simply an extension of historic activities? 2) Is the large scale of the proposal (188 beds) consistent with the ORMCP? Council did not support my request for an amendment.

The editor quite rightfully comments that an effort to be transparent backfired. I am so grateful that staff wrote the report. The zoning permission is critical as it sets precedence for interpretation of ORMCP. In addition, it enables the introduction of municipal services beyond the urban boundary of King City.

A decision to do this must be cautiously assessed. Opinion as to whether the proposed development is good or bad varies, but I think everyone would

agree that its evident that people are extremely interested in the evolution of their community and they are passionate about the Oak Ridges Moraine.

*Councillor Debbie Schaefer*



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## PUBLIC NOTICES



### TOWNSHIP OF KING Road Reconstruction of 15<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Concessions Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment NOTICE OF COMPLETION

#### The Project

The Township of King initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) Class EA for the reconstruction of 3 segments of roadway in the Nobleton area. The roadways are approximately 2.3 kilometers of 10<sup>th</sup> Concession from King Road to 15<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, 2.0 kilometers of 15<sup>th</sup> Sideroad from 10<sup>th</sup> Concession to Regional Road 27 and 2.1 kilometers of 8<sup>th</sup> Concession from King Road to 15<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, as illustrated in the study map. The purpose of this undertaking is to improve the existing cross-section, pavement structure, road surface and overall condition of the aforementioned segments of 15<sup>th</sup> Sideroad, 8<sup>th</sup> Concession and 10<sup>th</sup> Concession, as well as address sightlines and drainage improvements within these portions of roadway. This undertaking is classified as a Schedule 'B' project in accordance with the *Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Oct. 2000, as amended 2007, 2011 & 2015)*.

The Township of King hosted a virtual Public Information Centre on September 17, 2020 to present alternatives for reconstruction and to solicit input from interested parties. After a review of comments received, Alternative 4 has been selected as the preferred solution and involves the reconstruction of each road segment to Town standard cross-section and substantial improvement of sight lines and grade line, requiring a 26 metre right of way.

#### Project File Report

In accordance with the Schedule 'B' MCEA process, a Project File Report (PFR) has been prepared to document the MCEA process completed for this undertaking and by this Notice is being placed in the public record for a 30-day public review and comment period. A digital copy of the PFR will be available on the Township of King's website on February 18, 2021 at <https://www.king.ca/majorprojects>. In the wake of COVID-19 restrictions if requested hard copies can be obtained by appointment only please contact Mr. Wayne Pinkney.

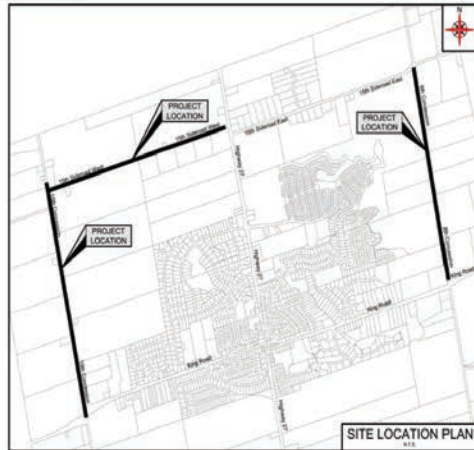
Interested persons may provide written comments to our project team by **March 19, 2021**. All comments and concerns should be sent directly to Mr. Wayne Pinkney of the Township of King at [wpinkney@king.ca](mailto:wpinkney@king.ca). In addition, a request may be made to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for an order requiring a higher level of study, or that conditions be imposed, only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. Requests on other grounds will not be considered. The request should be sent in writing or by email to:

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Ministry of Environment, Conservation  
and Parks  
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Toronto, ON M7A 2J3  
[minister\\_mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister_mecp@ontario.ca)

Director, Environmental Assessment and  
Permissions Branch  
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135 St. Clair Ave. W., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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Requests should also be sent to Mr. Wayne Pinkney of the Township of King by mail or email. Please visit the ministry's website for more information on requests for orders under section 16 of the *Environmental Assessment Act*: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/class-environmentalassessments-part-ii-order>

All personal information is collected, under the authority of section 30 of the Environmental Assessment Act and is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public. As this information is collected for the purpose of a public record, the protection of personal information provided in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) does not apply (s.37). Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. Issued by the Township of King on February 18, 2021.



### NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATIONS CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT AND OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT

The Township of King has received applications to facilitate a residential development on the property outlined below, submitted to the Township of King in accordance with Section 17 and 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13*, as amended.

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

#### SUBJECT PROPERTY

Location: PLAN 65M4456 BLOCK 66  
52 James Stokes Court, King City

Owner: Domenic Baldesarra

Agent: Evans Planning Inc.

Township File Numbers: Z-2021-01 and OP-2021-01

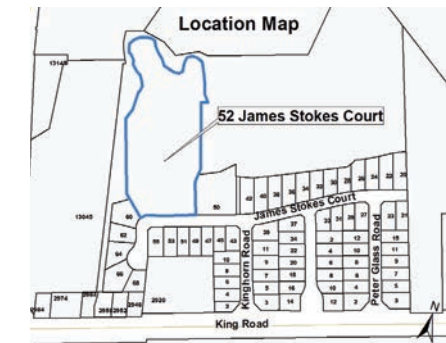
#### PROPOSAL

The subject applications propose a residential development on the property municipally known as 52 James Stokes Court. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment application is to rezone the property to Residential Single Detached and Environmental Protection. This is to contemplate a future severance application to create four separate residential lots, each to contain a single-detached dwelling with access provided from James Stokes Court. The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment application is to provide an amendment to the King City Community Plan to reduce the minimum required buffer distance. The Official Plan Amendment application is to also provide an amendment to the density policies within the King City Community Plan.

At such time as a public meeting is scheduled in accordance with the Planning Act, the Township of King will provide further notice specifying the date and time of the meeting. Any person may attend the public meeting (or participate virtually if the meeting is remote due to health restrictions), and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment. Written comments will become part of public record.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and Official Plan Amendment application, as well as related background and supporting information, are available by contacting the Planning Division by telephone at 905-833-5321 ext. 1018, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or by email to Giuliano La Moglie, Planner I, at [glamoglie@king.ca](mailto:glamoglie@king.ca), quoting File Numbers Z-2021-01 & OP-2021-01. 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 22nd day of February, 2021.



Kathryn Moyle  
Director of Corporate Services  
Township Clerk  
Township of King

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# Minister continues doing 'what's right' in education

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce makes no apologies for his work as Minister of Education.

In fact, he's driven by doing "what's right," not what's popular. And, he's continually governed by the health and welfare of Ontario's students, teachers and residents.

Every step of the way during the pandemic, provincial officials have had to stop, pivot and drive change. Changes and innovations were vital to an admittedly tired education system that needs modernization.

Lecce and the Province have been key movers to online learning and technology long before COVID-19.

But since the pandemic's arrival, education in this province has changed dramatically. And Lecce maintains it's all for the best. In fact, Ontario has become the national leader in its synchronous online system, led by live teachers.

The minister pointed out that al-

most all bureaucracies are traditionally adverse to change. And yet, all levels of government – from Ottawa to the municipal level – have had to adapt, evolve and find efficiencies.

The push for online learning over the past year has accelerated Ontario's game plan, with largely strong, positive results.

Lecce said we owe it to our children to ensure our education system is aligned with the job market, both now and in the future. Boosting the curriculum with technology-related courses and options will only strengthen the resolve of future leaders.

No other province currently offers the breadth of online learning opportunities as Ontario.

Lecce said his ministry stood up and updated the curriculum, including math, at a time when it wasn't necessarily a priority for everyone.

Career development is also important for today's students. Lecce and the ministry want to position Ontario as a global leader, making our kids THE global leaders in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Life skills and experiential learning are other mandates included in today's curriculum.

"The Ministry won't be put on hold (by the pandemic)," he said. "Kids deserve a modern, relevant education and curriculum. I learned we have to do what's right, not what's easy."

His job, his mission, is to give students and educators the tools they need to make this happen.

He pointed out the Province recently earmarked \$1 billion for new schools, including one in King-Vaughan.

Lecce and his ministry are constantly under attack by unions and educators. But it's important to note that while the ministry mandates the changes and improvements, it's the school boards themselves that carry them out. The Province recently provided \$18 million in additional funding to the York Region boards of education.

That's a significant contribution, he pointed out. The Province has upped funding across the board, since the beginning of the pandemic, and the money has been put to good use.

He said at this point, more than 95% of Ontario schools have improved ventilation systems, hepa filters, etc.



Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan and Ontario's Minister of Education, visited Maple High School, in Maple, ahead of this mobile testing unit opening for students and staff.

But Lecce doesn't point any fingers, noting the pandemic has actually improved networks and partnerships. Lecce said he speaks regularly with his colleagues and several medical officers of health, to be kept abreast of the situation, which tends to change weekly.

Politicians and civil servants have all learned the value of accessibility and visibility. While the Provincial government has always been accessible, Lecce said a stronger presence by elected officials has provided a greater level of guidance and leadership. From health officials to ministry spokespeople, everyone has had to step up, he said.

Lecce pointed out remarkably, the provincial PCs have worked extremely well with the federal Liberal government, as well as Liberal MPs, through the pandemic.

"It's the leadership we all need," he said.

The fact that kids are back in school is a "great service" and he's adamant that he will do everything in his power to keep schools open. Mental health professionals and medical officers all supported getting kids back in school.

Having students return to school and moving York to the red zone is being done cautiously.

"I will continue to act quickly, to ensure the safety of children and staff," he said.

The layers in place, which include stepped up in-school monitoring, anti-congregation measures, etc. are working. Further, the Province is mak-

ing sure that educators will have priority in getting the vaccine in the second phase, expected to start soon.

The pandemic has actually brought these partners closer together, Lecce admits, particularly in the health care sector. These connections will continue in the post-pandemic society.

It may also lead to a less apprehensive approach and a more cooperative one.

## Variant detected on GO

York Region Public Health is re-releasing a Public Notice relating to a confirmed COVID-19 variant of concern case who travelled via GO Train during a period of communicability.

The individual rode the Barrie Line GO Train on Tuesday, Feb. 9, and Wednesday, Feb. 10, from the Rutherford Station in the City of Vaughan to Union Station in the City of Toronto and returned via GO Train the same evenings.

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Given the new provincial guidance for the follow-up of variants of concern, a notification is warranted to assist with contact tracing efforts.



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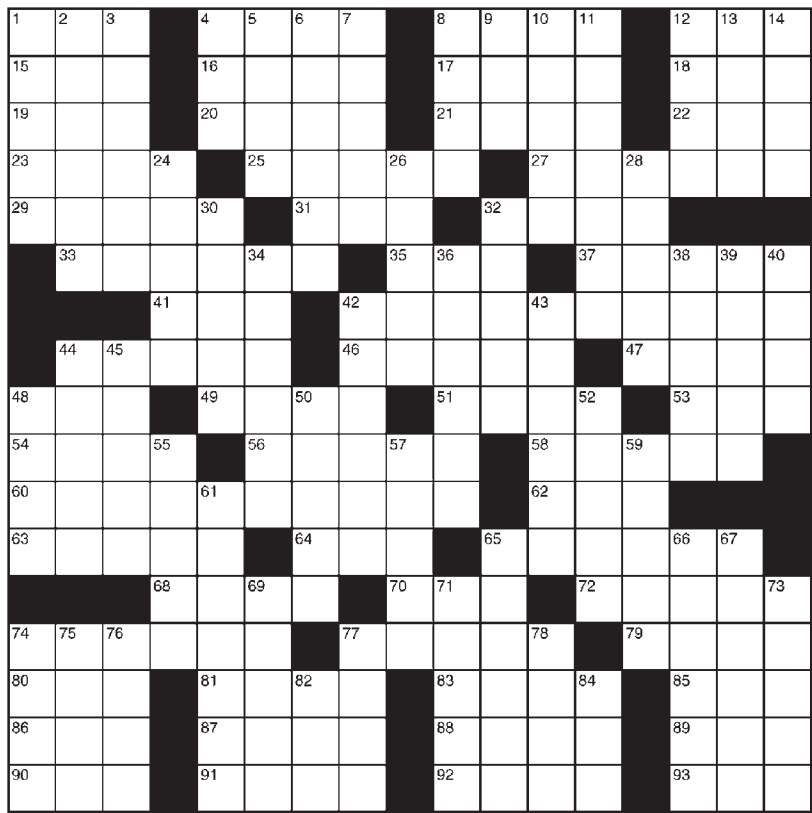
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**ACROSS**

- 1. Small crow
- 4. Naysayer
- 8. Remotely
- 12. Ham it up
- 15. Japanese belt
- 16. Forsaken, poetically
- 17. Eatery
- 18. Sticky stuff
- 19. Unit of work
- 20. Beep
- 21. Letters
- 22. Eureka's cousin
- 23. Clothes
- 25. Practical type?
- 27. Accomplish by force
- 29. Nimbi
- 31. Vessel
- 32. Default result
- 33. Expunge
- 35. Psyche part
- 37. Spills
- 41. Timber tree
- 42. Intimidated
- 44. Jeweler's weight
- 46. Sniggler
- 47. Rajah's mate
- 48. "\_\_\_ the Right Moves"
- 49. Hot rock
- 51. Level and smooth
- 53. Rodent pest
- 54. Cowboy's gear
- 56. Chop into tiny pieces
- 58. Prophethess
- 60. Not acquainted
- 62. Resort
- 63. Aquarium denizen
- 64. Romanian coin
- 65. Mother of pearl?
- 68. Killer whale
- 70. Prune
- 72. Swiss mountaineer's cry
- 74. Nutritious legume
- 77. Giraffe's kin
- 79. Palm variety
- 80. Dedicated poem
- 81. Ground grain
- 83. By and by
- 85. Suitcase
- 86. "Long \_\_\_ and Far Away"
- 87. Dip out, as water
- 88. Capri or Man, e.g.
- 89. Be deceitful
- 90. Bog

**DOWN**

- 1. Biblical verb
- 2. In a foreign country
- 3. Shake to and fro
- 4. High, in music
- 5. Popular lunchtime
- 6. Theatrical company
- 7. Beginning part
- 8. Zenith
- 9. Air-safety gp.
- 10. In flames
- 11. Backslide
- 12. Chinese gelatin
- 13. Little salmon
- 14. Tailless amphibian
- 24. Type of energy
- 26. Cordwood measure
- 28. Wisdom tooth
- 30. Flower part
- 32. Wheel with points
- 34. Woven mat
- 36. Tiger Woods, e.g.
- 38. Eared seal
- 39. Of prisons
- 40. Dither
- 42. Freshman's hat
- 43. Brazen
- 44. Replica
- 45. Overhead
- 48. Be next to
- 50. Country estate
- 52. Unsteady
- 55. Medium's deck
- 57. Make watertight
- 59. Twirling item
- 61. Variety of xylophone
- 65. Be hostile to
- 66. Consumable
- 67. Fix
- 69. Wholesome
- 71. Saharan stopover
- 73. Tavern treat
- 74. Bread shape
- 75. Lip
- 76. Very bright, as colors
- 77. Jug
- 78. Beverly Archer's role on "Mama"
- 82. Tiny atoll
- 84. Fisherman's aid

**Solution on page 17**


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**Richard Gong, Agent**  
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## King


### 7-Day

# Weather Outlook



From Thursday, February 25 to Wednesday, March 3

THURS 25TH	FRI 26TH	SAT 27TH	SUN 28TH	MON 1ST	TUES 2ND	WED 3RD
Mainly Sunny High -1C° Low -9C°	Mainly Sunny High -1C° Low -6C° ~1cm	Light Snow High 3C° Low -3C° <1mm/1-3cm	Mainly Sunny High 3C° Low -3C° ~1cm	A Few Flurries High 1C° Low -6C° <1cm	Sunny High -2C° Low -6C°	Sun/Clouds High 3C° Low -4C°
Wind NW 24k	Wind S 13k	Wind SE 23k	Wind SW 10k	Wind NW 27k	Wind SE 10k	Wind W 23k



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# STAY HOME, STAY SAFE

## Hey York Region families!

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**Draw a picture and show us what "Stay Home, Stay Safe" means to you and your family.**

Once you're done, share your child's creation on social media using #StayHomeYR.

Creations can be submitted through the contest form on our website to be eligible to win a Stay Home, Stay Safe prize pack.

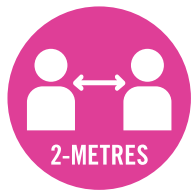
To submit, find information and for contest details, visit [york.ca/StayHomeStaySafe](http://york.ca/StayHomeStaySafe)

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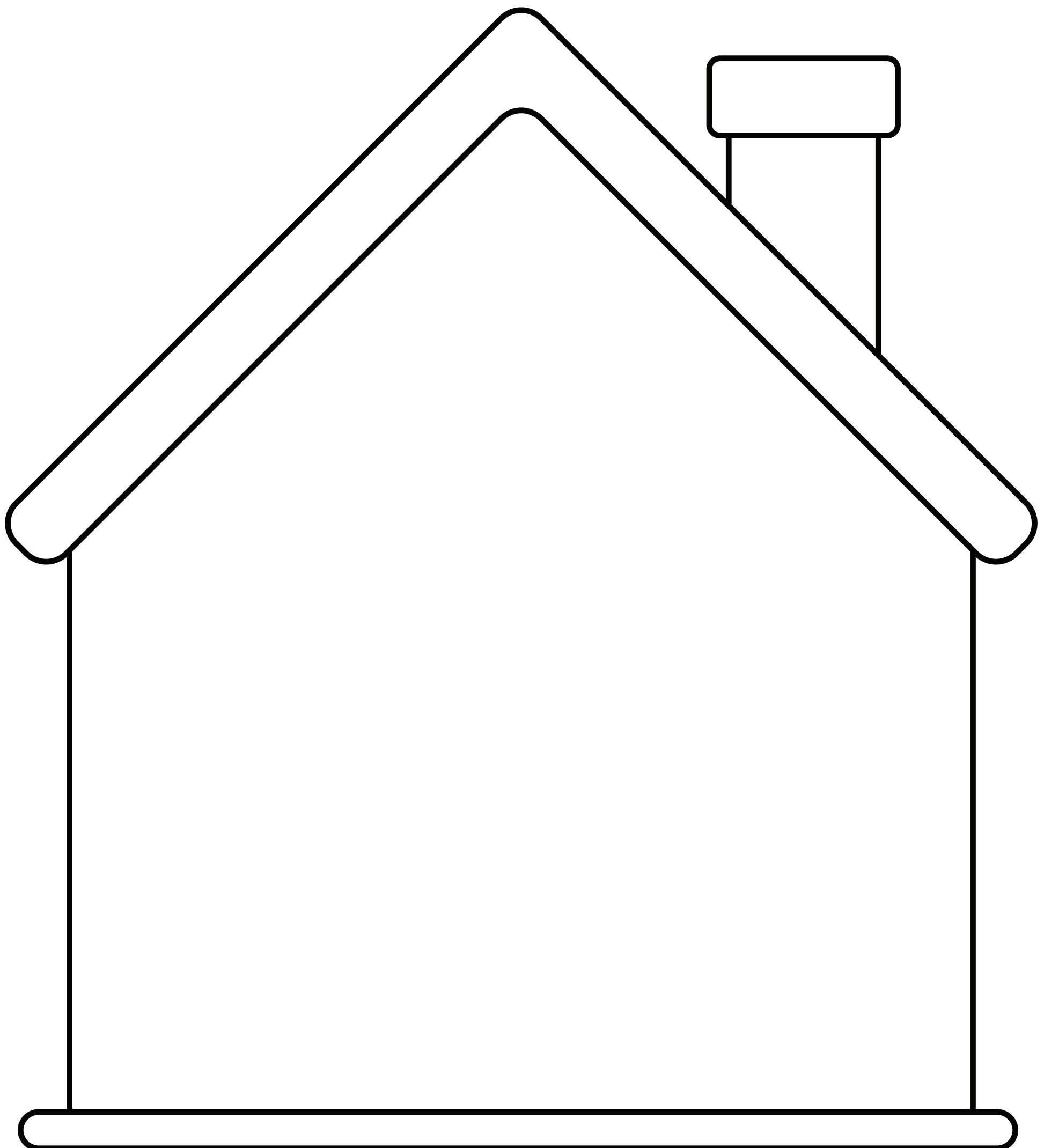
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## Ottawa dedicates more funding for public transit

Investing in public transit infrastructure shortens commute times for families, creates good middle class jobs, grows our economy, and cuts air pollution.

Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau last week announced \$14.9 billion for public transit projects over the next eight years, which includes permanent funding of \$3 billion per year for Canadian communities beginning in 2026-27. This announcement provides cities and communities the predictable transit funding they need to plan for the future, and is part of our plan to create one million jobs, fight climate change, and rebuild a more sustainable and resilient economy.

Since 2015, the Government of Canada has invested more than \$13 billion in

1,300 public transit projects for communities across Canada. This is the largest public transit investment in Canadian history, and as we build back better from the global COVID-19 pandemic, we will continue to make these smart investments that support Canadians.

These investments will:

- Help Canadians move around easier and create new jobs by building major public transit projects, providing dedicated planning funding to accelerate future major projects, and supporting the expansion of large urban transit systems that many Canadians depend on every day.

- Reduce pollution and create jobs for Canadians by enhancing public transit systems and switching them to cleaner electrical power, including supporting

the use of zero-emission vehicles and related infrastructure, complementing the work of the Canada Infrastructure Bank.

- Support healthy lifestyles in our communities and meet the growing demand for active transportation projects, including by building walkways and paths for cycling, walking, scooters, e-bikes, and wheelchairs.

- Help Canadians living in rural and remote areas travel to and from work more easily and access essential services, by working with rural, remote, and Indigenous communities to identify and create transit solutions that meet their needs.

- Support cities and communities by making a permanent and stable federal commitment to funding public transit, and facilitate partnerships between all orders of government, Indigenous communities, transit agencies, and other stakeholders to develop an approach to permanent public transit funding in a manner that offers the greatest benefits to Canadians.

“When we invest in public transit infrastructure, we are supporting good middle class jobs, creating better commutes, fighting climate change, and helping make life easier and more affordable for Canadians. We will continue to do what it takes to ensure our

economic recovery from COVID-19 and build back a more resilient country for everyone,” the prime minister said.

“As we build back better, it is time to ambitiously invest in modern and sustainable public transit across our country, to reduce congestion, to help create a million jobs, and to support cleaner and more inclusive communities. Permanent, long-term funding for public transit will mean new subway lines, light-rail transit and streetcars, electric buses, cycling paths and improved rural transit. It will mean that Canadians can get around in faster, cleaner, and more affordable ways. And it will help drive us to net-zero emissions and ensure a more sustainable future for our kids,” added Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities.

Through the Investing in Canada Plan, the Government of Canada is already investing \$28.7 billion to support public transit projects, including \$5 billion available for investment through the Canada Infrastructure Bank.

In October, as part of the Canada Infrastructure Bank’s three-year, \$10 billion Growth Plan, the government announced that \$1.5 billion of the available funding will be used to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission buses and charging infrastructure so Canadians can have cleaner commutes.

## Combined federal-provincial debt will reach \$2 trillion

Combined federal and provincial debt in Canada has doubled from \$1.0 trillion in 2007/08 to a projected \$2.0 trillion this year, finds a new study released today by the Fraser Institute, an independent, non-partisan Canadian public policy think-tank.

“Government debt – federally and in every province – has grown substantially over the past 13 years, creating serious fiscal challenges for Ottawa and provincial governments in the years ahead,” said Jake Fuss, a senior economist at the Fraser Institute and co-author of *The Growing Debt Burden for Canadians: 2021 Edition*.

The study finds that not only has Canada’s projected combined government debt (the federal debt and the provincial debt of all 10 provinces) doubled since 2007/08, the year before the last recession, but the combined debt now equals 91.6 per cent of the Canadian economy – up from 65.2 per cent last year.

Crucially, on a per person basis, the combined debt this year ranges from a low of \$43,635 in British Columbia to a high of \$64,224 in Newfoundland & Labrador.

Ontario’s combined government debt in 2020/21 exceeds 100 per cent of the provincial GDP, meaning it would take every dollar in Ontario’s economy for a full year to eliminate the combined government debt of Ontarians.

Ontarians also have the highest combined debt (\$862.8 billion) and the second-highest combined debt per person (\$58,559), second only to Newfoundland and Labrador (\$64,224).

## Public engagement to help determine next steps for the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan

The Ontario government is engaging with local partners, Indigenous communities and residents from the Lake Simcoe area to get their input on the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan. The plan is the roadmap to improve the lake’s water quality, reduce pollutants such as phosphorus, support sustainable fisheries and address the impacts of invasive species. The feedback received will help determine if the document needs to be amended or updated.

“Thanks to the hard work of local environmental and conservation organizations, advocates and all levels of government, considerable progress has been made to restore Lake Simcoe over the past 10 years,” said Andrea Khanjin, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks and MPP for Barrie-Innisfil. “While this progress is encouraging, we know the watershed is under increasing pressure as the result of population growth and climate change. That’s why we are inviting all our partners, including the general public to participate in the review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan to ensure we are doing everything we can to keep the lake beautiful for generations to come.”

Members of the public can take part in the public review of the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan by completing an online public survey by March 3. For more information and other ways to get involved in the review, visit the Protecting Lake Simcoe webpage.

Based on the engagement and the findings from the review, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks will consider making amendments to the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan by the summer of 2021.

Restoring Lake Simcoe and its watershed is a key commitment of the government’s Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan.

Since 2009, the province’s actions to protect and restore Lake Simcoe have been guided by the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.

The province released the 10-year report on Lake Simcoe in July 2020, which highlighted progress towards the government’s commitments and results of monitoring programs.

The province recently invested \$581,000 in four new projects to help find better ways to reduce the amount of pollutants and nutrients, such as phosphorus, from entering Lake Simcoe.

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# Feds provide mobile health units to assist in Ontario

Throughout its response to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Canada has been in regular contact with provinces and territories to assess the needs of regions hardest hit by the pandemic's resurgence and to provide support that will help protect the health and safety of Canadians.

The MHUs will relieve pressure on Ontario's strained hospital capacity due to the prevalence of COVID-19 in the province. MHUs are just one of the services offered under the COVID-19 Federal Rapid Surge Capacity – a means for provinces and territories to access equipment and resources, when they need it most.

The two MHUs are scheduled to be deployed to the Greater Toronto Area as rapidly as possible. These units will be available to Ontario until May 1, depending on COVID-19 case load and ICU capacity in the province.

The MHUs will provide additional hospital beds and facilitate the transfer of non-critical care patients out of critical care to ensure those specialized resources are available for those who need it most. Each MHU has the capacity to include 100 hospital beds. The units will be staffed by the province.

"Fighting the pandemic is our top priority. Along with my colleagues, I'm pleased to announce the deployment of two federal Mobile Health Units to the Province of Ontario to assist hospitals in the Greater Toronto area which has seen an alarming resurgence in COVID-19 cases," said Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

"The Government of Canada purchased these Mobile Health Units as part of our overall preparedness plan

to help protect the health and safety of Canadians. We will continue to collaborate with the provinces and territories to ensure they have the equipment and supplies needed to carry on the fight against COVID-19," added Anita Anand, Minister of Public Services and Procurement Canada.

"As we continue to battle COVID-19, we are providing these Mobile Health Units in Ontario to relieve pressure on health care workers and help patients. We will continue to be there to support provinces and territories to help Canadians and communities across the country get through this difficult time," said Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health.

"Our government is using every tool at our disposal to support our hospitals as they respond to COVID-19. As Ontario continues to add more hospital beds and build capacity in our health care system, these new mobile health units will further help us alleviate the strain on our hospitals and intensive care units. We will continue to work with the federal government and our health care partners to support our hospitals and care for patients affected by this deadly virus," noted Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier of Ontario and Minister of Health.

"Our government continues to prepare, plan and take the actions needed to best protect Ontarians and keep them safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are grateful for the support of two mobile health units that can be put into full operation. As we work to help our health care system manage its capacity challenges, we continue to urge everyone to follow public health guidelines and stay home, stay safe and save lives," stated Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General of Ontario.

## Looking at the current markets

By Rob Payne

As we reflect on 2020, it's fair to say that we've all learned something about the social, political, physical and environmental forces that have affected everyone. And, in some ways, our lives will be changed, perhaps permanently. But as an investor, what lessons can you learn from 2020?

Here are some to consider:

Here's something many investors discovered in 2020: Investment prices don't always move in the same direction as the overall economy. This might not have seemed apparent right after the COVID-19 pandemic struck in mid-February, as the overall economy and the stock market took big hits. But just about five weeks later, the markets began a rally that lasted several months. During this time, the economy also recovered somewhat, but still remains on weak footing.

What can explain this discrepancy between the markets and economic activity? Essentially, economic numbers, such as the unemployment rate and gross domestic product (GDP), reflect what's happening today, but the markets are always looking toward tomorrow, which means they are anticipating a stronger economic recovery and the results that come with it, such as greater corporate earnings in 2021. No one can say for sure what the future holds, but you can usually know the market's opinion by its performance.

Opportunities will always exist for investors. Although the coronavirus seems unprecedented, the equity markets have rebounded from many crises before it. From war to global financial meltdowns, the market has seen it all. But even at the height of these events, when the markets might be most affected, individual segments or industries can do well.

For example, in the current environment, when many people have been forced to work and shop from home, and get their entertainment online, it's probably not surprising that some parts of the technology sector have seen their economic activity grow, along with their stock prices. Here's the key point: Investment opportunities always exist, especially in times of market stress – and smart investors will find them and incorporate them into their portfolios in a way that's appropriate for their goals and risk tolerance.

Patience and discipline can pay dividends. As mentioned above, the stock market dropped sharply in the weeks immediately following the pandemic, but then gained steadily for months afterward. Investors who tried to "cut losses" and exited the market likely did so at the wrong time and missed out on the beginning of the upturn. Unfortunately, this is not uncommon – investors who overreact to market declines often find themselves on the investment sidelines just when a new rally begins. Rather than being reactive in this way, you may be better off sticking with a long-term investment strategy and buying and selling investments only when it makes sense for your situation, such as when you need to diversify your portfolio.

For many reasons, it's unlikely that we'll see anything exactly like 2020 again. But some of the investment lessons we learned are applicable in every year – so keep them in mind for 2021 and beyond.

Rob Payne is a King-based financial advisor with Edward Jones.



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# Fantastic images highlight ASK's winter photo contest

By Dorita Peer

Arts Society King's White Hot Shot Photo contest closed with well over a hundred entries, all of which revealed the joy and awe we have for winter. Subjects ranged from frosty landscapes to burning skies, to beasts and besties, buildings and botanica all caught in the thrall of Canada's most talked-about season.

The categories were designed to leave much room for the imagination and to encourage York Region shutterbugs to venture forth, or to dig deep into their albums. The \$50 prize and a 16 X 20 mounted print proved tantalizing.

Adjudicators Husnain Dattu, Natasha Vasiljevic and Ronen Grunberg had to work hard to choose just one when often several favourites vied for the win. Their process looked beyond the technical attributes of each photo for surprises, or that inspired quality: the story captured in a magic moment, the emotional impact, the depth of seeing. And here are their final choices:

Coldest, Amateur, "Snow Day" by Stephanie Rojas. The close-up of a small boy, eyes shut, about to taste his mitt-ful of snow, lends intimacy to this composition of subtle light and soft tone. A lifestyle image with effortless emotion, agreed the judges.

Coldest, Pro, "Encapsulated" by Tom Wray. Dattu called the image sparkling near the melting point, the ice-coated branches dancing with what Ronen described as playing with abstraction.

Warmest, Amateur, "Catching Some Rays" by Marie Hayward surprised with the pairing of flower and snow, the delicacy of petals in a bed of crystals speaking of the fragility of both.

Warmest, Pro, "Unchained" by Dominick Petrungaro. Sepia tones lend an aura of another time as does the broken fence and solitary gatepost in the overgrown field.

Most Mystic, Amateur, "Storm Coming" by Leslie Hobson. As if standing under those tinted heavens, in front of that sweeping landscape, Dutta said the scene moved his heart.

Most Mystic, Pro, "Hinterland Winterland" by Steve Silverman. The vulnerable tree dead centre and the fence line that bisects the expanse defy the rules of composition, yet magnify the beauty and story elements.

Funniest, Amateur, "Thanks for the Ride" by Phyllis Vernon. The whimsical title echoes the eager leap to freedom of the mini captured in midair with that one lucky click shutterbugs long for (there was no Professional submission in this category).

Under 18, "Barrier" by Megan Johnson. We get a mouse-eyed view of the palisade of branches and their still-bright red berries, the blurry wall of conifers behind, that pose the question suggested by the evocative title. Gallery worthy, said Natasha.

People's Choice, "Log Cabin Captured in a Snow Globe" by Ann Ashby. Like peering into a crystal ball, viewers stopped to take a closer look and made this clever find their favourite.

Fans of the photographic arts are invited to take a stroll around outside the King Heritage and Cultural Centre and view mounted prints of the winners. All the entries can be enjoyed through links on [www.artsociety-king.ca](http://www.artsociety-king.ca).

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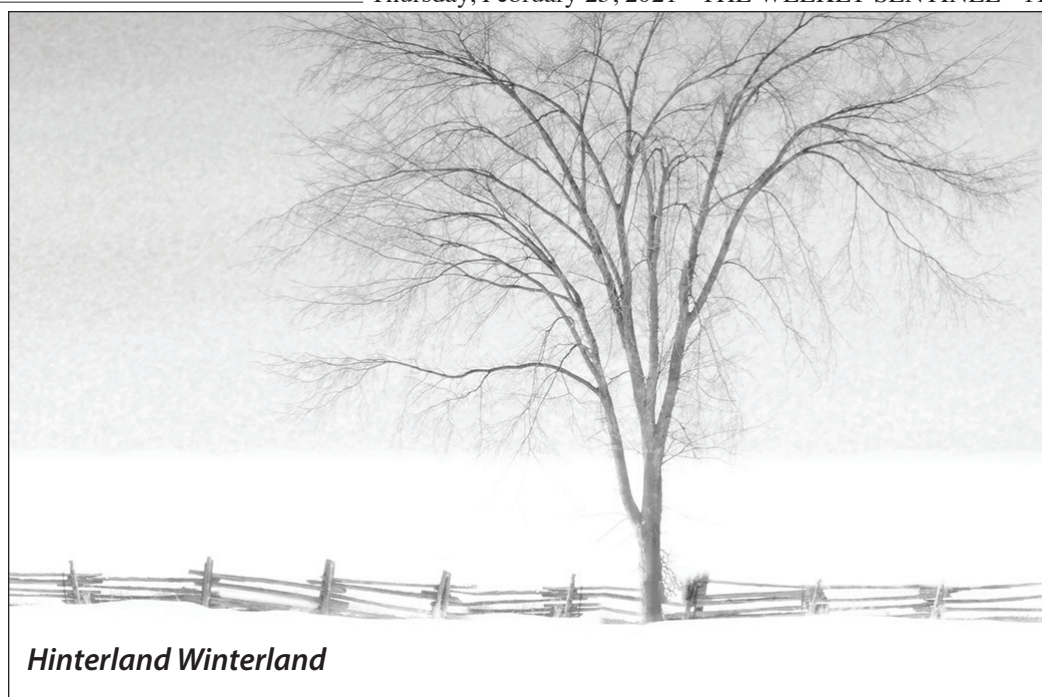
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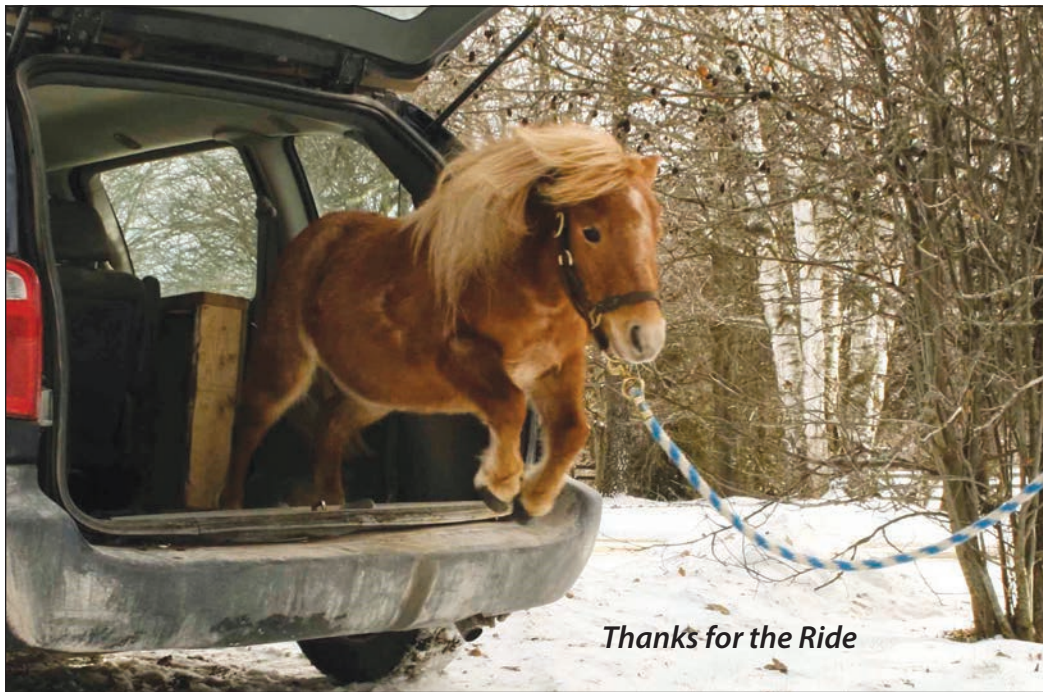




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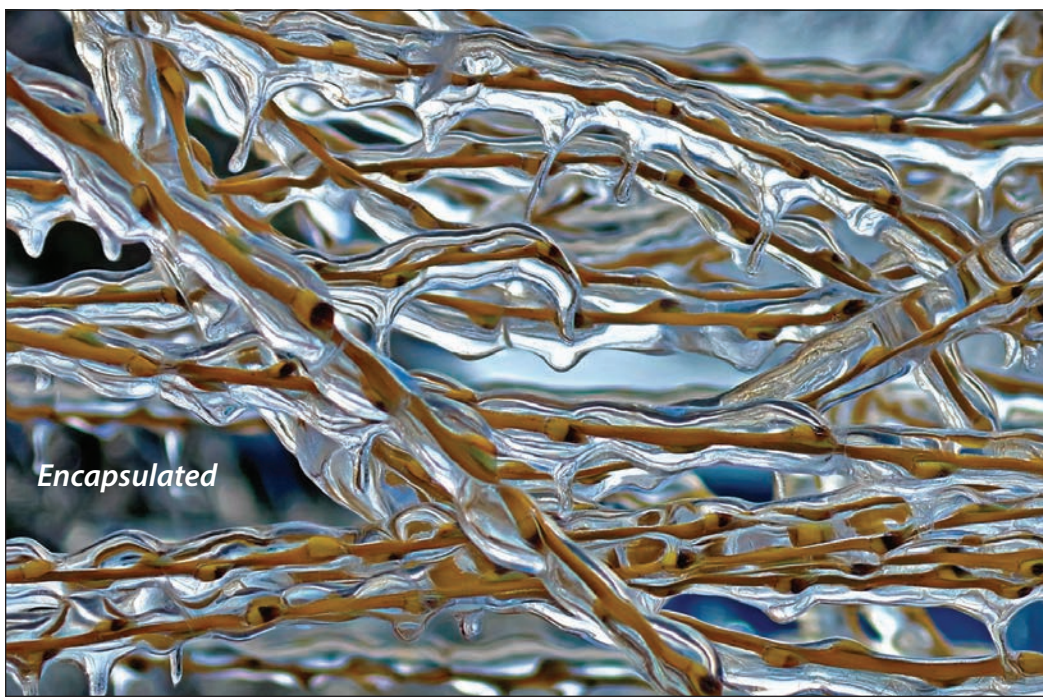
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# Arts & Entertainment

## King centre offers immersive online exhibit

By Kinjal Dagli Shah

A novel partnership between a local software company and King Heritage & Cultural Centre (KHCC) has resulted in a free virtual exhibit titled Stories of King, features interesting and lesser-known tales from the Township.

While the KHCC continues to be closed to visitors, their staff continues to work on new projects behind the scenes.

Vito Giovannetti, CEO and co-founder of Treasured, Inc., a local start-up, reached out to the KHCC with a grand idea: to create the most affordable, accessible and immersive online exhibit platform in the world.

"Treasured wants to enable museums and heritage centres, with small staff teams and limited resources, to complement their physical locations with an impactful online presence,"

said Giovannetti. "We want to support the KHCC in becoming a beacon for stories, history and community legacies, all while growing their audience and measuring engagement along the way."

The KHCC, in turn, is teaching the Treasured team about the needs of community museums.

Stories of King launched on Feb. 8, and features nine stories, including Marooned on the Ice, Railroad to Freedom and Stranger Than Fiction. The tales feature love stories, a disappearance as well as the experiences of runaway slaves. Liza Mallyon, Collections & Exhibit Coordinator at the KHCC, said the partnership is timely as the museum is keen to increase its online presence and reach new, younger audiences and those who are not able to visit in person.

"With the doors to the KHCC still be-



ing closed due to COVID restrictions, this is an ideal time to launch Stories of King, a new, fun online exhibit. Stories of King features lesser-known people and events from King Township. Visitors may be surprised to learn how many intriguing things have happened in King."

Erika Baird, supervisor at KHCC, chimed in.

"As more of the world moves to online platforms, having a strong digital presence is part of our long-term goals and planning for the KHCC, both in a COVID and post-COVID world," she said. "We attempted to choose stories that would resonate with people. Some may find their own family names mentioned, others may relate to a situation,

and others are just too interesting not to share."

The free, online exhibit will evolve over time, as more stories are added. The KHCC will continue to use Treasured to launch additional exhibits so it can be revisited time and again.

"Erika Baird and I came up with a long list of potential topics and then pared it down to the ten stories that would work best online. Some of the stories were much too short for a traditional on-site exhibit but made an ideal story for the online format. Since the exhibit is composed of short stories, staff will be able to continually add new content," explained Mallyon.

The exhibit can be viewed at [story.treasured.ca](http://story.treasured.ca).

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# King City Secondary students take flight to victory

By Emily Peelar

This school year, four King City Secondary School students took their skills to the launchpad in a Skills Ontario Paper Glider Competition.

The team ended up winning gold in the Central Region Secondary School Competition through great teamwork and dedication.

The team was composed of Grade 10 student Stephanie Munroe, Grade 11 student Emily Peelar, and Grade 12 students Kai Principe Rapa and Joey Pantelone. Their success could not have been achieved without the support of Mr. Mazza, Mr. Quadri, and Mr. Bernofsky, who are teachers at the school.

The competition required that the team use solely paper products to construct a plane with the intentions of having the longest flight time. Some examples of materials that could be

used included cardboard, tissue paper, wrapping paper, newspaper, and other primarily paper products. The process included a mandatory safety checklist, design plan, materials list, skilled trades test, and video submission of the three longest flights.

The pandemic led to some new curveballs, meaning that the team could not meet together in person and worked together in an online meeting on a weekly basis. The competition challenged the teammates to put their heads together and use their knowledge of aerodynamics to create the best possible design.

Congratulations to the team who will be moving forward to the championship round and competing with teams across Ontario.

The next stage will be done in a very similar fashion, with the addition of weights, which will be added to the plane in the form of coins.



## Foundation supports Jamaican school

Kinjal Dagli Shah

A Canadian non-profit organization is changing the school lives of children in rural Jamaica, one desk and one book at a time.

The Uzazi Foundation evolved from a trip to Jamaica that led its founder, Devon Dunn, to a small church in the mountains of St. Catherine.

"I was raised in Jamaica and benefitted from some of the best education that Jamaica had to offer. I always intended to give back and when I visited the nearby Mount Hermon Primary and Infant School, I asked the principal what his school could use. He named a few items that I had readily available by my own desk at home," said Dunn.

The little school also had a "library" with no books. Dunn reached out to Schomberg resident Jo-Anne Cober and asked if she could find them some books.

"I posted on the Schomberg community page and in no time, we had thousands of books donated. This little school has a long history of producing exceptional Jamaicans. Yet its doors were rotting, there are no windows, and when it rains, the students and teachers get wet. Soil erosion continuously limits the school's usable terrain and the children barely have any play areas," said Cober, who joined the team and soon, containers with basic school furnishings, audio-video equipment, science models, library books, and computers were on the way.

The foundation shipped its first container in March 2020.

"The pandemic was just starting and we knew we had to get the load out before everything shut down. Our list of needed items has quickly grown over the last couple of years. We now have seven primary schools and one high school that we support, with a total of 4,000 students," said Cober.

The foundation collects books, tables, chairs, desks, science equipment, toys, filing cabinets, bikes, playground equipment, cafeteria supplies such as dishes, cooking appliances, freezers, clothing, teaching aids, smart boards, tablets, and anything that can assist teachers and students on their learning journey.

"With Covid19 and the new normal, shared benches and desks are no longer acceptable but Jamaica's Ministry of Education cannot afford to replace furniture in all the schools," Cober explained.

King Township and its residents came to the rescue with big hearts.

"We are collecting tablets as they are not readily available there and many of the children cannot afford them. A very special King resident donated 4 of them. In total, we had 22 donated. The needs are far greater but the 22 units will help children who would otherwise have nothing," she said.

The pandemic also created a greater need for food, and the Uzazi foundation began collecting staples like rice, flour, cornmeal, beans and canned meat, canned fish. Three barrels full of essentials were recently sent to different schools.

"We hope to ship as many as three containers this year and our ideal is to be able to ship one container a month within the next five years," said Cober.

To donate to the Uzazi foundation, visit [www.uzazi.ca](http://www.uzazi.ca) or e-transfer to [uzazifoundation@gmail.com](mailto:uzazifoundation@gmail.com). They also have a Facebook page by the name for updates and photographs.



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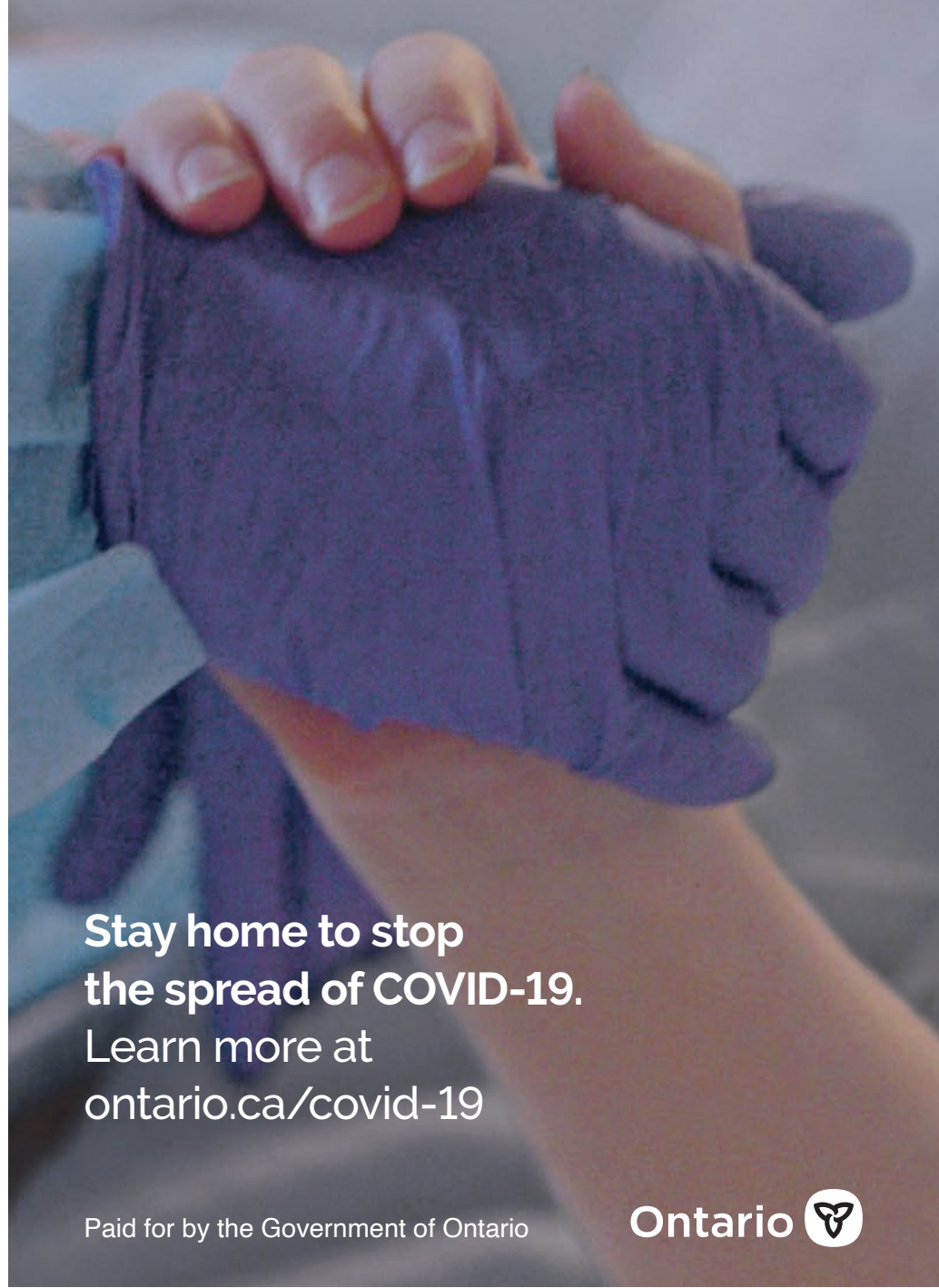
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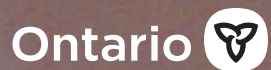


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## Marking Shrove Tuesday



King churches found unique ways of celebrating Shrove Tuesday. All Saints Church transformed its popular Pancake Tuesday event with a drive-by, take-out. Above, Denise Whalley takes touch free delivery of her Shrove Tuesday pancakes and sausages.

John and Julie Hall (below), members of St. Mary Magdalene, Anglican Parish of Lloydtown, were enjoying their pancake supper at home.

Others shared some of their unique creations online.





# Southlake remains cautious after a year of COVID-19

By Brock Weir

While stores are now allowed to re-open, don't take that as a cue to have people over to your house for gatherings, says Arden Krystal, president & CEO of Southlake Regional Health Centre.

It has now been a year since the first cases of COVID-19 were reported in York Region and, as the second wave of the virus continues to show signs of decline, lessons from the first wave continue to inform the hospital – and community's – response to combatting the virus.

"We assembled an Emergency Operations Centre here in early February and we did that because both myself and several people on our senior team had lived through SARS and H1N1 and we had a sneaking suspicion on what this could look like – of course, none of us dreamed it would go on this long, but we knew that when a pandemic hits you certainly have to be prepared," says Ms. Krystal.

In those early days of preparing for what was coming, Ms. Krystal says there was a mixture of "fear and excitement" which quickly gave way to worry about supplies of Personal Pro-

ective Equipment (PPE). It was an issue, she says, that kept her up at night the most.

"In Wave One, we literally dropped everything and we were in the Emergency Operations Centre seven days a week when we started to get COVID admissions," she says, noting that one of the reasons why there was so much work to do in the initial stages was the evolving raft of guidelines, policies and procedures being handed down by the upper levels of government.

Staff had to be trained, all masks needed to be tested, and things needed to be changed on the fly as the medical community learned more about the virus and how it operates.

"We were learning new things every day and changing things up," she says. "It was all hands on deck and it really didn't matter what your role was. I think the second wave has definitely been more challenging for everyone and that is because in the summer we resumed some of our activity. We have had less beds to go around, if you will, because we have more activity coming in that is not COVID, but also the burden of COVID really went up and that has put a lot more pressure on staff, physicians and on our

bed complement.

"People are tired, too. They haven't had their normal occasions, they can't (go on vacation) or whatever it is they normally do for stress relief. A lot of our people here...have had the stress of trying to manage virtual learning, having elderly relatives they can't see. Our people who work here have all the things that every other person has, plus they have had to come in and work with COVID people all day.

"With more prevalence in the community, particularly right up to Christmas, [there were] a significant number of staff cases of COVID, so that was tough as well."

Last fall, when cases in the second wave began to increase at an alarming rate, Ms. Krystal was one of three CEOs of York Region hospitals who issued a statement to the Provincial Government sounding alarm bells over capacity.

This was before stay-at-home orders and a Provincial shutdown were announced effective Boxing Day, but the challenge was just getting ready to hit a new level.

January was a "very, very busy month" at Southlake, seeing a high of 74 COVID-admitted patients in the hospital at one time.

Now that these orders are lifted, however, concerns remain on the table.

"We are concerned about the variants and we continue to monitor the situation closely," says Ms. Krystal. "Right now (Thursday, February 18) with COVID, we have about 24 patients of COVID in our hospital, four of those are in the Intensive Care Unit and all of those are ventilated. That is certainly

lower than it has been, thankfully, however capacity remains a big challenge at Southlake.

"During the first wave, the biggest issues we really had to deal with were fear of the unknown and fear of not having enough PPE, and really hoping to educate people on what COVID is and what it isn't. The impact on the community was actually the community did not come and seek care when they should have sought care. Our Emergency, as well as several GTA Emergencies, were less busy during Wave One and naturally, because of people's fear. We don't have any specific stats on it, but we did see more patients that were in a more advanced stage, for example, of having a heart attack or waited until symptoms of cancer had presented themselves before they came to Emergency. That is less of an issue in Wave Two.

"During Wave Two, I think dealing with the fatigue of people has been the biggest lesson. It has really been about trying to do what we can to support the health and wellbeing of our staff and physicians. People are generally doing a very good job staying safe. The cases have come down and that has given us a bit of breathing space right now. I can't thank them enough for that, but I need them to continue.

"Continuing to follow the public health guidance of not having gatherings at home, not having close contact with people outside your household is so important to this. If the variant gets out of control and we're into Wave Three, that is going to be a pretty demoralizing situation for our folks. They're tired and they need a break."

## Plans move ahead for plowing match, rural expo

Directors and staff of the Ontario Plowmen's Association are proud to announce that they will be moving forward with plans for the 20/21 International Plowing Match (IPM) and Rural Expo.

While continuing to honour and respect the health situation and health regulations caused by COVID-19, the organizers will be simultaneously planning both the traditional IPM and a re-envisioned IPM.

Local and provincial volunteers look forward to welcoming visitors to the Municipality of Kawartha Lakes from Wednesday, Oct. 13 to Saturday, Oct. 16. As planned, the IPM will be hosted on the Lindsay Fairgrounds and neighbouring farms.

The traditional IPM features such as the BMO Plowing Competition, the Hydro One Education and the Queen of the Furrow Competition presented by Ontario Mutuals may look a little different this year but you can be assured they will be just as exciting and memorable.

Alternate designs for both the tented city and the RV park are being developed. The revised designs will protect our exhibitors, volunteers and visitors with additional health protocols.

"Our provincial and local volunteers will be ramping up their committee planning with conference calls and video calls. And, we really look forward to the in-person committee and community meetings that we will be held just as soon as the provincial health situation allows," said Don Priest, vice-president of the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

Visitors and volunteers are urged to check additional plans and progress at [www.plowinghamatch.org](http://www.plowinghamatch.org)

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## Hockey season scrapped, skaters waiting to return

By Robert Belardi

Amidst the ease of the province's COVID-19 restrictions, King Minor Hockey will not return to the ice and King Township's Skating Club will have to wait over a month.

King Minor Hockey president Ilya Dagenais confirmed with the Sentinel via email, the decision to cancel the season happened a few weeks ago.

"As a board we made the decision in January that if lockdown extended into February we would scrap the season. So, we officially did so a few weeks back and provided refunds to the families," Dagenais wrote.

"We had worked with the Township and it did not make sense to leave the ice in when there is so much uncertainty. With no games on the horizon as long as we are in grey or red, we could not sustain an entire season of only 10 kids on the ice."

The Ontario Hockey Federation

(OHF) and Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) have cancelled spring tryouts until September. Dagenais says the most likely start date is this October and registration for this should begin in the next few months at some point.

With the ice rinks taken out of the community centres in the Township and skating clubs forced to the sidelines as well, skating will be able to get back out on to the ice soon.

"The Township has reached out to all the user groups asking us about Spring and Summer. King City Skating Club have said yes, we are interested in spring and summer. This will not start until April 1," said Brenda Ferreira, coach at King City Skating Club.

Ferreira has spoken with Nobleton Skating Club and they are interested in hosting spring school in the next month. King City Skating Club, will look to host summer school while Schomberg Skating Club, will close

their doors until the fall.

Until the ice time price and COVID-19 restrictions has been negotiated between skating clubs and the Township, Ferreira says registration will be put on hold for the time being.

"I have reached out to our membership and I have received over 25 skaters wanting to return in the spring and over 25 skaters wanting to return in

summer. This is a good response," Ferreira said.

However, these skaters are all in the advanced level. Recreational skaters have yet to reach out to the clubs.

More information is to come in the next month.

For more queries, please contact the skating clubs and minor hockey directly.

## Pokemon marks 25th anniversary

By Robert Belardi

When I was just a boy I remember receiving my first handheld system that I could call my own. I had Sega's Game Gear, but it was my father's.

The moment my Game Boy Color first sat in the palms of my hands, I thought it was the most incredible thing. A D-pad on the left side of the system, an A and a B button stationed diagonally to the right side. The stop and start buttons right on the bottom. It was a see-through mechanism tainted with the colour purple.

My father took me to a game store somewhere in Etobicoke. I walked in, in awe. There were games everywhere and all kinds of these cartridges in a glass casing right in front of the store clerk.

My dad said, "Pick a game Robbie, it's on me."

I was overwhelmed. What the heck do I pick? Do I choose the most coveted Nintendo game Super Mario? Do I choose Donkey Kong? Oh wait. My friends at school had this one and they said it was good. It was Pokémon.

I chose Pokémon Gold Version as my very first Game Boy Color game and my first video game I called my own. I can't fathom in my mind, it has been 25 years since the game has been out and this week, fans and those from my generation alike, will have witnessed 25 years of a game that we simply knew as our childhood.

Originally named Pocket Monsters, Pokémon was released on Feb. 27, 1996 in Japan according to Bulbapedia. Pocket Monsters Red and Green were the first. Its creator, Satoshi Tajiri, had a knack for capturing insects and tadpoles in his youth. He eventually created a game that resembled such a desire.

And when Pokémon came to North America a few years later as video games Blue, Red and Yellow, it came also as a trading card game, a television show and a movie series. Everyone wanted to be like the protagonist, Ash Ketchum. We all wanted to "catch em all."

I later got a Game Boy Advance SP one Christmas with Pokemon Ruby Version. I remember going to school and trading with other people at school with a cable that connected our Game Boy's together. I later got Emerald Version of the game to now, Pokémon Sword on the Nintendo Switch.

Looking back at it now, this was one of the most inclusive video games. It was more than something you played by yourself. It was competitive with other people and it also helped Pokémon lovers become friends.

According to Bulbapedia, there are 122 Pokémon games in total that have been known and as of Mar. 31, 2020, over 368 million game units have been sold. I'm sure there's more than that by now.

It has also become one of the largest esports competitions. Video Game Competitions (VGC) are held every year and Pokemon gamers all across the world compete in battles for money.

I marvel until today, how far this game has come. If it's been 25 years, I'm sure Nintendo will find a way to keep it going for another 25.

I hope the children of today can experience the nervousness of choosing a starter and the exhilaration when you catch a legendary.

It's unforgettable. Just ask anyone and they won't tell you otherwise.



## Aurora resident wins the Dr. Robert Jackson Award

By Robert Belardi

Alan Dean moved to Canada from Birkenhead, England in 1965. He was looking for work and a new life.

He even worked for the federal government at one point in fact.

He came to Aurora with a love for sport. Soccer was his passion. He joined the Aurora Soccer Club and eventually became president.

In his 30s and giving back to a community he was still learning about, Dean broke his leg in practice. It wasn't an ordinary break. An infection had developed in less than 24 hours and he was brought to Toronto General Hospital.

Frightened and nervous, Dr. Hamilton-Hall met with Dean. Everyone cleared off.

"He said to me, I'm going to try and save your life. I'm going to take your leg off. The chances of survival were 50/50," Dean said.

"It was a difficult and traumatic time. When I got out, I was grateful to be alive and get back to my life."

He rehabbed at West Park Healthcare Centre with other amputees and a man named Robert Jackson entered the seminar. He proposed the idea of sports for those with disabilities.

"I was completely blown away. Right after that, he handed a registration form for the Ontario games in London, which was in 1976. I went there and participated and did alright. I was selected for the Ontario team and at the Canadian championships I won six medals," Dean said.

In the same year, it was the Toronto Olympiad. It was a major event for the city and one for the history books of Parasport in the country. Dean was the technical advisor in this event. At the time, the only organization that represented people with disabilities was the Canadian Wheelchair Sport Organization. It was founded by Dr. Jackson.

He idolized Jackson and everything he had built. From an orthopedic surgeon, to one of the most influential human beings in disabled sport, Jackson left a life-long legacy behind him and an award in his honour was named for all of his efforts.

An award that Dean today holds high. Alan Dean was awarded the Dr. Robert Jackson Award on Feb. 18 during The Power Within's first-ever online event. Dean received the award from Jackson's daughter Johannah.

"He was an inspiration to me and to many others involved in sport. That's why this is so significant to me," Dean said.

"When I think back on getting this award, what happened to me to be able to overcome it – it was a quite a challenge – believe me I felt really good. It's quite an honour for me."

Dean became a para-athlete and



competed for Canada. He participated in table tennis, javelin and multiple other sports in the process across numerous competitions.

Amidst the competition, Dean was one of the founding members of the Ontario Amputee Sports Associations and the Canadian Sports Associations. A large group of members got together to present the ideas and classifications.

In 1986, Dean was on the Canadian staff at the World Championships in Sweden and helped introduce the new system for classification – there were nine classes for wheelchair alone. It was quite the milestone.

He was heavily involved with disabled sports and pre-COVID-19, he attended seminars at West Park Healthcare Centre to aid amputees through their trauma.

Before Jackson's passing in 2010, Dean worked directly with the doctor, writing some of his reports and seeing him operate on Toronto Argonauts players.

Because of Jackson, the Canadian Federation of Sports Organizations was born in 1981, the Canadian Paralympic Committee was introduced in 1993, and was the Chief of Surgery in Toronto, according to heritagetrust.com.

In 2005, Jackson was awarded the Paralympic Order for his accomplishments.

As for Dean, he loved volunteering. He volunteered with the Aurora Soccer Club. He volunteered for numerous entities for disabled sports. Let alone competed. When he came out of the hospital on crutches after his leg was amputated, he had no idea what journey he was about to embark on.

Making an impact is something he is very thankful for. It's why he was inducted into the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the Canadians Disability Hall of Fame in 2010.

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## Nobleton Notes

### St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

A Bible Study for Youth has begun via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Our current Bible study is aimed towards teen girls. If you are interested in joining, or know of someone that might be, please contact Jenna at jkddvm@gmail.com for more information.

Our women's Life Connect Group meets every Tuesday morning on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. Please contact the church using the connection card found on St. Paul's web page or contact Kim Newediuk at knewediuk@gmail.com.

On Thursdays at noon the Women's Good News Fellowship meets every week also via zoom. Please contact the church using the connection card found on St Paul's web page or give Marti Cross a call at 416-399-4536 for the Zoom link. These are safe groups where we can just dig a little deeper into the Word, as well as encourage each other.

This Sunday, Feb. 28, Jeff will lead us in worship. His message is entitled, "Teamwork," based on Romans 16.1-

16. If the province moves us into the red zone, we will be able to welcome in-person worshippers in limited numbers. Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages anytime, also on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

### St. Mary's Church

Please see the important announcement regarding the re-opening of our parish churches on page 5 of the Weekly Bulletin. If you don't have the Bulletin one can be provided to you just call the church office.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: We also invite your children to join the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Zoom hosted by Rose Pallotto. For more information on how to join, please call Rose at 416-605-6843 or email: rosepallotto@gmail.com

Life Teen Parish Youth Group: Calling all Teens grades 7-12 to join our Life Teen - Life Night this Saturday at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. For Zoom link please contact our Youth Minister Zephania at 905-830-2644 or zephaniagangl315@gmail.com.

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Holy Rosary on Zoom: Don't forget to join us every Monday at 7 p.m. to pray for the needs of our community - details on how to join in the bulletin.

Kindly share this bulletin with your families, friends, fellow parishioners, and councils, especially those who do not receive the bulletin via email.

If there is anything we can do to support you in these uncertain times, please call the parish office on 905-859-5522 or email us at: stp\_stm\_church@hotmail.com.

We will be checking emails and phone messages periodically as the Parish Office is closed to the public and by appointment only for urgent matters.

For those who are preparing for the

Sacraments in 2021, we will continue to keep you updated by email.

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

Online services continue to be available via the Nobleton United YouTube channel, or on the Facebook page.

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.

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



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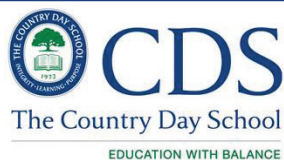
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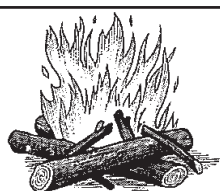
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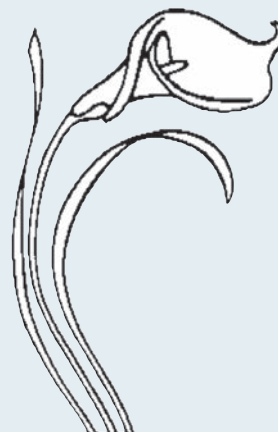
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# King's Corners

**King City United  
By Sheryl Sinka**

We offer our thanks to Rev Dr. Bill Fritz, our guest minister last Sunday and invite you to view the worship service online from our website.

As we enter our Lenten season and beginning on Thursday, Feb. 25 there will be a weekly Lenten reflection offered by Rev Andrew that will continue through the season of Lent and broadcast from the York United Ministries Collaboration YouTube Channel. If you subscribe to this channel you will receive updates as the worship events are posted. We invite you to view our recorded services and past weeks messages on our website kcuc.net.

Please join with us this coming Sunday morning for our online worship at 10 with Rev Andrew Lee presiding.

If you would like emails with the link to the worship please contact the church at kcuc@bellnet.ca to be put on the list for the Sunday morning worship link.

Coming soon is a youth series on our YouTube channel. Youth and young

adults were invited to share their questions about church and God and faith with Rev Lee. He will be discussing these questions and thoughts on a Thursday broadcast from the YouTube channel. Our YouTube channel is York United Ministries.

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.

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### King Bible Church

Please join us online for our sermon series Living Between Two Worlds.

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

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### St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

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ing up to Easter. Our Sunday service starts at 10:15 a.m. at [standrews-kingcity.ca](http://standrews-kingcity.ca), however, the service is still available for most of the week.

Last Sunday, the first Sunday in Lent, Lynn Vissers led us in worship and asked us to consider, "Who is God? How can we know Him? Does He really love us individually?"

The chosen scripture was John 1 which starts with "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God."

We were challenged to read the word of God in order to know more about the Word. Lynn has started a virtual Bible Study on the book of James, Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. She plans to start another virtual study for people who are available during the day.

This Sunday, Feb. 28 is our Annual Congregational Meeting at noon. The link and information will be sent out in an e-blast closer to the date.

"Coffee Fellowship" is usually held after Sunday morning worship, but will be cancelled this week due to the Annual Congregational Meeting to enable participants to have a break in between the two meetings.

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## COLWELL: Teresa



Passed away peacefully in her sleep at Georgian Manor, Penetanguishene, on Sunday, February 21, 2021 in her 85th year, formerly of Midland. Beloved wife of Richard Colwell. Loved mother of Chris Colwell (Sue) of Beeton, Wayne Colwell (Leslie) of Angus, and Cyndi Whidden (Dave) of Waubashene. Loving grandmother of Tyler, Kimberly, John, Teresa and great grandmother of 8 great grandchildren. A private family service was held at the COLDWATER FUNERAL HOME, Coldwater on Thursday, February 25th, followed by cremation.

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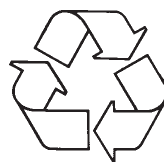
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Get in touch with Lynn or Kathy at 905-833-0391 if you need the link, have any questions or would prefer a hard copy of the Annual Report.

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

The WICC World Day of Prayer 2021 is Friday, March 5. Because of the pandemic, we are asked to view the one hour service written by the WDP committee of Vanuatu inspired by the Biblical theme "Build on a Strong Foundation" (Matthew 7; 24-27) at wicc.org.

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. God is with us!

**All Saints Anglican Church  
By Patrick Gossage**

For Lent why not join us every Friday at 10 a.m. for a half hour of prayer, some music and peaceful contemplation? It's on Zoom and to join e-mail Leah Springfield at leah49@sympatico.ca

Words to live by - Fr. Michael preached last Sunday on Mark 1.9-15: "He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him."

Forty is a significant number in scripture, Moses led the Israelites in the wilderness for forty years, Jesus was tested for forty days in the wilderness, Lent is forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter and it's a traditional time to fast.

Jesus's temptation in the wilderness helps explain Lent. There are three events in today's gospel: 1) Jesus is baptized and identified as God's son. 2) Jesus is tempted in the desert. 3) Jesus

proclaims the kingdom of God.

Why is Jesus then immediately sent to the wilderness after his baptism? Why does Jesus have to be tested? Considering that the voice from heaven has already named Jesus as 'my Son, the Beloved,' I don't think Jesus has anything left to prove. Angels are there in the wilderness, but so is Satan. Mark suggests that Jesus must go to the wilderness to confront something.

"Sometime after these forty days, Jesus announces the coming of the kingdom of God and the need to repent. Next, to show us what the kingdom of God is like, we see Jesus curing people and driving out demons. The kingdom of God is thus revealed as healing, life, and freedom from the things that oppress the people of God. It seems that the confrontation between Jesus and Satan in the wilderness prepares Jesus to face sin and death.

"Jesus's power will be shown in acts of compassion and healing. As Jesus says, 'the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life

a ransom for many.' Jesus goes into the desert to confront Satan to show God's love for us. Jesus demonstrates the Father's love by rescuing us from sin and death.

"This Lent of 2021 is different. For a year now we've been slogging our way through the pandemic, living with fear and isolation. The denials of Lent have become a way of life. Maybe this isn't the year that we think on what we give up.

Instead this Lent let's dedicate ourselves to gratitude. We can be thankful for the online visits and phone checks that have made us grateful for friends, family, and church. We can be thankful that we are less busy, leaving us with more time for stillness, more time to listen for God's voice that speaks most clearly in silent moments.

Finally, we can dedicate each day of Lent to gratitude to Jesus. Above all, let's be grateful that we have such a mighty saviour, who goes to the cross because his love for us is the greatest thing in the cosmos.



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