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## Kingbridge Centre evolves

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, owner Prashant Pathak, King-Vaughan MPP and Education Minister Stephen Lecce, Karen Dubeau, hub consultant, and GM Lisa Gilbert toured the Kingbridge Centre last week. The centre, founded in 2001, is evolving and will continue to deliver world-class residential convening, leadership development, corporate training, conferencing and retreat services while being committed to engaging with local community. Turn to Page 8 for the full story.

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## York's teams eager to administer vaccines

By Mark Pavilons  
 Editor  
 Local Journalism Initiative

York Residents 80 and older can book appointments to get their COVID-19 vaccinations.

York began taking appointments Monday, and you can book yours by visiting [york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](http://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine)

Approximately 20,000 appointments were booked across all five current COVID-19 vaccination clinics.

"This is great news for many of our most vulnerable residents and another step forward in bringing an end to the pandemic through vaccination," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "The health and well-being of our residents continues to remain a priority and we thank public, private and health-care partners for their major role in helping to protect some of our most vulnerable residents."

Residents 80 years of age and older who are not able or comfortable booking an online appointment are encouraged to seek out a support person (caregiver, family member or

friend) who can assist in booking this appointment on their behalf.

York Region Public Health is working with our local health-care partners to provide COVID-19 vaccines for this newly eligible priority group at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital located in the City of Vaughan, operated by Mackenzie Health; Cornell Community Centre located in the City of Markham, operated by Eastern York Region North Durham (EYRND) Ontario Health Team (OHT), and Ray Twinney Recreation Complex located in the Town of Newmarket, operated by Southlake Regional Health Centre.

"This is a very positive step forward. We are moving aggressively to vaccinate as many as possible within the province's identified priority populations as vaccine supply becomes available," said Dr. Karim Kurji, York Region's Medical Officer of Health. "We are being as nimble as we can using different delivery models depending on the supplies of vaccines and the groups we need to immunize."

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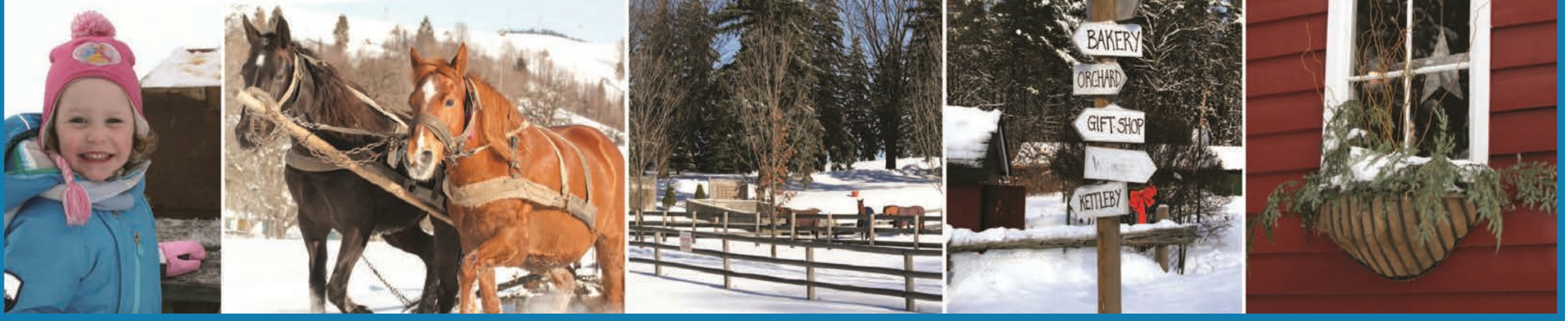
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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**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 – Not Live-Streamed) If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing [cpang@king.ca](mailto:cpang@king.ca) by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

**Tuesday, March 9**  
1:00 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed) If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing [dmoratto@king.ca](mailto:dmoratto@king.ca) by 12pm (noon) on the day of the 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 – Not Live-Streamed) If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing [jwelch@king.ca](mailto:jwelch@king.ca) by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

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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  
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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

## PUBLIC NOTICES

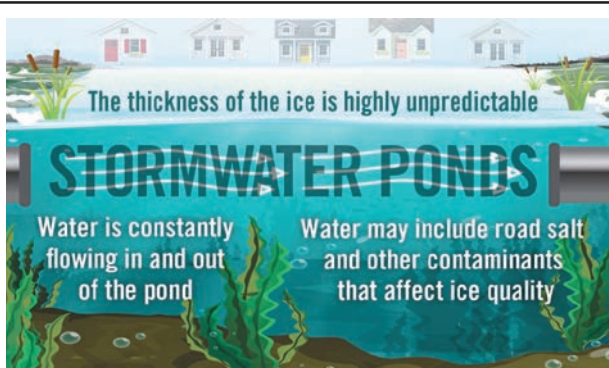
**Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD):** PAD program is available for **Property Tax** accounts. The enrolment form is available at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) (search for "PAD")



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/>

## Half-load Restrictions

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kg per starts on designated Township roads effective March 1, 2021 to May 31, 2021 per our By-law 2010-141. For further information, call 905-833-5321.

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

## 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

York Region and King Township are currently in the Red -- Control level.

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.



## 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

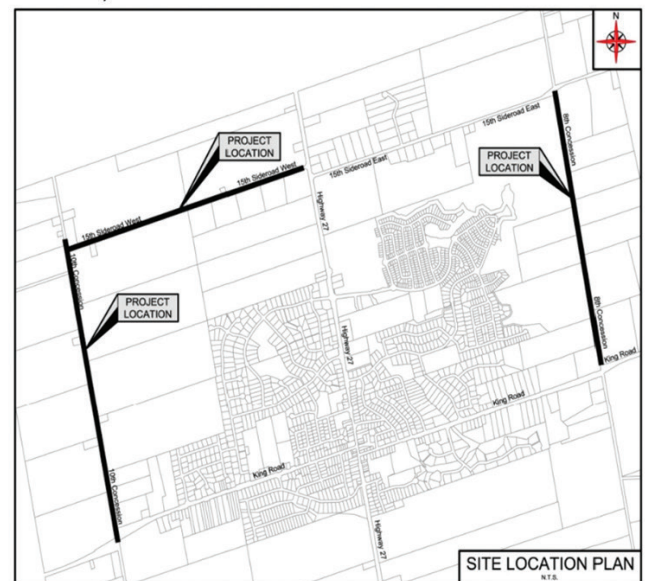
### The Project

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:

**Minister Jeff Yurek**  
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
777 Bay St. 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3  
[minister.mecp@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mecp@ontario.ca)

**Director, Environmental Assessment and Permissions Branch**  
Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks  
135 St. Clair Ave. W., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Toronto ON M4V 1P5  
[EABDirector@ontario.ca](mailto:EABDirector@ontario.ca)

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* at: <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.

## Pet Licences

A friendly reminder to get your 2021 pet licence(s) before April 15th. Get your licence(s) early to save the late fee of \$5.

- Pricing:**
- Dog licences are \$20 before April 15th.
  - Service Dogs are free with documentation.
  - Cat licence fees are waived.
  - Seniors (65+) receive a \$5 discount.
  - Replacement tags are \$10.
- Any cat or dog over the age of 3 months requires a licence. Pet tags must be worn at all times.

Have questions? Email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca)



## Winter snow removal reminders

- Remove ice, snow and other obstructions from catchbasins to allow proper drainage of snowmelt and rainwater.
- Make sure you or your snow removal contractor do not push snow or blow snow from your driveway onto the street or across the street onto other properties.
- Do not place snow or ice in a ditch or anywhere it may obstruct a culvert or other drainage outlets.
- Every time the snow plow clears your road, it pushes snow to the curb. It is your responsibility to remove plowed snow at the end of your driveway.
- Pile snow on the right side of your driveway (when facing the road) when shoveling. This helps minimize the ridge of snow created by the snow plow at the end of your driveway.
- Park vehicles off the street. Vehicles left on the street during plowing operations will be ticketed.
- Remove snow from around fire hydrants.



# Vaccines are effective; few reactions

From Front Page

Walk-in appointments are not available; please do not visit a vaccination clinic without an appointment – you will be turned away.

The team at Southlake Regional Health Centre is ready and well equipped to administer COVID vaccines.

Not only are staff backed by months of preparation and procedures, the current vaccines are proving effective. Staff and medical experts are confident they have the situation well in hand, and can ably spring into action should a third wave arrive.

As of Feb. 25, Southlake was treating 15 COVID-19 patients, with five in critical care beds.

Dr. Charmaine van Schaik, co-medical lead, Vaccine Management Committee at Southlake Regional Health Centre, is eager to get the process rolling.

While the hospital has no control over vaccine rollout, they're administering both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. The majority of long-term care residents, staff and front-line hospital workers have received both the first and second doses. Both are two-shot doses and the main difference is storage. The Pfizer vaccine has to be kept very cold, and requires special refrigeration, while the Moderna vaccine isn't as temperature sensitive.

Dr. van Schaik pointed out there

have been very few adverse reactions to the vaccine, and staff are well equipped to handle any reactions.

The mRNA vaccines, she explained, basically send instructions for our cells to make a harmless piece of the "spike protein" found on the surface of the virus that causes COVID-19. It triggers an immune response, teaching our bodies to fight.

Dr. van Schaik said it's not yet known whether follow-up or annual shots are necessary. The research and monitoring is still ongoing.

Time will tell just how long the immune response stays in our bodies and whether it wears off.

Initially, there were fears that those with certain food allergies couldn't take the vaccines, but Dr. van Schaik said that's not true. The only allergy is to the "recipe" of the vaccine, which contains Polyethylene glycol. She said a common pain reliever such as Tylenol contains this substance.

Research continues on vaccines aimed at children. So far, the research has concentrated on adults and seniors.

There's no question the answers will come, given the rapid pace of vaccine research.

Dr. van Schaik noted the majority of recipients are grateful and positive to receive the vaccine. Citizens and staff are all getting more used to the procedure and efficacy of the vaccines.

"We're really happy to be getting

more and more people vaccinated," she said.

They're excited about getting the vaccine out to the greater population, especially vulnerable seniors, and "those who need it."

The vaccine, she stressed, is not a cure, but it does prevent or lessen the severity of the illness. What we don't know is whether vaccinated individuals can still spread the virus.

That's why existing health measures are required and still enforced.

While treatment opportunities continue to improve, masks may be with us for some time. Those with compromised immune systems should always wear them.

Dr. van Schaik said York's numbers have been stabilizing, but many do expect a third wave. She said they believe it will be similar to the current wave, led primarily by the more contagious variants.

The key is for medical practitioners to be nimble and respond quickly.

With York's accelerated rollout, and experienced practitioners at the helm, residents are in good hands.



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## Mother, son charged with trafficking

York Regional Police charged two King residents and seized a quantity of drugs in an ongoing drug trafficking investigation in the City of Vaughan.

An investigation began at the end of 2020 into suspected drug dealers who were operating in Vaughan. Through the investigation, officers identified the suspects and determined it was a mother and son working together selling crack cocaine and fentanyl.

On Feb. 24, the suspects were arrested. Search warrants were executed at locations in Vaughan and Schomberg, where investigators located approximately \$15,000 in cash, a money counter, approximately seven ounces of fentanyl and 1.6 ounces of crack cocaine, with a combined street value of more than \$20,000.

Charged is Michael Keith James, 27 of Schomberg. He was charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking (fentanyl and crack cocaine), possession of a controlled substance and possession of proceeds of crime over \$5,000.

His mother, Mary Ann James, 64, also of Schomberg, was charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking (fentanyl and crack cocaine), trafficking fentanyl and possession of proceeds of crime over \$5,000.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the York Regional Police #4 District Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7441, or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at [www.1800222tips.com](http://www.1800222tips.com).

## Society hosts AGM March 7

The King Township Historical Society (KTHS) is hosting its 2021 Annual General Meeting on Sunday, March 7 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. virtually on Zoom. We will start at 1:00 pm sharp.

Immediately following our AGM, we will be joined by Carol Field, a fourth generation King resident and local author of Memories in King. Carol will share some of her delightful stories of growing up on her family farm and a glimpse into our Township's past. Please join us!

Email [kinghistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto:kinghistoricalsociety@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.



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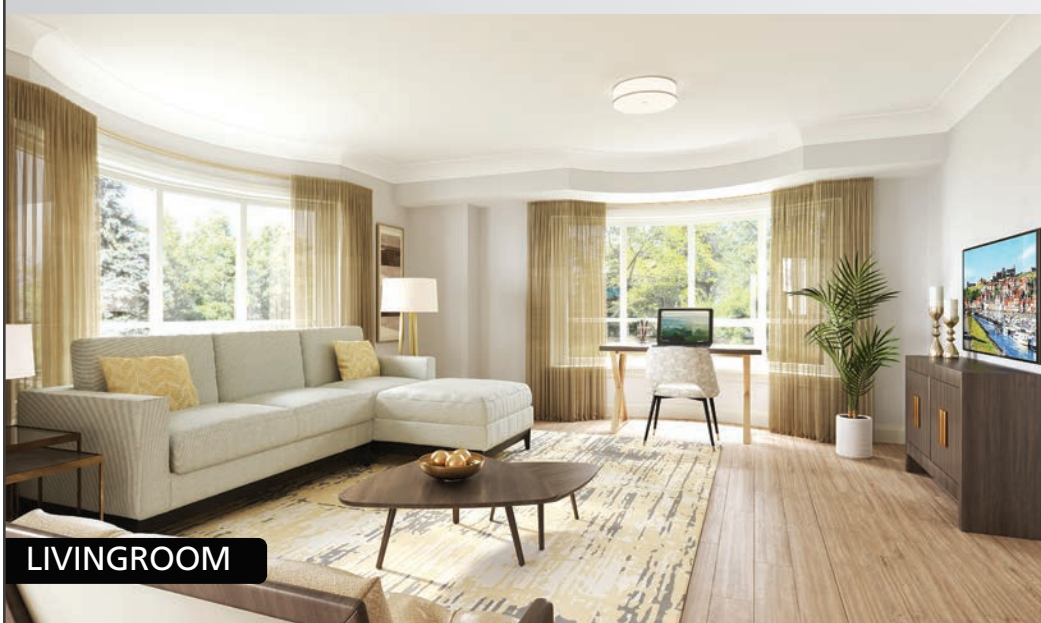
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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

- Michael Connelly

## Addressing poverty can't come soon enough

*"Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life." — Nelson Mandela*

And, according to Clint Borgen, poverty is relatively cheap to address and "incredibly expensive to ignore."

I think the pandemic has given us all a big jolt, a reawakening of sorts. Poverty, in all of its guises, is abundant, right here at home.

The economic losses during COVID-19, and the fact our levels of government are printing cheques like there's no tomorrow, indicates we're in this really deep. And the need runs just as deep.

I understand that governments simply don't plan for a rainy day, but come on, we've known about things like poverty (here and abroad), job, gender and race inequality for decades. Only when it becomes "fashionable" do governments turn on the funding taps.

In 2018, the Government of Canada made a "historic" commitment toward reducing poverty through Opportunity for All - Canada's First Poverty Reduction Strategy. Recently, the Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Ahmed Hussen, tabled the first report on Canada's progress, entitled "Building Understanding: The First Report of the National Advisory Council on Poverty."

The strategy included concrete poverty reduction targets and established Canada's Official Poverty Line to measure poverty and track progress toward



Mark Pavilons

the targets. It also created the National Advisory Council on Poverty to provide independent advice to the government on poverty reduction; to submit an annual report on the progress achieved toward the government's poverty reduction goals; and to continue a dialogue with Canadians on poverty.

The report also provides key recommendations on how to improve poverty reduction efforts to ensure that the 2030 target is met, which include: continuing existing measures to reduce poverty; specific measures to address poverty among Indigenous people; more inclusive data gathering to support better decision making; incorporating an equity lens in policy development to meet

the needs of marginalized groups; and working with the provinces and territories to ensure a robust social safety net that provides benefits at the level of our Official Poverty Line.

This is all well and good, but really, we only recognized poverty as an official problem in 2018? And we're only now getting a report on it?

The mind boggles.

Thanks to lightning fast information via the internet, we're all well aware of poverty around the globe. We're kept abreast of the plight of refugees, the homeless, the orphaned and the sick, on a daily basis.

And what are we doing about it?

I get it, we're all consumed by the pandemic and our own little worlds. I truly believe that for most "upper-middle class" Canadians, it has been an irritant, a minor delay in their plans.

For some of us, it's been a strain on our household budgets and personal financial security.

And for many, it's sent them into a monetary and emotional tailspin.

Is there help on the horizon?

Well, the feds made a number of commitments that could reach its poverty reduction targets. For example, the government is continuing to invest in affordable housing; carrying out a campaign to create jobs; supporting initiatives to improve food security; and planning to bring forward a new benefit and employment strategy for Canadians with disabilities.

Through programs like the Canada Child Benefit, 367,000 children have been lifted out of poverty since 2015 in Canada. The Government of Canada is committed to continuing its poverty reduction efforts, and this report will help to inform government policies,

programs and service delivery.

"While it is encouraging to know that the progress we are making in our fight against poverty is leading us in the right direction, we know that there is more work to do. Our government remains committed to delivering on our poverty reduction targets and ensuring every Canadian has an equal and fair chance to succeed," says Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, Ahmed Hussen.

Officials are quite pleased that from 2015 to 2018 we, as a country, had made significant inroads in reducing poverty, reducing Canada's poverty rate by 24.1%.

Admittedly, though, we're in the middle of a global pandemic, and the impact on people living in poverty has yet to be fully realized.

"The pandemic response gave us all a vision of the possible: what we could do as a country if we cared for and took care of each other. Poverty deserves a similar response," added Scott MacAfee, chairperson of the National Advisory Council on Poverty.

The Poverty Reduction Strategy targets a 50% reduction by 2030, relative to 2015 levels, which is aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal to end poverty.

I believe if we can come up with a vaccine for a global threat in a year, we can surely "cure" poverty in less than a decade. Imagine if we directed just a fraction of the hundreds of millions spent on COVID toward poverty reduction.

We've proven we can come together as a species when we're faced with the unthinkable. Well, let's use that newfound commitment and drive to solve one our oldest social issues.

### Letter to the Editor

## Maintain lockdown restrictions!

The following letter, to Mayor Pellegrini and council, was submitted to the Sentinel for publication.

I hope you and your family are well and safe.

I am disappointed to hear that York Region will not be following the examples of Peel Region and the City of Toronto in maintaining the current lockdown restrictions.

In an integrated metropolis such as the GTA it makes no sense for York Region to be outlier. It is also very risky with health officials nationally today announcing their concern of a potentially more devastating third wave due to new variants of the virus if current restrictions are relaxed.

Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua stated that not relying on York Region's Medical Officer Dr. Karim Kurji's advice would "erode public confidence" if officials didn't follow his recommendation to return to the red zone. I disagree.

There are certainly times to follow the advice of health officials - i.e., when they recommend taking more stringent actions to counter raising cases and hospitalizations. But now is not the time for their recommendation to be determinant. Indeed, it is clear that Dr. Kurji's view is not shared by health officials in Peel or the City of Toronto or by national officials.

Now is the time for political leadership in York Region to recognize (i) the practicalities of York Region being an outlier in the GTA, and (ii) the increased risk of inviting a third, more devastating wave for the sake of possibly another month of continued restrictions (after residents have already endured 2 months) to further reduce cases and hospitalizations and to allow for additional vaccinations to build a stronger immunity in our community.

I urge York council to reconsider following Dr. Kurji's advice in the current circumstances and to maintain the current lockdown restrictions.

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Nick Pantaleo  
King City

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# Citizens' groups respond to Marylake issue

The following letter, to King mayor and council, was submitted to the Weekly Sentinel.

Mary Lake and the adjacent provincially significant wetlands are identified as a core area in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan and as such are of high interest to the Public.

Accordingly, the request by the Augustinian Fathers that relates to future redevelopment of these lands is also of high interest to the public.

Following decisions made by council on Feb. 8, to receive report GMS- PL-2021-05 and recognize the claim that current zoning allows a Long Term Care Facility at 14260 Keele Street, a meeting via ZOOM involving concerned King Township stakeholders and ratepayers was held on Feb. 12.

At this stakeholder meeting participants questioned:

1. The urgency to obtain confirmation of the zoning since this process has not typically been the practice of the Township.

2. Whether the current zoning actually permits a long term care facility. The stakeholders questioned whether staff needed to take a closer look as to whether a 188-bed facility could be considered an extension of both previous and current long term care services at this location.

## Letter to the Editor

It is the understanding of the stakeholders that services provided at Mary Lake have been rudimentary in nature at best and have only provided for a small group of occupants from the monastery at any given time, and on an irregular basis. No numbers or dates documenting who were provided care on site, or the time periods were provided in the planning report. To suggest that a modern 188-bed long term care facility is an extension of what existed before challenges section 6(4) of the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan as well as the planning definition of Long Term Care.

In addition, council determined that if, in the future, AFOI was to submit an application for site plan approval, staff could proceed with the process in accordance with requirements of the Planning Act. However, the stakeholders are of the opinion that this action would be illegitimate without first determining whether 14260 Keele Street, in King Township, truly meets the parameters of the required zoning.

As there was no documentation of the prior use provided nor was there any evidence of a previous issuance of a long term care licence, confirmation of the zoning for long term care seems premature at best.

Our requests are as follows:

1. To avoid both staff and AFOI time and resources being wasted, the stakeholders suggest that it would be prudent to seek independent planning and legal opinions.

2. If the zoning is then confirmed and appears to allow a long term care use, then there needs to be a site specific zoning bylaw application filed by the applicants. Only once that is approved should the applicant then embark on the details of the site plan and conduct-

ing all the required studies.

3. We request that the planning and legal reviews be brought back to council for review and that 3 weeks public notice be provided by the clerk so that the stakeholders have time to conduct their own review.

**Bruce Craig**  
Concerned Citizens of  
King Township  
**Mary Muter**  
Kingscross Ratepayers Association

## Greenbelt needs to continue to grow

February 28 marked the 16th anniversary of the Greenbelt. People love the Greenbelt.

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The Greenbelt and the Growth Plan work together. The Greenbelt is where not to grow, the serviced urban centres in the region is where growth should occur.

Recent changes to the provincial Growth Plan reversed course, moving away from transit supportive densities in urban areas to encourage more land intensive housing. xsing drives up congestion and taxes and is not affordable.

If the province truly wants to grow the Greenbelt they need to step up to prioritize infrastructure and growth in our cities that preserves the Greenbelt as a critical resource.

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### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### NOTICE OF PASSING OF AN OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT BY THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King passed By-law Number 2021-023 (OPA Amendment No. 97) on the 22nd day of February, 2021 under Section 17 and By-law Number 2021-024 under Section 34, of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, c. P.13, as amended.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person or agency may appeal to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") in respect of the by-laws by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of King not later than the 23rd day of March, 2021 a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-laws and the reasons in support of the objection, together with a filing fee per application being appealed, in the amount as specified on the LPAT website ([www.olt.gov.on.ca](http://www.olt.gov.on.ca)), along with a cheque for \$231.00 per application being appealed, payable to the Township of King representing the Clerk's Division 2021 Administrative Processing Fee. The Tribunal will only accept filing fee payments by certified cheque or money order payable to the Minister of Finance. Should the last day of appeal fall on a holiday or weekend, you will have until 4:30 p.m. of the next business day to file your appeal. If you wish to appeal to the LPAT, a copy of an appeal form is available from the LPAT website at [www.olt.gov.on.ca](http://www.olt.gov.on.ca).

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Comments received and considered during the public meeting of January 27, 2020 were summarized and included in the Planning Division Recommendation Report (GMS-PL-2021-06). The report is available on the Township's website [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca). Comments detailed included tree preservation, parking concerns, drainage, and architectural design. These comments have been taken into consideration during the review of the application and have been responded to both generally and specifically throughout the recommendation report. Based on these comments, Council is satisfied that all matters have been appropriately addressed and as such, Council adopted the Amendments, which are available on the Township's website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca).

The lands to which the Official Plan Amendment apply to are also subject to an amendment to the Zoning By-law (File No. Z-2019-04). The site specific Zoning By-law (By-law 2021-024) amends the zoning by-law for the above noted subject lands to a site specific Core Area - King City, Exception Section 7.5.2.10 - Holding (CAK-10(H)) zone with provisions to address Height, Storeys, Floor Space Index and Parking to facilitate an a mixed use building measuring 4 storeys (19 metres) with a total of 24 residential units, commercial at grade and a floor space index of 1.4.

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An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-laws is attached.

DATED at the Township of King this 4th day of March, 2021.



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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

- Sanitary installation continues on Holden Drive north of Sheardown.
- Sanitary installation continues on Robb Drive then will mobilize to MacTaggart at Sheardown and start heading north.
- Sanitary installation continues on MacTaggart between McCutcheon and Holden. Likely start on MacTaggart west of Holden.

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)

# Townhouse bid in King City falls short, residents say

By **Mark Pavilons**  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

While applicant and the Township are working to iron out concerns with a proposed townhouse project in King City, the matter is still headed to an LPAT hearing.

Councillors, staff and members of the public offered input into Stateview Homes' plan to build 49 residential cluster townhouses on Keele Street. The applicants are seeking amendments to zoning and King's Official Plan to allow for the development.

A public meeting was initially held in March 2019 and since then, both the applicant and Township staff have held working meetings. This led to two revised applications.

The applications have been appealed to LPAT and a hearing is scheduled for this coming June.

The outstanding issues include consideration for King's OP, the proposed density, environmental buffers and traffic concerns.

The property is currently zoned established neighbourhood, which doesn't permit large-scale development. Townhouses are not considered a suitable use in this zoning.

Staff said this application is fundamentally opposed to current planning rules and fails to meet many criteria.

The applicant wants to redesignate the lands as medium density, but they're currently deemed low density, limited to 25 units per hectare. The bid is to up that to 40 units per hectare.

King plans also require vegetative buffers of 30 meters adjacent to natural heritage features, and this plan has

zones that vary from 20 to 46 metres.

The application included three-storey townhouses, but the surrounding neighbourhood is largely single, detached homes.

An architectural design is still under review.

Staff have been working with the applicant to address compatibility, particularly the lots in the eastern and southern boundaries.

Also, staff are concerned with some minimum lot areas, as well as front and side yard setbacks. Staff are also concerned with limited amenity space.

They favour further revision to include fewer or small units, which would allow for better lot coverage and comply with zoning provisions.

Staff noted concerns have been raised over access to the site and traffic generated. Residents have asked that traffic lights be installed. However, the current application does not propose any signals.

At this time, staff will report back to the Committee of the While, prior to the LPAT hearing, to outline the status of the applications and any further revisions.

Consultant Murray Evans, representing Stateview, said this plan has several credible elements and they've made changes to improve setbacks, in hopes to mitigating any impacts on existing residents.

He admitted there's work to be done, mostly of a technical nature. The zoning standards, he contends, are reflective of an urban area. Their objective is to create a pedestrian-friendly street front.

The issue of access is important to them, he said, noting they are working

with the Township on the signal lights, perhaps at Norman.

Bruce Craig, on behalf of Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT), said rows of townhouses will drastically change the streetscape.

The combination of the five lots along the edge of the East Humber River Valley provides an excellent setting and opportunity to create an attractive residential subdivision with clusters of new homes that integrate well with the surrounding neighbourhood known as Heritage Park. However, in CCKT's view there would need to be significant changes to the present concept and site plan. Reducing the number of residential units and including two or three different forms of housing arranged carefully on this large parcel of land would address a number of concerns. Many mature trees could be preserved, impervious surface area reduced, the 30-metre buffer retained and a suitable transition to neighbouring lots achieved.

The Established Neighbourhood designation in the new King Official Plan is intended to maintain the character and general fabric of the surrounding residential neighbourhood. The current proposal, with a density of 40 units/ha and blocks of three-storey townhouses does not achieve the goals or intent of the designation, the group points out.

Regarding the revised site plan submitted by Stateview Homes in December 2020, CCKT recognizes several improvements, which include screening, retention of trees, wider planting strips, and more.

CCKT said the density of proposal "far exceeds what is envisioned in the Established Neighbourhood designation." The group would like the number of units reduced substantially.

Craig pointed out that the blocks of townhouses stretching along Keele Street with small spaces between blocks is "not appealing and does not complement and integrate well in the existing neighbourhood with a more open space character."

They'd like to see the plan include single-detached, semi-detached, duplexes and/or one or two well-designed small blocks of two-storey townhouses carefully placed on the overall property to integrate well with homes in the existing neighbourhood.

Also, the building heights of 12.5 metres is "far beyond the heights of the surrounding residential units which are made up of bungalows, and two-storey dwellings. Heights need to be reduced. CCKT recommends a maximum height of 9.0 metres."

CCKT advocates for retaining the full 30-metre buffer, and recommends that residential units and lots be adjusted to be completely outside of the buffer zone.

CCKT, to, would like to see signalization at Norman Drive and the roadway entrance into High Crown Estates. Signals with sensors should be installed to allow the traffic to flow well on Keele Street, and to provide for access on to

Keele Street from Norman Drive and the High Crown Estates roadway in peak rush hour times. Dennison Drive should not be used for through traffic in and out of this site.

CCKT contends that with "significant revisions to the current site plan, a creative and attractive subdivision plan can be achieved that is well-received by the neighbouring community."

Resident Jennifer Hobbs, representing King Heritage Park Ratepayers Association, made a comprehensive presentation to council. Her group represents some 220 King City residents.

While residents understand growth pressures, this development doesn't quite fit in with the neighbourhood and needs to be more forward-thinking.

"If there is to be departure from the existing character of the neighbourhood, the development needs to provide adequate transition," she said.

The site includes many natural heritage features and is home to many mature trees and wildlife. The fear is many of these trees will be removed to make room for the development.

Official Plan mandates, she said, include achieving a high degree of compatibility; minimizing impacts to vegetation, and having no negative impacts on adjacent properties.

KHPRA, she stressed, is trying to ensure compatibility. The bid could change the design to soften the impact, and provide wider transition buffers.

They suggest reducing the building height, setting buildings back further from the road, and planting larger trees.

Increase traffic congestion is a major concern among residents. Hobbs said backups are common on Keele and this project will make matters even worse. It will add pressure to Keele and neighbouring streets, most of which don't have sidewalks.

The proposal, KHPRA contends, has no park space, and no safe pedestrian crossing.

The group said they're willing to work with the applicant and the Township to see a development that meets the needs of the community. There's a need to find a balance between growth and residents' safe enjoyment of their properties and the surrounding neighbourhood.

"The latest changes to the proposal are an improvement, but still a long way from a plan that KHPRA would find acceptable."

A Martin Street resident said her street has become a shortcut for motorists, and traffic in her area is often at a standstill. She is concerned the new development will add to the mayhem in this family neighbourhood.

She said there needs to be a plan for pedestrian safety, as well as adequate traffic calming measures.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said staff, through its traffic management plan, is always looking at speed limits in King's villages.

Another man said the project still has many deficiencies and he'd like to see two sets of traffic lights in the area.

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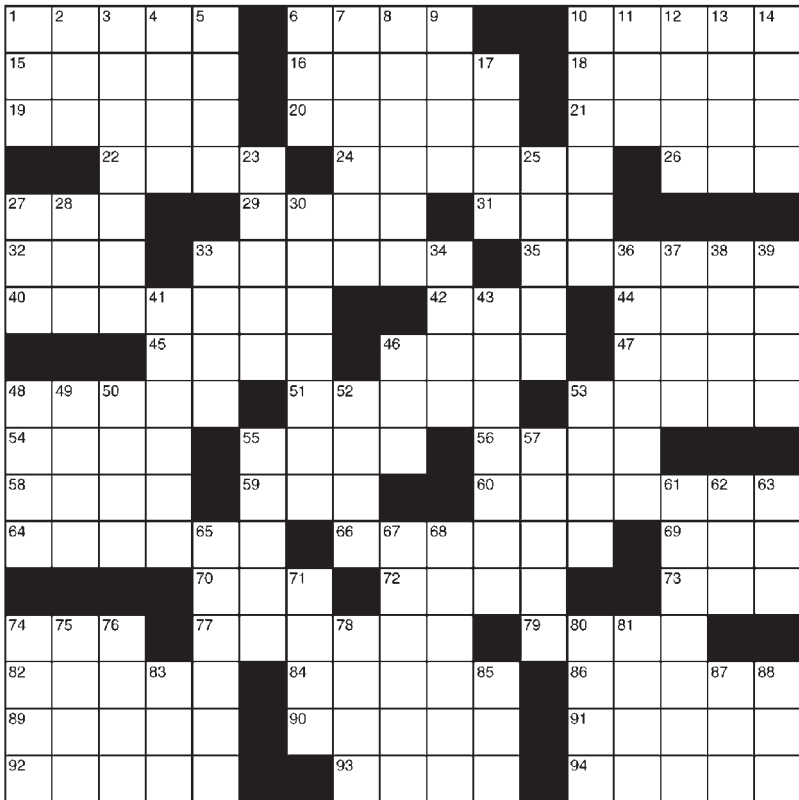


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**ACROSS**

1. Greek vowel
6. Ardent
10. Chest
15. Nobleman
16. Category
18. Express an idea
19. \_\_\_ and beyond
20. Prospectus listing
21. Tango or waltz
22. Former GIs
24. Egyptian dog
26. "I \_\_\_ a Kick Out of You"
27. Citrus quencher
29. Hammerhead part
31. "What's up, \_\_\_?"
32. "Neither snow, \_\_\_ rain . . ."
33. Clothesline wheel
35. Brit's fuel
40. Kind of boat motor
42. Exploit
44. Hindu ascetic
45. Creeper
46. Storage framework
47. Cinema drink
48. Radio word
51. Horned mammal
53. Card game
54. Affirm confidently
55. Entreated
56. Surrogate butter
58. Robert Carradine role
59. Positive response
60. Taint
64. Farthest from the outside
66. Dislike intensely
69. Romanian coin
70. "Dusk \_\_\_ Dawn"
72. Mythology
73. Delay
74. Carol, to Marcia
77. Tot's garment
79. Marathon
82. Join forces
84. "Moby Dick," e.g.
86. Cartoon-character
89. French school
90. Puccini creation
91. Eared seal
92. Precise
93. Enough of yore
94. State of confusion


**DOWN**

1. Sleeveless garment
2. "Weird Science" area
3. Saying
4. Lifted with effort
5. Dill herb
6. Turkish official
7. Watercraft
8. Mad
9. Cross swords
10. Dress part
11. WWII agency
12. Do some Karaoke
13. \_\_\_ in a lifetime
14. Confront
17. Wall support
23. Scorn
25. St. Petersburg penny
27. Tropical bird
28. Put on
30. Old
33. Duo
34. Chinese money
36. Wayne/Day film
37. Swindle
38. Leer
39. Equivocator
41. Cook too much
43. Child's vehicle
46. Send packing
48. Rajah's mate
49. "Iron Chef" prop
50. Infection carrier
52. Obey
53. Disrespectful
55. Deck's cousin
57. Intense beam
61. Forbidden
62. One of seven
63. Cuddle
65. Boulevard
67. Soccer-team number
68. Corrida star
71. K-P connection
74. Lounging slipper
75. Black stone
76. Flaky, transparent mineral
78. Vatican figure
80. Particle
81. Refer to
83. Private eye
85. Edict
87. Before, to a bard
88. Bread or cereal grain

**Solution on page 17**











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*King* **7-Day Weather Outlook**

From Thursday, March 4 to Wednesday, March 10

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<b>Sunny</b> High -4C° Low -11C°	<b>Mainly Sunny</b> High -3C° Low -9C°	<b>Clouds/Sun</b> High -3C° Low -13C°	<b>Mainly Sunny</b> High 2C° Low -4C°	<b>Sun/Clouds</b> High 10C° Low 1C°	<b>Clouds/Sun</b> High 9C° Low -1C°	<b>Light Rain</b> High 7C° Low 5C° ~10mm
Wind NW 22k	Wind NW 26k	Wind NW 23k	Wind NW 10k	Wind SW 19k	Wind W 11k	Wind SE 20k



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# Muzzo's parole conditions prohibit his return home

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor  
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A list of stringent conditions are imposed on convicted impaired driver Marco Muzzo.

The Parole Board of Canada granted full parole recently, with a long list of conditions.

The former King resident cannot have any contact with the victims or victims' families. He's banned from entering both York and Brampton.

Muzzo must follow his treatment plan with a focus on substance use, emotions management, victim empathy and reintegration stressors. He's also to refrain from drinking alcohol and entering establishments that serve alcohol.

The 34-year-old first-time offender was serving a nine-year, four-month sentence for four counts of impaired driving cause death and two counts of impaired driving causing bodily harm. Along with the sentence, he has been banned from driving for 12 years.

Muzzo was convicted in the 2015 impaired driving related deaths of four members of the Neville-Lake family. He was sentenced to 10 years in prison and given a 12-year driving ban.

The collision claimed the lives of nine-year-old Daniel Neville-Lake, his five-year-old brother, Harrison, their two-year-old sister, Milly, and the children's 65-year-old grandfather, Gary Neville. The children's grandmother and great-grandmother were also seriously injured.

Victim statements, including four presented during the hearing Feb. 9, revealed the families' unrelenting grief, anger, fear and frustration.

"Their anguish is palpable. Your choices and actions have left them struggling psychologically, emotionally, physically and financially ... Their voices confirmed the profound irrevocable devastation resulting from your offending," the board report stated.

The board noted they placed considerable weight on the victims' statements with regards to Muzzo's liberty within the community.

The board pointed out that Muzzo made gains through counselling while incarcerated, and this led the board to grant day parole in April 2020.

He was released and sent to a Community Residential Facility where similar conditions were enforced.

There have been no known breaches to those release conditions and Muzzo adhered to all the rules.

"This indicates positive progress toward reintegration."

Muzzo has opened a satellite office of the family's contracting business, and he's working three days per week. He remains at his apartment, visited by his family and fiancée. Muzzo has also spent time volunteering, and plans to help renovate and transform a school into a homeless shelter.

The board noted Muzzo wants to return home to his residence in King, but since it's close to a memorial site for the victims, there's a possibility of unintended contact.

The board believes Muzzo's hope to move back to King is self-serving and doesn't fully empathize with the vic-

tims.

"... your insistence on returning to live in the community where the victims are memorialized and the surviving victims regularly frequent, is concerning."

While reintegration is the ultimate goal, the board noted he "still has work to do, particularly in the areas of victim empathy and community acceptance. It will be important for you to always be mindful that your liberty in the community is conditional, and that you remain under supervision until warrant expiry."

"The board recognizes that returning home may facilitate your reintegration. However, there is no suggestion that you cannot be rehabilitated and process through full reintegration into society if you do not live in or have access to a particular area."

"Any return to the area at this time is premature, and would have a significant negative impact on the victims."

The board noted Muzzo has made gains through counselling but the conditions remain in place.



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## Kingbridge Centre expands its business purpose

By **Mark Pavilons**  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

The iconic Kingbridge Centre is evolving, after providing unique services over the last two decades.

Founded in 2001 by John Abele, co-founder of Boston Scientific and a global leader in the field of less invasive medicine, the centre's vision encompassed a passion for technological inventions, concepts and ideas made to benefit communities and society as a whole.

Abele's involvement in these areas influenced him to envision a living learning place that supports innovation where groups of people could come together to collaboratively solve problems. This year, Abele made the decision to retire, entrusting the ownership of the Kingbridge Centre to the Pathak Family Trust and its affiliated entity Ekagrata Inc.

The Kingbridge Centre will continue to deliver world-class residential convening, leadership development, corporate training, conferencing and retreat services while being committed to engaging with local community. The Pathak Family Trust is committed to upholding the standard of innovation, discovery, and excellence long represented by the Kingbridge Centre, and to continue the strong partnerships with local community, government and academia.

Kingbridge's new Chairman, Prashant Pathak, has been involved in Abele's vision and mission alongside the Kingbridge team for over 15 years and is excited to carry on the legacy of collective learning, problem solv-

ing, leadership development and innovation. Abele will continue to advise Pathak and the rest of the Kingbridge team as chairman emeritus.

General Manager of the Kingbridge Centre, Lisa Gilbert, who shares a similar passion for creating learning and collaborative problem solving infrastructures, will continue to work with clients, oversee business operations and evolve the vision with Pathak and the Kingbridge team.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini and King-Vaughan MPP and Education Minister Stephen Lecce toured the facility last week.

"I want to say a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Abele for his service to the King community and his vision for The Kingbridge Centre, providing a living learning space for community to come together," said Lecce. "I am thrilled that Kingbridge Centre will continue to be a centre of excellence for innovation and entrepreneurship in the heart of our community under the leadership of Mr. Pathak. I am committed to supporting jobs and growth in King as we look to drive Ontario's economic recovery."

Pathak has begun to expand The Kingbridge vision by engaging with key stakeholder partners to harness the infrastructure of the Kingbridge Centre to drive economic prosperity by accelerating ground breaking innovations that drive community transformation, and scale up environmental initiatives which make a positive impact in the world.

Food, agriculture, energy, and water are four of the key focus areas of the Kingbridge Centre aligned with economic priorities of King Township and York Region. Programming will be

developed and offered to support these objectives, help foster the leaders and convene people who are interested to explore new ideas and collaboratively solve problems from a higher level of thinking, creativity and skills and shared purpose.

"We are excited that Mr. Pathak is committed to growing the strong tradition of innovation at the Kingbridge Centre," said Mayor Steve Pelligrini. "King Township is a very special place, with a rich inheritance of protecting the environment and growing fresh produce to feed the world. Having a place that fosters citizen-led innovations contributing to enhancing those legacies is a wonderful opportunity for our community to imagine and realize the next chapter of King Township."

The Kingbridge Centre is currently serving as a Temporary Transitional Shelter for York Residents in need, through a partnership with The Regional Municipality of York and Salvation Army.

"On behalf of York Regional Council, I commend Kingbridge Centre for their ongoing commitment to collabo-

ration and innovation," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emerson. "Kingbridge Centre has been an exceptional community partner in helping keep our residents safe during the pandemic; opening their doors to some of our most vulnerable residents and offering temporary transitional shelter to self-isolate during COVID-19. York Region welcomes future opportunities to partner and support our community together."

Looking beyond the current situation with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kingbridge Centre team is looking forward to being a partner in supporting economic recovery efforts, and growing innovative businesses. Pathak's extensive global network, experience with risk capital investing and building businesses will support those efforts. Plans will be announced later this spring.

In the meantime, Kingbridge Centre will continue to be a strong community partner. Mr. Abele, Mr. Pathak and Lisa Gilbert warmly welcome you to the Kingbridge Centre and look forward to many years of learning, collaboration and innovation.

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"The design encapsulates a soft wavy surface embedded with a rigid frame, balancing both the elegance and power of water in one single collection," said Eveline Simard, one of the design minds behind the collection. "We found that water evokes a lot of emotion within people and often stirs up positive memories. We took a very user-centric design approach in developing the line in order to highlight what customers want to feel or experience."

Available for purchase in showrooms across the country, the Reflet line comes in a variety of finishes. The polished chrome finish gives an overall shining effect, while the dual finish options (brushed chrome/polished chrome, brushed nickel/polished nickel, brushed gold/polished gold) honour water's calming, yet powerful juxtaposition. The dual finish fixtures feature a rigid external frame, representative of water's rougher side, while the internal texture is polished to refer to the calming effect of water and to make the unique surface stand out.

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# Beretta Farms appears in a new documentary

By Julia Galt

Fresh off a starring appearance in A&W's grass-fed beef advertisements, Beretta Farms is taking on another high-profile media role – this time in Grass Farmers, an A&W produced documentary that examines regenerative agriculture and low-impact ranching in Canada.

Discussing Beretta Farms' own experience using exclusively organic, grass-fed, and antibiotic and hormone-free meat, co-founder Mike Beretta and daughter Lieschen Beretta make a strong case for practicing "green" regenerative agriculture.

"We just really wanted to continue to showcase the grass-fed and regenerative agriculture movement, something that we've been fortunate to be able to do, organically, since the beginning," said Lieschen Beretta.

Regenerative agriculture is a farming and grazing practice that claims to reverse climate change by rebuilding organic matter and restoring biodiversity in soil. Cattle live off the land, returning nutrients to the earth and, in turn, help the grasslands flourish.

With awards including Best Canadian Documentary at the 2021 Montreal Independent Film Festival and an official selection at 2021's Wildlife Conservation Film Festival, the message behind Grass Farmers is certainly hitting home.

"It's a personal documentary about the type of farming we do," said Lieschen. "The filmmakers really got to see the passion behind what we do here."

Grass Farmers is a continuation of Beretta Farms' long relationship with A&W. Though the Beretta family has supplied organic, grass-fed, and antibiotic and hormone-free beef to A&W for



## Lake Simcoe foundation and Friday Harbour announce memorial donation

The Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation received a \$100,000 dollar donation made in memory of Mary Jane Brinkos, one of the original "Ladies of the Lake," a group of local volunteer residents committed to preserving and improving the health of Lake Simcoe.

Ms. Brinkos, died in Barrie Jan. 29 at the age of 77.

The donation in her name was made by Jim De Gasperis, managing partner of Friday Harbour Resort on Lake Simcoe together with Mario Giampietri, Shauna Dudding, Vimal Patel and Cheryl Shindruk of Geranium.

"The Foundation is honoured to accept this donation in memory of Mary Jane," said Foundation Board of Directors President, Debbi Conzelmann.

"Mary Jane's energy and her tireless efforts to protect Lake Simcoe and raise awareness of issues affecting its health leave a wonderful legacy of advocacy," added Foundation Executive Director, Cheryl Taylor.

"My family and I are delighted. We thank Friday Harbour, Geranium and our friend Dan Davidson for arranging this touching and generous acknowledgement. This is so fitting and in harmony with my mother's passion for her precious lake's health," said her daughter, Diana Brinkos, who encouraged others to support the Foundation with donations of their own.

"We offer our condolences to Mary Jane's family and by making this donation in her name we want to acknowledge her commitment to the environment generally and to Lake Simcoe in particular," said Jim De Gasperis.

Mary Jane was a generous volunteer with several organizations, including Parent Finders. As an adoptee herself and a parent of two adopted children, Mary Jane was very passionate about lessening the stigma around adoption.

Friday Harbour Resort donates a portion of the sale of each unit to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation's Inspiring Greener Communities Program. They have been an avid supporter of all the Foundation's fundraising efforts, contributing almost \$300,000 to date.

Donations to the Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation can be made in Mary Jane's memory by visiting [Lakesimcoefoundation.ca](http://Lakesimcoefoundation.ca).

over eight years, their role in the burger chain's advertisements and media is a more recent development.

Lieschen and co-founder Cynthia Beretta made split-second cameos in A&W's "Dancing for Change" campaign in 2019, while Lieschen fronted A&W's national grass-fed beef campaign in 2020 and 2021. The two most recent ads, shown nationally, see Beretta discussing the co-dependent relationship between cattle and the grazing lands.

"We had already done the commercials, so when A&W approached us about the documentary, they were already well-versed about what we do at Beretta and how we farm," said Beretta. "It was the perfect fit."

Filmed in the summer of 2019, the Grass Farmers shoot was an opportunity to get to know the crew, educate

them on regenerative agriculture, and even go on a horseback tour around the farm. The benefits of grass-fed farming, from the rich soil to the flourishing grasslands, could be seen first-hand.

"There's so many ranch families across Canada other than ourselves who are doing it this way," said Beretta. "Southern Ontario is a hilly landscape, so farming crops wasn't an option for us. Livestock came naturally."

To continue educating the public on the benefits of regenerative agriculture, Beretta Farms is set to open an educational centre on their King City farm in the next two years.

"We just really want to continue to educate consumers," said Beretta. "Now, especially with COVID-19, educating them on where their food comes from and how it's raised is important."



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King Weekly Sentinel

# Arts & Entertainment

## King artist helps celebrate female empowerment

By Mark Pavilonis  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

A King artist's work is part of the charge, improving awareness for our province's "sheroes."

Schomberg's Giovannina Colalillo has applied her talents to promotional art for the Ontario Federation of Labour.

The OFL's March 8 Project has been supporting women's organizations across Ontario as they rise, resist, and organize for equality across our province.

This year, as the project enters its 11th year, they are honouring this work with the theme: "Sheroes Persist."

According to the organization, it has been an unprecedented past year for everyone around the globe, especially women, who are predominantly front-line workers, and the proverbial grease in more economic engines.

The image includes a fist, which represents fighting for the rights of women from all backgrounds. The rose represents the rise from a special poem during the suffrage movement.

"Bread and Roses" is a political slogan as well as the name of an associated poem and song. It originated from a speech given by American women's suffrage activist Helen Todd. A line in that speech about "bread for all, and roses too," inspired the title of the poem Bread and Roses by James Oppenheim.

The poem was first published in The American Magazine in December 1911.

The phrase is commonly associated with the successful textile strike in Lawrence, Massachusetts, between January and March 1912, now often referred to as the "Bread and Roses

strike." The slogan pairing bread and roses, appealing for both fair wages and dignified conditions, found resonance as transcending "the sometimes tedious struggles for marginal economic advances" in the "light of labor struggles as based on striving for dignity and respect," as Robert J.

S. Ross wrote in 2013.

"I have incorporated a rose in all the posters and pin for the past 11 years. Its like finding Waldo."

She said she's thrilled with the outcome.

"I love working with the Ontario Federation for 11 years," she said.

The reaction so far has been very positive and the images will be released for the International Women's Day celebrations.

Her work also contains something more, a poignant message.

"As an illustrator, I create images that deliver a message. I use my art medium to convey messages that are important to me such as anti-racism, women rights, etc."

Colalillo pointed out she recently refused a big illustration project for a vaping company owned by a huge U.S. tobacco company, because she believes these products are not good for one's health and that they aim their advertising towards young people.

"My illustration designs would have had cancer causing health warnings across the top of them. My mother died of cancer at a young age."

Colalillo is continually quoting on various freelance illustration and design projects. She recently quoted on an book illustration project.

For more, visit her website at <http://www.giovannina.com> or email [info@giovannina.com](mailto:info@giovannina.com)



## Olde Mill gallery opens its doors

The Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe in Schomberg will be opening its doors again on Thursday, March 4.

They are a co-op art gallery that supports local artists and they pride themselves on their unique and beautiful items, and the fact that all items are Canadian made.

Artists have had the time and the energy to tune into their creative spirits for the past couple of months, so the public is invited to come in and visit the gallery to see the many new creations on our wall and in the displays.

When you are looking for that special gift of jewellery or scarves, a painting for that empty space on your wall, handcrafted paddles, furniture, wooden bowls and vases, and decorations and greeting cards, stop in.

In keeping with all safety protocols, they ask that you wear a mask at all times when visiting the gallery.

It's located at 357 Main Street, Schomberg. It's open Thursdays to Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. You can also visit [Facebook@oldemillartgalleryandshoppe](https://www.facebook.com/oldemillartgalleryandshoppe)

## Give Back Awards applications now open

Neighbourhood Network is not-for-profit division of Magna International Inc. that multiplies community giving and creates caring and vibrant neighbourhoods by promoting volunteerism, linking resources, and supporting local charities and agencies.

The Give Back Awards are an annual \$1,000 cash prize awarded to 20 graduating students from high schools in Aurora, Georgina, King Township, and Newmarket.

The Awards are presented to students who have demonstrated an outstanding dedication to community involvement!

"I love the Give Back Awards because I love reading about all the amazing things students are doing in our communities," said Tanya Dennis, program coordinator. "It is a time to celebrate, give thanks, and to feel inspired by those that go above and beyond."

Give Back Awards applications are now open and will close at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 26. Applications are available online at [www.nnetwork.org/GiveBackAwards](http://www.nnetwork.org/GiveBackAwards)

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# Historical Walking Tour of Schomberg boosts businesses

As part of the Digital Main Street Lab program, the Village of Schomberg is set to launch an interactive, digital walking tour with "On This Spot" this spring.

In partnership with King Township, the walking tour will highlight local businesses and other community sites. Funding for this pilot is made available through the Digital Main Street Future Proof program, with support in part from the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario).

Each stop on the digital walking tour relates to a modern location where a historic photo was taken. App users can view a then-and-now photo comparison of each location, visit the modern business and learn about the history of the area. The technology will soon also allow users to place themselves in the historic photo.

In addition to 15 primary stops highlighting current day businesses operating out of heritage buildings, the app includes other nearby stops of interest including museums, monuments and historic sites.

"We are thrilled to launch our interactive digital walking tour in Schomberg which will profile the his-

tory of this Village while highlighting our incredible businesses along Main Street," said Jamie Smyth, manager of Economic Development for the Township of King.

Business communities are looking for ways to engage the public in safe and distant activities, while also driving new business. The Digital Main Street Lab seeks to pilot projects that help businesses interact with customers in innovative ways.

"The Government of Canada is pleased to support the Digital Main Street platform and see innovative technology pilot studies, like this one with On This Spot and King Township, to help ensure health and safety and build confidence in our main street businesses," said Mélanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages and Minister responsible for FedDev Ontario. "We are proud to work with Digital Main Street partners including the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (TABIA), Communitech, Invest Ottawa and the Regional Innovation Centres to help our innovation ecosystem grow stronger."

"We are very appreciative of the support from FedDev Ontario and

through the Digital Main Street Program to help shine a spotlight on our business community during these challenging times," added Smyth.

Digital Main Street is a program that helps main street businesses achieve digital transformation. The program is built around an online learning platform, structured training programs, and our Digital Service Squad, a team of street-level team members who help main street businesses grow and manage their operations through technology.

Digital Main Street was created by the Toronto Association on Business Improvement Areas (TABIA) with direct support from the City of Toronto. DMS is also supported by a group of strategic business partners, including Google, Mastercard, Shopify, Microsoft, Facebook, Intuit QuickBooks, Square and Yellow Pages.

A \$42.5 million investment from FedDev Ontario and an additional

\$7.45 million from the Government of Ontario brought together the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas, Communitech, Invest Ottawa, and the Ontario Business Improvement Area Association to expand the Digital Main Street Platform in order to support more businesses to go digital as a response to the impacts of COVID-19.

On This Spot is an interactive, digital walking tour app that premiered in the summer of 2016. On This Spot aims to engage its audience in history in new and innovative ways. The team works with local business associations, museums and historical societies to develop tours that best represent each area. The app then guides people through themed walking tours and explores the often hidden local history of each community. Based in Vancouver, On This Spot has rapidly expanded across Canada and is now in King.

## OHT funding ensures protection

The Ontario government is providing the Ontario Heritage Trust (OHT) with \$4.3 million to ensure it can carry out its important work during COVID-19.

This one-time investment will protect jobs, while ensuring Ontario's cultural and natural heritage properties remain supported and accessible. The OHT will also continue to offer province-wide programming, ensure compliance with public health protocols and fund necessary preservation efforts.

"Our government is proud to support the Ontario Heritage Trust and its work protecting our province's heritage," said Minister MacLeod. "This funding will help keep facilities safe and ensure the preservation of historic landscapes including buildings, museums, cultural artifacts and natural lands and trails for all Ontarians to enjoy."

The OHT continues to operate and support the recovery of the culture and heritage sectors in Ontario. For more information on their COVID-19 measures and operations of their public facilities, please visit the OHT's website.

The Ontario Heritage Trust plays an important role in promoting local tourism in Ontario and provided an economic impact of more than \$39.1 million in 2019-20 for local communities.

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## PC candidate criticizes feds on the slow vaccine delivery

By Mark Pavilons

Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

King-Vaughan's federal PC candidate is calling on the federal government to speed up delivery of the COVID-19 vaccine.

"Canada is now well behind the entire industrialized world in getting vaccines to their population," said Anna Roberts. "A country of limitless potential and incredible innovation, and yet, our Prime Minister bungled this."

She called it a "missed opportunity" to allow our country to begin an economic recovery and more importantly to safeguard the most vulnerable among us like seniors.

"Prime Minister Trudeau has two key jobs right now: protect our borders and get vaccines. On both fronts he has failed. We see tens of thousands of international passengers enter Pearson International Airport every week, and up until a few weeks ago we did not have mandatory testing upon arrival. It was the province who had step up in order to fill this gap.

"We don't have any approved vaccines from Canadian manufacturers. The Liberals didn't even return the calls of fully prepared Canadian vaccine makers who indicated to them that they had the capacity to produce large quantities of vaccines per day. These companies repeatedly called on the federal government for more support

but received crickets in response. The Liberals have also failed to get the rights to make the approved vaccine candidates here at home, leaving us reliant on others."

Roberts questioned why Ottawa has fallen behind other countries. She said a clear lack of a planning ahead has led to Canada now being moved down to 50th place in the world for vaccines administered.

"We expect better from our government during a crisis. We expect our local Member of Parliament Deb Schulte, who is also the Minister for Seniors, to do her job and fight for vaccines for King-Vaughan; not defend the indefensible."

Roberts said instead of "principled leadership," Canadians have received "underwhelming vaccine procurement and open, porous, and highly irresponsible border 'controls.'"

Robert said taxpayers have followed the rules during the pandemic and yet "our Prime Minister and his federal Liberal government seem rather pleased with their performance; while the rest of us face further lockdowns and isolation because our government can't get their act together.

"Peoples lives are on the line. It's time to step up for our most vulnerable and all of the families who are in dire situations due to ongoing pandemic mismanagement and failures under the current federal government."

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# Firearms measures to combat crime, increase public safety

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Municipalities like King Township will be given the opportunity to ban handguns.

The move comes as the federal government passed new firearms rules, aimed at keeping innocent people safe, and keeping guns out of the hands of dangerous people.

Governments at all levels have identified firearm-related violence as an area of concern.

According to Statistics Canada, firearms were used in more than 40 per cent of homicides in Canada in 2019.

Last May, the Government of Canada banned more than 1,500 models and variants of assault-style firearms and some of their components. The government is continuing to take every step necessary to combat gun violence and keep Canadians and communities safe.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau last week announced the introduction of new legislation to amend the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act to make communities safer while respecting law-abiding gun owners. Through the proposed legislation and other measures, the government would:

Combat intimate partner and gender-based violence, and self-harm involving firearms by creating "red flag" and "yellow flag" laws. These laws would allow people, such as concerned friends or relatives, to apply to the courts for the immediate removal of an individual's firearms, or to ask a Chief Firearms Officer to suspend and review an individual's licence to own firearms.

Fight gun smuggling and trafficking by increasing criminal penalties, and by enhancing the capacity of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canada Border Services Agency to combat the illegal importation of firearms.

Help create safer communities by supporting municipalities that ban handguns through by-laws restricting storage and transportation in their jurisdictions. Individuals who violate these municipal bylaws would be subject to federal penalties, including licence revocation and criminal sanctions.

Protect Canadians from gun violence by creating new offences for altering the cartridge magazine component of a firearm and depicting violence in firearms advertising, introducing tighter restrictions on imports of ammunition, and ensuring the prohibition of imports, exports, sales, and transfers of all replica firearms.

Complete the prohibition of assault-style firearms to ensure these weapons cannot be legally used, transported, sold, transferred, or bequeathed by individuals in Canada. We also intend to move forward with a buyback program in the coming months to support the safe removal of these firearms from our communities.

It's still early, and King Township will keep an eye on the issue as it unfolds.

"King Township will take time to review the new firearms measures to understand what, if any, impact they would have on the municipality. This review will include consultations with other levels of government and agencies, including York Region and York Regional Police. Any potential actions by the Township wouldn't happen until after the review is complete," according to Jason Ballantyne, King's communications officer.

York Regional Police recorded 9 shootings in 2014, increasing to 35 in 2019. YRP also noticed an increase in weapons violations, hitting roughly 550 in 2018.

Evidence shows that roughly 1 in 3 murders are gang related.

"One Canadian killed by gun violence is one too many. The tragedies we have seen in Ste-Foy and Portapique, and more recently in Toronto and Montréal, should never happen. This is why our government has taken some of the strongest action in our country's history against gun violence. We will continue to take steps to strengthen gun control measures, remove dangerous weapons from our streets, and make sure everyone can feel safe from violence," Trudeau said.

"Too many Canadians have been killed or injured because of gun violence, and we need to take every reasonable step to stop more Canadians from suffering the same fate. These concrete measures we're announcing



today build on actions already taken to address some of the most serious firearms safety issues and are part of our government's detailed firearms strategy that will help make our communities safer for everyone," added Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

In 2019, the federal government announced \$65 million for the Province of Ontario under the Initiative To Take Action Against Gun and Gang Violence.

There were more than 99,000 victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) in Canada in 2018. Firearms were present in more than 500 IPV incidents. Women accounted for almost 8 in 10 victims of all IPV incidents and they were even more likely to be the victim in the more than 500 IPV incidents where a firearm was present.

The rates of violent and non-violent offences specific to firearms increased for the fifth consecutive year in 2019. The number of violent offences specific to firearms increased by 21% (an increase of 642 from 2,861 to 3,503).

Statistics Canada reports the use of

firearms in homicides increased from 30% in 2009 to 40% in 2019.

Break and enter for the purposes of stealing a firearm continue to increase. Police reported just over one-third of these offences involved breaking into a motor vehicle for the purpose of stealing a firearm. The remainder involved breaking and entering into another location, the majority of which were private residences.

In order to improve the firearms classification framework, the Minister of Justice will conduct a review of firearms classification. The Minister will also look into modernizing language in the regulation and the Criminal Code with respect to prohibited weapons, devices, and ammunition to close gaps in the law.

A Criminal Code amnesty is in place until April 30, 2022, to protect lawful owners from criminal liability and to enable them to comply with the law. Under the amnesty, the newly prohibited firearms can only be transferred or transported within Canada for specific purposes.

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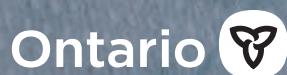
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## Funding will be used to further protect and enhance Greenbelt

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor  
Local Journalism Initiative

Enhancing Ontario's Greenbelt just got better, thanks to an infusion of funding from Queen's Park.

The Ontario government is investing \$12 million over the next three years to support the Greenbelt Foundation's ongoing work to protect, promote and improve the Greenbelt in the Golden Horseshoe region. The projects delivered through this funding will focus on planting trees to increase natural cover, enhancing recreational opportunities for people to experience nature, and maintaining and enhancing green infrastructure and climate resilience.

"The Greenbelt is an important part of our province consisting of farmland, forests, wetlands and watersheds, it is a natural treasure," said Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "It's important to support the ongoing work of the Greenbelt Foundation so it can protect and enhance this vital area – for the benefit of Ontarians today and for future generations."

The investment will enable the Greenbelt Foundation to continue its work by offering grants, supporting research, and providing information, knowledge and awareness about the Greenbelt. The funding will support the delivery of four key programs:

- Funding for projects and activities such as native tree, shrub and other vegetation plantings to increase natural cover, along with projects that create opportunities to experience the Greenbelt.
- Research to improve knowledge

and understanding of the Greenbelt and its benefits.

- Developing partnerships with community groups and organizations to help support projects that protect and restore the Greenbelt.

- Public outreach to increase knowledge, awareness and understanding of the Greenbelt, and its social, rural economic and recreational opportunities.

"The Greenbelt Foundation welcomes funding from the Government of Ontario and will invest in projects, programs, and outreach initiatives that encourage people to engage with, experience, and enjoy everything the Greenbelt region has to offer," said Edward McDonnell, CEO, Greenbelt Foundation. "We look forward to working with the Province and our partners to build on previous work and successes and ensure the Greenbelt's natural and agricultural landscapes remain protected and continue to support thriving communities and rural economies."

The Greenbelt includes the Oak Ridges Moraine and the Niagara Escarpment, protected countryside and urban river valleys.

The Greenbelt Foundation was established in 2005 as a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the Greenbelt. Provincial funding supports this organization's efforts to help protect and restore the environmental and agricultural integrity of the Greenbelt area and enhance sustainable recreational and economic opportunities.

Ontario has launched a 60-day consultation to grow the Greenbelt. Have your say by emailing [greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca](mailto:greenbeltconsultation@ontario.ca) or through the Environmental Registry of Ontario. The consultation closes on April 19.

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## Leadership Mindset By Design is for everyone with a dream

By Robert Belardi

Leaders begin alone. It isn't a statement to defame or scare off anyone with a dream to be an inspiration. It's simply the truth.

A sentient being rising up to the occasion to challenge the rule of thumb. The person who wants to go the extra mile to ensure the journey still isn't stuck at the starting line.

Let's take Malcolm X for example, who fought for change in the early 1900s. How about Rosa Parks, who refused to give up her seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama? Her influence inspired a young Baptist, named Martin Luther King Jr, to take a stand, according to history.com.

These figures were all driven by their own motivation to make a difference. Especially, King Jr's "I Have A Dream" speech in Washington on Aug. 28, 1963. Many others rallied behind these influential figures even after all of their deaths. It's why we celebrate

Black History Month every February. The fight to end systemic racism still rages on until this day.

It's how it all starts. One move without a second thought. Subsequent actions follow to rip apart pre-conceived notions that are embedded within society. With International Women's Day coming up on March 8, cue the Eva Havaris story.

Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff with York United FC Havaris learned what it meant to challenge the rule of thumb from a young age. She remembers, pestering her mother constantly to play soccer just like her older brother. In the 1980s, her mother approached the coach of a Greek club nearby asking if her daughter can play. When the answer was no, Havaris saw her mother persist until the coach said yes.

"I played with the boys up until I was 14, growing up in London, Ontario. I captained most of the teams I played on if not all of them, including the boy's

teams," Havaris said.

"There was nothing about gender going on there. Obviously, I was the only girl, but I was incredibly welcomed by my teammates. My coaches adored me. I was coachable. It was a great experience."

Havaris was quite the athlete and often one of the best players on her team. She saw first-hand what it was like to be the only girl in the league. Boys tried to intentionally hurt her. Opposing parents scoffed at her. She caught a glimpse of the disparity of women in sport right before her eyes.

She went on to play Div. 1 in the United States and then returned to London, to take Sports Management at Western University. She helped coach the soccer team there and worked one-on-one with younger players in the city while completing her Master's degree.

She found her first job in sport with Rugby Canada after graduation and then at the age of 30, became the CEO of Taekwondo Canada.

She eventually moved to Equestrian Canada as CEO, before finally moving into the Canadian Premier League to where she is now.

But along the way, Havaris was sought after. A small number of volunteers even worked hard to eradicate her as she worked to bring more integrity into organizations.

"I've literally had people say, 'I personally say I am going to make sure you don't permanently work in sport,'" Havaris said.

"I said, 'You'll never take sport from me. It's been my whole life. I know why I'm here. I know why I'm glad, to do this.'"

Havaris says there were moments she felt alone. Until she shifted her mindset and received adulation for her work. Integrity, is what keeps her going.

Havaris launched her own business Leadership Mindset by Design when COVID-19 struck last March. It's been on her mind for four years.

Her programs and services are for anyone who recognizes that there is something within their leadership or workplace experience that needs to change and evolve. She understands what it is like to feel stuck in limbo as a leader and isolated when trying to determine the next step forward.

"The first thing I teach about is leadership of the self. Knowing your strengths and being super clear of what those are, knowing what your passionate about, knowing what your values are and learning how to show up in the environment's your working in and expressing that," Havaris said.

"Be really authentic about your style and your approach. Where I think younger leaders have struggled is there is the notion you have to be a 'type' of leader."

It's when they feel they are at their worst. When someone is authentic to



Eva Havaris says the first step to becoming a leader is to know what your goals and be true to yourself. Executive Vice President and Chief of Staff with York United FC, she has endured quite the journey and in celebration of International Women's Day March 8, fighting against the grain is how she is where she is today.

themselves that is being a leader. Because you're being true to who you are and you're trying to express that in helping others.

Havaris says some of her clients have horror stories from their workplaces. She says it's quite shocking to hear.

"I work with them to clear that. They recognize that's somebody else's stuff going on. Unless they're willing to be very honest, they'll never figure out what's going on with them."

Havaris coaches people through leadership realms. How you carry yourself in your personal and professional life. Women have come to her and said they wish they were like her. But Havaris says don't be like me, know your strengths and unlock your true potential that is true to who you are.

She encourages all of her clients to continue to build themselves up and know what their goals are. Crystallize their very future's and envision where they want to be in order to be successful. And when it's all said and done, you can look back with joy, knowing you gave it your all.

Havaris is inspired by her own experiences to be a confidante. Her goal is to help leaders redesign themselves and find their greatness within. If you want to reach out to Havaris, you can do so at [eva@evahavaris.com](mailto:eva@evahavaris.com) for any queries or information on the program.

## Cardinal offering virtual golf to satisfy your outdoor cravings

By Robert Belardi

Cardinal Golf Course reopened their Golf Simulators on Feb. 25, for customers to have an exclusive chance to get a feel of what it's like to be back on the course.

Cardinal announced their reopening last week via email.

"We originally opened the simulators December 1st. We have known for a few months prior that we wanted to go ahead with simulators for our winter period," said Director of Golf, Luke Pendlebury.

"The demand has been great for us and happy to see people enjoying the game of golf during the off season."

A Golf In Simulator allows the customer to hit a golf ball off of a tee into a screen that is projecting the outlook of a real course. The trajectory of the ball is determined based on the velocity and the spin as it clashes with the screen.

These simulators have the availability to play 18 holes all done right in the same place.

"Being able to remove the 'rust' from your golf game is definitely a key factor. No one likes going to the first tee in the summer time and not have hit a golf shot in 4 months.

The simulator offers 30+ different golf courses to play as well as a driving range so people can just hit shots if they like," Pendlebury said.

Customers must book their time slots 10 days in advance on the Cardinal website. Only three customers will be allowed at each bay at one time. Pendlebury suggests customers book three hours for three people to complete an 18-hole course. The maximum time for a session is four hours.

From Monday to Thursday, simulator bookings will be charged at \$49/ hour and weekend bookings are set at \$59/hour.

Food and beverage service will be available beginning every day at 11 a.m. Customers are also required to complete a pre-screening form prior to entering the facility.

"We will have the simulators running until April. This gives us time to get ready for the golf season outside."

As restrictions continue to ease and so long as snow remains on the ground as golf's greatest impediment in Canada, this is a good opportunity to get your game in rhythm once again.

By the time the outdoor season is open, you'll be ready to compete on the real course in an 18-hole showdown free of rust.

## OMHA honours its volunteers

By Robert Belardi

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association celebrated their third annual Thanks A Volunteer event (Feb. 22 to 28) with far more endearment this year than in years past.

"Just taking the time to specifically call out how much volunteers mean to minor sports," said Executive Director of OMHA, Ian Taylor.

"Certainly, this year is a whole other level. Just because of what with everyone is dealing with, because of this pandemic. We've asked our volunteers to do a lot and more than they signed up for."

Taylor, who has been executive director of OMHA for the past four years and a part of the organization for over 17 years, is thankful for the volunteers who had to ensure COVID safety protocols were met and screening questions were handed out.

He said, it was something they all went above and beyond to accomplish and he is truly grateful for it.

Volunteering isn't exactly the easiest ask. These are people who work for free and set aside their busy lives to give back to the community. They give back, to the game they love and make sure the children are enjoying the experience of playing the sport in the process.

He has placed the whole concept of volunteering in a higher tier than it already was before. Because these volunteers threw themselves into the front lines all for the mental well-being of the children; a reprieve from the horror outdoors.

"So, these volunteers were able to provide whatever avenue they could. They were giving them that outlet and that opportunity, it's amazing. I always knew these elements were in play," Taylor said.

"But my appreciation of what it represents (and nothing to do with the hockey stuff), it's the mental well-being and what that means to a child. It helps them balance other stuff in their life. I have a completely new appreciation for it. My whole mindset has changed."

Taylor, who played hockey growing up and still coaches the sport until this day, knows the importance of sport for a child.

He hopes that all of the OMHA programs currently in place around the province now and next year's season can provide a positive experience for all of the players. One day, players now, might want to coach or be a part of the game that developed them as a person. And that's the beauty of volunteering. What goes around just might come around.

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# Greenbelt Foundation accepting funding applications

The Greenbelt Foundation is now accepting funding applications for the Prosperous Greenbelt and Resilient Greenbelt funding streams, as well as a new Grow the Greenbelt funding stream.

The Foundation's priorities for this funding round are to: increase natural cover with native tree, shrub, and other vegetation plantings; enhance op-

portunities to experience nature and increase numbers of people experiencing the Greenbelt; and maintain and enhance natural systems and climate resilience.

"With this new funding round the Greenbelt Foundation will support projects in our Prosperous Greenbelt and Resilient Greenbelt grant streams that promote climate resilience, vibrant

communities, and access to greenspace," said Shelley Petrie, program director, Greenbelt Foundation.

The Prosperous Greenbelt stream invests in projects that generate economic activity and promote vibrant local communities and the rural economy. The Resilient Greenbelt stream invests in projects and stewardship programs that help increase regional environmental sustainability and leverage the Greenbelt's natural systems to build cost effective natural infrastructure and increase climate resilience.

Additionally, the Government of Ontario has launched public consultations to consider expansion of the Greenbelt, including priority areas such as the Paris-Galt Moraine and a potential expansion of urban river valleys. Together, these initiatives will protect more environmental, agricultural, and groundwater resources. The Foundation's new Growing the Greenbelt funding stream enables civil society groups, Indigenous groups, the agri-food and agriculture sector, and other stakeholders to fully engage in provincial consul-

tations and contribute to development of future Greenbelt policy.

"The province has indicated an important path forward for expanding and enhancing the unique benefits of the Greenbelt," said Edward McDonnell, CEO, Greenbelt Foundation. "By announcing a funding stream for Growing the Greenbelt, the Greenbelt Foundation can support stakeholders in the crucial consultation process with the Province and help expand on the Greenbelt's 16 years of success for the benefit of Ontarians."

The Greenbelt currently contributes \$9.6 billion to Ontario's annual GDP, supports 177,700 full-time or full-time equivalent jobs, and provides \$3.2 billion per year in ecosystem services, like flood prevention. Over the past 16 years, the Greenbelt Foundation has issued grants to support the Greenbelt as a source of clean air and water; a reliable local food source and accessible greenspace.

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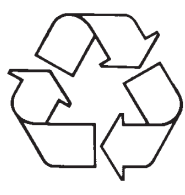
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**St. Paul's Church**  
By Linda Blydorp

The province has now moved us into the Red Zone, although numbers are limited, you are welcome to join us in person for worship. This Sunday, March 7, our Pastor, Jeff, will lead us in worship. His message is entitled, "Long Division," based on Romans 16.17-27.

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).

A Bible Study for Youth has begun via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Our current Bible study is aimed toward 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 Thursday at noon the Women's Good News Fellowship meet 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.

We are looking for people to participate in a COVID-friendly presentation of the Easter story which will be done on video from our homes and put together in post-production for showing on our YouTube channel around Easter. If you enjoy being on camera, or would like to help with some off-camera activities that will help bring the story of Jesus' resurrection to people in a new way, go to stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect and let us know.

### St. Mary's Church

As we joyfully prepare to welcome you back to church, we would like to share some new guidelines to ensure the health and safety of our pastor, parishioners and safety volunteers.

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a first come, first served basis. Due to capacity restrictions for gatherings in Ontario, (St. Patrick's Church – 25 parishioners, St. Mary's Church – 50 parishioners), we encourage you to arrive 15-20 minutes before the celebration of the Holy Mass begins. Please follow the directions provided by ushers/volunteers for seating. The doors will be closed once the church capacity is reached. Additional information:

- Masks or face coverings are mandated by public health.
- Please follow signs/directions given by ushers on how we enter and exit the church.
- Remain on the tape marking on the floor at the entrance of the foyer until the registration process is completed.
- Proceed to Sanitize your hands upon entering the foyer using automated hand sanitizer dispenser after registration.
- Please maintain physical distancing at all times: Stay 2 metres (or 6 feet) away from others in church and on church property.
- Congregational singing is not encouraged at this time.
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tions will be collected in the collection basket in the back of the church after Masses. For your safety, Holy Communion will be distributed on the hand at this time. Click here for instructional video or visit: <https://bit.ly/ReturnTo-Mass>.

Please note that every reasonable precaution has been taken to protect your health and safety. However, there can be no guarantees of complete protection as there will always be risks of contracting viral infection through large gatherings. Please do not enter the church if you have a temperature, feel ill or have been in contact with a COVID-19 positive individual or returning from travel, over the past two weeks.

**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.

I'm hosting a Zoom Lenten Reflection group on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. If you'd like to join, please send me a message and I'll send you a link.

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**Donald Frank Prothero**



Peacefully in his home in Killaloe, on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, Frank Prothero, at the age of 92 years, beloved husband of the late June Prothero and loving companion of Gert Johansen. Loving father of Frank and Jeannie Prothero of Caledon; Connie and Paul Sawyer of Killaloe; Jess Prothero of Tottenham and predeceased by his daughter April. Devoted grandfather of Jason, Jonathan, Shawn, and Joshua Prothero; Paige and Wyatt Prothero; Yvonne, Sarah and Frank Dacres. Great-grandfather of ten grandkids. Dear brother of Jean Archibald of Bobcaygeon and Don "Joe" Greer of Shelburne. Private family funeral service will be held at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy. 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Monday morning, March 1 at 10 o'clock. The family invites those who wish to view the service to do so through live streaming at <https://event.forgetmenotceremonies.com/ceremony?c=10a22a34-5aa6-444e-907a-6decccd227292> If you experience any issues or have questions in regards to the live streaming, please feel free to contact Forget Me Not Ceremonies at 1-877-895-2739. If you need to leave a message on their answering machine, they will return your call promptly. Interment Morningside Cemetery, Palgrave. If desired, memorial donations may be made to St. Francis Memorial Hospital, 7 St. Francis Memorial Drive, Barry's Bay KOJ 1B0. Condolences for the family may be offered at [www.EganFuneralHome.com](http://www.EganFuneralHome.com)

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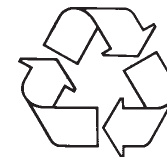
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**King Weekly Sentinel**

# King's Corners

**King City United  
By Sheryl Sinka**

Last Sunday, we marked our first Sunday of Lent. Rev Lee asked us to consider what it means to "take up your cross," and reassured that in doing so we are not alone. He celebrated the accomplishments of George Washington Carver and encouraged us to consider our own calling from God.

This Sunday, March 7, the second Sunday in Lent we welcome guest speaker Robert Murdock. Throughout Lent, there is a weekly Lenten reflection offered by Rev. Andrew that will be broadcast on Thursdays on the York United Ministries YouTube Channel. Search York United Ministries in You Tube and if you subscribe to this channel you will receive updates as the worship events are posted. We also invite you to view our recorded services and past weeks messages on our website [kcuc.net](http://kcuc.net). Please join with us this coming Sunday morning for our online worship at 10 a.m.

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

Finally! Our youth series on our YouTube channel has begun. You can find this series on our YouTube Channel under YAYA Q Box Series. Youth and young adults were invited to share their questions about church and God and faith with Rev. Lee and he will be discussing these questions and thoughts once a week.

The Women's Prayer Circle is still "open for business," and we can still

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

If you are in need of assistance or have any question please contact the King City office at 905-833-5181.

## King Bible Church

Now that York Region is in the Red Zone we are able to open our doors for 30% capacity on a Sunday morning for our services! We will meet every other week in person.

Join us for our first in-person service on March 7 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Mark will be beginning our new series "The Church Defined" - who we are versus who we should be.

When we are not worshipping in person we are worshipping online! Join us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

We have ensured that we can provide a safe place for you and your family to worship. Like the world around us, things are going to look different. You can read about the specifics in our Re-Opening Plan which you will on our website ([www.kingbiblechurch.com](http://www.kingbiblechurch.com)).

If you are not yet ready to return to in-person gatherings, the service in its entirety will be recorded and posted on our Facebook page and YouTube channel later Sunday afternoon for you to enjoy.

As well, during the weeks we are not gathering in person, we will continue

to meet online Sundays at 10:30 a.m. either on Facebook for our "Sunday Conversations" or a pre-recorded message available through our Facebook page or our You Tube channel. Details will be on our website.

Finally, in order to open safely we need your help.

1) We need you to please be gracious and commit to following the various guidelines that we have had to put in place to ensure everyone's health and safety.

2) We need you to sign-up each week that you plan to attend our in-person services. A link is available on our website for you to reserve seats for you and your family.

Thank-you and we look forward to seeing everyone soon! Please visit our website for further information! [www.kingbiblechurch.com](http://www.kingbiblechurch.com)

## St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's invites you to join us online as we journey through Lent, leading up to Easter. Our Sunday service starts at 10:15 a.m. at [standrews-kingcity.ca](http://standrews-kingcity.ca) The service will be available for most of the week.

Last Sunday, the second Sunday in Lent, Lynn Vissers led us in worship. John 5 was her text where Jesus is being questioned on His authority not only to heal someone, but on the Sabbath Day when work was not allowed. Jesus then gave His defence. Lynn challenged us with "Are we good witnesses for the Lord and is our church?"

This Sunday, March 7 we are pleased to have the Rev. Dr. John Vissers for our Communion Sunday.

Thanks to technology, the Annual Congregational Meeting successfully

took place last Sunday at noon with our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Paul Johnston moderating. As the reports conveyed, St. Andrew's has much to be thankful for. The 2020 Annual Report is available in both digital and hard copy.

"Coffee Fellowship" will be held after Sunday morning worship this week. Get in touch with Lynn or Kathy at 905-833-0391 if you need the link or have any questions.

Virtual Bible Study on the book of James takes place Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. Other virtual Bible Studies are being planned for people who are available during the day. More information to follow.

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

This Friday, March 5 is the WICC World Day of Prayer 2021. 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](http://wicc.org).

The King Township Food Bank continues with its safe food distribution each month. Need more information? [kffb.ca](http://kffb.ca)

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

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

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

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

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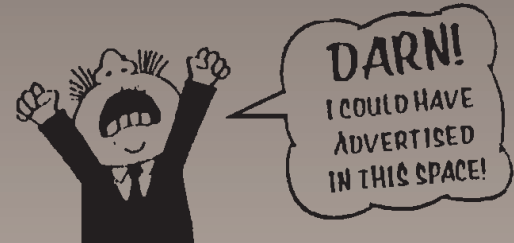


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# King's Corners

All Saints Anglican Church  
By Patrick Gossage

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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 40 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, Je-

sus 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, in whom we see the Father's power and compassion. 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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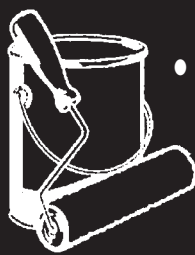
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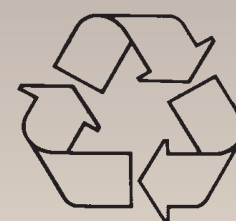


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