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King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini (left) and King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, stand in front of the Schomberg water tower. King recently received Ontario Community Infrastructure Funds to make repairs and upgrades to the municipal water system in Schomberg.

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King receives \$775,972 in COVID funding

King Township will receive \$775,972 from the Government of Ontario this year to help offset expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The announcement was made by King-Vaughan MPP and Minister of Education Stephen Lecce on behalf of Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board.

The Government of Ontario is providing \$500 million to municipal governments to support municipal operations. This new funding is on top of Safe Restart funding King has received in the past (Phase 1 - \$574,400 in 2020; Phase 2 - \$243,000 in 2021). In 2020, King also received Ontario Community Infrastructure Funds of \$608,548 to make repairs and upgrades to the municipal water system in Schomberg.

"On behalf of King Township council, I'd like to thank Minister Lecce and the Government of Ontario for providing these much-needed funds," said King Township

Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "Council and staff have worked hard during the pandemic to streamline operations and cut costs where possible to offset revenue shortfalls resulting from closed or cancelled community facilities, programs and events."

The funds will help offset additional expenses in offering different recreational opportunities, maintenance of Township facilities, offset revenue shortfall due to closures and additional costs related to COVID-19.

"Being able to continue offering new and safe recreational opportunities is a council priority," said Mayor Pellegrini. "It's important that we look for innovative and safe ways for the community to continue being active. We've been able to accomplish this with upcoming programs like King Photo Bingo, Hike to the Sugar Bush and the DIY Earth Hour Lantern Craft Kit."

For more information on King's recreation programs, visit www.king.ca.

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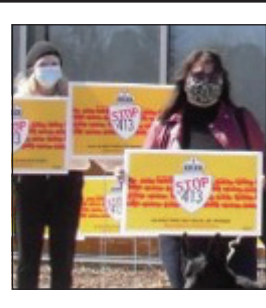

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, March 29
6:00 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

Tuesday, April 6
6:00 pm – Council Public Planning Meeting
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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Thursday, April 1
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 by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Thursday, April 8
3:00 pm – Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board (electronic meeting)

Tuesday, April 20
6:00 pm – King Township Public Library Board (virtual meeting)

BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King's website www.king.ca, click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.

Or visit on the following link
<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Camp Director (summer position) – closes April 2 at 4:30pm**
- **Inclusion Program Coordinator (summer position) – closes April 2 at 4:30 pm**
- **Inclusion Camp Counsellor (summer position) – closes April 2 at 4:30 pm**
- **Camp Program Coordinator (summer position) – closes April 2 at 4:30 pm**
- **Camp Counsellor (summer position) – closes April 2 at 4:30pm**
- **GIS Student (student position) – closes April 2 at 4:30 pm**
- **King Township Public Library – CEO / Chief Librarian – closes April 12 at 4:30 pm**

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Easter holiday closure

Although our Municipal Offices remain closed to the public, staff will be offline Fri., April 2 and Mon., April 5, returning on Tues., April 6. For urgent matters during this time, contact our 24/7 after-hours service at 905-833-5321.

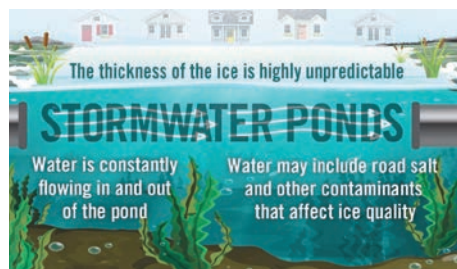


Pre-Authorized Debit Program (PAD): PAD program is available for Property Tax accounts. The enrolment form is available at www.king.ca (search for "PAD")

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 and booking can be completed at <https://townshipofking.perfectmind.com/>

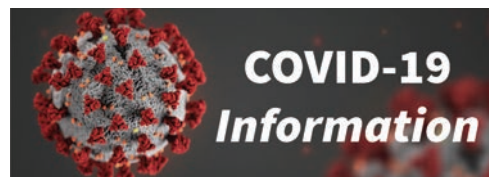
Half-load Restrictions

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 for the most up-to-date information.

With guidance from York Region Public Health and in an abundance of caution for both residents and staff around the COVID-19 pandemic, King Township is responding with the following changes in operations:

- King Township Public Library remains closed but is offering curbside pickup service. Visit www.kinglibrary.ca for more information.
- The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. is closed to the public until further notice.
- All essential services will continue, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection and roads and sidewalk maintenance.
- Some non-essential services may be impacted. For a list of all services please visit www.king.ca.

Citizens can still do business with King on our website at www.king.ca, by phone at 905-833-5321 or by email at serviceking@king.ca.

LATEST UPDATES

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.

All essential services have continued, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection, by-law enforcement and roads.

King is encouraging residents to support local businesses during the lockdown as much as possible.

You can visit our website at www.king.ca, call us at 905-833-5321 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) or email us at serviceking@king.ca.

For the latest King Township COVID-19 related information, please visit www.covid19.king.ca or <http://bit.ly/yorkregioncovid19>.

COVID-19 information

The risk to York Region residents of acquiring the virus in the community remains low.

Visit york.ca/covid19 for more information or call Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653. You may also contact Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 for medical advice. Telehealth Ontario is a free confidential service you can call to receive health advice or information. A registered nurse will take your call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

COVID-19 Vaccinations Clinics

York Region, in partnership with local hospitals, continues to follow the Province's three-phased Vaccine Distribution Plan.

Eligibility

The following individuals are now eligible to book an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine:

- York Region residents 75 years of age and older (born in 1946 or earlier)
- Highest, Very High and High Priority Health Care Workers who live OR work in York Region
- Staff, essential caregivers and any residents that have not yet received a first dose in long-term care homes, high-risk retirement homes and First Nations elder care homes
- Alternative level of care patients in hospitals who have a confirmed admission to a long-term care home, retirement home or other congregate care home for seniors
- Staff, residents and caregivers in retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors
- Indigenous adults and adult members of their households
- Adults with a chronic condition receiving home care services and who live in York Region (appropriate documentation will be required)
- Clinics appointments are not available for any other age or priority group at this time. Do not try to book an appointment if you do not meet the eligibility.

For more information on how to book a vaccination appointment, visit <https://bit.ly/YRVaccine>

Do you need help to book your COVID-19 vaccine?

905-833-5101

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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

Comprehensive Stormwater Master Plan Class Environmental Assessment

NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE (PIC#2)

King invites residents to take part in our 2nd virtual Public Information Centre for our Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan on Thursday April 1, 2021, 12:00pm – 2:30pm.

Following the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process, we have conducted an analysis of the alternative solutions using the feedback we received during PIC #1 and we are ready to present and discuss the preferred solution to ensure that the required level-of-service of stormwater infrastructure can be provided throughout the Township.

Please visit <https://speaking.king.ca/stormwater-master-plan> for more information

Virtual Public Information Centre #2
Thursday April 1, 2021 at 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

How to Participate:

- Registration for this PIC can be done by sending your name & email address to: KingStormwaterMasterPlan@civi.ca
- Please also feel free to complete a comment sheet which can be found on the project website noted above.

Please note that information related to these studies will be collected in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments received will become part of the public record. Thank you for your interest in these studies

Funding brings internet to rural hamlets in King

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Close to 500 homes in rural King will soon get access to high-speed internet, thanks to new federal funding.

Through the Rapid Response Stream of the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF), the Government of Canada is taking immediate action to connect King residents to high-speed internet.

King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte, Minister of Seniors, on behalf of the Honourable Maryam Monsef, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Rural Economic Development, made the virtual announcement last week. Funding of \$2.27 million will bring high-speed internet to residents in the communities of Pottageville, Nobleton and Lloydtown. With an additional investment of nearly \$1.7 million from Vianet, this project will connect 485 underserved households.

The \$1.75-billion Universal Broadband Fund was launched on Nov. 9, 2020. Projects funded under the UBF, as well as through other public and private investments, will help connect 98% of Canadians to high-speed Internet by 2026 and achieve the national target of 100% connectivity by 2030.

To facilitate applications for projects like this one, the UBF provided additional pathfinder support for all applicants, and in particular small applicants, to build partnerships, find potential sources of funding and navigate the application process.

The pandemic has reinforced residents' need for high-speed internet for work, school, etc. Being cut off, for many in King, has made life during the pandemic more difficult.

"Canadians' access to high-speed internet should not depend on their postal code," Schulte said.

A critical part of the federal government's investment in this area is the Rapid Response Stream, which provides \$150 million to fund shovel-ready projects.

"Canadians' access to high-speed Internet should not depend on their postal code. Since 2015, the Government of Canada has made expanding Canadians' access to high-speed broadband a top priority. We're proud to work with Vianet to bring reliable, affordable high-speed Internet to hundreds of

King families. Through these investments and partnerships, the government is bridging the connectivity gap," Schulte added.

Vianet will oversee the rollout of the program in King, which will be completed by the end of the year.

This local project, Schulte said, is what the Rapid Response Stream is all about – "helping projects receive faster approval, ensuring construction can start early on, and connecting communities as quickly as possible."

Vianet's application, she said, was approved in less than two months.

"Vianet is very pleased with this announcement under the federal government's Universal Broadband Fund to continue the expansion of our fibre-to-the-home network in rural King Township. In 2017, Vianet connected the first rural home to our FTTH network in King Township, and we have been making incremental investments to service additional rural homes each year since then. (This) announcement will accelerate that expansion, servicing more homes that are in desperate need of better, more reliable Internet. We would like to thank Minister Monsef and the federal government for their commitment to bring quality broadband to rural Canadians. We would also like to thank MP Deb Schulte along with King Township for working with us in furthering these builds," said Brian McCullagh, director of business development for Vianet.

McCullagh noted when this project is completed, Vianet will have connected some 1,500 households to the fiber network. They have "permits in hand" and will be breaking ground in the very near future.

He added Vianet tends to service areas that have access to existing cable, and they have to maximize their per-kilometre reach, given there's only so much funding to go around. Vianet is leveraging all available funding, including provincial programs.

"Access to reliable, affordable high-speed Internet is one of the largest issues we deal with in King Township," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "Our residents need to be able to connect with family, friends and workplaces, while our business community needs it to remain competitive, especially during the current pandemic."

See 'Fibre' on Page 8



Without care and support from a caregiver, I'm so scared for Mom because...

- Mom will have a fall again.
- She can't remember her pills.
- She'll forget to turn off the stove again.
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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

Every life is worth living and worth the effort

"Everything is irrelevant but this: to embrace life. To feel it. To savor it. To love it."

- Marty Rubin

For Julie Andrews, her favourite things included raindrops on roses and schnitzel with noodles.

I happen to like those things, too.

We've all been dealt the worst possible hand over the past year. At times, it seemed impossible to win a round, let alone come out ahead of the game.

At the edge of the abyss, sometimes all we can do is enjoy the view!

Now, more than ever, I think we should do what Julie sang about all those years ago, and list some of our favourite things. My wife often tells me that enjoying life doesn't have to cost a lot, or anything at all. You just have to be creative.

Kudos to her. She's right, and I should listen to her more often.

Yes, I'll admit the silver lining is really hard to find sometimes. It's much easier to be enveloped in the gray storm clouds, strong winds and hard-hitting sleet.

The situation, both here and abroad, is improving with each passing day. By mid-summer, most Ontarians should be vaccinated, and perhaps then life can continue on an upward curve.

Until then, we must remain vigilant, but we can also remain optimistic, and find those "noodles" in our lives.

For those who get depressed, we need some lifelines, some ropes to pull us out of our doldrums. We need things that bring us joy, and help us smile.

Life is not only worth living, it's worth loving.

"I love life. There's so much to learn and see all the time, and nothing nicer for



Mark Pavilons

me than to wake up, and the sky is blue."

- Pattie Boyd

I love sunshine on my face. It gives me strength and fills me with warmth, both literally and figuratively.

As the days continue to warm up, I can't wait for spring to slide into summer, when the back yard becomes my new special place. Hopefully this summer, the beach will be an option. Maybe we can hit the open road once again and take in many special sights and sounds of this amazing province of ours.

At the top of all of our personal lists should be love. Feeling it, being consumed by it, and sharing it with families is really what our existence is all about. It's why we're here, at least fundamentally.

That love can involve many things, from enjoying Saturday reruns of Cash

Cab to making hot dogs for lunch. It can involve movie nights and board games. It must include impromptu food fights!

I'm sure we all agree that a lot of things in life are intangible. We know what they are, feel them, but can't always explain them. That's the beauty of our existence - the mystery of it all.

I found out, quite early in life, that work and buying material things does not translate to happiness. Yes, we work so we can pay our bills, put a roof over our heads and hot meals on the table. This is a never-ending chore, often a struggle.

We have to recognize what Kim tells me. It's not the gifts, the shiny new BBQ or luxury car. It's not the t-bones or Dom or designer runners. It's the family gatherings, the special occasions, the discussions, debates and laughter.

Some of my favourite "things" are actually quite inexpensive. Chicken wings, beer, pizza and chips. Taking long walks and having long talks with the kids. Telling my youngest daughter "ich liebe dich" from time to time. That fact that my children are healthy and relatively happy are things money can't buy.

I also actually enjoy crying at a sad movie. Our empathy allows us to connect to our fellow human beings.

We've always been "dog people" and yes, I still get a kick out of my dogs' antics. From chasing them around trying to snatch a toy away, to teasing them with the flashlight trick, it's all good.

Being intelligent humans, there are many deeper meanings to our lives. Most of these take time, wisdom and experience to fully appreciate. Having reached the age of "wisdom" I am now

at liberty to share.

I (all of us) am someone who can make a real difference in the world. It's not always at the forefront of my mind, but there are times when I believe this to be true. It's also a lot of fun to affect people without realizing it. Readers often comment on how my columns have touched them. Thank you for sharing!

It's funny, though, this thing called life. Despite our aches and pains, slower movements and frustrations, each breath reminds us we're still here. Here is better than down there!

There are times we may give up on ourselves, but it's so comforting to know there are those who never give up on us. For my wife Kim, I am forever thankful. The love and support of our life partners is not only rare, it's priceless.

And, as faulty as I sometimes am, every day brings more chances to "get it right."

When we fear we can't do something or are afraid to face new challenges, just think about the things you have done. You likely have a long list of really neat accomplishments.

As a Virgo, I rely on order in my life. But the real beauty of our existence is not knowing what's around the corner, or what will happen next.

There are times when I'm perched in my special spot on the couch and I just relax all my muscles. I enjoy the moment and feel content. I love that feeling and wish I could bottle it.

So, my friends, we don't have to be inventors, designers or researchers. We don't have to be writers or poets or artists. An average life is well worth the effort.

Letter to the Editor

Say no to MZOs in the Greenbelt

Recently the province opened an online consultation on changes to the Planning Act regarding Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZOs). <https://ero.ontario.ca/index.php/notice/019-3233> The portal is accepting comments until April 4.

Opening up Ontario for business to help our economy recover from COVID doesn't require MZOs. In Ontario over 92% of businesses are small businesses with less than 10 employees. Unlike many small businesses the construction and development industry continued to operate throughout COVID. Ministerial Zoning Orders (MZOs) benefit land developers and the construction industry. If a property is rezoned to industrial warehouse from farmland (\$20,000/acre) it is the landowner/developer who benefits as property values can jump to 1.6 million an acre according to the real estate firm CRBE.

Ministerial zoning orders are a unique tool. In the past MZOs were rarely used as they overstep two important principals of good land use planning, an orderly planning process with checks and balances and opportunities for public participation. Currently the Minister of Municipal Affairs can rezone any property anywhere by using an MZO, making a landowner a millionaire with a swish of a pen.

There are a few places MZOs should never be permitted, on land protected by provincial plans, namely the Oak Ridges Moraine and Greenbelt and Natural heritage areas. The premier has given his word that the Greenbelt will not be opened up for development. If he aims to keep that promise it makes sense for the province to remove current provisions allowing MZOs in the protected countryside. River valleys and wetlands are particularly vulnerable to development as Conservation Authorities are no longer commenting on development applications leaving it up to developers to set their own boundaries.

I urge you to make a comment on the portal to have your say on the use of MZOs.

Susan Lloyd Swail
Nobleton



Quote of the Week



"You miss 100% of the shots you don't take."

- Wayne Gretzky

Trivia Tidbits

Tulip bulbs were once exchanged as a form of currency.

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Results from last week's poll:

Have you or a family member received the COVID vaccine?

Are you looking forward to enjoying some patio dining at local restaurants?



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PUBLIC NOTICES

Gypsy moths

What are they?

Gypsy moths are destructive pests. They get their name from their ability to travel by attaching to various objects. They appear in late July or August.



Gypsy moth caterpillars (larvae) change looks as they grow. Young caterpillars are black or brown and about .6 cm (.24 inches) in length. As they grow, bumps develop along their backs with coarse black hairs. The caterpillar is easily recognizable in the later part of this stage: charcoal grey with a double row of five blue and six red dots on its back. Feeding ends by early July, and mature caterpillars can be as long as 6.35 cm (2.5 inches).

Should I be concerned?

Gypsy moths are a concern because the larvae feed voraciously, mostly on the leaves of deciduous (leafy) trees, but also on some conifers (evergreens). During the larval stage, a single gypsy moth caterpillar can eat an average of one square metre of leaves.

How can I get rid of gypsy moths?

Egg masses

Gypsy moths spread easily, as the young larvae can be carried by wind currents for a distance of up to one kilometre. More commonly, however, they hitch a ride (mainly egg masses) on objects like vehicles, tents, trailers, and lawn chairs to infest new areas. Vacationers, especially campers, should be aware of this and should check their equipment before moving on.

It is important to be thorough when looking for egg masses as they can be difficult to locate. Common hiding places include:

- the underside of branches
- tree trunks
- fences
- firewood
- outdoor furniture
- swing sets, boats
- trailers
- under the eaves of buildings



When an egg mass is found, it should be scraped off with a knife and dropped into a bucket filled with hot water and household bleach or ammonia. Remove picnic tables, swing sets, and lawn furniture from around the bases of trees, because these objects provide the insects with protection from the heat of the sun.

There are numerous actions (see links below) that can be taken by homeowners to help protect individual high-value trees, but timing is critical. There is even the potential for aerial spraying with a biological treatment (BTK) for private larger forested areas.

- https://www.abca.ca/assets/files/Fact_Sheet_Gypsy_Moth_ABCA_LR.pdf
- <https://www.ontario.ca/page/gypsy-moth>
- <https://trca.ca/conservation/habitat-protection-regeneration/gypsy-moth/>

Nobleton sewer works



Phase 2, Contract 3 sanitary sewer and concurrent works in Nobleton will take place in and around the following roadways: Sheardown Drive, Dobson Court, Cain Court, Hazelbury Drive, Chamberlain Court, Russell Snider Drive, Witherspoon Way, MacTaggart Drive, Holden Drive, Robb Drive and McCutcheon Avenue affecting approximately 200 homes. Weather permitting, work is scheduled to take about 27 months to complete.

LATEST UPDATES

- Sanitary installation continues on Holden Drive north of Sheardown.
- Sanitary installation continues on MacTaggart working westerly towards Sheardown.

- Road crews continue to place temporary asphalt on Robb Drive, McCutcheon will follow and general clean-up is occurring
 - Testing for the sewer installation has begun within Contract area
- Residents who have any questions about the project can visit <http://majorprojects.king.ca/> or contact Service-King at 905-833-5321 or serviceking@king.ca.

King launches feature-packed recycling app

King Township has partnered with Recycle Coach to launch a mobile app to help residents become expert recyclers and reduce the amount of waste going to landfills.



By using the Recycle Coach app, residents will have instant access to their area's collection schedule, personalized reminders, key event dates (such as bulky item pickup) as well as a powerful search engine that provides information on the proper sorting of waste and recycling. The app will also allow King Township to communicate directly with the community about waste management program or scheduling changes. Citizens are encouraged to visit <http://www.king.ca/waste> to learn more.

KING FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Clothes Dryer Fire Safety Tips



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How do I keep myself and my loved ones safe?

When Installing...

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- If you install your own dryer, **follow the manufacturer's instructions** before installing the dryer vent.



Always...

- **Follow the manufacturer's instructions** regarding the safe use of the dryer.
- **Inspect and clean the lint screen** after each load of laundry. The build-up of lint can lead to a fire. Regularly remove lint from ducts and exhaust vents.
- Regularly **inspect the outdoor vent** to ensure it is unobstructed.
- **Turn the dryer off** if you leave home or when you go to bed.
- Keep the area around the dryer **clear of items** that can burn.



Install **smoke and carbon monoxide alarms** on every storey of your home. **Test them every month.**



For more information contact King Township Fire and Emergency Services

Contact Information - 905-833-2800



Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management
ontario.ca/firemarshal

Friendly reminder to be a responsible pet owner! Keep pets on-leash and pick up after them by bringing waste bags with you and discarding them in Township bins or at home. Pet waste (and kitty litter) can be disposed of in compostable bags in your green bin. <http://king.ca/pets>



Reminder to keep dogs on-leash and pick up after your pets.



Did You Know? Pet waste can be disposed of in compostable bags in the green bin!



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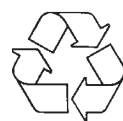
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Reservations about LTC announcement for King

By Debbie Schaefer
Ward 5 Councillor

Commentary

The reign of Premier Ford has been characterized by surprises.

The first was the edict that the Toronto Council should be cut in half at the mid-point of the 2018 election campaign. Another big surprise was the speed with which commercial contracts for wind power were torn up despite financial penalties. This was surprising as the Premier branded himself as a successful business person.

A recent surprise was the amendment in Bill 257, purportedly about broadband infrastructure; the amendment requires Conservation Authorities to issue permits enabling destruction of wetlands if a Ministerial Zoning Order (MZO) has been issued.

None of these surprises is as clever as the latest: the approval of a large institutional development on the Oak Ridges Moraine. Without any involvement of King council, Township staff or public consultation. The Ministry of LTC confirmed 140 new LTC beds for King City. Given previous discussions and presentations to council, I am assuming the proposed located for this grand project is the redevelopment of the Marylake Property.

The development of 140 LTC beds, without any recognition of the ORM rigid guidelines for environmentally protected lands, is now a readily accepted solution for the current deficit of community based LTC in King Township. This has all the markings of a MZO, which Minister Clark has often vowed he would never do on the Greenbelt, but without any of the inherit components that traditionally guide

the MZO process.

Two fundamental conditions are identified in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan that permit the proposed development to occur.

First, there needs to be a legal non-conforming institutional use, as of 2001, that can be expanded to meet realistic future needs and second, that any development would reflect the guidelines for environmentally protected sensitive zones defined by the ORMCP.

With the exception of myself, King council has accepted claims that The Marylake site can be "redeveloped," which was reported by staff at the council meeting held on Feb. 8. This position by staff has provided the Ministry of LTC with the parameters necessary to allocate unrestricted development of 140 new LTC beds to Mariann House, currently not even a King City corporation.

I must acknowledge that there may be adequate evidence about "historic use" but it has been nearly 6 weeks that I, and hundreds of citizens, have been asking for the evidence. Suggesting that a modern 188-bed Long Term Care facility is an extension of what existed before 2001 needs to be vetted and proven by a fully qualified professional adjudicator.

But at time of writing, I have not received any response that this will be implemented in the near future. I am willing to work with skilled and knowledgeable experts who can provide a solid assessment of the potential for LTC on the Marylake site as defined by the guidelines of the ORMCP.

I do not make the same acknowledgment regarding the development being "environmentally sensitive." In the report to King Township council Feb. 8 it is reported that TRCA did say that the proposed site was outside natural hazards, key natural heritage features (KNF) and their minimum vegetation and protection zones and buffers. Even though they were given erroneous information by Township staff, which makes these conclusions moot, I agree that numerous studies, 5 at minimum, would be required to demonstrate if this project would have significant impact on the "adjacent wetland features and their hydrologic and ecological features." I am very curious to see the site plan, which is apparently to be located on the footprint of the demolished Monastery, as it sits about 50 meters from the kettle lake, well within the minimum area of influence which is 120 meters as defined by the ORMCP.

Citizens, not just environmentalists, should be outraged.

Yes, long term care capacity is desperately needed but at minimum, let's understand the collateral damage. For the last 30 years citizens have advocated and fought for protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine but now approval for development is being rubber-stamped.

Citizens of King Township have just renewed their desire for the northern urban boundary of King City to be the

15th Sideroad with the approval of the new Official Plan. This project would set a precedent that could affect the whole of the settlement area of King City.

As part of this growth, the extension of municipal services for the proposed LTC facility will set the stage for more development at Marylake Monastery; we saw a "draft" of this in December when council was requested to endorse a MZO to enable development including a hotel/conference centre, a seniors village and more at the Monastery.

Minister Stephen Lecce has announced that he is fulfilling one of his campaign promises to have a LTC facility in King. Why didn't he come to the council and identify his dream? Why didn't he come to council with those who own hundreds of hectares of greenfield lands in King and have been making applications for residential development. Most importantly, why did Minister Lecce not incorporate the functional building blocks of the ORMCP and the Greenbelt in his campaign promises and in the parameters that define new LTC beds in King City?

Finally, why have my council colleagues been so passive in accepting our staff's assessment of "historic use.?" Respecting the expertise and professionalism of our staff does not mean rubber stamping recommendations. This could have been so different!

King Township re-opens Trisan Fitness Centre

King Township is pleased to announce that the Trisan Fitness Centre and running track has re-opened to the public.

At this time, no in-person fitness classes will be offered. However, the Township will continue to offer virtual fitness classes via the Trisan Live platform.

Over the past year, fitness services were adapted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic to provide a safe continuation of programming for members.

Given the ongoing modifications and the direct impact these changes have had on program delivery, class schedules, capacity limits and hours of operation, the Township will now be offering a new month-to-month membership fee structure.

This new membership has been developed to better adapt to any future changes and impacts related to COVID-19 and will be piloted on a trial basis until public health measures are eased and/or facility user numbers are sustainable enough to warrant increased service levels for a prolonged period of time.

Members must complete the COVID-19 online screening tool before entering the facility and show reception staff completed results each time they visit the facility.

All members must now pre-register for their desired workout time slot. All lockers and change rooms will be closed until further notice. Members will be given access to small storage bins to place their personal belongings into during their workout.

For more information please visit www.king.ca/trisancentre.

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Mariann facility to relocate to Marylake in King Township

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

The province has given the green light to relocate the Mariann nursing home to the Marylake property in King.

The Marylake Augustinian Fathers in King City and the Midwest Augustinian Fathers in Chicago are pleased with the recent announcement by the Minister of Long Term Care, The Honourable Merrilee Fullerton, regarding the redevelopment of Mariann Nursing Home and Residence in King City and the expansion of its license to include its existing 64 beds plus 76 new beds.

Juliann Martyniuk, board chair of Mariann Home, thanks Minister Fullerton and the provincial government for their continued and profound commitment to long-term care. The Mariann Home board and administration also thanks the Catholic Health Sponsors of Ontario for their support of Mariann Home's redevelopment plans.

"We are particularly grateful to our

founders, The Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood, for the values of spirituality, respect, and hospitality that have made staff and Board members of Mariann Home honoured to continue to serve and care for those in need of long-term care in our community," said a statement from the group.

Queen's Park is calling this a "historic investment in long-term care."

In addition to modernizing the long-term care sector, these projects will help reduce wait lists and end hallway medicine. Province-wide, these investments also support key government priorities, including eliminating three and four bed ward rooms, creating campuses of care and providing new spaces for Indigenous, Francophone and other cultural community residents.

"King Township has a population of 25,000 and yet only 36 long-term care beds. Our seniors population and their families deserve better - they deserve to have access to a modern long-term care home in the heart of our community. Following sustained advocacy, I

am proud to announce that a 140-bed state-of-the-art long-term care home is coming to King Township, delivering an improved quality of life and reduced waitlist for the greatest generation," said King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce.

"Our loved ones in long-term care deserve a comfortable, modern place to live, near family and friends, with the support they need when they need it," said Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care. "These new and upgraded spaces, built to modern design standards, will help prevent and contain the transmission of infectious diseases and ensure residents have access to the care they need in a safe and secure environment."

"We are thrilled with the announcement by the government today. We thank our local MPP Minister Stephen Lecce, Minister Fullerton, and the provincial government for recognizing the incredible need for Long Term Care in King Township and for showing the leadership necessary to deliver this

important service to the seniors of the municipality. The Augustinians are proud to be partnered with Mariann Home and we look forward to moving this very exciting project forward," said board chair Angelo Bitondo.

AFOI board secretary Quinto Anibale added: "For The Augustinian Fathers, this announcement has been nine years in the making. The demand for Long Term Care in King Township is overwhelming, and with this announcement the province has moved to fill the gap that existed. This is an investment in the seniors of King and one which will serve King well for years to come.

"I would be remiss if I did not also thank Mayor Pellegrini and his Council for their incredible support for the project. In supporting the project at Council they have shown true leadership and civic mindedness. This is an important first step in the revitalization of the Marylake campus and we look forward to working with them as the vision unfolds."



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King salon Fame International closes after 47 years

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

A chapter in King's history will soon come to an end.

Bruno Capogreco and Anotonietta DiNino, owners of Fame International, will close their doors when the King City plaza closes March 31.

Over the years business has been great for Bruno and Antonietta. Their motto was to help clients look and feel their best after visiting the salon. The professional and talented team at Fame was committed to meeting the needs of every unique client by delivering exceptional service through the inviting atmosphere, technical expertise, and creativity.

It all began in 1974, when Bruno had a vision to open multiple hair salons as he had two others at the time. He asked his sister Antonietta if she was interested in opening a salon, because there was a new plaza ready to go up in King City. Antonietta was interested, and the next day they opened the hair salon.

It was extremely exciting to be one of the first salons in King City. Bruno moved to King in 1976 on his birthday and spent Wednesdays cutting hair at the King City location. Antonietta commuted from Toronto five days a week, until she moved to King in 1981.

They were both very dedicated and shared a passion for striving to exceed the expectations of their clients' requests. Antonietta's warm smile was always inviting and she looked forward to seeing her clients and sharing their

life experiences. After decades some of her clients became elderly, and she would go as far as to personally pick them up and drive them back home after their appointment.

Over the years business was booming in the small town of King City. People came from King, Oak Ridges and Nobleton regularly to have their hair styled. They expanded, and at one time the salon had four hairdressers and one esthetician. Saturdays were so busy that they needed three assistants.

Their youngest sister Sylvana, niece Cathy and neighbour Sonia, would go in to help out on reception, to washing hair and assist where needed.

Bruno and Antonietta really enjoyed their time there with their regular clients and walk-ins. They had many employees over the years. Morena, a seasoned employee has been with Fame International for over 37 years and has been a dedicated stylist, eager to help her many clients look and feel the best. Most recently, Mary joined the team and has also been an intricate part of the salon's success with her fresh and trendy ideas.

"Thank you for your hard work and commitment. From the bottom of our hearts, you are part of the family during your time their and for years to come," the owners said.

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sonal connections that you have made with Bruno and Antonietta throughout the years. From the exchange of stories, to helping make you look and feel your best they have had a fulfilling career and accomplished their mission

of serving so many and becoming great entrepreneurs."

Their dedication, hard work and accomplishments have shown that a true entrepreneurial spirit can lead to great things.

Fibre will serve some 500 households

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"On behalf of council, I'd like to thank the Government of Canada for the significant investment in King through the Universal Broadband Fund. I'd also like to thank Vianet for its additional investment. Vianet has been a tremendous partner in helping to connect King's residents to high-speed Internet over the last several years. I know the almost 500 households in Pottageville, Nobleton and Lloydstown will benefit greatly from this great news."

The mayor noted the municipality first identified gaps in service with a survey back in 2017. While there is still a way to go, this newest project is a "huge step" towards the ultimate goal of connecting everyone.

He lauded both the federal government and Vianet as valuable partners in making this a reality. The residents of Pottageville, Nobleton and Lloydstown will be "ecstatic" at the news, he said.

It's also a great example of what a public/private partnerships can accomplish.

The mayor added through the region's YorkNet, they are extending the reach and "attacking this issue on many fronts."

King, he pointed out, is the largest municipality in York in terms of geography so the rural distances are quite a challenge.

Schulte will be hosting a virtual town hall March 25 at 7 p.m. to discuss the issue. To register for the event, email her team at deb.schulte@parl.gc.ca or call her riding office at 905-303-5000.

The Government of Canada provided nearly a million dollars for the King Township Fibre Optic Broadband Expansion project, which was completed in 2019 – two years ahead of schedule – and connected over a thousand homes and businesses.

Canada's Connectivity Strategy aims to provide all Canadians with access to Internet speeds of at least 50 megabits per second (Mbps) download/10 Mbps upload.

The Universal Broadband Fund is part of a suite of federal investments to improve high-speed Internet. The suite includes the Connect to Innovate program, which is expected to connect nearly 400,000 households by 2023, and the recently announced \$2-billion broadband initiative from the Canada Infrastructure Bank.

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It's not something you'd typically expect from a "conversation piece."

What elevates Sisyphus sand tables is the meticulous attention to detail, and the impressive craftsmanship. These are masterful wonders, meant to be enjoyed and excite all the senses.

The metal ball rolls around the sand, and creates new images every minute. It's simple and quite hypnotic.

It takes the zen garden experience to a whole new level of sight and sound.

The popular table-top models are available in real wood finishes. It's basically plug-and-play, and this optical wonder has limitless capabilities. They come with a standard list of more than 25 patterns or "tracks." It has no on/off switch and you simply plug it in, and it automatically calibrates itself, loads the default list of tracks, and begins moving.

A mobile app allows you to select favorite tracks, create custom lists, pause or change the speed, and dim the table lighting. You can also download tracks shared by others online, or create your own Sisyphus tracks using popular drawing programs like Adobe Illustrator, and send the saved files to your table.

This is unlike anything else on the planet. It's simple pleasure, in an otherwise troublesome world.

Watching as incredibly intricate patterns evolve in the sand over many hours, only to be "destroyed" by the next pattern, reminded Shapiro of the famous myth. Punished for his self-aggrandizing craftiness and deceitfulness, Sisyphus, in ancient Greek mythology, was forced to roll an immense boulder up a hill only for it to roll down every time it neared the top, repeating this action for all eternity.

The company prefers Albert Camus's take, in his 1942 *Le Mythe de Sisyphe*: "The struggle itself toward the heights is enough to fill a man's heart."

The meditative beauty of Sisyphus is at the core of what makes it appealing, according to David Aberman, CGO.

"Relaxing kinetic art like this could only be experienced in a museum setting before, but is now something that people can bring into their own space. Not only can they bring Sisyphus into their space, but they can get hands-on with this art through track curation and creation, customizing it for their setting needs – be it winding down after a long day of work, or fascinating clients and co-workers in the office."

He explained the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Sisyphus owners marvel at the beauty these machines bring, and in many ways make them a central focal point in their households.



Because the company views Sisyphus as an "art instrument," they approach its design and production in the same manner as crafting musical instruments. They echo one of the central themes found in the Sisyphus myth; that of timelessness.

The first Sisyphus was created by Shapiro in 1998 after spending years as a self-taught builder of DIY CNC machines for use in his studio. Using scrapped components from industrial equipment gave him first-hand knowledge of and appreciation for their amazing precision and longevity. This same class of components is used in all of current products.

Aberman explained the Sisyphus mechanism has come a long way since its inception 23 years ago. Shapiro's early focus was on large-scale installations in public spaces. The first was a 3-metre-diameter version at Technorama, in Switzerland in 2003 (where it remains in service today). The desire to share Sisyphus with more people drove the development of smaller, more affordable versions now offered.

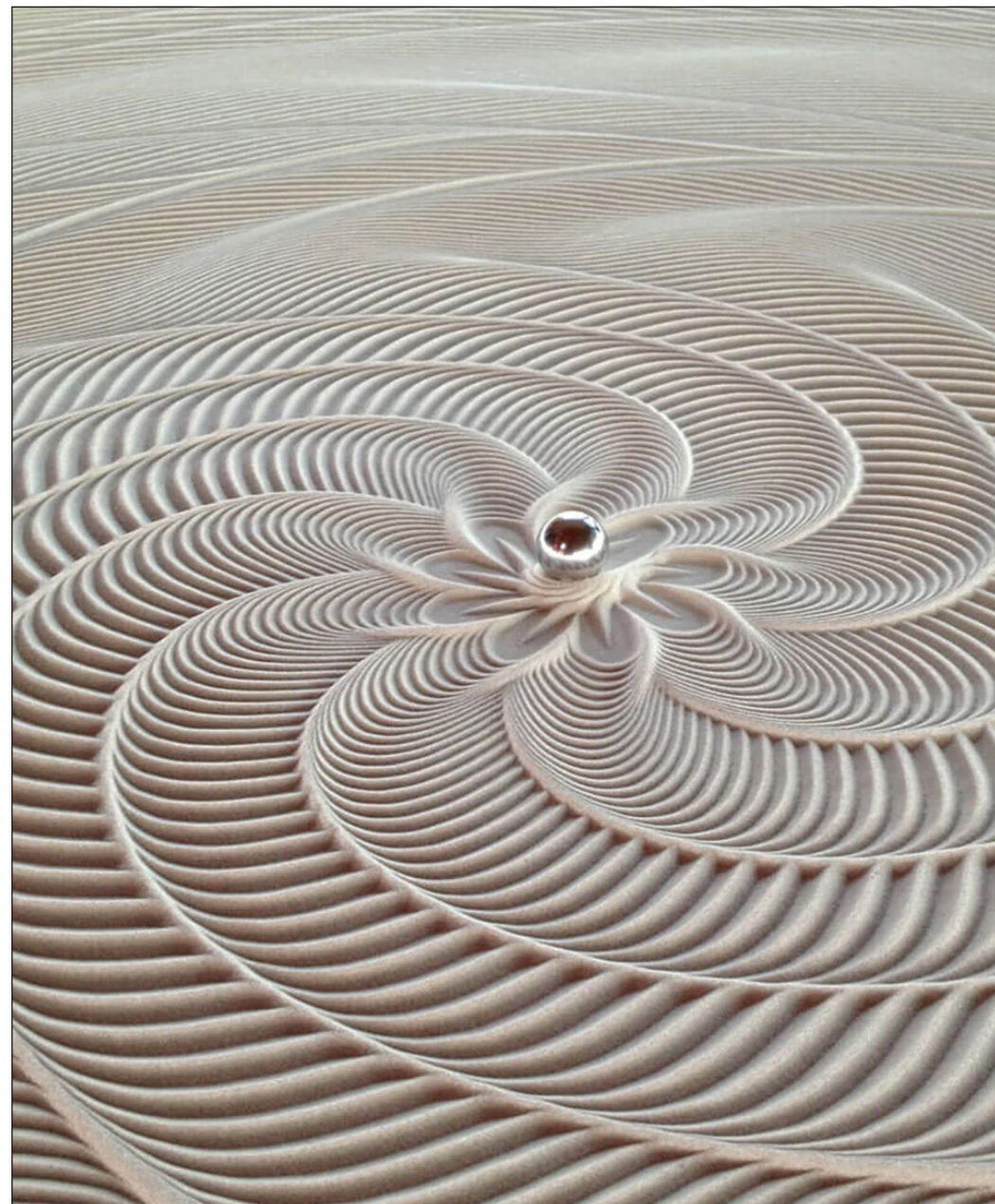
"Given its scalability and unlimited design possibilities for its structural furniture, we envision it being a beautiful addition in almost any setting," he said. "While we offer 'standard' versions, we relish the opportunity and challenge to do custom work."

Aberman said they often take on large-scale pieces for custom homes, offices and businesses. There's really no limit on how large and complex the mechanism can be.

Visit sisyphus-industries.com to learn more. To take advantage of a special discount for King Sentinel readers, enter the code *king-sentinel* at the top of the check-out page in "Click here to enter your code." This will automatically deduct a 10% discount from the items you purchase.

You can find their social accounts on Instagram @sisyphus_industries and on Facebook @sisyphusindustries where they regularly post photos and videos of what Sisyphus does best – creating captivating kinetic art.

More information about Shapiro's motion control art and its history can be found at: <http://www.taomc.com/>



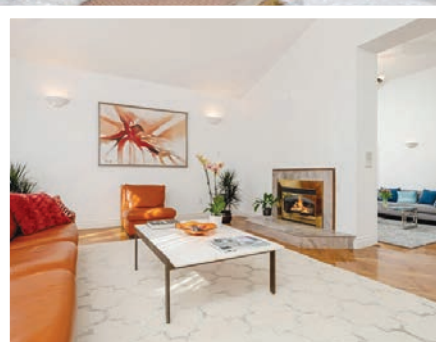
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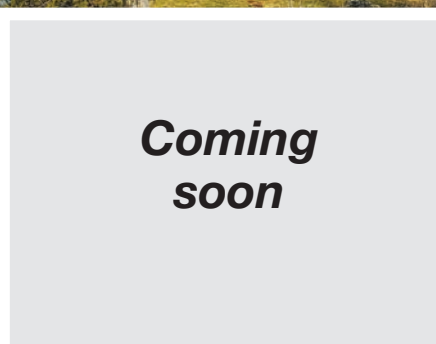
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Arts & Entertainment

Variety abounds in virtual 2021 Studio Tour King

By Kathleen Rodgers

Visiting the country is a wonderful way to spend a weekend. It offers the opportunity to explore quaint villages and the studios of the local artists and artisans whose artwork often reflects the landscape around them.

The 16th Studio Tour King has been extended and will take place from April 12 to 25 with the preview from April 5 to 11. The studio tour may include fine paintings (in acrylic, oil, and watercolour), wood working, photography, fibre arts, metal works, mixed media, etc.

Studio Tour King will feature many artists and artisans in studios around King Township including King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. Their information can be found on the Arts Society King (ASK) website at www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca as of April 5. Go to the ASK website, click on EVENTS then VIRTUAL STUDIO TOUR 2021 to see the participating artists, their biographies and up to twelve photos of their artwork for sale.

There will be a link to his/her website and social media accounts for additional artwork available. If you are in-



terested in purchasing any item, please contact the artist directly for their payment options and to arrange for delivery of the item.

Here are a few more artists who will be participating this year:

Hans Martin retired after a career in atmospheric physics in 1998 and in 2003 took up watercolour painting. He enrolled in well-known artist Donnah Cameron's watercolour classes in Newmarket until a few years ago when she moved. In time he became familiar with various art organizations including SOYRA and ASK. He has participated in several shows and other special events. He has won several watercolour awards including two honourable mentions and three first prizes. Website: www.hansmartin.art; FACEBOOK: [hans.martin.52035772](https://www.facebook.com/hans.martin.52035772)

Vladimir Lopatin was born in St. Petersburg, Russia. He attained a Bachelor of Arts degree at the Academy of Art and Design in Kharkov, Ukraine. He moved to Canada in 1997 and now lives in Aurora.

His interest and love of art began during childhood and became a lifelong passion. He likes to work using different materials like oil, pastel, and watercolor; acrylic and mixed media to be the ideal mediums to express his passion for art. He paints and sculpts the world he lives in. Nature gives him an endless supply of forms and patterns for inspi-

ration. His art is stylized fantasy rather than realism. His work can be found in private collections in Ukraine, Russia, Yugoslavia, Germany, Australia, USA, and Canada. As a member of the Richmond Hill Group of Artists (RHGA), he has participated in numerous solo and group shows at the Mill Pond Gallery.

Website: http://natureartists.com/vladimir_lopatin.asp art-3000.com/artist/?id=1434

Olena Lopatina was born in Ukraine and graduated from the Academy of Art and Design with a Bachelor in Fine Arts degree. She moved to Canada in 1997 and now lives in Aurora. After moving to Canada, she attained a degree in computer graphic design and multimedia web design. She then became an active artist in the community.

Her love of art came at an early age. The inspiration of nature – landscapes, waterscapes, and floral became the themes of her paintings. As an intuitive painter, she finds beauty in her surroundings and enjoys painting what inspires her; using oils to portray that beauty.

Website: http://natureartists.com/olena_lopatina.asp art-3000.com/artist/?id=807

Mary Morganelli immigrated from Italy where her love for art developed at an early age.

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Grab and Go Bags at the Library

Are you missing the opportunity to browse the collection at your local library branch and pick up items on a whim, rather than place a hold? Do you like to grab more than one item on the same topic?

While staff can't let you back in just yet, King Township Public Library (KTPL) is now offering Grab and Go Bags on a wide variety of themes and genres.

The KTPL team has initiated this contactless alternative to browsing, as right now the branches are only open for curbside pickup. In addition to placing holds on materials, you can now browse a selection of staff selected Grab and Go Bags that include both fiction and non-fiction books, DVDs, Time Travel Adventures, Babytime, Historical fiction, Character Sets e.g. Lego, Pinkalicious, and Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

Choices change daily, and there's something new with every visit. Each bag contains 4 to 6 items.

"Staff were reporting an increase in the number of patrons missing the ability to browse for materials," said Philip Wasley, KTPL's branch services coordinator. "Our patrons are enjoying this new service and look forward to their library visits even more!"

Simply arrive at the library during curbside service hours and take a look at what's on display. Let staff know which bag or two you'd like. Show your library card and staff will check out your selections. Grab and go! Visit the Library's website kinglibrary.ca for more services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

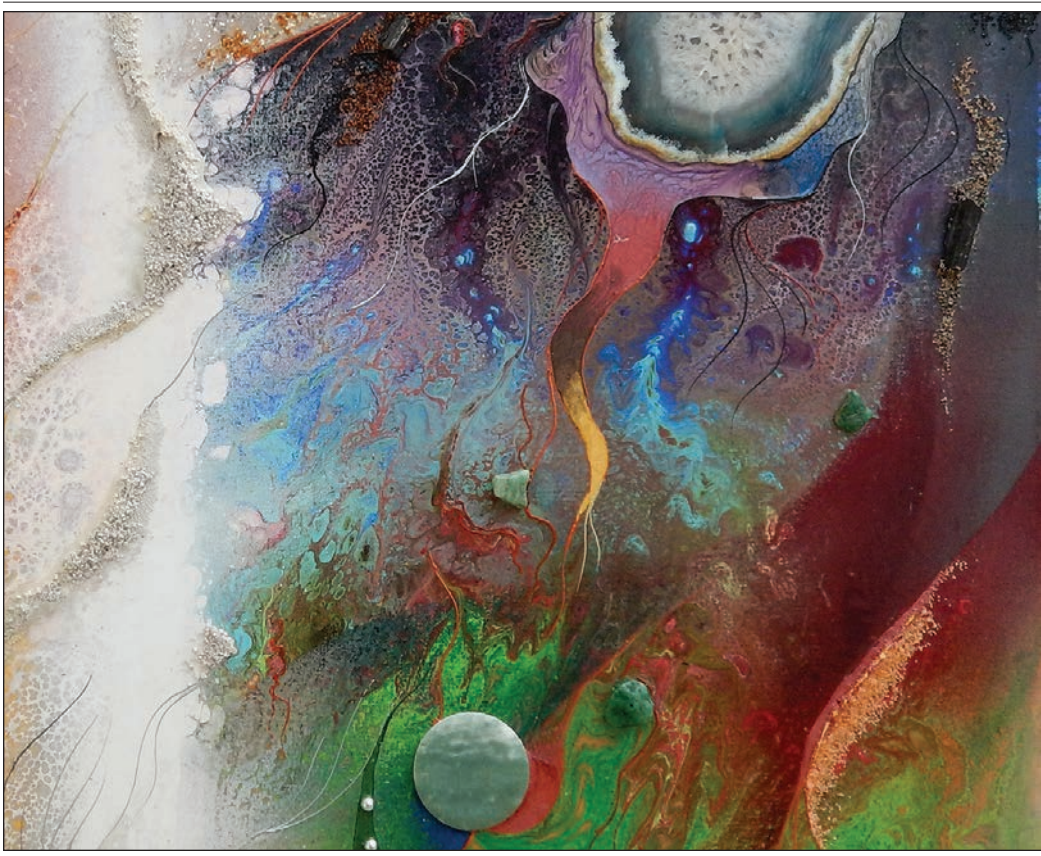
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Support local artists starting in April

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Her artwork was put aside to start a family, but recently she revived her passion by taking private lessons. She adores painting whatever inspires her, including portraits, landscapes, flowers, animals, automobiles, and more.

Using an array of mediums, her therapeutic creations tell stories, express emotions, and some are just for fun. For Mary, variety is the spice of life. Website: www.mariellart.com

If you are looking for something to do in April after a long cold winter, visit some art studios virtually to support the local artists and artisans. Some artists offer classes so it may be an opportunity to try something new! Who knows maybe one day you will be participating in a studio tour!

The artists look forward to “seeing” you and sharing their work with you on this year’s Studio Tour King 2021.



Olde Mill gallery open for business

The Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe in Schomberg has opened its doors again.

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.

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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)



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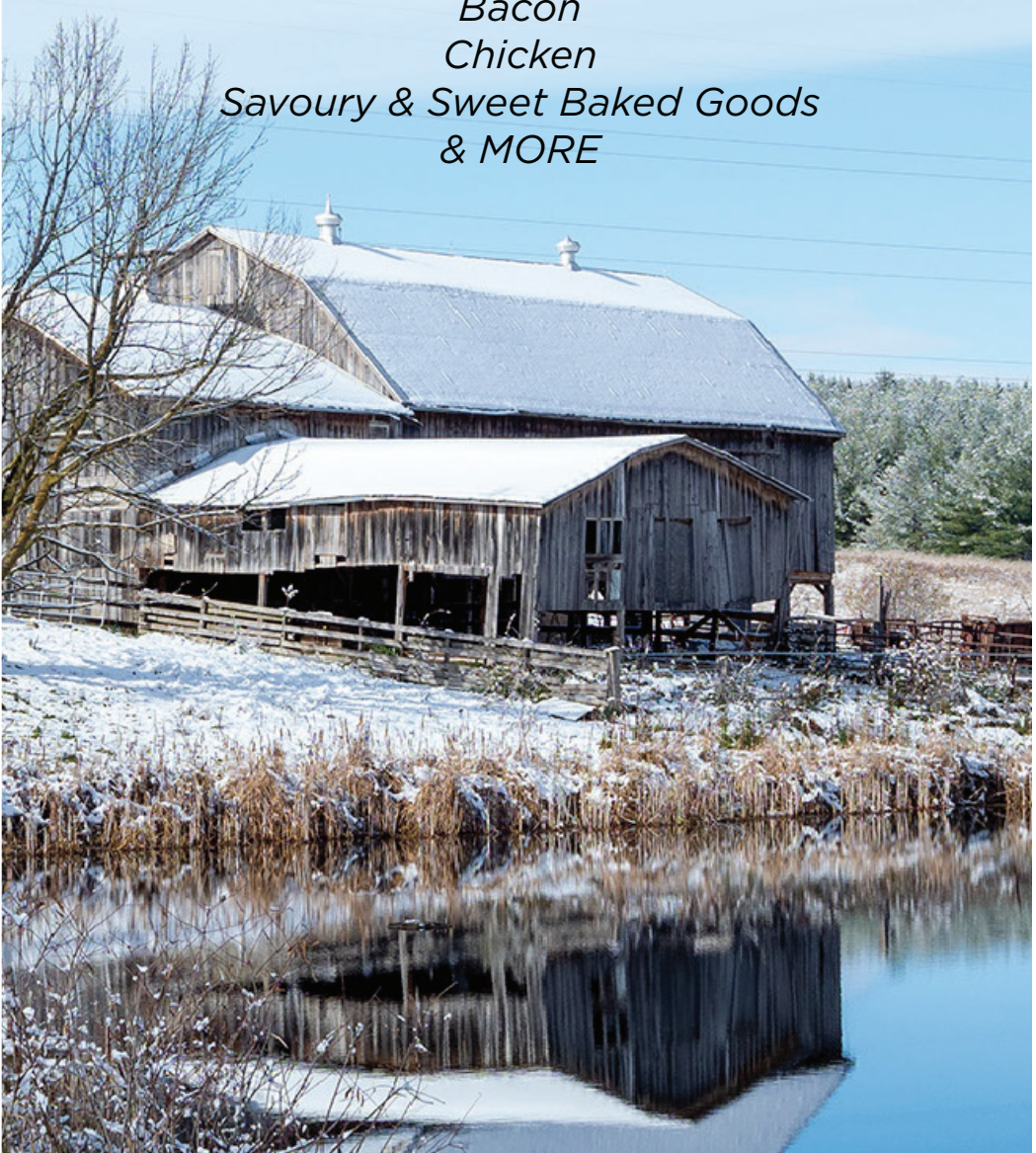
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King dancer Richardson anxious to get back on stage

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Live stage performances have been curtailed during the pandemic, but it hasn't contained the passion and expression for one King dancer.

Stage veteran Hannah Richardson can't wait to share her passion with audiences once again.

It's difficult to go from the pinnacle of live performing, to total withdrawal.

Richardson noted she travelled with her fellow dance mates from Alvin Ailey to Amsterdam to perform at the 2020 Holland Dance Festival. She was a featured dancer in the festival and was honoured to have been chosen to present flowers to HRH Princess Beatrix of Netherlands at the opening ceremonies.

Richardson also had the pleasure to work with Evidence, A Dance Company with Ronald K. Brown as artistic director, on their debut performance of "Mercy." This was performed at the wonderful Fisher Center at Bard, Annandale-on-Hudson, a truly fantastic space. The original music was live and it was "magical," she said.

She also had "the exhilarating plea-

sure" to have performed at the Lincoln Center, the Mecca of the performance stage, not once but three times.

"I will always be excited entering those doorways, hallways, tunnels, aisles, that stage where greatness has danced, sung, performed, and witnessed magic being created. It will always be my honour."

Certainly the pandemic has put a pause on her plans. Since all touring stopped, many of her performances have been online.

"For example I taped my part for recording artist Teyana Taylor's music video, 'Made It,' in my washroom in King City then they edited and arranged it to be part of the music video. As well, I cleared out my living room to resemble an empty dance studio to shoot a promo video for Jonathan Singletery's single, 'Falling Away.' I kept shouting 'quiet on the set' to my family's dismay."

And Richardson feels "very fortunate" to be able to participate "in dance bubbles." These are very contained atmospheres of dancers coming together, living and working in the safest way possible. That includes multiple COVID testing, quarantining, taking all precautions.

"I truly would take as many tests necessary to be able to come together as dancers, onto the marley floor and create something beautiful."

When the world is "repaired," Richardson hopes to back to rehearsing and performing around the world, sharing her love and joy of dance.

"I enjoy interacting with the audience and always feel blessed when I get the chance to speak to them during any Q&A sessions or talkbacks. And after a very long, rewarding career I hope to come home and start my own performance school that will consist of the triple threat; acting, singing and dancing."

Richardson has been performing since the tender age of three. She began her dance training at Maple Academy of Dance under the direction of Ginette Guimond. She has graduated with honors from the prestigious Ailey School in New York City. Prior to her life at Ailey's, Hannah traveled coast to coast competing in many dance competitions taking home many overall awards, top honours and has been a recipient of many scholarships.



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Hannah performed on TV shows such as Family Channel's The Next Step, Disney Channel's Backstage, and also roles in movies. She played Katie in the film "Everyday," based on the book written by David Levithan, directed by Michael Sucsy. She has also performed in the 2017 fall/winter Vogue Collections fashion video and has been the opening and closing performer for many New York Fashion Week shows.

Hannah has performed works by Bradley Shelver, Tina Bush, Ray Mercer, Fredrick Earl Mosley, Clifton Brown, William Forsythe.

She was also a principal dancer in performances at the 2020 Holland Dance Festival and took part in a video performance for Def Jam artist Teyana Taylor. Hannah is currently a special guest artist with Evidence: A Dance Company and the newest company member with Ailey II.

When she was 13 years old, she auditioned for a position at the renowned Alvin Ailey summer intensive program in New York City, home to The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. And then

she was offered a scholarship to attend.

"I had a wonderful time training and meeting new people. I knew this was the place for me. In my senior year of high school I had been accepted to institutions here and abroad to further my training like Ryerson, AMDA NYC, Boston Conservatory, and Tisch at NYU to name a few but it was love and fondness I had for The Alvin Ailey School that was my deciding factor."

Her love of dance is admittedly very emotional.

"I love the creativity of each movement, each jester, each rise and fall. It's a beautiful unspoken language. It's the hard work and appreciation of achieving the choreographers thoughts and sentiments successfully fluidly on to the stage."

Richardson notes her personal style of dance is constantly renewing and adapting, always developing.

For more on Richardson, email her at hannahalissarichardson@gmail.com or visit her Instagram: @hannahrichardson (main page) and @thehanexperience (dance page).

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King Township residents protest against Hwy. 413

By Robert Belardi

Residents gathered in King Township this past Saturday to protest against the construction of the 413-toll highway set to run from east and west north of the 407 ETR.

The rally began in front of the offices of King Township and ran all the way to MPP Stephen Lecce's office.

An article released to the Sentinel entitled "King's Stop the 413 Rally" written by Sherry Draisey and Nancy Hopkinson stated the reason for this location was to go directly against the support from King Township. It was later discovered King Township has retracted their support of the 413.

"It would stretch from Orangeville all the way through Vaughan. It cuts through a lot of class one and class two farmland. A lot of expropriation going on. It's going over a lot of environmentally protected areas apart from the farmland such as wetlands and marshes," said spokesperson and Concerned Citizens of King Township member, Julia Galt.

"We've been fighting against this for a very long time. I was delivering a lot of signs four months ago. This is the culmination of all of that where we're finally able to protest physically. We're all really upset about this."

Galt added that this protest is also against other projects that are harmful to the environment. She emphasized there is a need to step up.

In Saturday's objection and on the first day of Spring, the song "The Township of King," by the Barenaked Ladies themed the event.

Under the warm weather, their protests were met with friendly honks from cars that drove by. Jenni Le Forestier from Peel and Irene Ford from Vaughan attended.


On the STOP the 413 Facebook group, which has close to 2,000 members, other protests took place in Oakville, Burlington and Milton this past Saturday. Other protests that were not directly planned through the group, took place in Georgetown and Acton as well. Galt confirmed there are supporters in the group from other provinces.

According to Draisey and Hopkinson there is a lingering fear the province will accept the highway.

If you wish to join the Facebook group to receive further information you must request to join. Everyone is accepted. You can also head to <https://environmentaldefence.ca/stop-the-413/> for more information on this movement and facts and reasons why the construction of this highway is detrimental to the environment.



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Iran's final report on crash offers little, draws criticism

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Iran's final report on the downing of Ukrainian Flight 752 reveals little and offers nothing the way of an explanation.

Canadian officials and victims' family members are casting doubt on Iran's investigation into the destruction of Ukrainian Airlines Flight PS752 after it concluded the aircraft was shot down due to human error.

Safety investigators from Iran's civil aviation authority conclude the Boeing 737-800 passenger plane was shot down accidentally in January 2020 after being "misidentified" by an air defence unit as a "hostile target."

All 176 passengers and crew members – including 138 people with ties to Canada – died in the crash.

Marc Garneau, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport, said important critical questions remain.

"The report makes no attempt to answer critical questions about what truly happened," said a joint statement by the ministers. "It appears incomplete and has no hard facts or evidence. Our government, along with the Honourable Ralph Goodale, Special Advisor to the Prime Minister on PS752, has repeatedly called for a comprehensive and transparent investigation according to international standards to answer all the critical outstanding questions. We remain deeply concerned about the lack of convincing information and evidence, despite the publication of this investigation report.

"Their families deserve answers to important questions, including on the series of events that led to these missiles being launched in the first place, and why the airspace was allowed to remain open during a period of heightened hostilities. Upon preliminary review of the investigation report, it is clear we still do not have answers as to why Iran did not put in place the necessary measures, such as a full closure of their airspace, to prevent such a tragedy.

"We reiterate Canada's commitment to seeking answers and justice by holding Iran accountable and by ensuring it takes full responsibility and makes full reparations for the harm caused to the families and loved ones of the victims of Flight PS752."

The Association of Families of Flight PS752 Victims strongly rejects the submissions of Iran in its final technical report on the downing of Flight PS752, "which appear to be mere fabrications and a continuation of a lie. The contents published in this report, as with their previous reports, contain countless inconsistencies and are grossly inadequate to justify Iran's claims about the causes of the downing.

"Given all available information, the families of victims cannot accept Iran's claims that Flight PS752 was shot down due to a human error or that it was mistaken for a cruise missile. The available evidence, as well as inconsistencies in Iran's claims, point to the opposite direction: that Flight PS752 was shot down intentionally.

Nobleton's Shahin Moghaddam helped start the association, after he lost his wife and son in the tragedy.

"Over the last several months, the Association has made public a portion of the available factual evidence that exposes the implausibility of the claims of human error and raises questions from Iranian authorities about whether Iran will ever disclose the true facts. That view is shared among many of the officials and experts – including the former Foreign Minister of Canada, François-Philippe Champagne; Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine, Yevgheni Yenin; as well as the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary, or arbitrary executions appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Council, Agnès Callamard.

"In the words of Ms. Callamard, writing about information released by Iran at that point, Iran's claims and stories appear 'to be contrived to mislead in one or more ways.' This document then asserts that on the basis of the information released by Iran, 'it is not possible to answer many basic questions and clarify conjectures' that have 'led many to question whether the downing of Flight PS752 was not intentional.' There is nothing in Iran's final report that suggests a different conclusion now."

The association is asking for the public's help in pressing the federal government for an independent investigation into the crash.

"In our campaign to persuade Canadian Government to take the above

request to the UN Security Council, we have registered an e-petition e-3083 with the House of Commons in Ottawa, Canada. The goal of this petition is to get enough support in the parliament to direct Canadian Government to take this matter to the UN Security Council and put pressure on Islamic Regime to cooperate with the investigation. There are evidences that this attack on a civilian airplane was intentionally planned by Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps."

Visit this link for more, <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3083>

The Iranian report is also being reviewed by the International Coordination and Response Group for the victims of Flight PS752. The group includes ministers representing Afghanistan, Canada, Sweden, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom.

"As we have done since the beginning, the Coordination Group will continue to seek accountability and transparency from the Islamic Republic of Iran for this tragedy and justice for the victims."

The report itself concluded the aircraft was "misidentified as a hostile target by an air defense unit; two missiles were fired at PS752."

The Iranian report said "risk management was not effective due to occurrence of an error, which had not been previously predicted."

The report acknowledges the cause was the air defense's "launching of two surface-to-air missiles at the Flight PS752 ..."

The Iranian report said the crew were still alive after the first missile detonated in proximity to the aircraft and transponders stopped transmitting radio signals. The Iranians said it's not likely the second missile affected the aircraft. They said the aircraft maintained its structural integrity by the time it crashed into the ground and exploded, roughly 3 minutes, 27 seconds after the launch of the first missile.

The report stated that "an unanticipated error in threat identifications ... failed to protect the flight safety against the threats caused by the alertness of defense forces."

Kathy Fox, chair of the Transportation Safety Board of Canada, said a safety investigation is not intended to attribute blame or determine civil or criminal liability.

"Experience has shown that an independent and thorough safety-focused investigation usually offers the best chance of finding out what really happened and why, providing the answers that everyone is asking for, particularly the families who lost so much," she said.

While the TSB had no jurisdiction to conduct a parallel investigation, Iran offered the TSB more access to the investigation activities than we were technically entitled to, but less than what we asked for. For example, 2 TSB investigators spent 6 days in Tehran following the crash, visiting the accident site, examining the wreckage, and meeting with Iranian safety investigators to review information gathered by their team. Later, they also met with Iranian, Ukrainian, and French investigators in Kiev before returning to Canada.

In July of last year, a Canadian expert and a TSB recorder specialist attended the readout of the aircraft's flight recorders in Paris. Throughout the course of the investigation, they were in direct contact with Iran's AAIB and attended many discussions with the other participating countries. However, Fox said in spite of multiple requests, Canada was never formally accorded the higher status of accredited representative and hence were not allowed to listen to the cockpit voice recorders or directly access the flight data recordings.

At Ukraine's request, in early February of this year, TSB was invited to provide them technical assistance, and Ukraine gave us access to the draft safety report for review and comments, something we would not otherwise have been entitled to.

"Throughout this process, we have specifically asked Iran's AAIB to answer 3 important questions:

"What was the sequence of events, including the technical, human and organizational factors, that led to the missiles being fired and ultimately the downing of PS752?

"What was the basis for the decision to keep Iran's airspace open during a period of heightened military alert after Iran had launched missiles into Iraq?

"Why did civilian airlines continue to operate in Iran's airspace in the hours following Iran's launch of missiles into Iraq?"


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Nobleton man says Iranian report 'deceives' and 'denies' responsibility

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Iran's final report into the downing of Ukrainian Flight 752 is nothing but "lies and misleading information," according to a local man who lost his wife and son in the tragedy.

Shahin Moghaddam says it's up to the governments of the world, including Canada, to seek the truth and push for action.

Moghaddam wants the federal government to take a stronger stance and abandon its "no action policy."

He said the Islamic regime blamed the missile station operator and acquitted all the commanders of the IRGC and Ali Khamenei, as well as the commander-in-chief of the Iranian armed forces, "who were directly responsible for this criminal act."

The Islamic regime report, Shahin Moghaddam said, is "clearly designed to deceive and to deny and to deflect the truth. It is perfectly clear, that what Mr. Zarif said couple of weeks ago was true. He stated that the government of Iran will never be transparent on this and it is time to Canadian government to stand up against those who murdered its citizens. The Islamic Regime's report clearly released to cover up the truth" for the following reasons:

The Iranian report on the shooting down of 752 clearly demonstrates once again that Iran "has no intention of being transparent or accountable for the deaths of our loved ones at the hands of the IRGC. Once again Iran has demonstrated its commitment to denial and deception. It is Canada who needs to change its approach."

Moghaddam said the Islamic regime has shown again and again, since its founding, that it will never change itself. This regime does not respect any international law unless to be forced by international communities.

"The Trudeau government does not rely only on negotiation. It is time for Canada to inset diplomatic pressure in parallel to negotiation in order to force this regime to corporate."

Moghaddam helped launch the Association of Families of Flight PS752 Victims shortly after the tragedy. They are fighting for justice and compensation for the victims' families.

Canada, he said, should consider the following steps:

- Canada should ban the IRGC in its entirety as a terrorist organization. The IRGC's terrorist credentials are unquestioned. In fact, Prime Minister Trudeau voted to ban the IRGC in a parliamentary resolution in 2018. Why has he not implemented the resolution he voted for?

- Canada should impose Magnitsky sanctions on the most senior Iranian officials responsible for the shooting down of PS752.

- Canada must ask its alliances to declare Iran's sky as unsafe until Islamic regime cooperate with the investigation and Canada and other countries are able to access to all the information's needed to find the truth about this downing.

- Canada should seek help form its alliances to support a resolution at the UN security council to force Islamic regime to cooperate with investigation by third party.

- Canada should take its complains to the International court of Justice against this barbaric act of shooting by Islamic regime of Iran and seek justice for families and victims.

"Unfortunately, Canadian government with its no action policy put the life of Canadians across the world in danger. The Chinese government can take Canadians as hostages with no consequences. Islamic regime can rape and kill Zahra Kazemi, the Iranian Canadian journalist with no consequences. Islamic Regime can kill the Canadian Iranian environmentalist and did nothing. All this no action by Canada gives the green light to many tyrannies across the world that life of Canadians are worth nothing and they can do whatever they want to do with no consequences. It is time for Canada start to act and show to world that the life of Canadians are precious and if they endanger the life of any Canadian, there is a consequences. This change of approach will only happen by action. In addition, it is time for opposition parties in the Parliament to question this pacificism by Canadian government.

"What is the Canadian government going to do change his policies in this respects?" he asks.

Moghaddam said the report is clear, the intentions are clear, but what is not clear what is Canada is going to do to

seek justice for its citizens.

Association of Families of Flight PS752 Victims is asking for an independent investigation into the shooting down of Flight PS752 to House of Commons and UN Security Council.

The group has registered an e-petition (e-3083) with the House of Commons in Ottawa. The goal is to get enough support in Parliament to direct the federal government to take this

matter to the UN Security Council and put pressure on Islamic Regime to cooperate with the investigation.

"There are evidences that this attack on a civilian airplane was intentionally planned by Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps," Moghaddam said.

They need to collect as many signatures as possible. Visit <https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-3083>

Councillors' remuneration released

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Taxpayers are getting good return for the cost of governance in King. Salaries for councillors were released for 2020, and reveal a 9% hike over 2019. In 2019, the Municipal Act removed a 1/3 tax-free allowance for councillors. This caused the increase for 2020.

The total remuneration for local politicians last year was \$388,300.56. This represents less than 1% of the Township's annual budget.

The totals include more than councillors' salaries, and also include payroll benefits, health and dental expenses, all of which receive a dollar amount.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini received a salary of \$78,417.51, along with \$12,147.09 in payroll benefits, \$6,788.38 in health and dental and a \$6,000 car allowance. The mayor also received \$656.23 for municipal expenses or attending events. That brought his total to \$104,009.21.

There's a slight variance in councillors' salaries, but all are in the area of \$36,000. Councillors receive a small stipend when they serve as chair or deputy.

Councillor David Boyd received \$36,105.28 and \$5,665.31 in payroll benefits. He had \$7,548.32 in health benefits, for a total payout of \$49,318.91.

Councillor Avia Eek received \$36,205.25 and \$5,681.50 in payroll benefits and another \$6,788.38 in health benefits, for a total of \$48,675.13.

Bill Cober received \$36,117.18, along with \$5,667.23 in payroll and \$6,788.38 in health benefits. His total was \$48,572.79.

Jakob Schneider received a salary of \$36,023.61, along with \$5,652.07 in payroll benefits and \$2,550.30 in health benefits. He also had \$373.55 in expenses, for a total of \$44,599.53.

Debbie Schaefer received a salary of \$35,954.14 and \$5,640.82 in payroll benefits, and another \$6,788.38 in health benefits. She claimed \$610.56 for memberships and education, for a total of \$48,993.90.

Jordan Cescolini received \$35,941.94 in salary, and \$5,638.84 in payroll benefits and another \$2,550.30 in health benefits. His total was \$44,131.91.

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Report fails to answer some key questions

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Fox said since receiving Iran's draft investigation report, the Canadian team has carefully reviewed and analyzed its contents and has now compared it to the final report.

Iran's final report concludes that PS752 was shot down because an air defense unit mistook the B737 aircraft as a threat. This misidentification reportedly occurred because of a misalignment of the missile launcher's radar. Furthermore, the operator did not receive permission to shoot from senior officers, as he should have.

Fox said Iran has provided no evidence to support this scenario, however, it is "a plausible explanation for what happened."

Schomberg resident Andre Milne, of Unicorn Aerospace, was not surprised with Fox's claim that the final report has been deemed as being a "plausible explanation" by the Canadian government.

"It became painfully obvious to me that this entire matter is just another political game on the world stage the second Justin Trudeau blurted out Iran's shooting down PS752 was unintentional," Milne said.

Milne said the Ukrainian Anti Terrorist Prosecutor has requested his help in the PS752 investigation to identify evidence that will bring the IRGC to the International Court of Justice for Crimes Against Humanity.

The report, Fox added, does not provide detailed information regarding how the misalignment occurred, nor what steps were taken to ensure it was



properly calibrated, the missile operator's training, experience, or proficiency, nor about how or why the required communications with central command were either not followed or were unsuccessful.

The report frames this action in the context of the heightened military alert given their expectation of retaliation following Iran's earlier launch of missiles against Iraqi air bases housing U.S. military personnel, but does

not discuss what supervision or oversight was provided of field operations by Iran's command and control system.

The report also doesn't discuss what steps the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps has taken since then to identify the underlying safety deficiencies that allowed such an error to occur, nor what safety action has been taken to prevent such a mistake from happening again.

"Without this, how can the international civil aviation community be re-

assured that such a tragic error won't happen again?"

Iran's final report generally explains the risk assessment process and mitigations that its civilian authorities took in coordination with the military, given the uncertainty of a retaliatory strike following their launch of missiles into Iraq. For example, the report says that Iran gradually cleared air traffic from using certain air routes to the west, from which direction they thought a retaliatory strike might come, and required military approval for each aircraft's departure from civil airports such as Tehran's International airport. However, Iran did not completely close its airspace to civilian aircraft.

In spite of being in a state of heightened military alert, Iran did not publish any notices to warn aircraft operators of these hazards, as recommended by ICAO, until after PS752 was shot down.

This report, Fox said, only partially explains why the airspace remained open and why operators continued to fly after Iran had launched missiles into Iraq.

"It does not explain any of the underlying factors behind why the missiles were launched at PS752, the stated cause of this tragedy. In short, the report says what happened, but doesn't address the why."

Now that this safety investigation has concluded, the TSB is committed to advocating for a review of the provisions of ICAO Annex 13 to improve the credibility and transparency of such future safety investigations so that families and the public can have confidence in their findings and recommendations.

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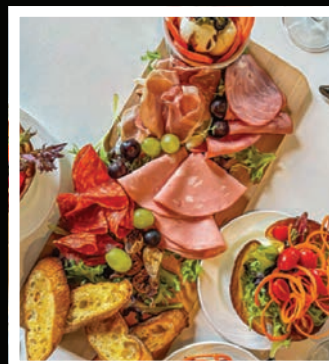
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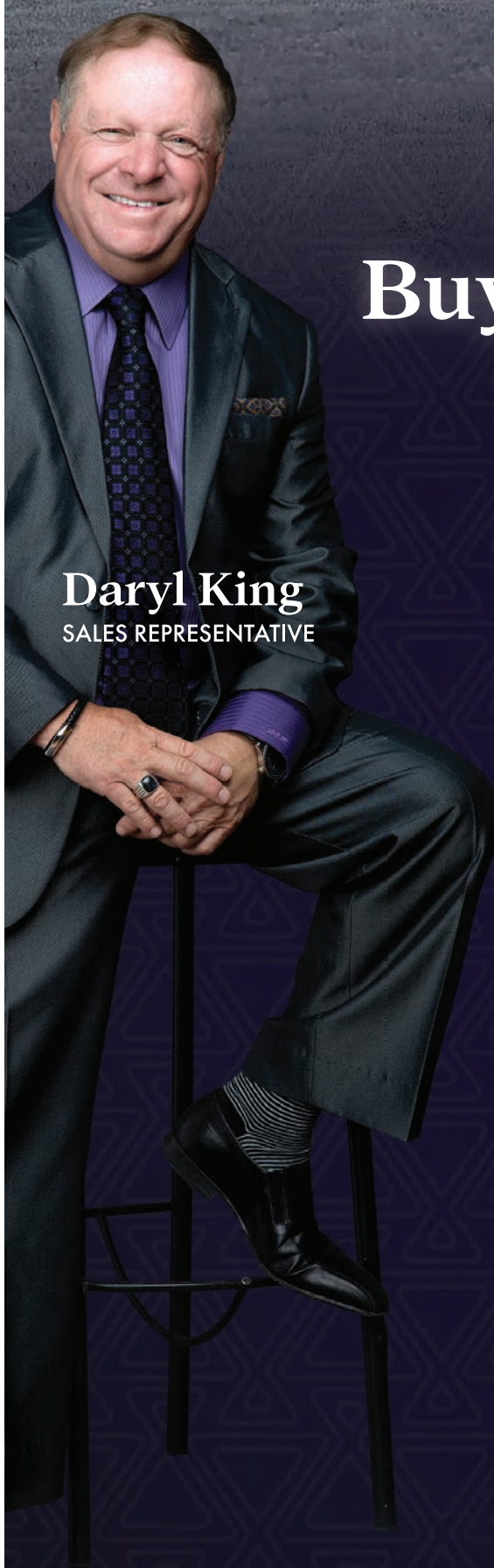


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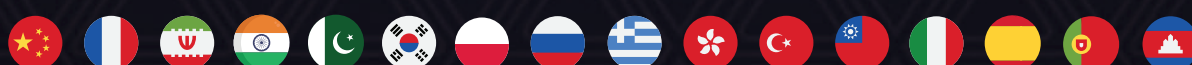
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Caledon Soccer Club announces registration

By Robert Belardi

Caledon Soccer Club is open for registration for the 2021 season.

The club announced their return split between two press releases. The first being the recreational program and the second geared towards development and rep players (available online).

With Peel Region still in the grey zone, Caledon SC has developed two programs that will have the availability to run in the red zone should that be the next move for the region in the near future.

Skills Development, which is set to run on May 18, will permit U-6 to U-14 players to train with staff and harness their technical skills for the summer. This five-week program is set at the cost of \$125.

The second program, entitled, Tiny Tykes is a lengthier program at 10 weeks. Children at the age of three will learn all of the fundamentals of the sport across the summer period. This program is set at a cost of \$150.

"What we did is we said, we can offer these programs because they can be done in the red zone. You can do ball work skill work with myself or the tech-

nical staff. You can be social distanced on the field," said club head coach and technical director Terry Madison.

Communications Director Emma Mehlenbacher confirmed that payments for these two programs are being collected now.

"For the house league we're telling people just register, register for free. We want to see the numbers and the interest level. We won't charge any money until we know we can run a league."

The return to playing house league games is set to begin on July 1. Madison says just under 200 children have been registered in the first week for the recreational programs. Traditionally, registrations would have begun in January. House league would have 700 to 800 children registered under normal circumstances in a calendar year.

As for the development and rep programs, the season was supposed to kick off at Humberview's turf field on April 2. That start time does not look likely. Madison says there are 225 children involved in this program and he hopes all of them will return this summer. Last year, 95 per cent of these children came back.

Much like house league, no down

payment is required in this registration as well.

And finally, for the adult league, Madison says he doesn't expect any adults to return unless games are per-

mitted.

Citizens can register now free of charge on the Caledon SC website and will be provided further cost information at a later date.

Aurora Sports Hall of Fame on the lookout for nominations

By Robert Belardi

The Aurora Sports Hall of Fame new social media strategy a key factor in promoting the nomination process, President Javed Khan says.

"The reason we're taking this strategy and tactic is to create some buzz and awareness," Khan said.

"You may know someone like this that's done some amazing things in our community as an athlete, a builder or a coach, that you want to recognize as potential to get into the hall of fame."

Recently, the Hall of Fame has recognized previous winners Jim Clark and Ryan Gardner with special video tributes posted on Instagram and Facebook. Links to the nomination process are provided.

This year, Khan hopes patrons will nominate more women.

"We need more females. We only have three females in our hall," Khan said.

He also says he hopes athletes, coaches or builders in sports other than hockey are promoted. As of now, there are limited Hall of Fame representatives from soccer, baseball, hockey, and rugby.

The requirements to fill out the nomination process are quite simple. Nominees are only expected to check off one of the criteria that is established.

The Nomination Form must be completed and can be downloaded off of the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame website. A 500-word proposal must be written describing the person's achievements in their sport. Documentation, such as newspaper clippings and anything to further support their proposal is also required, along with a letter of endorsement.

The nomination process will officially close as of 12 p.m., March 26.

For any questions you may email Khan at javed@empresion.ca.

Player Assist Program will help families in need

By Robert Belardi

The Ontario Minor Hockey Association introduces a player-assist program for the first-time helping families across Ontario financially impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Basically, mirroring the goalie program, is this player assist program. Now what we would do is provide player kits to the association," Executive Director of the OMHA, Ian Taylor says.

"Players can try the sport and sample the sport without having to put all that investment in all that equipment. The goal for us is eliminating another one of those barriers to entry."

The goalie-assist program, introduced 10 years ago, supplements the cost of goalie equipment for parents by providing rental equipment for children between the ages of five and seven. According to the OMHA's press release, 480 sets of equipment have been rented out since the program's inception.

The same concept will be applied in this player-assist program. Players at or under the age of seven will be given equipment to borrow.

To qualify, minor hockey associations around the province must apply to the OMHA by March 28. If approved that association can provide the equipment at their discretion.

Depending on the demand it is highly unlikely minor hockey associations receive equipment in consecutive seasons.

"I don't think we've duplicated anybody yet in the goalie assist. But I guess

it all depends on the demand and how many applications we get," Taylor said.

"We want to spread the wealth. We want to give as much opportunity across the board."

Taylor recognizes children don't just walk into playing hockey. There are plenty of external factors preventing families from signing up their children that are far beyond registration fees. He hopes this program will have an excellent impact moving forward for families across Ontario. It could be the gateway for children coming into the sport or simply, spending a year trying it out.

The OMHA's press release said over 350 families through 10 minor hockey associations will have costs eliminated.

Assisting the OMHA with this program is their loyal sponsor since 2018, the Egg Farmers of Ontario.

Historically, they have only been a sponsor during the playoffs, but with the post-season having been cancelled, they found another way to help out minor hockey.

"They could have easily stepped away. They just didn't want to do that. They said how else can we make an impact in the community?" Taylor said.

"They stepped up in fact. It will impact kids. It will impact directly and in fact, this might be a more important way to be involved. It's just great."

For more information, please be in contact with your local minor hockey association to find out if they have been approved and how to qualify for either of the assist programs offered.

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Memories wanted ahead of Horse Show centennial

By Brock Weir

For more than eighty years, the Aurora Horse Show was a staple on Aurora's calendar.

Although it came to an end in 2006, the memories endure for generations of residents.

And that's where the Aurora Museum & Archives comes in.

Ahead of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Aurora Horse Show in 1922, the local museum is asking residents to contribute their photos, artefacts and, perhaps most importantly, their memories to make the anniversary one for the books.

A publication is just one of the many initiatives the Museum has planned to mark the occasion, but there are some gaps that those who attended in years past will be instrumental in filling.

"The Horse Show was a big deal in Aurora," says Shawna White, Curator of the Aurora Museum and Archives, of the event which has its roots as a privately-run event in 1922.

It wasn't until the following year, however, that the Horse Show began taking shape as an attraction for all Aurorans, first at Town Park and, come the 1970s, the more spacious Machell Park.

"You look at Town Park now and can't believe there was a horse show and a midway," says Ms. White. "It is part of the memory of everybody who grew up in Aurora. It was something you looked forward to. It was fabulous. What better way to celebrate it than doing a publication – a nice book with lots of photographs, the whole history of it? What we're wanting now is to reach out to the community members who have memories of it. Maybe they were in-

involved in it, maybe they can tell us that story before it is gone. As we get further afield and more generations come in, it will be gone."

The Aurora Museum and Archives is brimming over with artefacts and photos from Horse Show events from the 1940s and 50s, but tangible mementos and memories are scarce in later decades. In fact, there is little to nothing to serve as a legacy for events from the 1970s through to its demise in the first decade of the new millennium.

"It is one of those things where everybody went to it, everybody knows about it, but nobody bothers to save it," says Ms. White. "We need programs, we need posters, we need photographs. If anyone took home movies there or did anything like that, we would love to see that just so we can tell the story. There are these amazing things that happened in Town Park, but who were the people and what did they do? Where else did they compete? We know the famous ones, but we don't have these individual ones and the memory of what the show meant to the community."

Beyond the centenary of the Horse Show next year, part of the Museum's strategy is collecting the history of today, the things that people will want to see 100 years from now. They want to bring together the lived experiences of

Aurorans as they are living it, says Ms. White, and that includes the mementos you might be squirreling away in boxes to look at another day – even if it is 50 years from now.

One such initiative the Museum has begun preserving for generations to come is the Solidarity March which took place in Aurora last spring in conjunction with the murder of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter movement.

"We reached out to organizers to get some of those things to put in the Archives because they can tell that story," says Ms. White. "We're asking people to tell us these stories so we're not putting words in their mouth. They will tell us how they felt about it, how it came about, so people 50 to 100 years from now aren't making assumptions and drawing conclusions. We are very much trying to capture things as they happen and being able to talk to people who are doing it to get their thoughts about things that are happening."

"We also have the ongoing Documenting the Pandemic project asking people, whether they are making a diary or pictures, we want that content."

To share your memories or artefacts with the Aurora Museum & Archives, contact curator Shawna White at swhite@aurora.ca.

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YRDSB launches pilot Black Student Success Network

York Region District School Board has launched the pilot Black Student Success Network (BSSN). This interdepartmental team, comprised of the Graduation Coaches for Black Students, the Community Partnership Developer for the African Caribbean Community and Performance Plus, and the Itinerant Identity-Specific Social Worker for the Black community, will collectively assist with providing internal wrap around support to both foster and promote Black student success and well-being.

The establishment of the BSSN is in response to a robust consultation process, co-led by the Anti-Black Racism Steering Committee and York Region Black community partners, seeking to connect Black students and their families to critical internal and external resources that directly address the needs of Black students. This network will also support schools with the creation of safe (Black) identity-affirming learning environments while also providing opportunities for staff to deepen their learning about racial literacy.

"Together in unity, we must challenge the status quo to disrupt and dismantle systemic anti-Black racism," said Fawzia Durrani, principal, Inclusive School and Community Services. "Deputy Minister Dwyer's powerful words inspire us to cultivate the excellence of our Black students and to affirm and nurture their brilliance. The Black Student Success Network will work with great determination in service of this goal and is committed to innovative and bold actions to create the necessary conditions for change in support of Black student success and well-being."

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HOW COVID-19 HAS COMPLICATED THE GRIEF PROCESS

Written by Hollie Van der Ende, Supportive Care Coordinator
Doane House Hospice

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It is hard to believe, it’s been a year since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic! So much has changed in our daily lives, but the one thing that hasn’t is our want and need for personal connections. This is especially true when it comes to people experiencing grief and bereavement.

Grief is defined as: “a natural response to any type of loss.”

On its own, grief is challenging, but COVID-19 has complicated the grieving process by adding more losses on top of what someone may be experiencing when a loved one dies.

Some of those added losses you may be grieving are:

- Your inability to be present or say goodbye to your loved one before they died;
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Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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York Pines United Church

York Pines United Church has a new, updated website. Check it out at: www.yorkpines.ca.

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

As we await more vaccine availability, stay safe and well everyone.

Schomberg Horticultural Society

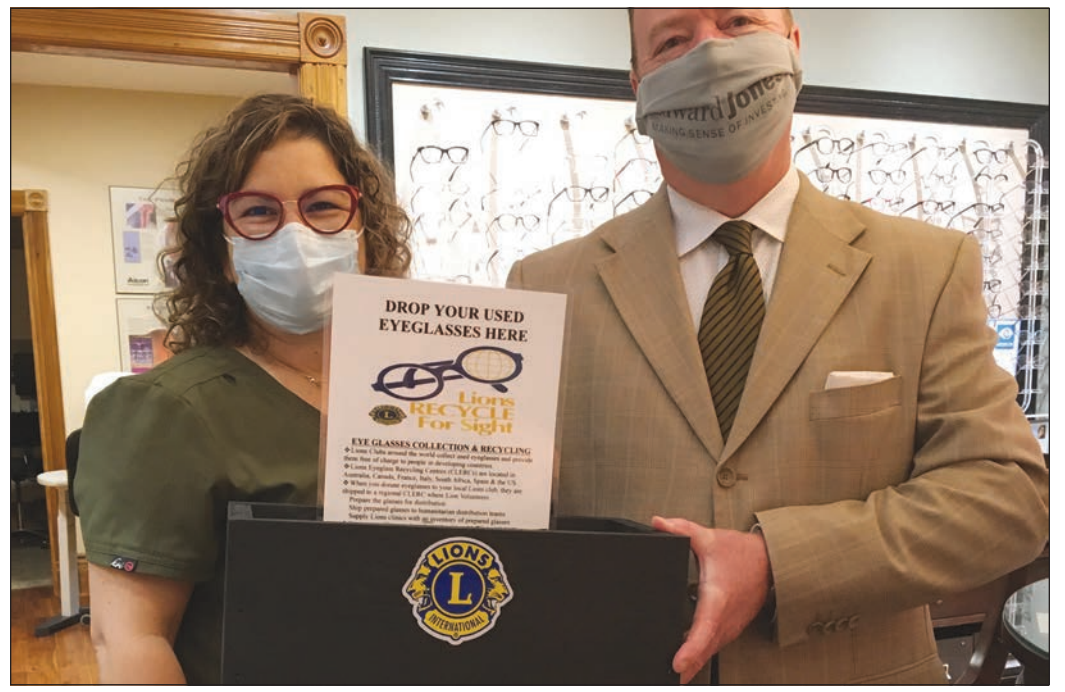
The Schomberg Horticultural Society is welcoming new members. A yearly membership (\$5.00 pp) will support

local initiatives, like the seasonal displays at the Centennial Garden at 'The Gates to Schomberg', the library gardens and other public gardens around town. Members will also be invited to attend monthly educational, gardening related, zoom meetings and enjoy comradery among like minded people. 'Come grow with us' Membership information: schomberghortsociety@gmail.com

Also, the Schomberg Horticultural Society is confident that it will be able to hold their much anticipated Annual Garden Tour this year on Sept. 12. This is a self-guided driving tour of some of the most beautiful, unique, diverse and awe-inspiring properties in and around Schomberg in the picturesque Township of King.

This event is in collaboration with King Township, Arts Society King (ASK) and generously sponsored by Natureshade Tree Care. On the tour you will find unique properties, artists and pop up shops.

The tickets for this self-guided driving tour are sold in advance through Eventbrite and on the day of the tour at Schomberg Library, 77 Main St., Schomberg. Tickets are \$15 per person and the event is rain or shine.



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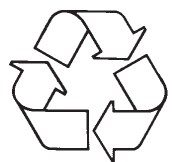
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Nobleton Notes

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

You are welcome to join us in person for worship. Being in the red zone does mean we need to adhere to the numbers allowed, but we encourage you to come out and join us.

This Sunday, March 28 at 10 a.m., our Pastor, Jeff, will lead us in worship. His message is entitled, "Fulfill Your Calling" based on 1 Corinthians 12.12-31a. 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 continues 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.

St. Mary's Church

Please join us in-person on a first come, first serve basis for the celebration of the Holy Mass as per Mass schedule in bulletin.

For those who cannot join us, the celebration of the Sunday Holy Mass for this weekend will be livestreamed at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 28, from St. Patrick's Church, Schomberg.

Please go to our Facebook page to join us for this virtual celebration of the Sunday liturgy.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: You may also invite your children to join the Children's Liturgy of the Word on

Zoom hosted by Rose and Merilena. For more information on how to join, please call Rose at 416-605-6843 or email: rosepallotto@gmail.com

Life Teen Parish Youth Group: Calling all Teens Grades 7-12 to join our Life Teen - Life Night next Saturday, March 27 at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom.

For Zoom link please contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or zephaniagangl315@gmail.com. Perfect for teens registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Holy Rosary Group: Don't forget to join us every Monday at 7 p.m. to pray the Holy Rosary on Zoom.

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

We will be checking emails and phone messages periodically.

For those who are preparing for the Sacraments in 2021, we will continue to keep you updated by email.

Check out our Facebook page for parish updates, prayers and Saturday Vigil or Sunday Holy Mass livestream. Kindly see the parish bulletin Mass schedule for private and Livestream Masses. You may continue to request

Mass Intentions for the private Masses as well as the offering and intention for the weekly Sanctuary Light. Please contact the parish office with your request.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family during these uncertain times.

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

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

You can also get a typed copy of the service, or links to some weekly music choices if you wish through e-mail. Please contact me if you want to be added to my email contact list.

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.

If you'd like to support the ministry of Nobleton United or Schomberg United, find us on CanadaHelps.org.

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

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708 OBITUARIES

Wenni Else Zammit

February 11, 1945 - March 17, 2021

Peacefully at Bethell Hospice, Inglewood on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, Wenni Zammit, at the age of 76 years, beloved wife of the late Louis Zammit. Dear sister of Mona and her brother Tommy and predeceased by Borger Jensen and Kaj Borger Jensen. Wenni will be missed by her sisters-in-law Grace, Yvonne, Donna, Rose, and Rita as well as her many nieces and nephews from Denmark and Canada. Graveside service was held at Nobleton Community Cemetery, Hwy. 27, North of King Road on Monday morning, March 22 at 11 o'clock. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Bethell Hospice Foundation or a favourite charity of your choice. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com

708 OBITUARIES

Heaps, William James



William James Heaps passed away peacefully at home on March 10th, 2021. Cremation took place on March 15th, 2021. Bill's ashes will be interred in The King City Cemetery. Loving, kind and generous father of Tanya Leroux, devoted and proud grandfather of Lei-Liu and Max. Predeceased by his parents Thelma and Joe, sisters June and Janice, brothers Fred, and Bob. Survived by sisters Mary Lou, Nancy and Lila, brothers Bert, Leo, Allan, Douglas, Michael, Donald and Patrick. Bill's life was made richer by his extended family, friendship with Don and Sonia Chin, skiing with friends at Beaver Valley and golfing with friends at Beacon Hall and Tropic Bay. Bill was a man of precision and detail, a member of The Society of Engineers and founder of Armada Golf Cars. Bill could fix anything! He enjoyed fishing, boating and building cottages.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. The family would like to thank Southlake at Home, LIHN and CBI and all of the people who cared for Bill at home this past year. He will be lovingly and forever remembered. Donations to the King Township Food Bank would be greatly appreciated: donations@ktfb.ca

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Doris June Volk (Armstrong)

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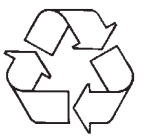


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King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week with Palm Sunday being celebrated on Sunday, March 28.

Along with Rev. Lee we will be sharing the Sacrament of Communion in a virtual way in remembrance of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. Next week there will be several online worship events, Thursday, March 31 (Maundy Thursday), Friday, April 2 (Good Friday) and then our online Easter Worship on April 4.

We are continuing to worship online for the time being as we assess what the third wave of this pandemic might look like in York Region, however, we are optimistic that with our region beginning to receive vaccinations in those 75 and older, we will be worshipping together soon.

Thank you to Rev. Der. Bell Fritz, our guest minister last week. If you missed it on Sunday, that recorded worship along with others is available on our YouTube Channel at York United Ministries and all on our website. Online worship on Sundays is available at 10 and this Sunday Rev Andrew Lee is presiding.

Throughout Lent, there is a weekly Lenten reflection offered by Rev Andrew that is broadcast on Thursdays on the York United Ministries YouTube Channel. These are short sessions using music scripture and prayer to help centre us during Lent.

We have also begun a series that addresses questions posed by the youth and young adults to Rev Andrew. This Q-Box series also airs on Thursday evenings.

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

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.

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 on Facebook for our Sunday Conversations on March 28. Pastor Mark will be continuing our 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.

In just a week we will be celebrating Easter weekend! Easter is a time for reflection and meditation on Christ as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Please be in prayer to prepare your heart for this special weekend. Celebrate that He is risen! Stories of rescue have a way of

captivating and inspiring us. This is the message of Easter, where when it appeared that all hope was lost, the impossible happened! We personally want to invite you to join us Easter Sunday as we celebrate the empty tomb, the risen Saviour and our rescue.

Easter Sunday we will celebrate with an In Person service! A pre-recorded service will be available for those celebrating with us from home!

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).

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 YouTube 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.

Please visit our website for further information! www.kingbiblechurch.com

St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

Join us this Sunday - Palm Sunday,

the beginning of Holy Week. We will not be having in-person services, but all our services will be online at our website standrews-kingcity.ca.

Our Sunday service starts at 10:15 a.m. The Maundy Thursday service with the Rev. Paul Johnston presiding is at 7 p.m. We will be joining Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterdown for their Good Friday service and the Rev. Dr. John Vissers will be with us for our Easter Service and Communion at 10:15 a.m.

Lynn Vissers continued with the Gospel according to John and the series of "I am." We looked at John 10. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me - just as the Father knows me and I know the Father - and I lay down my life for the sheep." The well-known Psalm 23 was referred to - "The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing, He refreshes my soul, He guides me ..." These comforting words are especially relevant during this time.

Coffee Fellowship is held after Sunday morning worship. 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 will not take place Tuesday during Holy Week, but will resume the following week at 7 p.m. Interested in a Bible Study? Let us know. We are using rightnowmedia.org to which St. Andrew's has subscribed.

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

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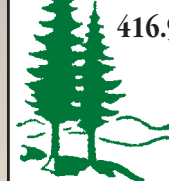
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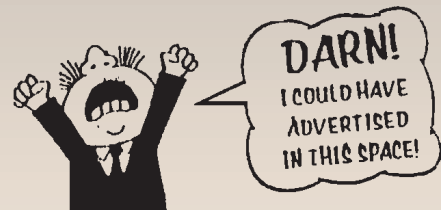
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The Greater Grace Fellowship has been able to resume their Bible Study now on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Lounge, keeping to the Public Health measures. Should you need to contact Pastor Niyazi or Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship, call 416-878-8499.

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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.

All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage

One small step back to normal – All Saints Easter worship. If the weather

cop-operates, we will hold an outdoor Eucharist service from the front steps of the Church on Easter Sunday, April 6 at 10:30. We will sing with masks on and keep our distance. It should be a happy and memorable occasion.

Words to Live by – Fr. Peterson gave his sermon on a text from Hebrews 5: "Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him."

"Most of us have issues with the word 'obey' While we want to obey the law when we have to, while driving, or while preparing our tax return, I suspect that we bridle at the idea of being told to obey. We don't want to be told what to do. And yet here is the author of Hebrews, telling us that if we want salvation, we have to obey Jesus.

To put it plainly, if we choose to follow Jesus, then I think we have to obey

him as best we can. It helps that Jesus, models obedience for us. Now as we approach Holy Week, the cross draws near. He knows the cost, and still, he goes. Hebrews does not say, if you want to obey Jesus, you must suffer like he does. What I think Hebrews does say that we should follow someone who knows what our lives our like, and who knows our suffering and our imperfections.

It's pretty clear we need to learn how to be obedient followers of Jesus. If that idea seems daunting to you, take comfort in knowing how fully Jesus understands your situation. He's been in our place, fully and completely. Hebrews seems to refer to the story of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane when it talks about how Jesus "offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who as able to save him

from death" (Heb 5.). In John's gospel, Jesus himself seems to anticipate the same moment when he says "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – 'Father, save me from this hour?' (Jn 12). As we approach Good Friday, we should realize that the man who set his face towards the cross and death was as human as we are.

"What happens on the cross is highly meaningful because Jesus goes to the cross as one of us, to share a human death. Jesus saves us because he did not abandon his humanity. He lives out what Hebrews calls 'the days of flesh', fully and completely. He takes all we are and perfects them."

As we approach Holy Week, let's not just see Jesus as a sacrificial lamb. Let's also see him as a friend who wants to walk alongside us, share our burdens, and see us safely home.

Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake offers more than ever

Registration is now open for the 2021 Nature's Emporium Run for Southlake with an overall goal of \$280,000, which includes a community fundraising goal of \$175,000 in support of Southlake Regional Health Centre. This four-week virtual challenge runs from April 12 through May 9, giving participants all the flexibility they need to maximize fun and customize personal health and wellness goals.

Organizers have gone back to the spring event our communities are used to. Building on the success of last year's event, each week of the challenge will focus on a different aspect of overall health – nutrition, consistency, endurance, and distance – to help participants work towards completing a customized distance goal during the final week. The activity and the distance goal is entirely up to each individual. Participants can join by doing any kind of physical activity – running, walking, biking, rowing, somersaulting – do it your way! People can support the event from the comfort of their living room, home gym, makeshift yoga studio, backyard, or hiking trail. Everyone who joins this year's event will also receive badges for each goal completed along the way that can be used to share progress with family and friends and help keep them motivated.

To register, visit www.runforsouthlake.ca.

King woman killed in collision

Investigators with the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit are seeking witnesses following a fatal collision in the City of Vaughan that claimed the life of a King woman.

On Monday, March 22 at approximately 3:45 p.m., York Regional Police responded to reports of a three-vehicle collision on Jane Street, near Teston Road, involving a Subaru Crosstrack, a Honda CRV and a Ford F150 Raptor pickup truck.

The driver of the Subaru, a 71-year-old woman from King, was sadly pronounced deceased at the scene.

The driver of the Ford was transported to hospital with minor injuries.

The investigation is ongoing and any witnesses who have not yet spoken with police, or anyone who may have dashcam footage from the area, are being asked to please come forward.

York Regional Police is asking anyone with information to contact the Major Collision Investigation Unit by calling 1-866-876-5423, ext. 7704, or to call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS, or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.

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