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King planning for in-person summer camps

King Township's Community Services Division is preparing for the delivery of both in-person and virtual camps for the upcoming summer season.

"The planning process for the delivery of our summer camp program is a large undertaking that begins at least six months in advance," said the Township's Director of Community Services, Chris Fasciano. "Although we can't say with absolute certainty as this time that we will be able offer in-person summer camps, we are going to push forward through the initial planning stages so we will be ready to deliver our programming, should we be given approval from both the Provincial Government and York Region Public Health to proceed."

After last year's cancellation of summer camps amid the first wave of COVID-19, the Ontario Camps Association (OCA) began working with health experts on a new slate of protocols to keep children and staff safe during their summer camp experience. These protocols were submitted to the Provincial Government for review with

the Province hoping to release this document by early to mid-spring.

"Receiving this provincial protocol document will be a crucial next-step for us in our planning and preparation stage and will ultimately allow us to determine the feasibility of offering in-person camp programming," said Fasciano.

The Township plans to post its full summer camp program roster on the new virtual community guide platform for both in-person and virtual programming Monday, April 19, with registration tentatively set to open for all Township residents on Monday, May 10 at 7 a.m. However, these dates and times are subject to change based on Provincial and Regional public health guidelines. To check out the full list of summer camp programming, visit king.upanupguide.com.

The Township will continue to make ongoing public updates regarding summer camp programming which can be viewed on the municipal web page at www.king.ca.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Tuesday, April 6

6:00 pm – Council Public Planning Meeting Re: Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment

Owner: Yellow Horizon Homes Ltd.

Address: 204 Dew Street, King City

File numbers: OP-2018-02 and Z-2018-06

Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

Monday, April 26

6:00 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole

Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents

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)

Wednesday, April 21

6:00 pm – Committee of Adjustment

Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

Wednesday, April 28

6:00 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed) If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing jwelch@king.ca by 12pm (noon) on the day of the 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**
- **Cold Creek Maintenance Facilitator (PT seasonal, weekends) – closes April 9**

**** Please note that the offering of summer camp programs and start date for these positions are subject to provincial government's pandemic mandates.**

- **GIS Student (student position) – closes April 2 at 4:30 pm**
- **BLEO Level 1 – closes April 9**

- **King Township Public Library – CEO / Chief Librarian – closes April 12 at 5 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.

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

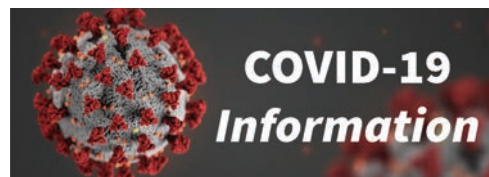
Residents who have any questions about the project can visit <http://majorprojects.king.ca/> or contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or serviceking@king.ca.

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.

Beginning on Wednesday, April 7, and every Wednesday thereafter, limited in-person services will be available by appointment only. The public will be served in-person at the King Township Heritage and Cultural Centre at 2920 King Road, King City. Only commissioning services (i.e. foreign pension forms, statutory declarations, affidavits) and the issuance of marriage licenses will be available.

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

As York Region continues to administer vaccines under Phase 1 of the Provincial Vaccine Distribution plan, York Region residents age 70 years of age or older (born in 1951 or earlier) can now book an appointment online for their COVID-19 vaccine at york.ca/covid19vaccine.

Vaccines are delivered by appointment ONLY; walk-in appointments are not available. Vaccine appointments remain available for earlier priority groups and individuals. Eligible residents are encouraged to check back often as more appointments are being added regularly.

Eligibility

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

- York Region residents 70 years of age and older (born in 1951 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)
- Faith leaders who live or work in York Region AND provide end-of-life care, care of the deceased, care of those who are unwell or provides pastoral services in vulnerable settings

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. Residents will be notified when they are eligible to receive the vaccine based on supply.

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NOTICE

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

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

TOWNSHIP OF KING TO CONSIDER - "SITE ALTERATION & MOVEMENT OF FILL BY-LAW AND RELATED AMENDING BY-LAWS (HEIGHT & DESCRIPTION OF LAWFUL FENCES (#2012-132, as amended) AND 2021 FEES & CHARGES (#2021-001))"

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will consider a staff report and Site Alteration & Movement of Fill By-law and related Amending By-laws: Height & Description of Lawful Fences (swimming pool enclosures) and 2021 Fees & Charges, by the Growth Management Services Department – By-law Enforcement Division and Public Works Department – Development Division at its Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings on:

Monday, April 26, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

The Township of King is updating its By-laws to incorporate recent regulatory changes as outlined in Ontario Regulation 406/19.

Information and copies of the staff report will be available for review on the Township website at www.king.ca as of Thursday, April 22, 2021.

For further information regarding the Site Alteration & Movement of Fill By-law and related Amending By-laws for Height & Description of Lawful Fencing and the 2021 Fees & Charges, visit our website at: <https://speaking.king.ca/site-alteration-by-law-review> or contact: Nancy Cronsberry, Manager of By-law Enforcement, By-law Enforcement Division, ncronsberry@king.ca

Telephone: 905-833-4001 Fax: 905-833-2300

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services
Township Clerk

Spring Street Sweeping

The 2021 Street Sweeping program will start in the first week of April, weather permitting. The contractor will progress through the villages of Schomberg, King City and Nobleton, not necessarily in that order.

Municipal water flushing

In the spring and fall the Engineering and Public Works Department flushes all water mains and hydrants in King City, Nobleton, Schomberg and Ansonsveld. As a result, residents over the course of the next few weeks may experience low pressure and/or discoloration. This process contributes to the safe, effective delivery of municipal water and does not affect the quality of your water in any way. Should you require further information please contact the Engineering and Public Works Department at 905-833-5321.

Yard Waste Pickup

Yard waste collection starts the week of March 29th, 2021 and will be picked up bi-weekly through to the end of November. There is no limit on the number of containers that can be put out. Residents are able to use rigid open-top containers (i.e. blue boxes) to help alleviate the need for trips to the store for yard waste collection bags. Please have yard waste out to the curb by 7:00 AM on your regularly scheduled collection day.

If you require additional information or have questions, please contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or email serviceking@king.ca.

Cleaning out your clutter

We know that a lot of people who are off work or working from home may be looking to de-clutter their homes during the pandemic. We'd like to remind you of a few things:

King has increased the number of garbage containers you can put out to the curb from two (2) to three (3) until further notice. Extra bag tags can be purchased at www.king.ca.

Please do not dump garbage of any kind in any park or municipal receptacle. Household garbage and medical waste dumped in municipal receptacles may put our staff and others in danger, attract animals and create an unsightly mess. Please do your part to dispose of all waste responsibly through curbside collection or at a public waste depot. For information on York Region waste depots, visit www.york.ca.



High-speed internet coming to Holland Marsh

CENGN has announced an innovative project that will bring high-performance broadband access to the Holland Marsh area, which straddles the boundary between the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and King Township. This project is part of CENGN's Rural Ontario Residential Broadband program. It will serve as a model for extending high-performance internet access services into areas with wide, deep, and sparsely-treed valley communities across the province.

Internet service provider, Rogers Communications, was selected to address the needs of the Holland Marsh rural area that is divided down the middle by the Holland River with the north half being in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and the south half being in King Township. Supported by CENGN (Canada's Centre of Excellence in Next Generation Networks) program funding, Rogers will provide wireless access to up to 480 homes.

Using multi-Gbps E-band microwave radio backhaul and 5G high capacity wireless residential distribution, the new fixed wireless internet access service will provide a range of services including 25/5 and 50/10 internet access to residents within the Holland Marsh area. This project will significantly improve both internet access services and cellular services for residents living in the Holland Marsh valley.

This project promises several benefits, including:

- 10Gbps High-Speed Backhaul Capacity for the network.
- A high-performance 5G wireless distribution network.
- Small footprint monopole towers.
- Improved 25/5 and 50/10 Mbps internet access services for residents.
- Fast network deployment time-frame, with installation starting in the summer of 2021 and full service available in the fall of 2021.

"CENGN is pleased to work with Rogers to show how 5G fixed wireless technology can be used to provide reliable, high-speed broadband internet access for underserved rural areas like the Holland Marsh," said Jean-Charles Fahmy, president and CEO of CENGN. "This project shows that 5G wireless solutions can be applied to cost-effectively provide both improved internet access and cellular telephone services. By supporting and documenting Rogers's implementation of broadband internet services in the Holland Marsh area, we will gain a strong blueprint to

help address the business and technological challenges of similar communities in Rural Ontario and across the province."

"Access to reliable broadband internet is essential for all Ontarians, no matter where they live. Businesses, families, schools and hospitals in rural and northern communities need fast connections just as much as in urban areas," said Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade. "This innovative new project will mean secure and reliable internet connectivity for the Holland Marsh area, bringing long-overdue cost-effective and high-speed solutions for those who live and work in this important farming community."

"Now more than ever, we see the importance of broadband in underserved and unserved communities like the Holland Marsh," said Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure. "The digital divide is real and magnified during this COVID-19 global pandemic. I understand this full well coming from a rural community. This investment continues to build on Ontario's commitment to connect people and reduce the digital divide. We are moving as fast as we can to get people the services that they need."

"Reliable Internet is imperative to supporting our rural communities. It unlocks new opportunities for businesses and people and helps keep people connected, improving the quality of life for individuals and families," said Caroline Anne Mulrone Lapham, MPP for York-Simcoe and Ontario Minister of Transportation and Minister of Francophone Affairs. "This initiative will connect more people in Bradford West Gwillimbury to reliable broadband and help our farmers in the Holland Marsh run their businesses."

"The need for reliable broadband internet service in York-Simcoe is more urgent than ever before. Families need it to connect with loved ones, small businesses need it to support their customers, and farmers need it for their agricultural operations," said Scot Davidson, MP York-Simcoe. "This initiative will go a long way in connecting the residents of Bradford West Gwillimbury and others in the Holland Marsh. I remain committed to ensuring that all York-Simcoe residents have access to reliable internet service no matter where they live."

"I am very pleased that our Expression of Interest was approved by

CENGN to help expand broadband access in BWG to our residents, farmers and other business owners," said BWG Mayor Rob Keffer. "Providing access to fast, reliable Internet service is no longer a luxury, but a necessity to participate and compete in our modern economy. I look forward to working with CENGN and Rogers in tackling the challenge of providing this fundamental infrastructure to the Holland Marsh area and providing this indispensable service across BWG."

"One of the biggest concerns we hear from residents, particularly in rural areas, is the difficulty in accessing high-speed internet. That's why we're excited to hear that CENGN has selected Rogers to bring a high-performance internet solution to our residents and businesses in the Holland Marsh, and thanks in part to the Provincial Government's Next Generation Network Program," said King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "This project will support our agri-business farming families to innovate their smart agricultural and precision farming practices in one of only two specialty crop areas in Ontario and known as Canada's soup and salad bowl."

"Whether we are providing connectivity for a student accessing an online classroom or a farmer monitoring the moisture levels of crops using wireless sensors, delivering innovative solutions that connect more Canadians to reliable Home Broadband internet and Wireless services is more important than ever," said Phil Hartling, EVP, Service Expansion at Rogers Communications. "We are proud to partner with CENGN to introduce 5G Fixed Wireless Access technology to the residents of Holland Marsh and look forward to continuing to expand the ways that we connect rural and remote communities and advance innovation in Canada."

This project is part of the Next Generation Network Program (NGNP), an Ontario government program powered by CENGN in partnership with the Ontario Centre of Innovation, which helps Ontario companies develop and demonstrate new wired and wireless technology, products and services. Other projects in the program are focused on smart mining, smart agriculture and autonomous vehicles.



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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.

For additional information, please contact Kelley England Manager of Community Engagement & Marketing King Township Public Library at 905-833-5101, ex. 2106



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- Michael Connelly

Salaries devour plenty of taxpayers' dollars

Most of us average Canadians work so that we can live.

For us, it's a necessity, to afford life's simple pleasures like paying taxes, utility bills, mortgages and credit card bills.

Most of us don't work for the government. But for those who do, life seems pretty good, regardless of your job.

Every March, the provincial government releases what's been termed the "Sunshine List," a comprehensive listing of those civil servants earning \$100,000 or more annually. There are tens of thousands on this list, that range from police officers and clerical staff to teachers and health care professionals.

The list grew by 23% last year and now boasts 74 civil servants earning \$500,000 or more. To put this in perspective, Premier Ford earns just over \$200,000 and Prime Minister Trudeau makes roughly \$350,000 (that's \$1,000 per day).

While some may argue that \$100Gs today ain't what it used to be, it's still double the average wage in this country. It's still damn good money. And let's not forget benefits, regular raises, paid leave and in many cases, lifetime job security.

The unbelievable part in all of this is that roughly half of all budgets – federal, provincial and regional – consist of salaries. That means any level of government has only half of what it takes in to spend on needed programs,



Mark Pavilons

services and infrastructure. The rest is simply fed down the automated gravy train.

Politicians are in a bind. The salaries are all locked in through union contracts. So the same unions complaining the government isn't spending enough on education, health care or policing, are the same ones whose contracts are driving up salaries to unsustainable levels.

Enjoying the sunshine are your typi-

cal suspects – senior department heads, government ministers, medical officers and countless CEOs of hospitals, utilities and universities.

When our health care system is under such strain, does it make sense to pay hospital officials hundreds of thousands of dollars?

Six employees of Ontario Power Generation are at the very top of the Sunshine List, with its chair making \$1.2 million. The public health CEO in Grey Bruce made more than \$630,000 last year – a 243% raise since 2018.

Closer to home, the retired police chief in York was given a sendoff in 2020 to the tune of \$400,000.

It seems that almost every police constable earns \$100,000 or more. In the U.S. the average salary for experienced police officers is roughly \$53,000 (\$67,000 Canadian). When you consider tax base, population, workload and volume of violent crime, it's a bit out of whack.

Similarly, a civil servant in the U.S., with eight years experience, earns an average of \$52,000 (\$65,520 Cdn.). Entry level government employees get a little over \$32,000 (\$40,320 Cdn.).

Both YRP and York Region are brimming with bureaucrats earning well over \$100,000, and dozens upon dozens making over \$200,000. A few even tipped the scales at over \$300,000.

I'm not picking on local authorities – the situation is the same, if not worse – in all other jurisdictions across Ontario.

The often-heard argument is that in order to attract and keep qualified staff, you have to pay them well. They could make more in the private sector, we're told.

My argument is, let them try! Most levitate to government positions for the very reason that they're well paid, offer benefits and you're set for life. Annual raises, even in these challenging economic times, are a given.

In the real world, you'd be hard-pressed to find mid-level management positions in the \$300,000 range.

Does York Region need a dozen law-

yers, a handful of real estate appraisers, a bunch of healthy living directors and a supervisor of space and furniture design?

Jay Goldberg, of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, calls this a "harsh slap in the face."

"While tens of thousands of Ontario's children were kept home from school for months on end, the number of teachers making more than \$100,000 still doubled to over 29,000," he said.

"It's not fair to ask the tens of thousands of Ontarians who just lost their job or took a pay cut to pay higher taxes because government employees haven't shared in the downturn. Governments need to address their labour costs and the first place they should start is at the top of the bureaucrat pyramid."

I'm not saying many of these employees aren't doing a good job or aren't worth their pay cheques. I'm not in a position to judge.

But these are tax dollars – yours and mine. I don't care what large box chains or banks pay their top officials. For them, it's based on performance and company revenue.

We all know that every level of government runs a deficit and has debt. For our governments to continue to pay such high salaries, while going deeper in debt, is just wrong.

The Province tabled its budget last week, and said given the billions earmarked for COVID-related expenses, we won't see the financial light of day until 2029.

But you can bet the Sunshine List will continue to grow, year after year.

We haven't even touched on the well fed federal bureaucrats, but that would take hours upon hours of research to compile lists and comparisons.

Suffice it to say, when Ottawa is spending money on "fish fraud," one has to wonder:

In many realms of our society, there are salary caps. Perhaps that's something future administrations should consider.

Letter to the Editor

Have your say in how we grow

According to the Ministry of Finance millions of people are coming to the Greater Golden Horseshoe in the next 30 years with the majority of population growth driven by immigration. Right now municipalities are planning how we will grow over the next 30 years. And they are urging citizens to get involved.

Since 2018 there has been a systematic dismantling of provincial laws and regulations that impact how our communities develop with the stated intention of lowering housing prices.

These changes have had a cost, however, reducing opportunities for public input, encouraging land speculation, weakening environmental protection and increasingly giving the market, specifically greenfield developers, more control over how our communities are shaped. Despite claims that these changes would make housing more affordable house prices have continued to climb.

It's the way that growth is managed that changes everything. Policy supported land speculation increasingly puts affordable housing out of reach. Higher housing prices increase the potential wealth of existing homeowners but also fuels land speculation contributing to housing affordability challenges.

Building more low-density single family detached homes on farmland in the GTHA is not going to create the affordable housing we need but it will increase property taxes and water bills for existing communities.

As we grapple with housing an aging population and smaller household sizes the best way to build more affordable, accessible housing choices is through gently increasing density in existing communities. Redeveloping urban buildings into apartments and triplexes makes better use of existing urban services. And there are other benefits to growing up too. Not only does more people per acre reduce the cost of services, and taxes but it protects valuable land that supports food, nature, clean air and water.

Growth and infrastructure are co-dependent. For example, providing sustainable public transit in our existing cities is climate friendly allowing more people to move between work and home without a car. Extending urban infrastructure to cornfields makes landowners/developers rich but it supports sprawl, fuels congestion on our roads, paves over finite agricultural land and undermines public investment in our cities.

In the next few months important choices are going to be made about how our communities grow. I encourage people to attend municipal council meetings. Land use planning is based on careful balancing of public and private interests and your government needs to hear from you to know that you care.

Only through an engaged public can balance be restored.

Susan Lloyd Swail
Nobleton



KingWeeklySentinel **WEBPOLL**
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Results from last week's poll:

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

a) Yes **50%**

b) No **50%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Are you concerned about a steady supply of the COVID-19 vaccines?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

Quote of the Week

"The road to success and the road to failure are almost exactly the same."

- Colin R. Davis

Trivia Tidbits

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

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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/>

Be a good neighbour

Clean Yards By-law 2016-68 sets out minimum standards for properties in the Township including some rules on litter, waste and property maintenance to help ensure that properties are safe, clean and attractive in relation to adjacent properties.



Reminder to Owners and Tenants:

- All properties must be kept free and clear of long grass and weeds.
- All properties are to be free of garbage, litter, yard waste, standing water, storage bins and demolition project material, and construction equipment.
- All properties need to be clear of derelict vehicles, including vehicles that are not currently licensed for operation.

The Clean Yards By-law is the Township's tool for addressing and responding to concerns about property maintenance. By-law Enforcement Officers work with property owners and tenants through education to achieve voluntary compliance, but alternatively orders may be issued to obtain compliance with the by-law standards.

For more information on Clean Yards please visit our website at www.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.

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!



king.ca/pets

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

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KING FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Clothes Dryer Fire Safety Tips



A leading cause of dryer fires in the home is the **lack of dryer maintenance.**

How do I keep myself and my loved ones safe?

When Installing...

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a **qualified technician.**
- 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

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@civ.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.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Lack of supply delays opening of clinic at Wonderland

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

A lack of vaccine supply has delayed the opening of a new drive-thru clinic planned by York at Canada's Wonderland.

The delay came just one day after the clinic opened Monday.

Due to delays in anticipated shipments of the Moderna vaccine, York will regrettably need to close three vaccination clinics from April 2 to 5 inclusive. These clinics include the Georgina Ice Palace in the Town of Georgina, the Aaniin Community Centre in the City of Markham and the drive-thru clinic at Canada's Wonderland. With additional vaccine deliveries expected next week, these clinics will reopen at that time.

All other clinics will continue to operate at capacity 7 days a week. These include those located at Richmond Green Sports Centre in the City of Richmond Hill, Maple Community Centre and Vaughan Cortellucci Hospital in the City of Vaughan, Cornell Community Centre in the City of Markham and Ray Twinney Recreation Complex in the Town of Newmarket.

Clinic operations remain dependent on vaccine supply.

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce called on the federal government to step up.

"We need vaccines to defeat this pandemic," he said. "One day after Wonderland's drive-thru clinic opened in Vaughan, they are forced to close due to a lack of vaccine supply."

"This is illustrative of the continuous deficiency and inconsistency of vaccine delivery from the feder-

al government. Families in King and Vaughan deserve better, especially seniors who have waited long enough to access a vaccine.

"Canada should not be 50th in the world. I hope the federal government works to get Ontario, and more specifically York Region, vaccine supply we deserve."

Once operational, the drive-thru clinic location will provide easy and efficient access to the vaccine; immunizing approximately 1,600 people per day when fully operational. This clinic format provides another option for residents who have mobility constraints to receive a vaccine from the comfort of a vehicle.

Please visit york.ca/COVID19Vaccine for a list of specific clinic details.

York Region Public Health is working with local health care partners to provide COVID-19 vaccines for the following eligible priority groups:

- York Region residents 70 years of age and older (born in 1951 or earlier).
- Highest, Very High and High Priority Health Care Workers who live OR work in York Region.
- Staff, essential caregivers and any residents 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).

• Faith leaders who live or work in York Region AND provide end-of-life care, care of the deceased, care of those who are unwell or provides pastoral services in vulnerable settings.

Appointments are required. Drive-up appointments are not available. Please do not visit a vaccination clinic without an appointment - you will be turned away.

Each eligible individual can book their first COVID-19 vaccination appointment online; telephone support is available and is listed under the applicable clinic.

In partnership with hospital and paramedic services partners, York Region Public Health is working to ensure all eligible and vulnerable residents who cannot attend a clinic receive a COVID-19 vaccine. York Region mobile teams have begun to vaccinate home-bound individuals; however, some may also find this drive-thru clinic a good option.

The drive-thru clinic will allow the Region to continue to support eligible residents in receiving a vaccine identified in the Government of Ontario's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan.

As vaccine supply increases, residents are encouraged to check back often for appointments that may become available.

Ontario expands COVID-19 vaccination bookings to residents 70 and over

The Ontario government is extending booking for COVID-19 vaccination appointments to individuals aged 70 and over through its online booking system and call centre in 11 additional public health units on March 29, following its expansion in Toronto that began on March 27.

All individuals aged 70 and over in York, Peel and others, will be eligible to book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment at a mass immunization clinic through the provincial online booking system and call centre.

"Thanks to the careful planning of everyone involved in the vaccine rollout, we are able to extend vaccination appointments to more Ontarians ahead of schedule," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "But until Ontario receives enough vaccines so that the majority of Ontarians can be vaccinated, it remains critical for everyone to continue following public health measures, so that we can control the spread. Please, continue to wear a face covering, practise physical distancing and wash your hands to help keep our communities and loved ones safe."

As of March 27, over three-quarters of Ontario residents aged 80 and over have received at least one dose. Over a third of residents aged 75 to 79 have now received their first shot.

As vaccine supply is delivered across the province and additional public health units begin vaccinating individuals aged 70 and over, vaccine administration rates may differ based on local context. Rollout and timing has been further impacted by the latest delay in shipment of the Moderna vaccine, initially planned for March 30 but now delayed until April 7. For more information on local vaccine rollout, individuals are encouraged to contact their local public health unit.

"As Ontario's immunization program continues to expand, communities across the province are gaining greater levels of protection that will save lives," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "We will continue to extend this rollout to other regions as more vaccines become available, and we ask that everyone remains vigilant and continues to follow public health measures."

Ontario continues to work with public health units to vaccinate remaining Phase One populations, including First Nation, Metis, and Inuit adults, health care workers, adult chronic home care recipients, and residents and staff in congregate care settings for seniors. Public health units have been directed to consider accessibility issues in their plans and have local solutions, such as mobile clinics and transportation supports.

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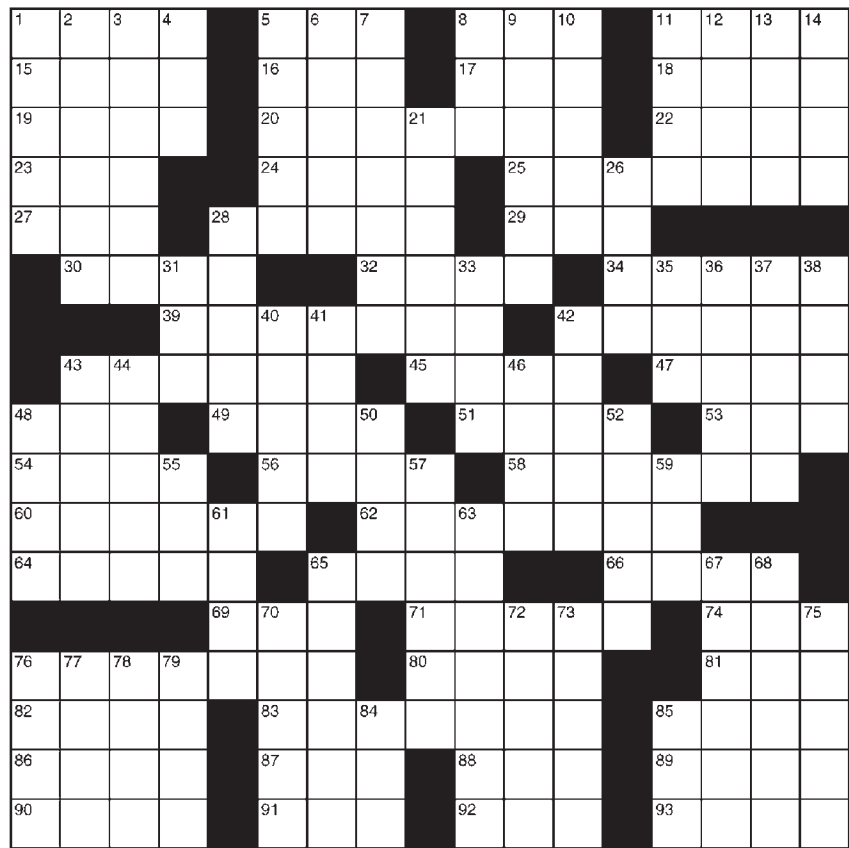


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Budget brings COVID-19 response to \$51 billion

“You can’t have a healthy economy without healthy people,” said Minister Bethlenfalvy. “For the past year, we have been focused on protecting people from COVID-19. Many challenges lie ahead. But with vaccines being distributed in every corner of the province, hope is on the horizon. We are ready to finish the job we started one year ago.”

The 2021 Budget builds on the government’s record investments in response to the global pandemic, bringing total investments to \$16.3 billion to protect people’s health and \$23.3 billion to protect our economy. Ontario’s COVID-19 action plan support now totals \$51 billion.

It includes investments to support people and jobs in King-Vaughan including:

- Opening the new Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital, the first newly built hospital in Ontario in 30 years, creating critically needed beds as the province continues to face COVID-19. The new facility adds 35 intensive care unit beds and 150 general internal medicine beds to Ontario’s hospital capacity.

- Continuing investment in planning and/or construction of highway expansion projects including widening of over 26 kilometres of the Highway 400 corridor between Langstaff Road and Highway 9 in York Region to 10 lanes, including the construction of approximately 22 kilometres of High Occupancy Vehicle Lanes.

“Ontario’s budget delivers vital supports and relief to parents, individuals, and small businesses, while significantly investing in healthcare to respond to, and ultimately defeat this pandemic,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. “Parents will receive at least \$400 per child up to Grade 12 and we are ensuring every region of Ontario is connected to high speed internet by 2025, along with critical investments in life-saving hospital expansion and improvement.”

Protecting People’s Health is the first pillar of the 2021 Budget. It includes measures for defeating COVID-19, fixing long-term care and caring for people.

“Vaccines are the light at the end of the tunnel, and boots are on the ground to get vaccines into arms as they arrive in the province,” said Minister Bethlenfalvy. “We will continue to invest in our

health care system today and for the long term, building on record investments since the start of the pandemic to create more hospital beds, build and improve hospitals, increase testing, and fix long-term care.”

Highlights of Ontario’s plan to defeat COVID-19:

- To vaccinate every person in the province who wants to be vaccinated, Ontario has made more than \$1 billion available for a province-wide vaccination plan. Ontario is also making it safer to re-engage with workplaces, businesses and communities with \$2.3 billion for testing and contact tracing.

- To protect the frontline heroes and vulnerable people, Ontario has made available:

- \$1.4 billion for personal protective equipment, including more than 315 million masks and more than 1.2 billion gloves.

- To ensure that every person who requires care in a hospital can access a bed, even during the worst of the pandemic, the government is investing an additional \$5.1 billion to support hospitals since the pandemic began, creating more than 3,100 additional hospital beds. This includes \$1.8 billion in 2021-22 to continue providing care for COVID-19 patients, address surgical backlogs and keep pace with patient needs.

Highlights of Ontario’s plan to fix long-term care:

- To address decades of neglect and help those waiting to get into long-term care, Ontario is investing an additional \$933 million over four years, for a total of \$2.6 billion, to support building 30,000 new long-term care beds. Ontario is also investing \$246 million over the next four years to improve living conditions in existing homes, including ensuring that homes have air conditioning for residents, so loved ones can live in comfort and with safety, dignity and respect.

- To protect loved ones in long-term care from the deadly COVID-19 virus, Ontario is investing an additional \$650 million in 2021-22, bringing the total resources invested since the beginning of the pandemic to protect the most vulnerable to over \$2 billion.

- To ensure loved ones receive the best quality care in Canada, Ontario is investing:

- \$4.9 billion over four years to in-

crease the average direct daily care to four hours a day in long-term care and hiring more than 27,000 new positions, including personal support workers (PSWs) and nurses.

Highlights of Ontario’s plan to care for people:

- To address the need for more health care services, Ontario is making investments to support historic hospital expansion and construction projects, including a new inpatient wing at William Osler Health System’s Peel Memorial, and ongoing planning of a new regional hospital in Windsor-Essex.

- To help the thousands of people struggling with mental health and addictions issues, Ontario is providing additional funding of \$175 million in 2021-22 as part of a historic investment of \$3.8 billion over 10 years, to provide more and better care for everyone who needs it.

“The necessary public health measures have come at a cost for workers, families and business owners, but there is no question that they have saved lives,” said Minister Bethlenfalvy. “We recognize the sacrifices that have been made. We are taking further steps to provide additional relief and support to those who have been most impacted by the pandemic, including providing a third round of direct payments to parents, doubling the Ontario Small Business Support Grant, and helping workers with their training expenses.”

Highlights of Ontario’s plan to support workers and families:

- To help workers with their training expenses, the government is proposing a new Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit for 2021. It would provide up to \$2,000 per recipient for 50 per cent of eligible expenses, for a total of an estimated \$260 million in support to about 230,000 people in 2021.

- To help families – who have faced new pressures and expenses due to the pandemic – keep more money in their pockets, the government is providing a third round of payments to support parents through the Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit, totalling \$1.8 billion since last March. The payment will be doubled to \$400 per child for this round and \$500 for each child with special needs, which means a family with three young children, one of whom has special needs, will receive \$2,600 in total after the third round of payments.

- To support parents with the cost of child care and help them get back to the workforce, the government is proposing a 20 per cent enhancement of the CARE tax credit for 2021. This would increase support from \$1,250 to \$1,500, on average, providing about \$75 million in additional support for the child care expenses of over 300,000 families.

Highlights of Ontario’s plan to support jobs:

- To help small businesses that have been most affected by the necessary restrictions to protect people from COVID-19, Ontario is providing a second round of Ontario Small Business Support Grant payments to eligible recipients. Approximately 120,000 small businesses will automatically benefit from an additional \$1.7 billion in relief through this second round of support in the form of grants of a minimum of \$10,000 and up to \$20,000 – bringing the estimated total support provided through this grant to \$3.4 billion.

- To support Ontario’s tourism, hospitality and culture industries that have been among the most heavily impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, Ontario is investing an additional

- \$400 million over the next three years in new initiatives to support these sectors. This builds on previously announced investments of \$225 million, bringing the total to more than \$625 million since the pandemic began.

- To connect homes, businesses and communities to broadband – which COVID-19 has demonstrated is a necessity, not a luxury – Ontario is investing \$2.8 billion, bringing the Province’s total investment to nearly \$4 billion over six years beginning 2019-20.

Highlights of Ontario’s plan to support communities:

- To support faith-based and cultural organizations that are struggling due to the additional costs caused by COVID-19, Ontario will be making up to \$50 million available for grants to eligible organizations.

- To support Ontario’s 444 municipalities, the Province’s key partners in the fight against COVID-19, the government is providing almost \$1 billion in additional financial relief in 2021 to help preserve vital public services and support economic recovery.

Ontario is projecting a \$38.5 billion deficit in 2020-21.

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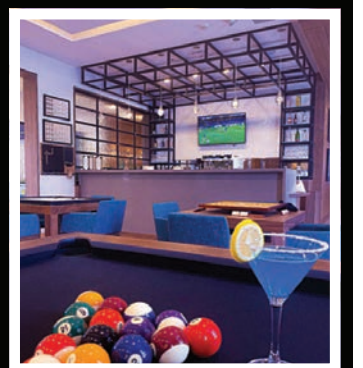
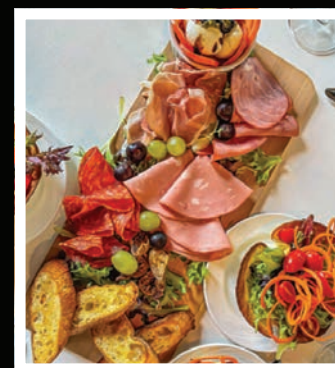


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Dozens of York Region staffers earn over \$200K

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

The Regional Municipality of York, serving nine member municipalities, has a multitude of well paid civil servants.

The salaries of government employees earning \$100,000 or more annually in 2020 was released under the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act. It has become known as the "Sunshine List."

And York Region has a huge complement on the list. The list of those earning \$100,000 or more is so long, we've concentrated on those over the \$200,000 level.

York's top wage-earner was Bruce Macgregor, CAO, who was paid a handsome \$320,645.98.

Karim Kurji, medical officer of health, was next, with a salary of \$319,474.77.

Patrick Casey, York's director of corporate communications, received a whopping \$300,843.66.

Associate medical officer John Richard Gould raked in \$288,172.06.

Cordelia Abankwa, general manager of social services, earned \$266,066.86.

Lisa Gonsalves, GM of paramedic and seniors services, received \$265,257.21.

Associate medical officer Alanna Fitzgerald-Husek took in \$264,061.04.

Deputy regional solicitor Daniel Kuzmyk was paid \$241,886.70.

Commissioner of environmental services, Erin Mahoney, was paid \$236,609.95.

Commissioner of Corporate Services, Dino Basso, took in \$234,946.93.

Karen Antonio-Hadock, director of integrated business services, was paid \$230,205.67.

Regional chair and CEO Wayne Emerson pulled in \$226,900.02.

Regional solicitor Joy Hulton was paid \$222,540.59.

Giuseppe Lamarca, director of health protections, was paid \$220,895.98. Ewila Castellan-Wong, another manager of health protection, earned \$221,560.15.

Commissioner, community and health services Katherine Chislett, was paid \$258,726.76.

Another director of infectious diseases, Marjolyn Pritchard, pulled in \$220,715.59.

Laura Mirabella, commissioner of finance, earned \$218,195.72.

Another deputy solicitor, Elizabeth Wilson, earned \$216,686.83.

Another deputy regional solicitor, Sean Love, was paid \$214,232.37.

Hans Saamen, director of prosecutions, pulled in \$211,419.88.

Director of court operations Lisa Brooks was paid \$210,528.59.

Jennifer Clark, manager of health protection, received \$208,323.49.

Manager of infectious diseases, Andrea Main, earned \$207,388.19.

Senior counsel Chris Bendick was paid \$206,554.55, while General Manager of Transit Ann-Marie Bayley earned \$206,062.92.

Joanne Mitchell, another senior counsel, was paid \$205,917.02.

Manager of healthy living Charlene Gunn-Hagerman, earned \$205,446.84.

Another manager of healthy living, Catherine Jaynes, earned \$205,123.28.

Candace Wong, supervisor of health protection, earned \$200,573.50.

Michelle Swan, director of business planning and operations support, made \$200,320.98.

For the complete list, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/public-sector-salary-disclosure>



Janesse McPhillips from Kingscross was one of the donors at the successful Carrying Place clinic.

Local clinic surpasses its goal

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

King residents supported the latest blood donor clinic, held at Carrying Place. In all, 66 donors came out and Canadian Blood Services collected 61 units, surpassing their target of 58,

"We received tremendous support from the wonderful team at the Carrying place, Mayor Pellegrini and other government officials, volunteers and community partners, who helped promote our event, resulting in us over-collecting," said Malvika Arun, Territory Manager.

She added they were recently notified that the Trisan Centre in Schomberg will be opening their doors and welcoming them back for the upcoming donation event on June 30. This clinic will run 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., Their target is to collect 58 units of blood once again.

"In keeping with current physical distancing measures at our donation events, we have limited the number of people permitted inside the donor centres. Appointments must be booked in advance as we are unable to welcome walk-in donors during the pandemic.

"All blood types are needed. If you are in general good health, we need you to book and honour your appointment to help patients this month and throughout the year. Download the GiveBlood app, call 1 888 2 DONATE (1-888-236-6283) or book now at blood.ca."

Arun reassures everyone that it's safe to donate blood during COVID-19 and it's critical for patients. For more information on COVID-19, please visit <https://blood.ca/en/covid19>

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The Pineapple Purveyor brings the world to you

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

The travel industry is one of the hardest hit during the pandemic. Such losses are unimaginable.

Travel restrictions over the past year have nixed almost everyone's vacations and plans to get away from it all.

King-based The Pineapple Purveyor is passionate about curating travel finds and experiences for its clients. Even though people might not be able to travel the world right now, it doesn't mean "we cannot bring the world to them, through our online virtual experiences; social events, cooking classes and mixology sessions," according to Joanne Henry.

"Using the world as our canvas The Pineapple Purveyor provides curated and travel finds and experiences. Each event will connect 'travellers' to a world of experiences, whether that is learning how to make the most perfect margarita with a luxury hotel based in Mexico or mastering how to pasta with a cooking school in Tuscany."

Henry explained that like many in the travel and meetings industry, her business was hit hard due to COVID-19. 2020 started as a promising year with many meetings and events on the books, but ended up being a year full of cancellations and re-bookings.

"That said, I truly believe that challenges bring opportunities.

"Part of my business and marketing plan as an independent event professional was to host various in person events for clients and prospects be they educational in nature, 'edutainment' or

community give back to help build my brand and business. When COVID hit, despite my clients cancelling all their events, I still continued with my business building events going virtual."

In many cases she partnered with her fantastic hotel partners. After posting about some of these events on social media she received inquiries from many "non-event industry" people asking if they could join in.

"It dawned on her that its just not event professionals but most everyone is missing travel these days. People who are passionate about travel are really craving the connections that they make during a stay at a fabulous hotel or resort, be it a waiter, bartender, concierge or even other fellow guests and travellers. Everyone can benefit from a 'mental' vacation," she said.

With that in mind, Henry launched a new business venture, the Pineapple Purveyor. It's dedicated to those who love and miss travel.

"Despite the pandemic and current travel restrictions one might not be able to travel the world, but that doesn't mean we can not bring the world to you! Using the world as our canvas, the Pineapple Purveyor provides curated travel finds and authentic experiences.

"Each event will connect you to a world of experiences, whether that is learning now make the most perfect cocktail with luxury hotel or mastering gnocchi with a cooking school in Tuscany. While originally focused on the leisure traveller, the Pineapple Purveyor has received great interest for both corporate and social groups and is able to create bespoke private events."

The Pineapple Purveyors first event

was with the Conrad Hilton in Punta de Mita, Mexico where they hosted 30 "travellers" for a virtual culinary event in celebration of National Margarita Day. Guests were treated to a cooking demonstration by the head chef as well as a mixology demonstration on how to make the perfect margarita. The Pineapple Purveyor is hosting a pizza making workshop with a Hotel in Old Montreal that is specially designed for kids and families.

"I am in discussions with a number

of other well known hotels and resorts on curating future programs, lots more to come," Henry said.

The Pineapple Purveyor also has a curated candle collection inspired by favorite travel destinations and also, has shares a number of delicious Hotel recipes. The perfect site for those who love travel!

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Arts & Entertainment

Virtual Studio Tour King 2021 is fast approaching

By Kathleen Rodgers

The 16th virtual 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.Arts-SocietyKing.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 interested 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:

Inge Dam started to weave in 1982. In 1992, she became a Master Weaver from Ontario Handweavers and Spinners. Her in-depth study was on Iron Age textiles from Northern Europe. As a result of her studies and with several years of weaving experience, she published a book in 2013 entitled "Tablet-Woven



Accents for Designer Fabrics: Contemporary Uses for Ancient Technique." Inge has taught workshops in Canada, U.S., England, and Japan. She has won several awards for her work which has appeared in many publications.

Besides weaving fabrics for garments, Inge specializes in weaving one-of-a-kind luxuries scarves. In her work, she uses natural materials such as silk and mercerized cotton, dyeing most of them. Sometimes Inge finds inspiration for her work in nature but most often she finds inspiration from working with many different colours and combining them with complex weave structures.

Her website is www.ingedam.net; Instagram: @Inge.Dam. She also sells her work [Etsy.com/ca/shop/IngesTextiles](https://www.etsy.com/ca/shop/IngesTextiles);

Patricia L. Earl paints to convey the light, colour, and mood of what she sees and feels around her as Mother Nature so generously provides. She doesn't have to travel far to find subjects that inspire her. The gentle rolling hills, farmlands, forests, and wild flowers that she loves to paint are found in abundance in Ontario's countryside, on the hiking

trails, and in her own backyard. Some of her inspiration comes from her view from the pillion/backseat of their motorcycle as she and husband Jim travel the Ontario countryside or American southwest.

In her studio, Pat enjoys painting with both acrylics and watercolours. Watercolours are her favourite medium to work with as she loves the freshness of the medium, and being able to apply and pour colours directly on the paper, watching the beginnings of a painting evolve, finishing details with her brush. Pat enjoys the constant challenge of keeping the white of the paper and using the transparency of watercolours to ultimately make the painting glow. Pat's original watercolour and acrylic paintings can be viewed at the Olde Mill Art Gallery & Shoppe at 357 Main Street in Schomberg. Please check her work at: [FACEBOOK@oldemillartgalleryandshoppe](https://www.facebook.com/oldemillartgalleryandshoppe); [FACEBOOK@patricialearl](https://www.facebook.com/patricialearl)

Jacqueline England was born in Nottingham, England, and moved to Canada when she was a young girl.

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Artists reveal their deep love of animals

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Today she resides in Mississauga, Ontario, with her husband, Robert. She is the mother of a daughter and proud grandmother of two lovely girls.

She returned to the U.K. as a teenager to further her education. During that time she developed a love for horses and spent many a day “mucking out,” grooming, riding and showing them. This was an important turning point in her life and, when she returned to Canada, she saved enough money to buy her first horse. That was the beginning of a wonderful relationship between her and several horses that over the years she raised, trained and showed. She recalled one special occasion where upon showing at the CNE in Toronto, she booked herself into one stall and her horse into another ... that’s commitment!

For most of her professional career, she worked as a computer analyst for a large organization in Toronto.

As well as horses, she adores cats, dogs, nature and wildlife, and these

are prominent subjects in her art repertoire. She also took up the art of creating unique hand-designed bears that have appeared in numerous shows and gift shops throughout Ontario. Her bears have also been featured in bear magazines throughout Canada, the United States and Britain.

Eventually her interest in horses turned to painting them (and other subjects) and, under the tutelage of Welsh artist/instructor, Michael Spillane (Spillane Studio of Fine Arts), she began a journey to realize her artistic ambitions of drawing and painting the subjects she truly loved.

The first step she does is to create realistic drawings in fine detail before moving to canvas to paint. The drawing process gives her insight into the heart of the subject and provides for a good overall composition. Her pencil becomes an imaginary horse grooming tool as she “feels” my way into the drawing.

She have worked in various mediums over the years, such as pastel, watercolour, gouache, acrylic, graphite and oil,



but tend to focus a lot on oil painting due to the intense colours that can be achieved.

She is always striving to create photo-realistic paintings – especially for her equestrian subjects. Her greatest wish is that upon viewing these paintings, the viewer will see what she sees in my mind’s eye as she brings these gorgeous creatures to life on the canvas. Her website is www.jacquelineengland.com.

Donna Greenstein loves animals. She grew up helping in her dad’s animal hospital tending pets. Horses and dogs were her art subjects from the time she was young and Donna spent all the money she earned from babysitting to go to horse stables on weekends.

In 1974, Donna and her husband moved to their 50 acre organic cow-calf farm south of Schomberg. In 2019, she has moved in 2019 to south west of Cookstown.

After retiring from teaching high school Computer Science in June of 2001, Donna started painting precise watercolour botanicals, progressed to bird subjects and farm life. She loved painting her own animals plus those of farming friends. For the most part she prefers animal “portraits,” close up head shots. Since 2013, Donna has

converted to oil painting, a medium she loves. Donna is a member of Kaleidoscope, a group of six York Region friends. She was previously the treasurer of the Schomberg Horticultural Society for six years and the treasurer of Botanical Artists of Canada for four years.

In 2017, she was represented in the prestigious Next2 at the Arts & Letters Club on Elm St in Toronto. 2014 and 2015 Donna showed in the “McMichael Autumn Art Show” in Kleinburg and in many “Studio Tour King” and “Schomberg Street Gallery” shows. Donna is represented by Ethel Curry Gallery in Haliburton, Ontario and Eclipse Art Gallery at Deerpark Resort in Huntsville.

<http://www.theethelcurrygallery.com/> <http://www.eclipseartgallery.ca/artists#/donna-greenstein/>

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.

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A new age of retirement living comes to Bolton

By Brittany Greci

When it comes to retirement living arrangements for seniors, consideration has to be given to location, amenities, overall comfort and convenience. Potential residents want to know that their needs will be taken care of while they maintain their independence.

A space that seamlessly encompasses all of these elements would no doubt be a hot commodity for those looking to make the move. After visiting Sorrento Retirement Residence in Bolton, we can confidently say that we've found such a place, and it's located right in our backyard.

From its conceptualization, Sorrento Retirement Residence has been a space uniquely designed to secure the comfortable, independent lifestyle of its residents. Sorrento's design is heavily influenced by the project's lead interior designer's incredible eye for composition and background in psychology, along with the builder's meticulous attention to detail. Everything from room layouts to colour combinations have been carefully chosen to promote comfort, social structure and engagement.

Once you enter its front doors, you step into a warm, welcoming atmosphere, met with luxurious design ele-

ments combining classic and modern European styles.

Situated at 10 Station Road, Sorrento residents have access to the best that Bolton has to offer. Parks and beautiful trails alongside the Humber River are just minutes away, along with shops and other activities.

Of course, making the move to a retirement space is a big decision. Seniors and their families often express concern that their lives will completely change after they move.

Shiran Refai, Sorrento's executive director says, "the only thing that changes when moving to Sorrento is your address. We provide many luxuries and amenities that allow you to continue pursuing your hobbies and maintain your independence."

Residents have access to a fitness center, pool, pet spa, rooftop garden, potting room, gourmet restaurant and so much more. Not only can they continue pursuing their hobbies after moving in, they'll have even more activities to explore.

Safety is top priority at Sorrento, especially amidst current pandemic concerns. The isolation and separation that many elderly ones have faced over this past year has no doubt has been extremely difficult.



Moving into a retirement living space like Sorrento allows residents to safely regain their sense of community. Social protocol measures are in place throughout the building so as to promote uplifting interaction in a safe way. If any residents don't feel comfortable leaving the premises to do their shopping, this service can be provided to them by the Sorrento staff.

There are also unique safety features built into the building to keep residents as safe and healthy as possible, namely, its ERV system. This system allows each individual suite to filter in air from outside while pushing out stagnant air. Air is not circulated from room to room, but each suite has an independent air exchange system. If any resident should become ill and need to stay in their room, the air in that room will be independently exchanged with air from the exterior of the building. This impressive feature single-handedly raises the bar when it comes to safe-

ty standards in retirement residences whether Independent or assisted living centres.

Resident health and safety are taken one step further at the Sorrento Wellness Center, where doctors are on call at all times along with in-house nurses and personal support workers who are available around the clock.

The consideration that has been given to each aspect of living at Sorrento sets this retirement residence high above the rest. Its charming staff go above and beyond to accommodate every resident, ensuring that their days are enjoyable and their needs are met, making for a truly elevated living experience.

Sorrento suites are now available to lease. For more information, visit sorrentoretirement.com or call 647-317-7242. You can also stay up to date on its current events through its Instagram and Facebook pages at [@sorrentoretirementbolton](https://www.instagram.com/sorrentoretirementbolton).



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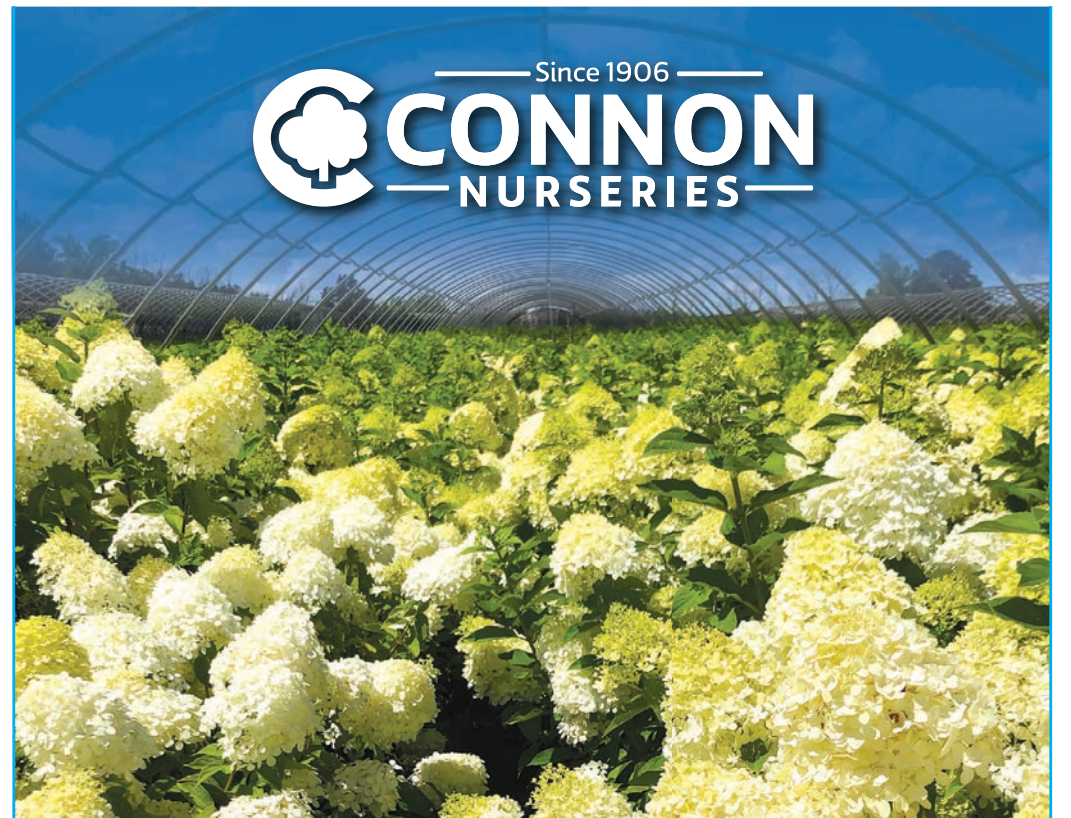
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YRP officers abound in list of high-paid civil servants

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

The ranks of York Regional Police are filled with well paid civil servants.

The salaries of government employees earning \$100,000 or more annually in 2020 were released under the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act. It has become known as the “Sunshine List.”

In 2020, YRP had many officers in this bracket. Given the sheer numbers of those in the 100k range, we have narrowed our list to the higher wage-earners, any in the \$200,000 range.

Tops was outgoing Chief Eric Jolliffe, who earned a whopping \$436,805.77.

Chief James MacSween was next with a salary of \$277,589.80. Deputy Chief Brian Bigras was next with a salary of \$241,232.74, followed by Deputy Chief Cecile Hammond (\$214,010.61). Next was Deputy Chief Rudolph Andre Crawford, who received \$212,373.26. Deputy Chief Paulo Da Silva was next with a salary of \$208,838.82.

Mary-Frances Turner, president of the police services board, made an impressive \$235,500.98, while Paul May, executive vice-president, earned \$208,423.56.

Supervisor, Criminal Records Janine Hanko pulled in \$229,231.36.

Superintendent Russell Bellman earned \$207,152.08.

Chief communications analyst Dale

Albers pulled in \$204,837.58. Detective Sergeant Peter Cheung pulled in \$202,059.46.

Superintendent Randolph Slade made \$198,081.63, while Superintendent Maria Ahrens earned \$197,933.03, and superintendent Alvaro Almeida pulled in \$196,731.72.

Heidi Schellhorn, superintendent, earned 196,829.40. Superintendent William Bullen made \$193,763.96, while superintendent Michael Slack earned \$192,555.40 and superintendent Rhonda Corsi made \$190,597.98.

Lead psychologist Kyle Handley made \$185,981.91.

Inspector Kevin McCloskey was paid \$180,242.98, while senior counsel for YRP, Kathleen Macdonald, earned \$179,577.89.

Manager, information technology Ron Huber made \$178,992.63, while manager employee relations Glenn Asselin took in \$175,888, and Inspector Shannon Anderson was paid \$175,683.65.

Inspector Brian Bravener was paid \$171,811.18, while Inspector Henry Deruiter pulled in \$175,082.62.

Superintendent Jennifer McCue earned \$173,712.82. Inspector Michael Elliott was next with a salary of \$172,088.76.

From the list, it seems that almost every constable with YRP earns over \$100,000.

For more, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/public-sector-salary-disclosure>

King staffers rise up to greet the sunshine

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

The Township of King added six staffers to a growing contingent of civil servants who earn \$100,000 or more.

The Ontario government, through its Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, released remuneration figures of all government employees earning \$100,000 or more in 2020.

In 2020, King had 29 staffers in this segment. The municipality had 23 staffers in this bracket in 2019.

Tops was CEO Daniel Kostopoulos, who earned \$248,890.60.

Next was retired treasurer Allan Evelyn, who earned \$168,526.26. He was followed by Peter Angelo, who pulled in \$167,388.54.

Three staffers – works director Stephen Naylor, Clerk Kathryn Moyle (Smith) and parks director Chris Fasciano – earned \$164,338.86.

Fire Chief Jim Wall earned \$154,922.47 and Deputy Chief James Arnold was paid \$112,656.88.

Nick Vertelman earned \$137,596.28 and Steve Gillies was paid \$137,145.43.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini made \$136,585.49.

Scott Donald (\$128,750.72) and Peter Lavrench (\$124,743.50) were next on the list. They were followed by Matt Wildeman (\$115,576.40), Gaspare Ritaca (\$112,657), Nancy Cronsberry (\$112,656.88), Barbara Harris (\$112,656.88) and Kyle Brett (\$111,744.90).

Rounding out the list were Jodi Mancini (\$107,936.96), Kenneth Crane (\$107,881.74), Amanda Hicks (\$107,237.90), Carolyn Ali (\$106,046.52), Jamie Smyth (\$104,152.30) Denny Timm (\$104,152.30), Jeff Parks (\$103,731.81), Jennifer Ignoto-Caietta (\$102,460.69), David Van Veen (\$100,633.77), Jeffrey Peyton (\$100,156.42) and Wayne Pinkney (\$100,002.95).

York Region approves 2021 police budget

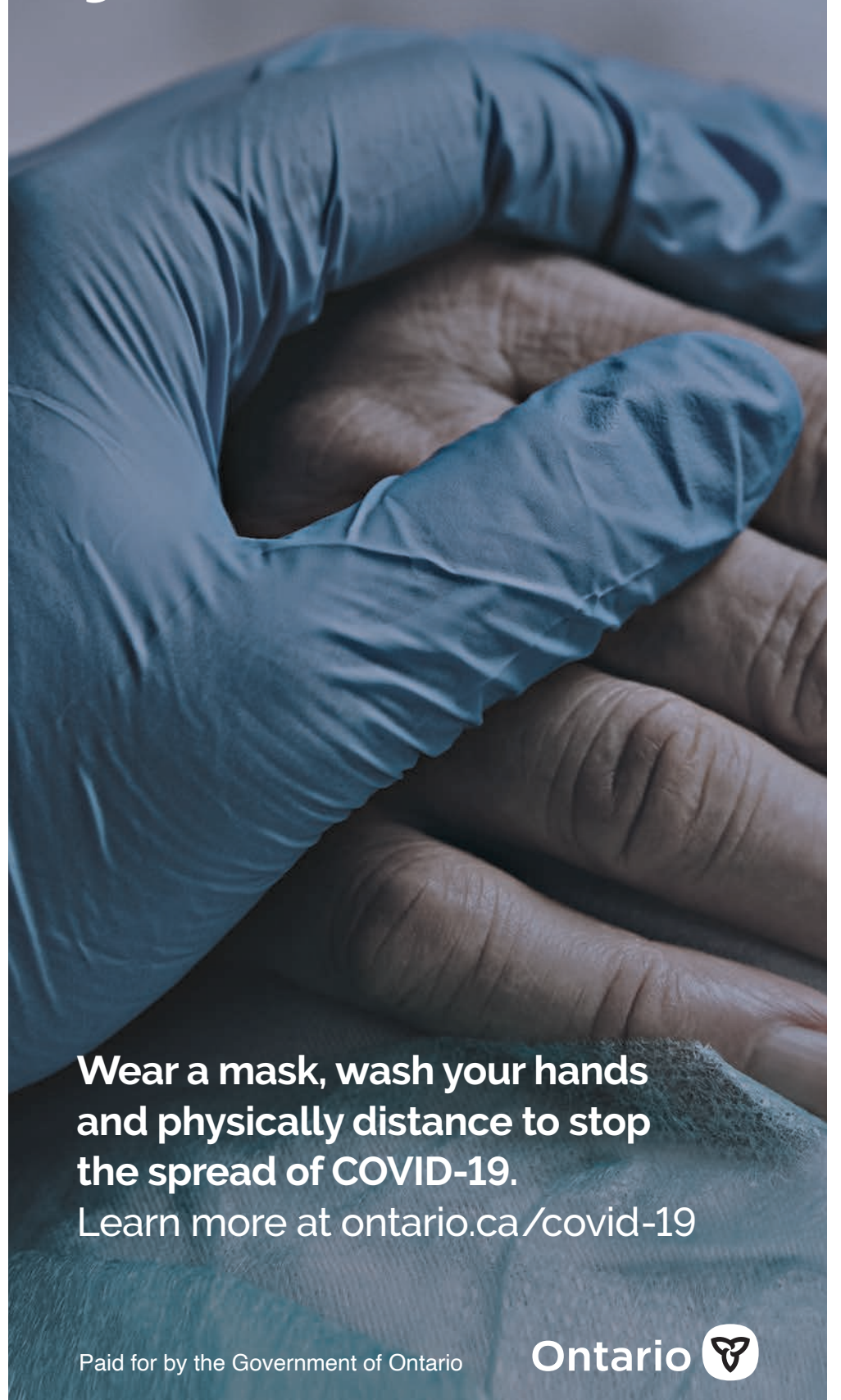
York Regional Council approved the 2021 police operating and capital budgets, allowing our organization to continue to deliver nationally recognized crime prevention and law enforcement programs as well as investigative leadership to more than 1.2 million citizens living in one of Canada’s safest communities.

The approved net operating budget for 2021 is \$360.7 million. The capital budget is \$34.3 million, with capital spending authority for multiple-year projects of \$47.5 million.

The force will be adding 23 additional members in 2021 to meet the demands of growth in York Region and workload pressures, while maintaining quality service levels. These additional members will focus on tackling major crime, member wellness and legislative requirements. They will be deployed to Organized Crime and Intelligence Services, Investigative Services, Support Services, Operational Command, Staff Services, and Executive Services.



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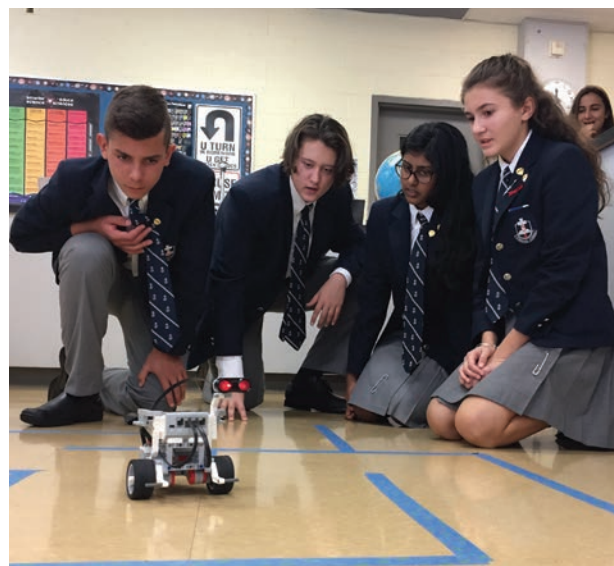
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CDS point guard Magarelli commits to U of T

By Robert Belardi

It's been heralded before and it isn't a cliché, but when one grows up in a sports family it's more or less a pre-conceived notion the child will follow in the same footsteps.

When Carly Magarelli was growing up, her mother had played basketball with the Carleton University Ravens. Her two cousins and her younger sister loved to play the sport and Magarelli began to get into it, too.

After signing her letter of intent to play basketball with the U of T Varsity Blues just a month ago she recalled how it all began.

"It was something we can do together. It was really fun for us. We all just fell in love with it. From there I began playing ever since."

All four girls were enrolled in the house league program in Vaughan simultaneously.

She began watching basketball more and idolized Chris Paul. She watched Paul's ball distribution, athleticism attacking the basket and high-arching shots when he was the Los Angeles Clippers floor general.

"He's definitely my idol and I've modelled my style of play after him."

After one season, Magarelli made the move to rep. She joined the Caledon Cougars program competing there for four years and then moved up to the JUEL league, joining the Mississauga Monarchs.

"The JUEL league is an only girls league for Grade nine to Grade 12. It's a higher-level league for girls to enter but not as high as the OSBA's (Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association)," Magarelli explained.

"OSBA is a league run through the schools, during the school year, like prep schools."

At first it was quite difficult to balance between schoolwork and playing

at The Country Day School. After a month of playing at school and in the evenings in Mississauga, Magarelli learned more how-to manage her time. She also vastly improved on her game and in particular her shot – she looked to Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry for that one.

But in her final year at CDS, Magarelli unexpectedly injured the ligaments in her ankle during a game in 2019. It was the final time she donned the Cyclones jersey.

Fortunately, her impact and play style in the league was rhapsodized by many scouts. In particular, it garnered the attention of two-time Canadian Olympian and former pro player in Europe Tamara Tatham.

Tatham joined the Varsity Blues bench as assistant coach in 2017. Following numerous phone calls and the exchanges of text messages, Tatham offered a letter of intent to Magarelli.

"My older sister was a past OUA (Ontario University Athletics) athlete. For her that was really exciting because she was passing the torch along. She's done her fifth year and it's poetic in that way," Magarelli said.

"My parents were really proud of me and really happy because it's something they wanted for me. We've all been excited for it."

She will be entering the Engineering Science program with an interest to enter the Biomedical science field. Currently Magarelli has an interest in entering prosthetic design.

And as for basketball, she is unsure where the path will lead. For now, she has one focus and that is to win an OUA title.

She is in her final year at CDS earning the last of her credits online. She will await in the coming months, a phone call to report to training camp. That is of course, depending on Toronto's lockdown measures.



Country Day School point guard Carly Magarelli signed her letter of intent to join the U of T Varsity Blues this coming year.

Canadian Premier League approves Saskatoon franchise

By Robert Belardi

When Alan Simpson first caught wind a domestic soccer league was coming to Canada he immediately picked up the phone.

"I called the CPL office from Saskatchewan, I said, I like what you're doing. They said, well how can you participate? I said I'd like to participate from an ownership standpoint," Simpson said.

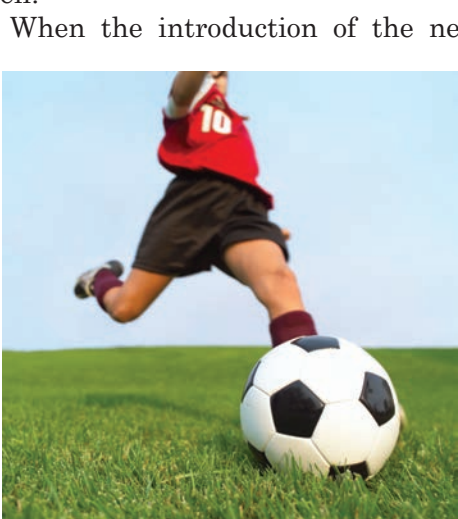
"It just grew from there to where we are today."

The Principal of Living Sky Sports & Entertainment (LSSE) saw his vision come to life two weeks ago. On March 12 the Canadian Premier League formally announced that a new team will be coming to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

"It's a very big step forward in terms of sporting options in Saskatchewan," Simpson said.

"It gives the kids who are playing at the club level and recreationally, the ability to develop a vision and a pathway to perhaps, professional in their own city, or province or country."

The soccer culture in Saskatchewan is quite large. According to Simpson, 8,000 children are registered in the sport and 3,000 adults take part as well.



team was announced, Simpson said he was astounded by the number of impressions reached on social media. The Canadian Premier League, confirmed with Simpson that 729,000 interactions surfaced in the day and #CanPL was ranked seven, in Twitter Canada.

"I've been at this trying to get something done since 2017 and over the course of those years, I've become closer to the business of soccer and the sport in terms of understanding the level of interest. I'm blown away by the number."

The venue is set to take place at the Marquis Downs race track in Prairieland Park; a six-minute drive from downtown Saskatoon.

Prairieland Park and LSSE have come together with a plan to refurbish the grand stand that has been there since 1960 with respect to the history of the track. A venue between 5,000 and 6,500 seats is set to be built there with expandability up to north of 10,000 seats.

Simpson says this plan hopes can be completed by 2023 or 2024.

Amidst the construction of the building, Simpson says a team name and colours will be determined when the shovels hit the ground.

"Once we know we got a stadium then we'll go out and engage the supporter groups and the broader community. We'll make it a collective undertaking. We'll ask the community to chime in on what they think the name should be, what they think the colour should be and what the kit should look like. That should be a lot of fun. I see that as the fun part out of this whole undertaking."

The community stadium and the ability to participate in the team until the time arrives will be the joy in bringing the city of Saskatoon together. A soccer team on top of all of that is a nice cherry on top.

King United registration now open

By Robert Belardi

King United Soccer club is accepting registration free of charge for both house league and rep programs, President Ivan Rapa says.

"We're going to keep registrations open for as long as we can. We set a May 1 deadline for early-bird registrations," Rapa said.

"If you register after May 1 there may be a small fee added to the early bird fee. But having said that, our goal is to allow every kid that wants to play soccer this year, to play soccer."

The club is accepting registrations anywhere from U-4 to U-21.

As per government regulations, Rapa says bubbles will be generated for each age group. Up to 25 children can be in one bubble at a given time.

The concern moving forward is if more than 25 children in one age group are registered, there is a chance that year's program can be shutdown. The only way to prevent that is to reach 50 registrations so two bubbles can be formed and government guidelines can be met.

"Our mandate is to service these kids and provide programming that they can participate in. At the same time, we also have an obligation to keep them safe," Rapa said.

"It's been tough trying to make the right decision for the best interest of all of our members. And also, to meet everyone's expectations."

In their meticulous approach to this year's season, the hope is to field all the children by June all the way until the end of August.

The hope is come July, children will have the ability to play games against one another instead of solely being on the practice field.

With last year's soccer season having gone through the same thing and with children for the most part, having been at home all Winter, Rapa says this summer is very important for children to be outside.

"It's important for their well-being. Both mentally and physically. I think kids need that. The social aspect, they need to be running around with like-minded peers in a joyful and playful environment. They don't have that right now," Rapa said.

"Only as long as it can be done safely."

In a typical calendar year, registrations are open right up until the season starts and in some cases it runs past that.

For this year, Rapa says registrations will be open for as long as they can.

To register your child and sign up for the early-bird program you can do so online at kingunitedsc.com/

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

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The Schomberg Horticultural Society is welcoming new members. A yearly membership (\$5 pp) will support

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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.

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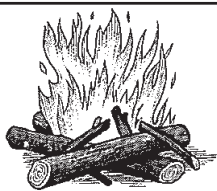
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By Linda Blydorp

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On Easter Day, our Pastor, Jeff Loach will be starting a new series, "Epidemic in the Church: Spiritual Infancy." The first message in the series is entitled, "Know Whose You Are," and it's based on Mark 9.1-10.

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.

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Nobleton Tennis Club

Nobleton Tennis club will be opening registration April 15. Registration must be made on line at Nobletontennisclub.com. The sport of tennis has been categorized as a lower risk activity with regards to covid and the pandemic. Activities and programming that we run will be dependant upon the provincial colour coded designation for our region.

We are optimistic that we will be able to provide lessons, round robins, cardio tennis, junior camps, high performance camps and inter county play. This year we are hosting Inter county Ladies A and B teams and a Mixed A team, if you would like to try out please contact us. Key distribution will be May 1. Court booking system will open May 1. Looking forward to a safe, healthy and active summer!

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708 OBITUARIES

ADAMSON, Dorothy (née Ibbotson) 1926-2021

Dorothy passed peacefully on Saturday, March 27, 2021 in Newmarket. Predeceased by her beloved husband Reg, son James and daughter in law Lisa. Loving mother of Reg (Nancey), Michael (Gina) and David. Caring grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. The family of Dorothy would like to extend a thank you to Alexander Muir and Eagle Terrace for all their care. As per Dorothy's wishes she has been cremated and there will be a private family inurnment at a later date. In lieu of flowers her family would appreciate donations to the Arthritis Society of Canada.

708 OBITUARIES

Stephen: Henry "Hank" Cameron

At Southlake Regional Health Care Centre, Newmarket, on Monday, March 29, 2021. Hank Stephen, in his 77th year, beloved husband of Lisa Volk. Loving father of Shane and Janice and Terri and David Harrington. Loved by his grandchildren Jordan, Molly, and Izzy. Dear son-in-law of George and the late Doris Volk. Respecting Hank's wishes there will be no funeral service. Arrangements entrusted to Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, 905-936-3477.

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709 IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Bruce Bishop

Bruce, I miss you terribly and think of you always. I miss hearing "its 4 o'clock somewhere" and "hey Pen, have you got a minute?" But most of all I miss hearing you say, "have I told you today that I love you?"

My heart is heavy with you gone but is so full of the memories and times we shared with our family.

Feel my hugs till I'm with you again, Love Penny

Dad, It has been a year since we got to talk to you and even longer since we got to see and hug you. We keep thinking about you, the years of advice and encouragement. Teaching us to be independent, strong and to never rely on anyone. There wasn't much you didn't provide for us or our families, but you taught us so much more. We constantly have you on our shoulder when making decisions, thinking to ourselves, what would Dad say? You always listened, offered advice, sometimes whether we wanted to hear it or not. Starting with "you may not want to hear this, but I am going to say it anyway" or "can I make a suggestion?" We may not have always admitted it, but you were usually right.

Our memories begin at the mill, Schomberg Supplies, you and Mom working tirelessly to provide for your family. You showed us how to work hard, serve the community and the value of a dollar. So many lessons learned, through leading the way or Post-It note reminders everywhere.

Memories of family trips to Florida, where you "had" to work late, so you sent all of us with Mom in the car and would fly down later. To busy weekends at the cottage, full of laughs, some yard work but many cherished memories.

We love you Dad, you are missed everyday.

Love Dave and Anne, Tracey, Stephanie and Ian, Kristina and Steve

Grampa, your laugh is something we will always remember. Always cheerful and excited to see us. You were encouraging and loved us greatly.

It was always a pleasure coming to play at Grampa's, even though we had to avoid the live animal traps scattered through the yard. It taught us how to survive. We may have had to wash our hands repeatedly and take our boots off at the door or receive the threat of a knuckle sandwich. Some of these visits, we may have been asked to pick up sticks or do chores, but we always did it, because it made Grampa happy. You often liked to thank our parents for cleaning up after us too. We treasured playing cards or games with you, even though you cheated sometimes to win.

Miss you Grampa.

Love Nikki, Carly, Blake, Estelle, Reuben, Libby, Violet, Ethan and Keaton

Sending love from New Zealand - During quiet moments, I often find it hard to believe that Dad is physically gone, and we won't get to see/hear from him on Skype on Sunday mornings. What is harder to believe is that it has almost been a year! He still has a big presence in our lives. Every time I look out our front window, I see Dad's geraniums and think of him and imagine he is there watching over us, still guiding and helping us. He is also there with me when I talk to the kids about 'being a somebody, working hard to get what/where you want and about looking after and valuing things.' Dad taught us many things over the years, it has only been since I first started teaching and later owning my first home, then having a family that I well and truly appreciated all that he has taught us and all that he has been for us. Living in New Zealand, one of my biggest regrets is that Reuben, Libby and Violet missed out on getting to know just how great, wonderful and funny their grandfather was. I hope that Ian and I pass on many of Dad's lovely qualities and attributes to them. Although he is physically gone, he still has a huge presence in our lives and will always continue to do so. Thank you Dad! We love you, we miss you and think of you often.

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King's Corners

King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

Happy Easter to all from King City United and we wish everyone a wonderful Easter weekend.

As we move through Holy Week which began last Sunday, we move through many emotions, the sadness and grief of Good Friday and moving to the joy and celebration of Easter Sunday. Through the week we have several online worship events which will be broadcast from our YouTube Channel.

The worship times are: the afternoon on Thursday March 31 (Maudy Thursday), Friday, April 2 (Good Friday) and then our regular 10 a.m. time on Sunday, April 4 for Easter Worship. Worships will be prerecorded and available as they are posted.

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 70 and older, we will be worshipping together soon.

If you missed worship on Sunday, that recorded worship along with others is available on our YouTube Channel at York United Ministries and on our website.

This week is the last 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. Be still and be well.

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

King Bible Church

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

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

This weekend 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 at 10:30 a.m. 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).

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

As well, during the weeks we are not gathering in person, we will continue to meet online Sundays at 10:30 am 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.

Thank-you and we look forward to seeing everyone soon! Please visit our website for further information! www.kingbiblechurch.com

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St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

During Holy Week, St. Andrew's services will be online, accessed by going to our website standrews-kingcity.ca. Our Maundy Thursday service on April 1 will have the Rev. Paul Johnston presiding at 7 p.m. and we will be joining Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterdown for their Good Friday service with the Rev. Grant Vissers The Easter Sunday service and Holy Communion begins at 10:15 a.m. with the Rev. Dr. John Vissers. We invite you to join us for these special services.

On Palm Sunday Lynn Vissers continued with the Gospel according to John and the series "I am" of who Jesus is. This book of the Bible is a must read!

"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 resumes this Tuesday, following Easter Monday 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.

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

The Greater Grace Fellowship has been able to resume their Bible Study now on Sundays at 5 p.m. in the Lounge, keeping to the Public Health measures.

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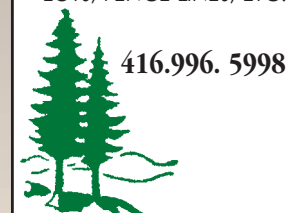
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May God's presence of hope, peace, joy and love be experienced daily. God is with us!

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

Garden Club

The current pandemic has affected people in ways we never thought possible a year ago. The Nobleton & King City Garden Club (NKC GC) is no exception. Because of safety protocols and the lockdown, the NKC GC held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) for 2020 this past Monday March 22.

Instead of our usual pot luck dinner we were restricted to a Zoom meeting with 18 members attending.

The meeting was called to order by current President Kelly Lavis. Kelly welcomed Mayor Steve Pellegrini who thanked us for helping beautify the Township and hoped that we will get back to some semblance of normalcy later in the year. District 15 Director Barbara O'Malley reported on business of the District. She also did the installation of this year's board. She also presented the District Service Award to a richly deserving Barb Downey for her tireless work in the association. A number of members were presented with pins for 15, 25 and 25 years of service.

Membership fees were discussed and it was determined that a fee of \$5 for 2021 will be levied for current members and any interested parties that would

like to attend any of our monthly Zoom meetings.

Our first meeting will be Monday, April 26 with Heinke Thiessen. If interested in attending please contact us at our email address below (all are welcome). Email nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com

**All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage**

Easter by Zoom and in person: Last Sunday's Passion/Palm Sunday service with pre-recorded hymn, sung psalm and organ prelude, and performance of Mark's passion story is available on our website www.allsainstkingcity.com.

Our Good Friday service is also by Zoom with stations of the cross at 3 p.m. This Ester Sunday we will gather for an in person service with hymn singing and Eucharist in front of the church, weather permitting. All are welcome.

Words to live by – On Passion Sunday, Fr. Peterson spoke from a passage from Phillipian 2: "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness."

"If you had a powerful friend, someone in high places, what would you expect of that person? I think it would be human nature to expect that in some way, this friend would make your life better. Perhaps business opportunities, the chance to make money or connections.

People were the same in Jesus's day. Earlier in Mark's gospel, when some of Jesus' inner circle are beginning to figure out that he is someone special,

jockeying begins to get close to the guy with the influence. James and John ask Jesus, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' (Mk 10:37). Jesus gently chastises them, then challenges their basic assumptions.

"... whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

This is the language, not of someone who's going into town to confront the powers and overthrow Pilate, but of one who is going to spend his last night with his friends, washing their feet as if he was a slave. It is language spoken, not from a throne, but from a cross, the place of painful shame and death. It is the place where Jesus' true identity

is shown most clearly. In Philippians, Paul tries to explain what happens at the cross."

'Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.'

"What does it mean to have the mind of Christ? It means looking to the interests of others rather than to our own interests. It means willing embracing humility and servant hood.

Paul calls us to relinquish our grasping for worldly power and embrace the role of servant. By following Jesus in identifying with the lowly and giving ourselves away in humble service to a suffering world, we honor 'the name that is above every name.'"

York board launches new website

To ensure families can easily access clear and concise information about education in York Region, York Region District School Board has launched an updated and enhanced website.

The new www.yrdsb.ca features a built-in translation tool, enhanced search capabilities, integrated accessibility features and revised navigation based on user testing, website analytics and research. It also makes it easier for families to access online learning platforms and support using these tools through the Online Student Tools and Family Resource hubs. The new newsroom will also give families access to the latest news, videos and events to stay up-to-date with what's happening in YRDSB.

"We are very excited to announce the launch of our new board website," said Cynthia Cordova, chair of the board of trustees. "The new website provides a clean, easy-to-navigate experience for our families and other stakeholders to find the information they need about their child's education and board activities and initiatives."

"Clear and concise communication in education is something we are continually striving to achieve" said YRDSB Director of Education Louise Sirisko. "In designing this new website, we prioritized accessibility and making it easier for all of our users to find and access the information they need."

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