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Everyone should get a vaccine

Health officials and local politicians are urging everyone to get a COVID vaccination as soon as they're eligible. We have to do everything in our power to slow the spread of this virus. The Trisan Centre in Schomberg is offering vaccinations and is supported by local officials, volunteers, physicians and the Region of York. Last week, joining King Mayor Steve Pellegrini was York chair Wayne Emmerson, promoting the local clinic. For those who wish more information, watch this informative video, <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1880969283645>

Canada takes top spot in best countries list

By Mark Pavilonis
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Canada has usurped its Scandinavian counterparts to claim the number one spot as the best country to live in.

The 2021 Best Countries Report, compiled by U.S. News & World Report, ranked Canada as first overall.

The rankings evaluate 78 countries across 26 rankings drawn from a survey of more than 17,000 global citizens, measuring 76 dimensions that have the potential to drive trade, travel and investment and directly affect national economies. The report was formed in partnership with BAV Group, a unit of global marketing communications company VMLY&R, and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Canada excelled in several areas to put them on top. Our country placed first in terms of quality of life and social purpose. Canada placed third in "agility" and being "open for business." We placed sixth in entrepreneurship.

In the quality of life, we excelled in things like affordability, a good job market, economic stability, being family friendly and having political stability. We also received high marks for our public health and education systems.

Our sense of "social purpose" included things like our passion for human rights, social justice, racial equity and religious freedom. Surprisingly, we faltered a bit in the environment (score of 80.2) and climate goals (87.4).

Helping our position as being "open for business," Canada enjoys transparent government practices and a favourable tax environment.

Our "agility" includes factors like being adaptable, modern and responsive to change.

Interestingly, we ranked 12th in terms of "power." This included being a leader, economically influential and having strong international alliances.

Canada ranked 14th in terms of cultural influence and 19th in terms of "adventure." Our tourism, scenic nature and friendly population are big hits among visitors and tourists.

Canada ranked number 2 in terms of racial equality. The phrase "A country is stronger when it is more racially and ethnically diverse" reflected Canada's nature.

Canada placed 4th terms of education, based on the attributes "having a well-developed public education system, whether people would consider attending university there and if that country provides a top quality education."

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Monday, April 26

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

Monday, May 3

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

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

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

Construction Inspector – closes April 30

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

PUBLIC NOTICES

Summer Camp Update

Due to the recent Provincial stay-at-home order, the Township of King will be temporarily delaying the release of its 2021 Summer Camp program information. Staff will continue to monitor evolving public health information and guidelines from the Province and the Region of York regarding best practices for the safe delivery of summer camps and aim to release updated camp program information in alignment with the lifting of Provincial stay-at-home order. The Township will continue to make ongoing public updates regarding summer camp programming which can be viewed on the municipal webpage at www.king.ca

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 will begin on Witherspoon Way starting at the intersection of Witherspoon and MacTaggart
- Services crew continues to install service laterals within the contract area.
- Roads crew continues to remove concrete curb along Sheardown Drive for replacement.
- Testing for sewer installation has begun within the contract area.

Residents who have any questions about the project can visit <https://www.king.ca/majorprojects> 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 kgs (5 tonnes) per axle has been implemented on designated Township roads effective March 1st, to May 31st. By-law Number 2017-103

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.

Citizens are encouraged to visit <http://www.king.ca/waste> to learn more.



NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS DESTROY WEEDS

NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in possession of land, in accordance with the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter W.5, Sections 3, 16 and 23 THAT unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Municipality of the Township of King are destroyed by date of 1st June, 2021, and throughout the season, the Municipality may enter upon the said lands and have the weeds destroyed, charging costs against the land, as set out in the Weed Control Act.

All properties ten (10) acres or less may have noxious weeds destroyed without notice to the owner. The co-operation of all citizens is earnestly solicited.

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services / Township Clerk

Please see more King Township notices on page 3

PUBLIC NOTICES



Due to the constantly changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects, this information may not be current. Please visit covid19.king.ca 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 Grey -- Lockdown level with a Provincial stay-at-home order.

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

Services continue at the Library including: Curbside Service at all branch locations, printing and faxing services and COVID – 19 vaccination booking help. Visit kinglibrary.ca for more information on how we continue to serve the community.

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

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

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

COVID-19 information

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

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

COVID-19 Vaccinations Clinics

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

For eligibility requirements and more information please visit york.ca/COVID19Vaccine.

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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

King has tentatively scheduled street sweeping for an April 19 start (weather depending). Three sweepers will be utilized at the same time in King City, Nobleton and Schomberg before moving out to other areas of the Township. The intent is to be completed by the long weekend in May.

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.

Municipal water flushing

In the spring and fall the Public Works Department flushes all water mains and hydrants in King City, Nobleton, Schomberg and Ansnorveldt. 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.

Friendly reminder to be a responsible pet owner!

Keep pets on-leash and pick up after them by bringing waste bags with you and discarding them in Township bins or at home. Pet waste (and kitty litter) can be disposed of in compostable bags in your green bin.

<http://king.ca/pets>



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



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



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Canada excels in terms of human, gender rights

From Front Page

“We live in the best country in the world – a global leader in quality education, entrepreneurship, human rights promotion, and inclusion. Ontario proudly is a leader at home and abroad when it comes to quality education, however, we know we must continue to invest in Ontario’s students,” said Education Minister and King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce. “It is why we have announced a \$700 million increase in public education for the coming school year, because after an extraordinary year of difficulty, we want students to succeed in the fundamentals – from literacy to numeracy and life and job skills. Our focus remains on reforming Ontario’s education system and making it work for students, which is why we have announced a new math curriculum that mandates coding and financial literacy.”

Canada also ranked 4th in terms of “best countries for women,” in terms of human and gender rights, income equality and progress.

We made the top 5 (placing 5th) in

terms of being a good country in which to raise children. Education, health care, safety and being “family friendly” all contribute to this status.

The 2021 Best Countries to Headquarter a Corporation ranking was a compilation of nine attributes: being connected to the rest of the world, corrupt, economically stable, having an educated population, a favorable tax environment, is a place I would live, is safe, has well-developed infrastructure and well-developed legal framework. Canada placed 2nd in this category.

Being transparent – having open business and government practices – is a big plus. Canada took second in this category, with high levels of trustworthiness and low corruption.

Canada was 9th in the world for “green living.” This category reviewed being health conscious, innovative and caring for the environment.

Our nation did place 6th in terms of a “comfortable retirement.” This category measures affordability, pleasant climate, property rights and public health.

“Canada owes its success to our most



YRP taking a ‘balanced approach’

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

York Regional Police will be moving forward in a thoughtful, balanced way, following the expansion of police powers announced by the provincial government last week.

On April 16, the provincial government announced new restrictions for Ontarians and increased police powers under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA), allowing police to stop individuals and motorists who are not at home.

Having now had the opportunity to review the provincial order, York Regional Police will be taking a “balanced approach to enforcement, applying the order equitably and legally to ensure we continue to support public health measures while maintaining public trust.

“We will not be conducting random vehicle or individual stops. Enforcement will continue to be complaint driven and proactive, with the goal of gaining compliance. Our actions will focus on those individuals who overtly put others in danger and citizens refusing to comply will be charged appropriately.”

Police say their enforcement efforts will continue as they have since the beginning of the pandemic, focused on the 4 Es:

- Engage (with the individual).
- Explain (why we are there).
- Educate (on the rules and regulations).
- Enforce (as a last resort).

“York Regional Police will continue to support York Region Public Health and regional and municipal officials to ensure the safety of our members and the safety of the community.”

valuable resource, our people. People who believe in the strength of our diversity. People who strive to live up to our shared values of peace, equality and compassion,” said King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte. “Throughout this pandemic, we’ve been there for one another because that’s what it means to be Canadian.

“We’re neighbours helping neighbours. Small businesses that are there for their community. Women and men in uniform protecting the most vulnerable. Doctors and nurses keeping our families healthy.

“What makes our country so special is not the belief that we are the best country in the world, but knowing that we can build it together.”

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini echoed those sentiments, pointing to King’s rural beauty.

“There is no surprise that Canada was chosen as the top rated country when it is comprised of so many gems; in particular, King.

“We are a unique and special place that prides ourselves on its natural

heritage and scenic beauty, its agricultural lands, its rich local and rural history and its rural traditions of farming, mills and a vibrant quality of life; however it’s our people that truly make King great.”

Over 98% of King Township is within the Greenbelt area of which 65% of King’s area is contained within the Oak Ridges Moraine. The Moraine is a famed geological formation created by a retreating glacier in the last ice age. King Township is one of nine local municipalities that make up the Regional Municipality of York. It encompasses the villages and hamlets of Ansnorveldt, Kettleby, King City, Laskay, Lloydtown, Nobleton, Pottageville, Schomberg and Snowball.

An important asset of King Township is its strong rural economy and agricultural sector, which depends upon the Holland Marsh’s deep fertile soils and rich growing season. About 60% of the Holland Marsh, also known as “Ontario’s Vegetable Basket” is located in King.



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Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

- Michael Connelly

Canada needs to take decisive action on 752

Like any dutiful Canadian, we put our toonie into the coin slot, make our selection, and watch the fattening snack creep along, and fall to the magical tray below.

We feel rewarded, and head out on our way.

We pay our taxes, try to stay ahead of our bills and take our car in when the engine light comes on.

We follow the rules and even give up our rights and freedoms faithfully in times of need.

Most average Canadians have followed all the rules and regulations, and yet many have lost their jobs, their security, and have been stressed out to new levels. We get tested and when our time comes, we get our vaccinations. And through it all, we remain proud and loyal citizens.

As a journalist, I have learned a great deal about our democratic system over the decades. I have received some firsthand accounts of how things "really work" and yet I too, remain optimistic. I still firmly believe that the ultimate goal in any government bureaucracy is to serve the public good.

Despite my years of getting inside peaks at some of our closed-door systems, I still remain in the dark about many of our society's inner workings.

I'm still blind and naive at times.

We try to track a host of current events and cover them in a common sense chronology that's easy to understand and portray.

A tragedy takes place. Governments, emergency personnel, volunteers and aid organizations respond. Boots and shovels hit the ground and work begins. In time, the rubble is carted away, people are given food, shelter and clothing. And in more time, life carries on, the world continues to spin, and the attention moves on to something else, something more current.

It's sad in a way, but that's the reality of today's modern media. Given the lightning-fast pace of information spread these days, it's vital to be up to the minute.

In more visual, descriptive terms, media types pounce on a story, beat the heck out of it, get up and move on. Some pat themselves on the back for a job well done. Seldom do they look back.



Mark Pavilons

But that's the mistake. Looking back, gaining more insight and hindsight, can be invaluable.

There are literally thousands of minor stories being told each and every day. And, there are a couple of biggies, too. But all have their own shelf life.

I've been revisiting one of Canada's biggest tragedies in decades, and yet there seems to be fleeting coverage and concern over it.

The shooting down of Ukrainian Flight PS752 by the Iranian military is a huge story, filled with human tragedy, politics, draconian control, cover-ups and legal entanglements. It's really a fabulous tale of international intrigue.

But ask any Canadian if they recall the details, or victims, of this crime. I doubt it's front and centre on many people's minds.

And yet it has become one of the saddest events, the greatest loss of Canadian lives, and one of hottest political potatoes of the time.

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

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

"Their families deserve answers to important questions, including on the series of events that led to these missiles being launched in the first place," said Marc Garneau, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport.

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

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

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

They all lost people, but our country lost the most.

One would think we would be going after the culprits with teeth bared.

But that's not the Canadian way. We approach things subtly, diplomatically. And yet we have no diplomatic rela-

tions with Iran.

We have some of the brightest minds on the planet. We have friends in the G7, UN, NATO, etc. Canadians have been among the bravest soldiers, and top-notch peace-keepers throughout history.

And yet, a few harsh words and fist-shaking is all we produce.

Not what I expect from our leaders.

The victims' family members, some of whom reside locally, are shattered. Their lives forever altered. A year after the horrific event and there's no resolution, no settlement, no penalties.

Even millions in potential damages, lawsuits and payouts will not change anything. These won't bring back the dead and won't bring closure or absolution.

From the confines of that military missile launcher, right up the ladder to heads of state, this issue merely floats around the desks of bureaucrats, given a neatly bound cover and set off to the side.

That's not right.

All democratic governments around the world, especially Canada and our largest ally the United States, need to force this issue. We need to press upon everyone that this is not acceptable and acts of terrorism will not go unpunished.

Our bureaucrats need to get out of their offices, run down the hall and make some noise.

The world needs to know what happened. We need to go down in history as a country that took decisive action, not sat on our hands.

Letter to the Editor

Dismayed by litter on roads

Even though my husband and I live on the King-Vaughan border, King has always been where we enjoy our daily lives.

Now that winter has passed we've brought out our bikes to cycle the back roads of King Township and have been very upset by the amount of garbage that we are seeing in the ditches on every country road that we've travelled.

I know that there will always be ignorant people who don't see the beauty of our country but to those that live on these roads that sight is nothing short of appalling.

My husband and I take a few days every spring to clean up the ditches in front of our property, usually filling 20 or more large garbage bags of litter.

If everyone took just a small section of road to adopt for themselves and keep it clean of litter we would then have a township which we can be proud of.

Let's be more pro-active in keeping our Canada beautiful.

Pat Crossley



Quote of the Week

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart."

- Helen Keller

Trivia Tidbits

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

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Results from last week's poll:

Have you, or someone you know, received a COVID-19 vaccine?

a) Yes **87%**

b) No **13%**

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

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think the stricter measures with the stay-at-home order stem the tide of COVID-19 cases?

a) Yes
b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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Celebrating stories of Members of the Order of Ontario

By Elizabeth Dowdeswell
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario

COMMENT

The theme of this year's Earth Day, on April 22, is "Restore Our Earth." It's a call for action to bring our environment back to health. We will accomplish this only with innovative thinking and new perspectives, driven by science and by the urgent need for climate action.

These are the kinds of perspectives

that have been achieved by Order of Ontario recipients Roberta Bondar and Art McDonald. Both have undertaken remarkable studies borne from distinct and powerful vantage points – Bondar from above the Earth, McDonald from underground – and their barrier-breaking work can inspire us all.

McDonald won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2015 for his work as director of the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory (SNO) – whose lab (now known as SNO-LAB) is 2 km underground. The rock above it filters out cosmic rays emitted by the sun, but not the tiny particles called neutrinos. Although these particles penetrate just about everything, during the experiments McDonald's team conducted, they would sometimes

collide with the heavy water stored in SNO, giving off light. By detecting solar neutrinos, the team discovered some of the particles' properties, in the process learning about both the sun and the Earth.

"Nuclear fusion powers the sun; it's being attempted on Earth as a major green energy source," says McDonald. "We have proven that the calculations of how the sun burns are accurate. So it's the engineering that needs to be sorted out to create a very substantial green energy source that uses water from the oceans and can help our climate change efforts." Nowadays, McDonald is participating in the SNO+ experiment, the successor to SNO. By investigating neutrinos emitted by radioactivity up to 500 km beneath the surface, it seeks to improve our understanding not only of their basic properties, but also of our planet's inner regions and the way they produce heat.

Roberta Bondar spent eight days orbiting the Earth in 1992 on the space shuttle Discovery, as the first Canadian woman – and the first-ever neurologist – in space. There, the Sault Ste Marie native conducted experiments on the effects of low gravity on the human body. In looking down at the Earth, she was granted what she calls "an all-encompassing view of who we are and where we are."

Nowadays, Bondar runs the Roberta Bondar Foundation, which aims to address "the growing nature deficit in society." One of its initiatives is to photograph the migratory pathways of threatened and endangered birds

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York reaffirms confidence in medical officer

By Wayne Emmerson
Chairman, CEO, Region of York

On behalf of York Regional Council and The Regional Municipality of York, we reaffirm our strong confidence in York Region Medical Officer of Health Dr. Karim Kurji and continued support of his leadership in our collective fight against COVID-19.

Throughout this global pandemic, York Region and York Region Public Health's top priority is protecting the health and safety of our residents while also balancing the needs of our communities on various levels.

COVID-19 is unlike anything we have experienced before. The situation continues to change rapidly and the decisions of Dr. Kurji and Regional Council are made in the best interest of our community as a whole – not based on the needs and wants of individual groups or interests.

In fact, Dr. Kurji's philosophy throughout the pandemic is to treat our whole community as the patient. This approach has allowed York Region to take targeted action to reduce harms without inflicting new ones and better balance health and safety with economic vitality.

The COVID-19 situation continues to change rapidly, and decisions often need to be made quickly. Unfortunately, not everyone is going to be pleased with or agree with every decision made in our pandemic response. But rest assured these decisions are evidenced-based and data-driven.

However, data is only part of a larger picture that drives York Region's response to COVID-19. Dr. Kurji and the York Region Public Health team also look closely at case and contact operations, advanced planning, enforcement capacity, vaccine operations and communications before making decisions or recommendations that impact our residents and businesses.

The best actions to address the spread of COVID-19 in our communities include targeted interventions and an aggressive vaccination strategy. We will never truly bring an end to this pandemic without everyone's earnest participation.

This means more than just following public health measures. It means cooperating with public health and being forthcoming with information related to COVID-19 symptoms and close contacts. If residents are not providing public health with accurate information this virus will continue to spread in our communities.

We recognize many are feeling a level of frustration and fatigue with this pandemic. However, inappropriate and disparaging comments, whether shared in a public forum or directly with York Region staff, do nothing to change the current situation.

We are in this together and we each have a role to play.

On behalf of York Regional Council, I extend our appreciation to Dr. Kurji for his steadfast leadership throughout this pandemic and thank him for his continued efforts to balance the health and well-being of residents with the economic vitality of our communities.

BUDGET 2021

Supporting Canadians & Businesses Through The Covid-19 Pandemic And Ensuring A Robust, Fair & Green Recovery

FAMILIES

- \$30 B to provide an affordable & accessible early learning and childcare system
- Interest-free loans for retrofits to lower energy bills
- \$1 B for rapid rollout of broadband internet projects

SENIORS

- Increasing the Old Age Security by 10% for seniors aged 75 yrs. and up
- \$3 B to support the provinces and territories to improve long-term care

YOUTH

- 215, 000 skills development training and work opportunities
- Waive interest on student loans for an additional year and double Canada Student Grants for two more years

WORKERS

- Extend EI sickness benefits from 15 to 26 weeks
- Provide an additional 12 weeks for the Canada Recovery Benefit
- Expand the Canada Workers Benefit to support 1 M more Canadians
- Raise the federal minimum wage to \$15/hour

SMALL BUSINESS

- Extend the Canada Emergency Business Account application deadline until June 30th
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Joining the Sunshine List is everyone's dream

In his April 8 letter (Column on wages one-Sided), David McRae observed 85% of government expenditures go toward employee salaries and benefits, before raising the spectre of less readily traceable government costs, in response to Mark Pavilons's April 1 editorial, "Salaries Devour Plenty of Tax Dollars."

We can generally agree that globalization's trade winds (plus rapid improvements in technology and materials science) have been blowing a lot of private sector jobs out of Canada, if not right out of existence, replacing them with some high-skilled work and a lot of low-waged insecure service jobs in the retail, warehousing, accommodation and food, personal support, and courier/transportation sectors. Think temp services. No sick pay, vacation

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time, nor company pension plans for them, something government workers take for granted.

David suggested the editor direct more attention toward other government costs, writing: "\$100,000 to \$300,000 salaries are indeed expensive and generous. But still, at the end of the day and in this day and age of rising costs these salaries are within solid middle-class income ranges – not absurdly wealthy and disproportionate salaries that we see in the big business circles."

Why is big government being compared to big business circles again? This seems to be the story of seeking wage parity with the highest income group, not workers who provide com-

parable services to a comparable 'client base' in terms of size, location, and complexity.

In his editorial, Mark questioned why government types often claim their salaries must be competitive with selected wage levels in private industry in order "to attract and keep qualified staff." Mark's wry advice: "Let them try!"

Let's start from the premise that government is supposed to provide necessary public services dedicated to public wellbeing. Is that too silly? If government is a business, then it better get into the marketplace with its product or service, and compete to support itself. In the private sector, that means jobs and costs will have to be pared, so wages, benefits and pensions will have to be cut. Lots of outsourcing, too.

In his editorial, Mark decided to chew on government salaries published in the recent Sunshine List. Other costs are never so willingly released; instead, they are too often willfully suppressed, to be partially divulged later in response to multiple Freedom of Information (FOI) requests, riddled with redactions. Your taxes at work again, dare I say? The Sunshine expose seems to be an annual bone-throwing exercise designed to concentrate the dogs' attention on the bones, and away from all the other unsavoury government garbage cans. "Look over there! Sic 'em!"

In its annual Sunshine proclamation, Ontario declares: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus!"

Now, I'd like to consider David's comment re: "these salaries are within solid middle-class income ranges – not absurdly wealthy and disproportionate salaries that we see in the big business circles." Allow me to attend to those terms "middle class" and "disproportionate" for the remainder of my observations.

StatsCan published this broad statement: "Employment in the public sector accounts for 20% of employed Canadians". Time to search for some details within the current social context.

COVID-19 has turned small businesses into jack-in-the-box operations (lay-offs, recalls, another round of lay-offs) in the private sector. If you cannot work from home, you're hooped.

Some of these laid-off workers are surviving on monthly CERB payments of \$2,000, leading to former Conservative leader, Andrew Scheer, musing the pay-outs were "too generous," causing people not to establish working roots in the thin parched pandemic soil of the current withered private sector job market.

Before any politician makes such a statement, consider living on a monthly \$2,000 CERB benefit, or staking one's survival on order-picking, loading/offloading transports, and automated racking at a warehouse, or in a long-term care facility at around \$14/hour. There, a person would have to toil about 143 hours to earn \$2,000 (assuming no deductions), which is equivalent to 3.5

weeks (at 40 hours/week) at minimum wage. No expense accounts, sick pay, or other benefits. Such jobs are usually insecure and transitory, but people are still doing them.

I'd say their work ethic is unquestionable, and many have a good level of education. How about Andrew Scheer: what was his level of education?

StatsCan is slower with statistics at the moment, so we'll have to settle for some data from 2017 to 2019 to test David's assertion that "\$100,000 to \$300,000 salaries" are "within solid middle-class income ranges – not absurdly wealthy and disproportionate salaries."

According to StatsCan's numbers, as of January 2018, the average Canadian salary was \$26.83/hour, or \$55,806.40/year (based on a 40-hour work week).

Then, how many people earn such a low wage that they pay no income tax at all?

According to the Canadian Taxpayers Association (CTA) 2017 report, Who Pays Taxes?, "One-third of tax filers pay no income tax. In the latest year for which CRA data is available, 27.5 million people filed a tax return. Of that, over 9.1 million people or one-third of all filers paid no federal income tax that year. Thus 18.4 million tax filers paid all federal and provincial income tax."

But, a portion of those tax filers have government incomes composed entirely of taxes. There's only one way to increase their wages: increase taxes again. Where's the social contract here that deals with public welfare and ability to pay?

Ted Rechtshaffen (Financial Post-FP, dated Feb. 13, 2019) reported 40% of Canadians do NOT earn enough to pay income tax.

In fact, those in the lowest 20th percentile income level who pay no income tax receive approximately \$20,000 in government benefits as a form of family income supplement.

If we accept the reports posted by the CTA and FP, the percentage of low-waged workers who paid no income tax rose from 30% to 40% from 2017 to 2019. What happened to job numbers and quality since we know the population increased over those years while average taxable income appears to have declined?

Most workers would delight in the basic annual income of \$100,000 for a Sunshine Lister, not to mention the associated benefits, vacation and sick time, plus pension plans. How they must have sighed (or cursed) to learn about federal employees, paid to stay home to perform NO work during this pandemic under a provision known as the "699" pay code, defined as "other leave with pay."

It would be an understatement to say job protection for government workers appears bullet-proof. Gig workers would really love to get in on this government gig.

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Never take our planet for granted

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from space (Bondar sends geographical coordinates to astronauts who take pictures), from the ground, and from the air (she herself snaps pictures from helicopters). Together, the images reveal how the birds' lives are being altered by factors such as climate change and urbanization.

"It's my way of trying to show the value of being on a planet with fresh water and good air," she says, "and minimizing the impact that we have on human beings and other life forms."

As much as we now know about the Earth, we have so much more to learn, including how to restore its health. Through their unique studies of our planet and our sun, Bondar and McDonald remind us to double down on our curiosity, to constantly renew our perspectives, and to remember never to take our magnificent planet, or the diversity of life it sustains, for granted.

One of a Lieutenant Governor's great privileges is to celebrate Ontarians from all backgrounds and corners of the province. Ontario's honours and awards formally and publicly acknowledge the excellence, achievements, and contributions of role models from all walks of life. In doing so, they strengthen the fabric of communities and shape the aspirations of Ontarians.

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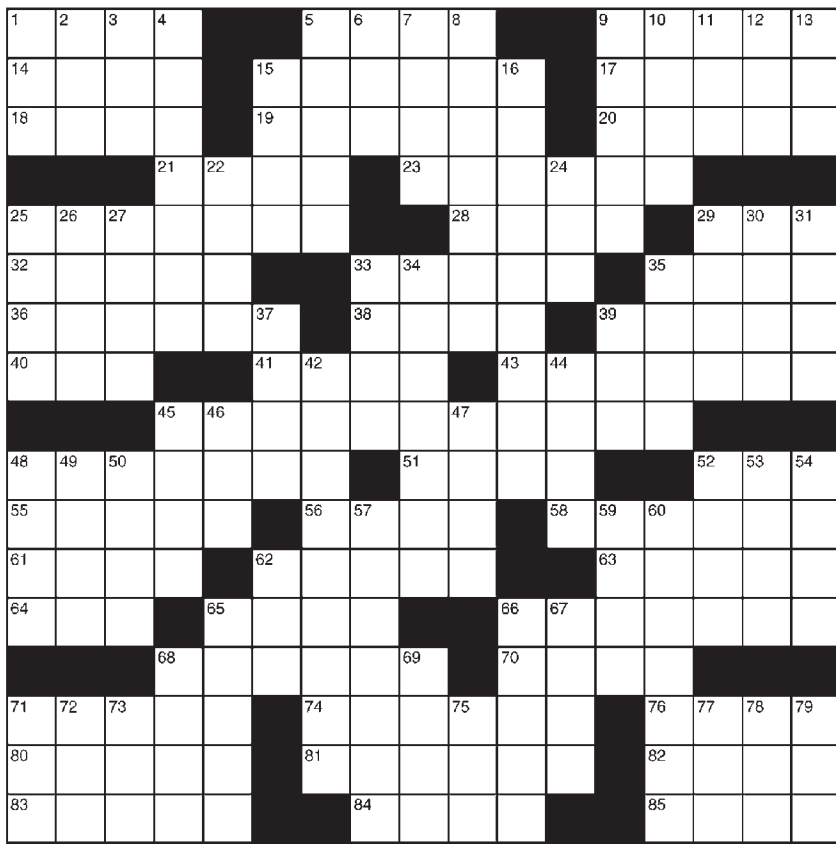
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- 1. Egress
 - 5. Blunt
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 - 14. Besides
 - 15. "Candid ____"
 - 17. "The Paper ____"
 - 18. Frost
 - 19. Request
 - 20. Should
 - 21. Muzzle part
 - 23. ____ test (revealing measure)
 - 25. Woman of means
 - 28. Shipshape
 - 29. Not even
 - 32. Take advantage of
 - 33. Distrustful
 - 35. Certain
 - 36. Croquet need
 - 38. Sign
 - 39. Group of twelve
 - 40. Moose's cousin
 - 41. Plucked instrument
 - 43. Expression of regret
 - 45. Secret
 - 48. Bedazzle
 - 51. Emit strong smells
 - 52. Lily leaf
 - 55. Cleanser ingredient
 - 56. Desktop image
 - 58. Adjust
 - 61. Stench
 - 62. Tennis or hockey
 - 63. Revolt
 - 64. Novel
 - 65. Garden vegetable
 - 66. Stir
 - 68. Mexican celebration
 - 70. Alliance
 - 71. Munchhausen's title
 - 74. Wig
 - 76. Bigwig
 - 80. Toss
 - 81. Beat in a marathon
 - 82. Turkish official
 - 83. Digging tool
 - 84. Hotel unit
 - 85. Tariff
 - 7. Movie spool
 - 8. Apprentice
 - 9. Kit Carson, e.g.
 - 10. In this way
 - 11. Scrap of cloth
 - 12. Blond shade
 - 13. Fido or Felix
 - 15. Legal matter
 - 16. Substitute
 - 22. Eye rudely
 - 24. Has permission
 - 25. Feminine title
 - 26. Oblong
 - 27. Stroll
 - 29. Athens aperitif
 - 30. Sediment
 - 31. Hold back
 - 33. Feudal title
 - 34. Royal ruler
 - 35. Kind of flatfish
 - 37. "Younger ____ Springtime"
 - 39. Put on
 - 42. Italian first course
 - 44. Rocky Mountain animal
 - 45. Burn
 - 46. Slack
 - 47. Dispatched
 - 48. Black, to poets
 - 49. Lymph ____
 - 50. Boast
 - 52. Insect stage
 - 53. Dill herb
 - 54. Printer's term
 - 57. Sheet type
 - 59. Tom, Dick, and Harry, e.g.
 - 60. Wacky
 - 62. Comprehend
 - 65. Bout
 - 66. At right angles to
 - 67. Narrow valley
 - 68. Loving
 - 69. Convertible, e.g.
 - 71. "____ Daughter" (Stanwyck film)
 - 72. Heidi's peak
 - 73. River inlet
 - 75. Expert
 - 77. Aussie avian
 - 78. Tiny island
 - 79. Dull
- DOWN**
- 1. Auditory organ
 - 2. Caesar's 41
 - 3. Belief
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Federal, provincial investment in school safety measures

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

An influx of funding from both the provincial and federal governments aims to make schools safer for students and staff.

The governments of Canada and Ontario announced \$656.5 million in funding to provide critical infrastructure upgrades.

The infrastructure upgrades were announced last week by the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, the Honourable Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure for Ontario, and the Honourable Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education for Ontario.

The majority of funding will support ventilation projects that improve air quality in classrooms across the province. Projects include HVAC renovations to improve air quality, installing water bottle refilling stations to improve access to safe drinking water, investing in network and broadband infrastructure to support remote learning, and space reconfigurations such as new walls and doors to enhance physical distancing.

The Government of Canada is investing \$525.2 million towards these projects through the COVID-19 Resilience stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. The Government of Ontario is contributing more than \$131.3 million to the projects.

The governments of are providing \$15,119,007 to York Region District School Board, \$17,582,500 York Catholic District School Board and \$8,782,425 to Conseil scolaire catholique Mon Avenir; to upgrade infrastructure at local schools to protect against COVID-19. The funding is being provided through the COVID-19 Reliance Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

The funding for these school boards will support building retrofits, updates and upgrades to their schools and co-located child care facilities. Projects can include HVAC renovations to improve air quality, installing water bottle refilling stations to improve access to safe drinking water, and space reconfigurations such as new walls and doors to enhance physical distancing.

The investments build on the more than \$1 billion the Ontario government has invested since 2019 in new schools and child care spaces and additions to provide working families with access to

quality, safe, and state-of-the-art learning spaces. Supported by provincial funding, 95% of Ontario schools have reported upgrades or enhancements to their air filtration systems, with over 40,000 HEPA filters and other ventilation devices in classrooms.

Annually, the Ontario government invests \$1.4 billion in continuous maintenance and improvements to school facilities.

“Ontario’s government is focused on protecting the lives of students, staff, and their families. We put a plan into action that leads the nation – delivering air ventilation improvements to over 95% of schools, 7,000 additional staff, and improved cleaning, testing, and stronger screening. This one-time investment will help improve the safety of schools in York, building upon Ontario’s annual investment of over \$1.4 billion to maintain schools and \$550 million to build new schools. We also recognize that in addition to these school-based infrastructure investments in Vaughan and King, Ontario’s plan to defeat this pandemic includes vaccines for school staff,” said Education Minister and King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce.

“As the COVID-19 pandemic has clearly highlighted, investments in the health and wellness of Ontarians is more critical than ever. Supporting air-quality and other infrastructure projects in schools helps to protect our communities, making them stronger, healthier and safer today, and for years to come,” added Minister Laurie Scott.

The COVID-19 Resilience stream will deliver \$656.5 million to support individual school board submissions for education related projects. The Government of Canada is investing up to \$525.2 million towards these projects through the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. The Government of Ontario is contributing \$131.3 million to the projects.

The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) is a 10-year, \$30-billion federal, provincial and municipal program that provides funding to improve public transit; community, culture and recreation; green; and rural and northern community infrastructure. Ontario is investing \$10.2 billion in this program.

The federal COVID-19 Resilience stream has been adapted from ICIP to respond to the impacts of COVID-19. This ICIP stream, delivered through bilateral agreements with provinces and

territories, has been designed to help add flexibilities, expand project eligibility and accelerate approvals.

Ontario schools have been provided with more than \$1.6 billion to better protect students, staff and families from COVID-19 including support for online learning, promoting student mental health, hiring additional staff and investing \$100 million ear-marked for immediate improvements to air quality and ventilation.

Ontario is conducting voluntary targeted testing for asymptomatic students and school staff as an added layer of protection against the transmission of COVID-19.

The Ontario government invests \$550 million annually to build new schools.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on the wellbeing of students, parents and teachers. As we continue to battle this crisis, ensuring a safe learning environment for our kids is critical. That’s why the Government of Canada is investing 80 cents on every dollar for a total of over \$500 million to make schools across Ontario

safer for students and teachers. These projects will improve air quality, install more hand washing stations and support better physical distancing. They are part of the federal government’s support to help Canadians get through the pandemic safely, create good jobs across the province, and build stronger, more resilient communities,” added Catherine McKenna, Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities.

Since the start of the pandemic, the Ontario government has invested more than \$1.6 billion to protect students, staff, and families from COVID-19.

The investments build on the more than \$1 billion the Ontario government has invested since 2019 in new schools and child care spaces and additions to provide working families with access to quality, safe, and state-of-the-art learning spaces. Supported by provincial funding, 95% of Ontario schools have reported upgrades or enhancements to their air filtration systems, with over 40,000 HEPA filters and other ventilation devices in classrooms.

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Anyone can perform alternate cost analyses, using data on StatsCan website <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/t1/tbl1/en/tv.action?pid=1110023901>, though it may resemble a “cryptic crossword puzzle.” Still, one number cruncher came up with some 2021 income projections by Income Percentile, in December 2019, based upon StatsCan’s data.

The projected 2021 income levels associated with the top 1%, 2%, 5%, 10%, and 50% Income Percentiles in Canada are, in respective order, \$250,519; \$184,582; \$128,634; \$99,873; \$36,598.

The cut-off for the top 10% Income Percentile is very close to \$100,000, while the bottom 50% Income Percentile sits somewhere south of \$36,600 for half of Canadian workers.

If we tease out the middle class by province (defined to include the 50% to 80% income percentiles – sounds somewhat above the middle to me), that relates to Ontario workers with annual salaries, ranging from \$35,887 to \$74,517.

What’s a decent family income in Canada? We know costs of living do vary from place to place, but based on the above figures, those on the Sunshine List are doing rather well compared to about 90% of workers.

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Showa Canada moves forward as part of Hitachi Astemo

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Taking a giant leap forward in mobile technology, Schomberg's Showa Canada is part of a significant partnership of world leaders.

Hitachi Astemo launched this past January and was born from a merger of Hitachi Automotive Systems, Keihin, Showa and Nissin Kogyo. Hitachi Astemo provides Advanced Sustainable Technologies for Mobility in fields such as electrification, autonomous driving and connectivity, the future core of automotive and motorcycle systems.

With about 90,000 employees worldwide, Hitachi Astemo has the scale and technical expertise to pursue rapidly changing technologies while providing comprehensive coverage to OEM customers and partners across the globe.

From a local perspective, in the short and mid-term horizon, there are no immediate changes to the scope of the business, according to Scott McKee, executive vice-president of Showa Canada.

Showa supplies prop shaft assemblies and electronic power steering systems to OEM customers. Their primary business partner is Honda North America and they have well established business relationships that will continue to be their primary focus.

The merger, he said, is still relative new. Future plans and opportunities are still under consideration and development.

"At this early stage of our merger, the one point that I would like to convey is that we have joined a new organization that is well positioned to support

the changing trends in the automotive market. The automotive market is transitioning towards CASE technologies which mean 'Connected, Autonomous, Sharing and Electrification.' Hitachi Astemo will create advanced mobility solutions that will drive innovation in CASE, which is an area that is expected to grow rapidly.

"Through this new business partner relationship we will be well positioned to participate and support these changing market needs as we move forward into the future. We have a strong team at our local site who take a great deal of pride in our past and we are very excited about our future as a member of the Hitachi Astemo global team."

Leveraging the technology and data of its partners, "we have tremendous opportunity to define the future of mobility through our technologies and solutions in powertrain, chassis, and advanced driver assistance," said Hitachi Astemo president and CEO Brice Koch.

"Mobility solutions that reduce environmental damage, decrease traffic accidents and improve comfort are becoming ever more necessary and central to improving quality of life. With the launch of our new company, Hitachi Astemo will be on the cutting edge of the technologies and solutions that make these changes improve lives and make the world a better place."

The name "Astemo" is derived from the words "Advanced Sustainable Technologies for Mobility" and describes the mission of the integrated company to "provide a safe, sustainable and comfortable mobility life through technologies that contribute to an advanced and sustainable society."



Hitachi Astemo will create advanced mobility solutions in its core businesses of powertrain systems, chassis systems and advanced driver assistance systems for both automobiles and motorcycles. Hitachi Astemo will optimize

its engineering resources to accelerate development of next-generation technologies and integrate advanced software across components, establishing itself as a global leader in mobility solutions.

Last estate lot available at 110 Fairfield in King City

As an opulent, upscale new development by Canadian real estate developer Bellafield Estates, in partnership with King City-based architects Taylor Design Group and custom home builder JTF Homes, 110 Fairfield Drive is King City's most unique development project.

Bellafield Estates proudly presents King City's newest custom-tailored, unique real estate offering which is in a class of its own. Infusing countryside charm with a focus on wellness, and redefined luxury living, 110 Fairfield promises to usher you into a sanctuary unlike any other. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build your very own custom country estate on the very last remaining estate lot on beautiful grounds of Fairfield Estates, King City's most desirable estate neighbourhood.

What makes this project unique is that it allows future buyers to purchase a 2-acre estate lot in the prestigious Fairfield Estates neighbourhood and design and build their dream estate home with renowned luxury custom home builder JTF Homes and the highly acclaimed architect Kent Taylor from Taylor Design Group. However, that's not the best part! The best part is that this project is development approved - which means you can start building your dream home this year! There is no need to hold off for one year to get approvals and permits, as this project is permit ready and saves time.

This opportunity is presented by real estate development company Bellafield Estates - a luxury real estate development company that has set out to redefine the meaning of luxury living by focusing on building homes that are enticed with wellness features, are personalized and sustainable.

This project is different from most new build projects or custom home build projects as it comes with development approvals, architectural drawings, renderings, a design inspiration guide and an assembled team of builders, project managers, architects and interior designers to guide you step by step through your building process.

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As an added incentive, the project also comes with an inspirational book featuring 30 renderings of a design concept spearheaded by Bellafield's in-house leading luxury design firm! This gives you the opportunity to get inspired by Bellafield's new definition of luxury living.

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A proposed settlement has been reached between the parties. While no admission of liability is made and none of the allegations have been proven, this settlement, if approved, will make compensation available to class members who allege they suffered certain sexual assaults or physical assaults while admitted to CPRI.

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There will be an online court hearing on **June 23, 2021** to decide whether the proposed settlement of the lawsuit should be approved. The hearing will take place virtually.

Compensation to Class Members is not yet available. If the court approves the settlement and you are part of the lawsuit as a Class Member, you can then make a claim for compensation.

To obtain further information, please visit <https://cpriclassaction.ca> or contact Epiq at 1-866-640-9989, or by email at info@cpriclassaction.ca.

The lawyers acting for the class are Koskie Minsky LLP. You may also contact Koskie Minsky LLP at 1-844-819-8523 or by email at cpriclassaction@kmlaw.ca.

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Glow rocks create pleasant auras in gardens and yards

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

We all need a little light in our lives.

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Recent studies reveal home renovations are high on owners' lists. The housing market across the GTA is hot. There's no better time to spruce up your property and add some curb appeal.

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Resident pens book on fundraising for nature

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

The “Godfather of Good” is sharing his knowledge on raising money for the environment.

King Township’s David Love, considered a “fundraising legend,” released his new book, *Green Green, Reflections on 51 Years of Raising Money for Nature*.

Its release on Earth Day is not only fitting, but stands a reminder that we all need to do our part in protecting our planet.

Love admits raising money for nature is really is “calling,” and *Green Green*

contains many tools to help everyone become better fundraisers.

Love said the “wholesale destruction of the natural world must stop.” Our society has perhaps five more generations to “repair our relationship with nature, given the damage caused by climate change, species extinction, natural habitat destruction, and more plastic in the ocean than fish.

“As a warning, Nature is striking back with floods, increased storms and virulent strains of influenza. If we don’t heed the warning, homo sapiens may be the seventh extinction,” he said.

Rescuing our imperiled natural world is possible. Everywhere you look, there are examples of success.

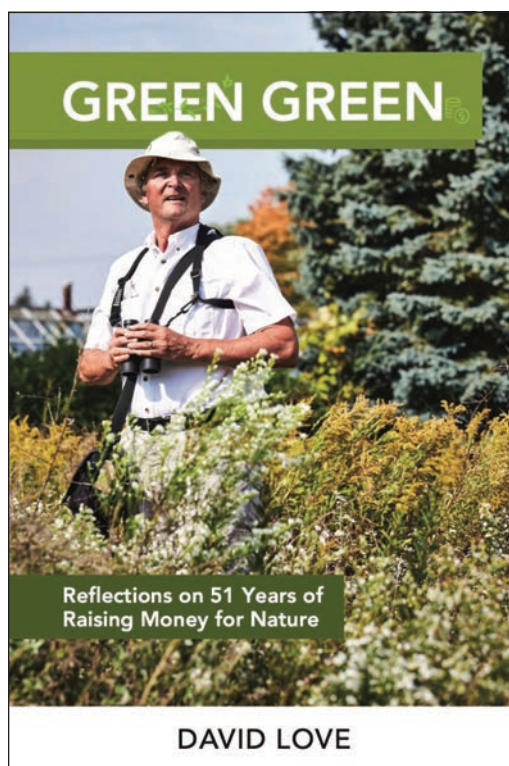
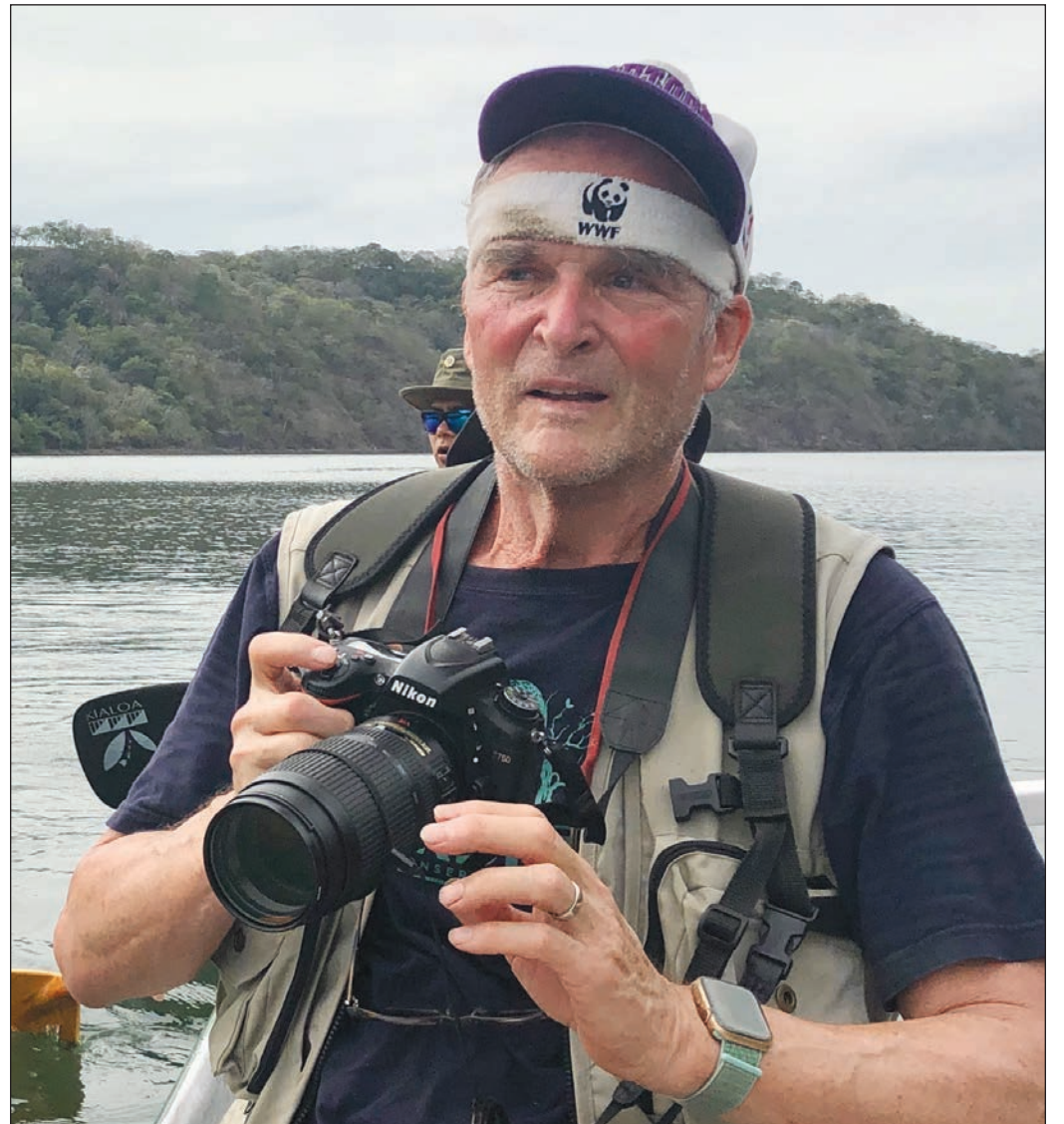
“We can do this. But it will take great organizations and huge financial investments.

“I have been engaged in the work to rescue Nature since 1969. Then, there were no organizations involved in environmental protection. There were conservation groups, but they tended not to advocate for Nature.”

Love pointed out that today, there are 21 national environmental organizations currently working on this issue. In addition, there are hard-working and effective provincial organizations such as Ontario Nature and local ones, York-Simcoe Nature Club.

To be successful, ENGOs (environmental non-government organizations) will have to dramatically increase their revenues. They will need to hire and inspire brilliant fundraisers.

“Since I have been doing this, occasionally brilliantly for 51 years and mostly for Nature, I decided to pass on



what I have learned about fundraising.”

Love said there are two key takeaways from his book.

The first is that fundraisers do not raise money. “We create value and money follows value. A more poetic way to put this is to say that fundraisers make dreams come true.”

The second is that this statement is magnified when we talk about legacy fundraising. Almost one-half of the book is about getting people to leave a gift to a charity in their will. With the death rate about to double as the boomers pass on, there is an unprecedented opportunity to raise millions for the protection of nature, he said.

Green Green is aimed at fundraisers, new and old. The GTA has the largest chapter of professional fundraisers in the world. This book is for all of them and especially for those who will spend their magical career (remember they are not fundraisers), creating value for the precious people who would like to help rescue nature.

Love is passing along some great lessons he’s learned over the decades.

First, fundraising is an art and a science.

On the art side, it requires an ability to help donors identify and then work to support their fundamental values – their dreams for a better world. It involves superb design skills and the ability to write with inspiration, authenticity, relevance and passion.

On the science side, after years of work by some of the best fundraisers

in the world, we know what works and what doesn’t.

“Every month, we can learn how to be better fundraisers. This is especially true in the area of legacy fundraising where, for many years, we did it wrong.

“Now, thanks to new research, we know what we need to do to get it right. Frankly, we are still learning about this.”

The second major lesson is that donors are precious and magnificent.

“I have been able to do my fundraising work for 51 years because Canadians young and old reach into their pockets to make their dreams come true. And these are not just wealthy folks. They are people of all income brackets who want to make their world better. Their loyalty inspires me every day.

“Even over the past crazy pandemic year, donors have responded generously to the causes that matter most to them. And a high priority is for the restoration of our spectacular natural world.”

Love hopes readers enjoy reading about his journey.

“I hope they get an appreciation for the art and science of fundraising. I hope they will consider making a donation to an organization engaged in environmental protection.”

The book is now available for pre-order at <https://hilborn-civilsectorpress.com/products/green-green>

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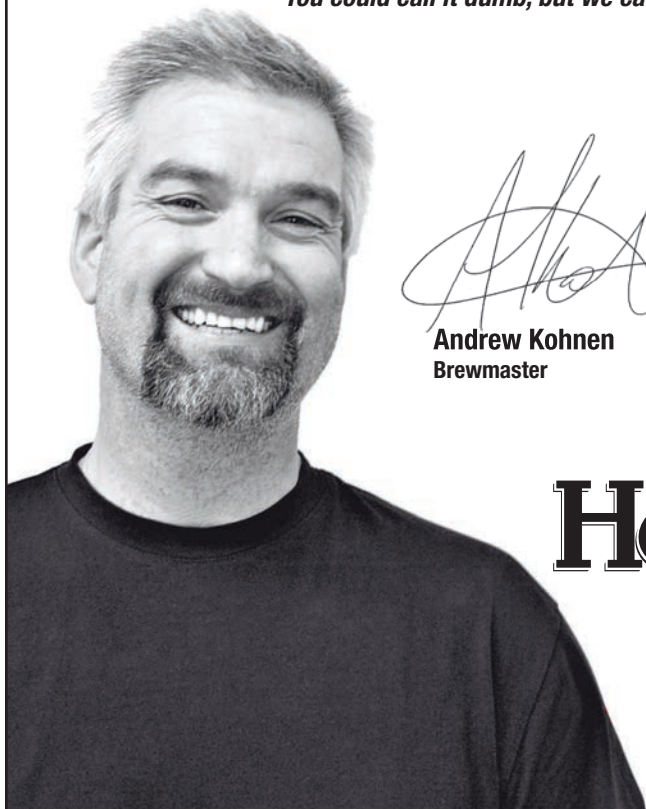


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ASK holds ‘Timeless Tales’ writing contest

By Dorita Peer and Erika Baird

There is so much more to a photo than meets the eye, as everyone discovered during the recent White Hot Shot Winter photo contest held by Arts Society King. Its success prompted the good folks at the King Heritage & Cultural Centre to dig deep into their archives and come up with an idea of their own. Heritage & Cultural Supervisor Erika Baird will explain how that happened and why:

“I was looking through our archival images and kept thinking ‘I wonder what happened here?’ Why was this taken, who are these people and what is their story? We do not have a lot of information for some of our images, so I was not able to just look it up. As I continued to look my imagination went further and started filling in the story. Maybe they were on an adventure. Maybe they were settlers. There were so many possibilities, and I knew I wouldn’t be the only one with creative ideas, so I reached out to ASK about the Timeless Tales Writing Contest.”

York Region writers of any ilk, young and old, new and seasoned, are invited to choose from among the seven vintage photos on offer and send in their own version of what did or did not happen next. And who are these people anyway? We’ll supply the when. All you have to do is tell it like it wasn’t.

Fame and riches are guaranteed the best of the best in each age category, from children to adults, for imaginative short stories of your best guess or utter fiction.

Prizes include a \$50 Indigo gift card, plus a heritage book, and publication in local print and social media.

So pull out your best verbs. Move us. Touch us. Make us laugh or cry or wonder what on earth you were thinking. For the complete rules, information and entry form and to view the photos to the Timeless Tales Writing Contest, please go to artsocietyking.ca/events or email info@artsocietyking.ca

Iran jammed GPS during PS752 attack, investigator says

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Experts from around the world continue to examine Iran's final report on the downing of Ukrainian Flight 752.

Compelling evidence has surfaced that now suggests the shooting down of PS752 by the IRGC was in no way an error, but was a premeditated intentional act.

Many Canadian officials and victims' family members have outright dismissed Iran's investigation into the destruction of Ukrainian Airlines Flight PS752 after it concluded the aircraft was shot down due to human error.

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

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

Since day one of the crash Schomberg's Andre Milne with Unicorn Aerospace has been investigating and his evidence is now being used by the Ukrainian Anti-Terrorist Prosecutor Ms. Koriniak to determine if there are grounds to take Iran to the World Court for Crimes Against Humanity for shooting down PS752.

Milne calls it a "premeditated" SAM attack on civilian Flight PS752 after take off outside Tehran. The reason? To subvert an inevitable U.S. military counter strike against Iran by the creation of a spontaneous "human shield" made up of dozens of foreign government officials who all started flying into Iran 5 hours after the initial IRGC SRBM attack on U.S. and Canadian forces in Iraq.

The government of Iran, he argues, has subsequently attempted to cover up this "premeditated mass murder by concealing and or destroying evidence," while attempting to blame the crash as a result of an engine fire. That was until the United States Space Force released satellite intelligence of an IRGC Missile strike against PS752 leading Iran to fabricate a second, and now a third, set of entirely separate explanatory claims in regard to this incident.

After reading through the final report from the Aircraft Accident Investigation Board of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Milne discovered evidence that the IRGC deployed Electronic Warfare Jamming Technology in coordination with the TOR M1 Air Defense Unit that fired the two missiles that destroyed PS752.

"The IRGC simultaneously blacked out the broadcast frequencies of PS752's Satellite GPS Navigation and Emergency Locator Transmitters and continued to jam until the IRGC was able to get to the crash site and physically disable the ELT that started broadcasting signals to the World's Emergency Satellite Network the second the first missile struck PS752," Milne said.

Milne has submitted his latest finding direct to the Ukrainian Minister of Justice citing the cockpit voice recording transcripts of both pilots of PS752 becoming alarmed about the loss of GPS navigation immediately "before" they were struck by the IRGC's first missile.

"As the IRGC have years of experience in coordination of Electronic Warfare Technology when jamming the GPS on ships in the Gulf as part of their organized piracy operations, it is disturbing yet not surprising the IRGC used GPS and Satellite jammers against

PS752 during their coordination planning in attacking PS752," Milne pointed out.

He said four separate flights departing the same airport entered into the 25-kilometre radar detection perimeter of the missile battery. All civilian airliners transmit transponder signals to identify themselves and Milne noted no fewer than 168 signals were transmitted, detected and identified during this time.

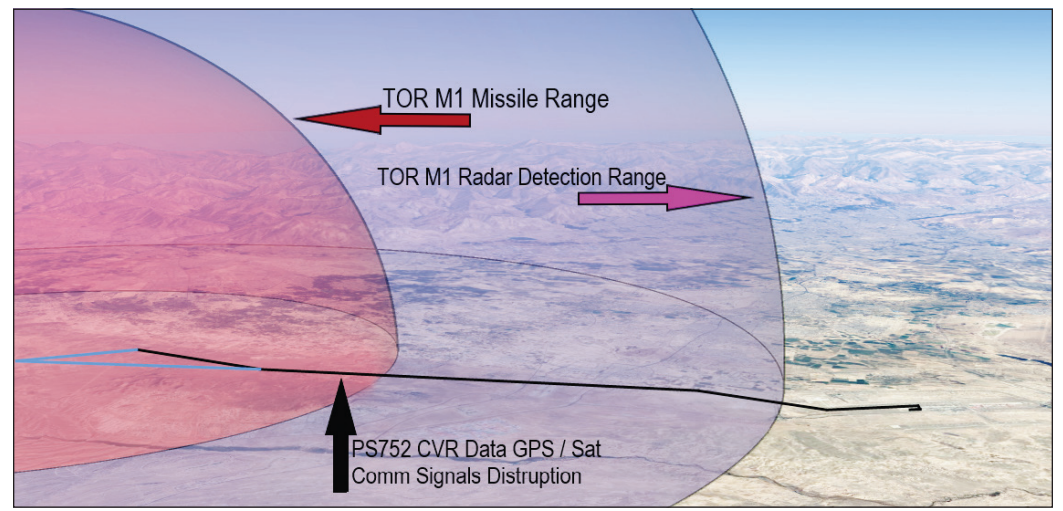
Flight PS752 entered this same perimeter and broadcasted at least 18 signals, and "all would have been detected and identified as all having originated from a civilian airliner" by the Iranian TOR M1 ADU

Further, he said the Iranians noted that a "ghost detection radar signal" was identified as heading from the south west towards the IRGC TOR M1 ADU that was deemed as a threat.

Simultaneously, the IRGC claimed the actual PS752 that Milne identifies as ghost 2 was not detected and or tracked as approaching the TOR M1 ADU, and yet the real flight was still targeted and struck with two missiles. This took place all while the same TOR M1 ADU was allegedly trying to track and target the first ghost threat 23 kilometres away in an entirely different direction.

In his findings, Milne pointed out the TOR M1 missile system has two separate radar systems, one for detection and one for targeting.

The Iranians claim the system was "misaligned," but Milne notes the ra-



dar detection system is equipped with an ICAO standard IFF antennae that automatically receives any and or all civilian aircraft transponder broadcast signals. The TOR M1 system, he said, can't be "misaligned" as it is a highly mobile vehicle that detects targets from a continually rotating antenna that is installed on top of a directionally controlled launch tracking radar.

Milne has provided graphic, satellite images with projected paths, locations and timelines that all back up his claims.

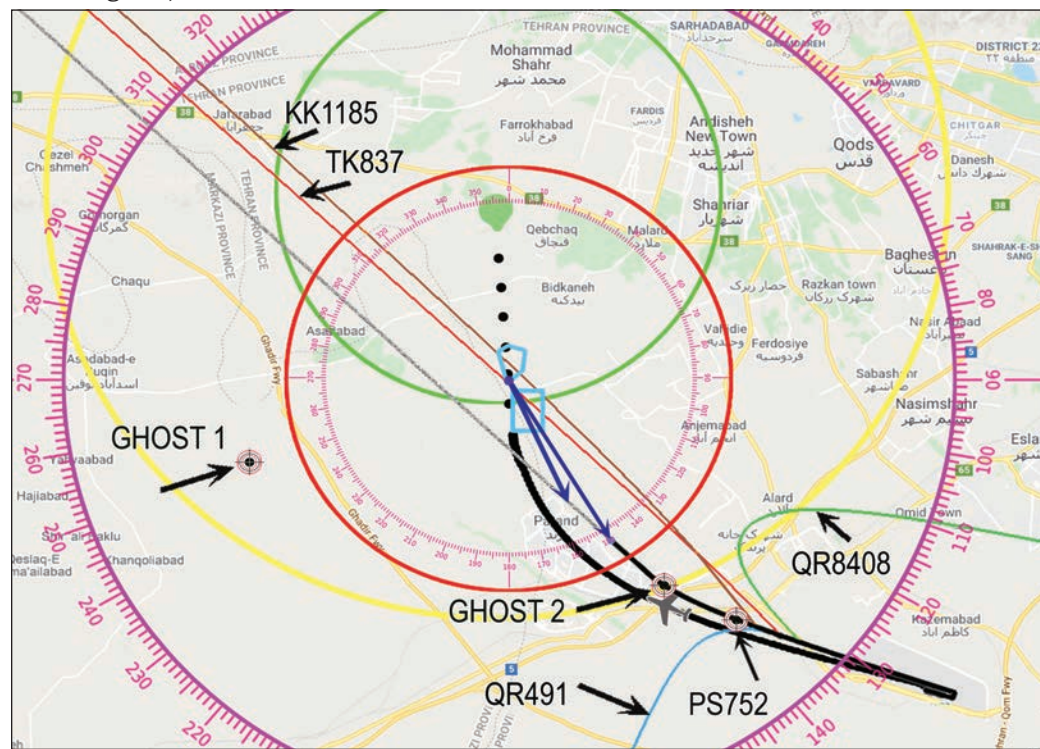
"It was after locating ground zero from where the TOR M1 was positioned to attack PS752 and confirming that a Turkish airliner passed directly overhead this exact TOR M1 ADU and was not fired upon, sealed it for me that this was a premeditated mass murder of innocent civilians by the IRGC," Milne said.

Milne's latest discovery that the TOR M1 ADU operated in coordination with an entirely separate branch of the IRGC to jam signals underscores Milne's claim that the shooting down was a premeditated criminal conspiracy by the IRGC.

"This additional evidence of IRGC coordination of a what is inarguably a pre-engineered attack against a civilian target by precision jamming GPS Navigation and Emergency Broadcast Signals when launching missiles against PS752 and the pillaging the crash site after the attack makes it crystal clear that Iran violated The Rome Statutes and must be prosecuted for Crimes Against Humanity," Milne argues.

Recently, Canada's Security Intelligence Service noted that the victims families living here in Canada have been subject to a pattern of stalking, threats and harassment by unknown suspects believed to be acting on directions from Iranian Secret Police. Iran State Media also reported the IRGC Military Prosecutor has indicted 10 people in connection with the crash, but failed to provide names or details. The indictment announcement was five hours before the start of the Vienna talks to restore Iran's Nuclear Program.

"I have full confidence that Minister of Justice Maluska along with Ms. Prosecutor General Venediktova will be pursuing prosecution against Iran for this egregious Crime Against Humanity that will not only expose those responsible for this cowardly act of extreme violence, but will simultaneously demonstrate to the world that the Islamic Republic of Iran must be unilaterally stripped from all access to any nuclear development literally for the rest of human history," Milne stressed.



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Celebrating volunteers at King Township Food Bank

During National Volunteer Week, King Township Food Bank is pleased to announce recognition by the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards Program, on March 8. The OVSA recognition was delayed by one year, and the awards were for service to December 2019.

Recognition went to Jim and Ashley Gairdner for their 15 years of service.

From the first Distribution in January 2005, Ashley and Jim have been part of the supply chain, earlier on with delivery from the Depot to the Distribution Centres, latterly adding the responsibility of picking up a large quantity of donated produce to be included in the shipments.

Sean Kay and Bill Salmon were recognized for their dedication to deliveries from the Depot to the Distribution Centres for well over 10 years. Usually unseen and unsung, they are part of the hero team that gets the food to where it needs to be for that Day, the third Saturday of every month.

In the Youth Category, awards were given to Madeleine Nikmanesh and Lauryn Oviedo.

Madeleine has organized and completed several drives over recent years, both at her school and with her youth group. King Township Food Bank learned that if they needed something, all we had to do was "ask Maddy" and a large quantity would appear within 10 days. A formidable organizer from food to the special drives for Kraft Dinner and diapers, Madeleine delivered SUV loads of product through the generosity of her school mates and friends.

Lauryn has been key to the success of the Pop-up Clothing Giveaways that began in 2015. As you would expect, there is much schlepping, sorting, and stacking that is needed, along with organizing items by season and size. Lauryn set to this with a will, giving time and energy and organizing skills to the quarterly events since the program was started.

As there was a limit of two nominations each year in the Youth Category, KTFB had to wait until 2021 to acknowledge Faith Oviedo, who also has shown energy and dedication to ensure the success of the Pop-up Clothing events. Faith and Lauryn make an amazing team.

The public recognition of many Food Bank volunteers at the Township level was severely dislocated as pandemic



restrictions dictated timing and events. KTFB nominations for Township recognition in 2020 and Ontario recognition in 2021 includes another list of volunteers with outstanding records of service and dedication.

The long-serving distributors have shown remarkable dedication to the monthly Saturday morning distribution of food, produce and food cards. Kathy Haverlock, a key volunteer at the Nobleton Centre, assumed the role of distributor seamlessly when her predecessor retired in 2009. Similarly, Nancy Fortnum assumed King City from her predecessor, overseeing a transition to the present location when the need for space outgrew that available in the first location.

Pat Johnston started the Kettleby location when it became clear that there was need for another centre to assist a growing registration list. Over the years, their lives, including family and holiday plans, have revolved around being always present to ensure the registrants were cared for, both in emergency situations and on Food Bank Day every month. In addition, they have organized and delivered the Back to School program, having inaugurated the project in 2014 and were the gene-

sis for the Pop-up Clothing Giveaway events, along with registration and distribution for Christmas in King.

There were two special presentations planned. Charlie Wilson, of Bruce Wilson Landscaping, has been a vital part of the annual Sponsorship Program that was started in 2009 when need was outstripping spontaneous donations. Ever cheerful and willing, Charlie led by example, sponsoring at the highest level every year, and encouraging his business associates and friends to support KTFB. Singlehandedly, he was responsible for half the revenue generated by the Sponsorship campaign every year.

Mark Pavilons, Editor of King Weekly Sentinel, has been a Food Bank champion for over 10 years, indeed ever since he assumed that position at the Sentinel. King Township Food Bank made a special presentation to him at a Township Council meeting in 2013, and his efforts have only increased since that time. He tirelessly promotes KTFB, both on the job and off. Many of the valuable Live Auction items at the annual KTFB fundraiser have been due to his efforts, and you only have to read the paper for a short period of time to recognize that he gives priori-

ty to promoting King Township Food Bank. His efforts in large part account for the wide recognition the Food Bank now has across King, and that greater awareness has helped bring much higher level of support.

The final nomination that was forwarded to the Township was that of 2020 Citizen of the Year for Meline Beach.

Meline began her volunteering with KTFB many years ago when she and her children collected food from drop off locations in Schomberg to the Depot for sorting and shelving. It was not always pretty, as if there was a leaking container, pesky things were attracted to the bin. But she helped James and Eden persist in this service.

When there was a sudden vacancy as Event Coordinator leading up to the 2017 Sip & Savour fundraiser, Meline stepped forward to fill the gap. Since that time, she has been responsible for the increasing success of this annual event, billed as "The Cocktail Party of the Year" in King. In the four years of her leadership, Sip & Savour has brought in nearly \$150,000 in funds, in other words, half the annual fundraising budgetary needs.

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Steadfast volunteers help propel the Food Bank

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Meline continues this role, and her 2020 Home Edition inspiration yielded record results. Meline is also a Director, ensuring the proper documentation of the organization in her role as Corporate Secretary. In addition, she operates the Food Bank Facebook page, always alert for material that will help inform those interested in our activities and news.

Gary Vogan has been the heart and lifeblood of the Food Bank warehouse (known as the Depot) for over a decade. As Operations Director, he is responsi-

ble for the inventory needed to fill the menu boxes with an appropriate assortment of pantry items including tinned items and boxed goods such as cookies and crackers. He has shopped tirelessly, delivering hundreds of carloads of needed groceries from stores to the Depot where he oversees the packing of boxes and then the shipping out to the Distribution centres according to requests. With the introduction of food cards, the need to shop diminished, only to be replaced with integrating fresh produce into the monthly deliveries, while continuing to pick up many trailer loads of food from school drives.

Over the years, King Fire and Emergency Service assumed several deliveries from schools, especially in Fall, when donation events result in large quantities to be moved. KFES is also responsible for the very successful Food and Boot Drive, resulting in thousands of dollars of cash and cheques, and a mountain of food donations.

Leona Zadoyko's involvement with the Food Bank began as assistant to Kathy Haverlock in Nobleton as that centre grew to twice its previous size. Her energy, expertise and dedication have been essential to the continuation of the Back to School program, the Pop-up Clothing Giveaways, and the Hamper and Santa Box programs for Christmas in King. Additionally, her board responsibilities are largely as Community and Volunteer Director. Leona's background includes significant volunteer and career leadership, and KTFB benefits greatly as a result.

Geoff Simpson joined the ranks of

the Food Bank as webmaster in 2017. KTFB is fortunate indeed, to have his professional expertise in this totally volunteer organization. He has updated the website more than once, giving it a fresh new look from time to time. With social media so important to the profile of a charitable organization, the website is an essential part of the public face. Geoff became a director, and has proved himself up for anything, including running a soup booth at the Township's Soup Fest to promote Sip & Savour's Brazilian themed event in 2018.

This year's Volunteer Week theme is "The value of one, the power of many." Indeed, King Township Food Bank is blessed by the value of many "ones," with another 25 volunteers in supporting roles, resulting in a "power of many" that provides food assistance to nearly 300 registrants ranging from singles to families of 9 and 10. This totally volunteer organization would not exist without them.



Hortons supports Food Bank

Ergie De Lemos and the staff at the King City Tim Hortons are looking forward to participating in the Smile Cookie Campaign again this year, thanks to the generosity of Rita and Len Mizzoni. In addition to their year-round generosity, this is the third year that the Mizzonis, owners of the Nobleton and King City (Coppa Plaza) Tim Hortons, have selected the King Township Food Bank as the recipient of Smile Cookie proceeds for cookies purchased at both locations. The Food Bank thanks the Mizzonis and staff at both locations, which last year raised a record \$7,675. The 2021 Smile Cookie Campaign runs from Sept. 13-19.

Food Bank of York Region to distribute grocery gift cards

The Regional Municipality of York is providing the Food Bank of York Region (FBYR) and its network with \$138,345 in grocery gift cards through the Province of Ontario's Social Services Relief Fund. The gift cards will be distributed to diverse, racialized, and Indigenous populations within York Region, who are living with low and moderate income and facing food insecurity.

"Supporting the health and well-being of all residents remains the top priority of York Regional Council," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emerson. "The COVID-19 pandemic has amplified the impact of food insecurity on the well-being of vulnerable residents. Thanks to the support received through the Safe Restart Agreement, York Region is increasing access to food for those most in need."

The grocery gift cards will be equitably distributed amongst FBYR's network of organizations, which includes community food pantries, food closets, emergency housing providers, violence against women shelters, social housing units, and other local community partner organizations. For a full list of the FBYR's community partners, please visit www.fbyr.ca/community-partners/

"The Regional Municipality of York has been our greatest supporter since 2014 and has demonstrated great leadership for many local agencies during the state of emergency. Together, we will continue to serve individuals that are living on low and moderate income and require food support," says Alex Bilotta, the CEO of The Food Bank of York Region. "We're working diligently to get the grocery cards out to our community partners and our home delivery clients as soon as we can."

Under the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF), the province has provided \$765 million to service managers and Indigenous program partners to support shelters, create longer-term housing solutions and help vulnerable Ontarians affected by COVID-19, including those experiencing and or at risk of homelessness. The SSRF is helping service providers such as food banks, to expand services and supports for vulnerable populations, based on local need, so they can further respond to this emergency situation.

"We are standing shoulder to shoulder with our community to ensure our most vulnerable and their families are safe, healthy and supported during these uncertain times," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan.

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King Olympian one of many to help with new bursary

By Robert Belardi

The Canadian Olympic Foundation (COF) formally announced the Olympians Supporting Olympians Bursary last week.

With less than 100 days to go until the 2020 Tokyo Olympics commences notable alumni such as King City's Rosie MacLennan, Charmaine Cooks and COF member of the board of directors Mark Tewksbury inspired the movement, according to the release.

"A group of Team Canada alumni (including Rosie MacLennan) reached out to us at the Canadian Olympic Foundation looking to help. Through a broader outreach to our Olympian alumni, we have proudly launched a brand-new bursary," said Philanthropic Strategist and Communications lead at the Canadian Olympic Foundation, Emmalee Nother.

"Fully funded by donations made by alumni, this bursary not only provides financial support to our athletes but is a vote of confidence from individuals who have come before them."

Nother said the bursary was born from the resilience and perseverance from Team Canada during these trying times.

As stated in the release, more than 80 athletes were nominated to receive the bursary and the final 30 winter and summer athletes were chosen last week to receive it. The COF said names will

be kept confidential during this time.

Athletes were chosen based on their financial needs and how substantial the impact of the postponement of the 2020 Olympics was to their lives.

As of Monday (April 19), 37 athletes have been nominated to head to Tokyo this summer.

Specialist, Public Relations for Team Canada Josh Su said there will be more announcements in the coming months.

Here are those who are on the list so far:

Athletics – Dayna Pidhoresky, Evan Dunfee and Trevor Hofbaeur.

Sailing – Alexandra (Ali) Ten Hove, Evan DePaul, Jacob Saunders, Mariah Millen, Nikola Girke, Sarah Douglas, Oliver Bone, Tom Ramshaw and William Jones.

Cycling, Track – Allison Beveridge, Annie Foreman-Mackey, Ariane Bonhomme, Derek Gee, Georgia Simmerling, Hugo Barnette, Jasmin (Glaesser) Duehring, Jay Lamoureux, Kelsey Mitchell, Lauriane Genest, Michael Foley, Nick Wammes and Vincent De Haitre.

Cycling, Road – Hugo Houle, Karol-Ann Canuel, Leah Kirchmann and Mike Woods.

Swimming – Kylie Masse, Margaret MacNeil, Markus Thormeyer, Penny Oleksiak, Sydney Pickrem and Taylor Ruck.

Sport Climbing – Alannah Yip and Sean McColl.



The OJHL season is over

By Robert Belardi

It wasn't a pleasant piece of news in a time where anything pleasant sees to be few and far between.

On April 13 the Ontario Junior Hockey League (OJHL) released an email declaring their 2021 season had been cancelled. Done. Finished. Relinquished. However you want to put it there will be no official games from here on in.

The board of governors brought this to an official vote on which direction they found most suitable and during the current stay-at-home order this was the best fit. Under normal circumstances the OJHL season would have officially ended on May 31 of this year.

"With Ontario currently in a Stay at Home order and the end of the Hockey Canada season fast approaching, the league's board of governors have made the very difficult decision to officially conclude the 2020-2021 OJHL season and turn our attention and planning for the upcoming 2021-2022 season," league commissioner Marty Savoy said in a press release.

For Jr. A hockey it has been turbulent months on end enduring the current struggle of the pandemic. Since cancelling the season at the midway point in 2020 there have been numerous adjustments to get things back up and running with compliance to the provincial government's provisions. These plans, dating back to August of 2020.

On September 5, 2020 the OJHL had planned to begin at the end of October and November with alternative start dates. Teams were permitted to train and the commissioner Marty Savoy said at the time that the league wouldn't begin until a number of fans entering the arenas were to be determined.

Five days later on Sept. 10, the Ontario government was preparing to invest \$21 million dollars into aiding

athletes and coaches in the province. Director of Communications Jim Mason confirmed this would not apply to the OJHL.

New five-on-five formats had been approved by the Ontario Hockey Federation. Playoff formats were being headlined. A deal with a disinfecting service had been made. But of course, COVID got in the way. While these had been confirmed the league began to target January as a new start date.

In December, the OJHL began offering a COVID-modified mental health support began by the OJHL and the OJHL Foundation. The Foundations First Assist Program provided an outlet for all 507 elite-student athletes across all 22 teams. It was also available for coaches and team staff.

Most recently before the cancellation of the season, the OJHL had reportedly made major upgrades to their photography services.

"The OJHL has studied every possible scenario to get our players back on the ice and, unfortunately, with the current state of the pandemic and provincial guidelines, we are unable to conduct the 2020-2021 season," OJHL Chairman Marc Mercier said in the press release.

"As a Governor of a team within the league, I realize the disappointment and impact this decision has on our players."

Despite the frustrations and all of the disappointments for Jr. A hockey players there it might be possible for teams in certain regions to play some exhibition games.

The OJHL has said once the stay-at-home order is lifted, teams that are permitted to play with respect to the current provisions of their Regional Health Units may participate in exhibition games.

The release confirmed in total so far, only six teams have played in a total of 58 exhibition games.

Sport Aurora offers All Sport One Day program

By Robert Belardi

The forerunners of sport in nearby Aurora are gearing up full days of activities for everyone aged six and up this year.

Sport Aurora has revealed their All Sport One Day program which will feature numerous sports in a full-day session.

"We'll have sports like tennis, soccer, badminton, martial arts, baseball. There's a wide variety of multi-sports. Three sports in the morning and three sports in the afternoon," said executive director Laurie Mueller.

"There's beach volleyball. There's archery. There's a wide variety of sports the kids will be exposed to. We just want them to come out and enjoy a sport maybe they've never done before. This is just a way of getting the kids back and engaged in some sort of recreational activity."

As labelled on their website there will be no need to purchase any equipment. There is no obligation to register for a long program. There is an option to play a half day or a full day. Citizens can register their child for a full day session or a half-day session and can register multiple children at a time.

Registration will begin May 12. It is \$10 per three-hour session. If you are in need of financial assistance for this you may through the All Kids Can Play program.

"The dates are June 12, August 14 and October 9," Mueller said.

For more information on this event you may contact Ryan Gardner at rygards@hotmail.com.

CLEAN UP DAY April 24

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Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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Schomberg Agricultural Society

As you all know, 2020 saw all the fairs in Ontario cancel their events. 2021 may see minimally better results.

Schomberg fair board, traditionally operating as the first chronological fair, has called it a day for the year 2021.

Out of respect for their own volunteers and their patrons, the fair board has wisely opted for the safety and health of all.

So, the SAS will be holding a "COVID Car Rally" on Saturday, May 29 and Sun-

day, May 30. This Rally hopes to raise spirits and crush the COVID blues, all to support the SAS and the future of our beloved Schomberg Agricultural Fair!

The start, on the fair grounds, will be at 9 a.m. sharp with staggered starts throughout the day to avoid congestion. The cost is \$50 per vehicle with a limit of 1 entry per vehicle per day. The grand prize will be \$1,000 cash plus many amazing prizes will pop up along the way!

The SAS is looking for families or groups that want to have fun driving through the beautiful roads King Township as you participate in this first ever COVID Car Rally in the safety of your own vehicle, the driver holding a valid driver's license, insurance with a co-pilot to navigate. There can be up to 6 passengers in a car (seat-belted). There are extra points for the best-decorated car!

Tickets will be sold online and maps will be distributed on arrival at the starting point.

Visit the SAS at www.schombergfair.com; on Facebook and Instagram. For more, call Cathy at 905-939-8283.

Schomberg Horticultural Society

The Schomberg Horticultural So-

ciety is welcoming new members. A yearly membership (\$5 pp) will support local initiatives, like the seasonal displays at the Centennial Garden at "The Gates to Schomberg," the library gardens and other public gardens around town. Members will also be invited to attend monthly educational, gardening related, zoom meetings and enjoy camaraderie among like minded people.

Come grow with us. Membership information: schomberghortsociety@gmail.com

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

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

The tickets for this self-guided driving tour are sold in advance through Eventbrite and on the day of the tour at Schomberg Library, 77 Main St.,

Schomberg. Tickets are \$15 per person and the event is rain or shine.

Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches

By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

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

You can contact me, Carol-Ann at ministernobletonschomberg@gmail.com or leave a message at 905-859-3976.

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By Linda Blydorp**

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Our Pastor, Jeff Loach has begun a new series, "Epidemic in the Church: Spiritual Infancy." The third message in this 7-part series is entitled, "Life Together" based on Matthew 18.15-20. 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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If there is anything we can do to support you in these uncertain times, please call the parish office on 905-859-5522 or email us at: stp_stm_church@hotmail.com.

We will be checking emails and

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

Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

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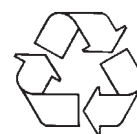
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King Weekly Sentinel

King's Corners

King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

Thank you to Rick McKinley who joined us as our guest speaker on April 1 for his inspiring message "Too Good to Not be True." Thank you also to John Kell for his musical commitments over the last year while we are not able to gather and sing together. John's vocals, accompanied by Rosemary Karunaratne, always inspire us to sing along at home! Thank you John and Rosemary.

If you missed that worship you can view it and many others from our YouTube Channel at YorkUnitedMinistries or off our website at kcuc.net

With the stay at home order in effect in Ontario and the volatility of the COVID-19 variants, KCUC will continue to worship online, however, as vaccines are rolling out, we are considering offering limited attendance to the worship recordings to those who are unable to access online worship.

Attendance at a religious service is capped at 10 persons in total must be prearranged through the church and an invitation and time will be set up. If you or someone you know is unable to access the online version of worship please contact Sheryl Sinka at 416-450-0140 or John Kell at 905-833-6432, or the church office 905-833-5181.

We have 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 and can be found on the YouTube Channel.

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

As you know, the Ontario Government has decided to go into a provincial wide stay-at-home order due to the increased case counts of COVID-19.

As a result, we will continue to meet online only and we will not hold any in-person services or activities until the Ontario government moves King City to at least the Red Zone.

We invite you to join us online (through Facebook or YouTube) for our Worship service on Sundays at 10:30 am.

Pastor Mark will be continuing our series "The Church Defined."

Please visit our website for links and further information. www.kingbiblechurch.com

We also have virtual Bible studies over Zoom. Further information is on our website under "Small Groups."

If you have any questions please

email Lisa Lethangue (lisa@kingbiblechurch.com)

St. Andrew's
By Kathy Patterson

St. Andrew's invites you to join us as we worship online at standrews-kingcity.ca this Sunday at 10:15 a.m.

"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.

Last Sunday Lynn Vissers continued with the "I am ..." series and had us look at John 15. Jesus said, "I am the True Vine and my Father is the Gardener." In verse 5 Jesus said, "you are the branches ... if you remain in me, and I in you, you will bear much fruit." This analogy is about the loving relationship we are meant to have with God. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love ... and bear much fruit, fruit that will last."

This Sunday we welcome Lynn's daughter-in-law, the Rev. Konnie Vissers.

Virtual Bible Study on the book of James is held on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. we are starting a virtual Time of Prayer (Silent or Conversational). Contact Lynn for the Zoom link if you wish to join us or if you have prayer concerns or praises. If you are Interested in another Bible Study at a different time, 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? kttfb.ca

To find out more about Greater Grace Fellowship's Sunday evening Bible Study during these new measures for Ontario, contact Pastor Niyazi or Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship. Call 416-878-8499.

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

We continue to pray that God's presence of hope, peace, joy and love is experienced every day. He is with us.

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

Garden Club

The Nobleton/King City Garden club will hold our first meeting (Zoom Meeting) Monday, April 26 with Heinke Thiessen.

If you are interested in attending please contact us at our email address below (all are welcome). Email nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com

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All Saints Anglican Church
By Patrick Gossage

Jesus calls us to look after the needy: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something

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Nobleton Notes

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

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

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!

We thank you so much for the continued support of our club!!

Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club is alive and well and practicing physical distancing, as mandated by health authorities. Like many other groups, we

meet via Zoom at our regular meeting times, and continue to operate to the extent allowed. The Club has proactively reached out to those organizations which we usually support, to offer financial aid in line with what we typically provide.

Stay tuned to this space for updates as they become available. Also, updates will be shown on the club's website at <https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/nobleton/>

The Club continues to investigate possibilities for fundraising which would conform to medical guidelines for COVID prevention. We need to raise funds in order to be able to distribute them.

The Club has participated in Township sponsored and organized cleanup activities, and is planning to help with further cleanups later in April, and a tree planting in May. All activities adhere to mandated COVID protocols.

Calling all knitters and crocheters! The Club has become aware of a need for cozy, homemade slippers at various Ronald McDonald Houses. It seems that people sometimes find themselves needing to stay in close proximity to hospitals when their children require hospitalization on an unexpected basis. Ronald McDonald Houses provide what they can, and here is a chance for us to help them. If you have the time and wool, patterns are apparently available on the internet, for slippers of any size or colour. The Nobleton Lions will collect them and forward them to various RMH's in south central Ontario. For followup details please contact Rick Evans at 1-905-806-9988.

The Club continues to offer a free service to people in self-isolation and others unable to leave their homes.

The Lions are providing a delivery service for Pharmasave prescriptions. Just call Club president Rick Evans, and we will drop packages outside your door, contact free.

King's Corners

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to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me?" (Matthew 25.35).

Fr. Michael spoke from Luke 24 about Jesus after his resurrection with his disciples: "While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence." Lk 24.41-42

"Why does the risen Jesus ask the disciples for a piece of fish? Maybe it's because he wants to prove his physicality. In all post-resurrection accounts, eating and shared meals are important. These stories are lessons in what it means to be church.

In other episodes involving food, we also see hospitality and what it means to be God's people, a movement to share God's blessing with the world.

Jesus taught his disciples that the kingdom of God was given to those who care for others: 'for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me' (Mt 25.35). His church is called to care for others, to practice hospitality.

When Jesus appears, he says "Peace be with you." Why does he say that? Because these are his friends who abandoned him in the garden and denied him.

Forgiveness is built into our wor-

ship. We can only gather for the eucharistic meal after we repent and receive forgiveness. The corollary to our call to feed the stranger is that we are fed by Christ's body and blood shared in love and grace.

We are invited to share what we have received with others as part of our calling

At All Saints we have abundant opportunities to be God's blessing to the world. We can support the King Food Bank, our monthly meals for the Cross-Links community, clean water in P-kangikum or the agencies we support through FaithWorks.

Many of you live alone. The single, divorced, widows and widowers, can't share meals in this time of pandemic and quarantine, or go to church and share in the Eucharist

"Oh that we might see better times!" says today's Psalm. We should be reassured that God hears the calls of the lonely.

As you sit down to eat, imagine that our risen Lord is sitting across from you. Draw strength from his presence. Remember that we are church, we will gather again, to see our God clearly in the breaking of bread, in the teaching of the scriptures, in the sharing of bread and wine, and in the mission which he calls us to.



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