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King Mayor Steve Pellegrini and Councillor David Boyd put up posters promoting the newest initiative in King – "Hometown Heroes." It's meant to gather and share stories of residents making a positive difference.

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## King celebrates its 'hometown heroes'

Do you know a person, organization or business that has made a positive contribution to the community during the COVID-19 pandemic? If so, King Township wants to hear about them.

That's the idea behind the Hometown Heroes campaign that King Township launched last week, during National Volunteer Week.

"It's been more than a year since the COVID-19 pandemic turned our world upside down. We've had to change and adapt to this new world in countless ways," said King Township Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "Despite all the negative things the pandemic has caused there are many things that have not changed in King Township. Our sense of community, volunteer spirit and willingness to help the most vulnerable."

Over the last year we have seen and heard about tremendous acts of kindness and heroism. King wants to hear more of these stories.

If you know person, organization or business that has

made a positive difference in the community during the pandemic, please describe them in a short, 15-second video.

Creating and submitting your Hometown Hero video is easy.

Start your video with a right elbow bump (like a physically distanced handshake). Tell us who your Hometown Hero is and what they have done to make the community a better place during the COVID-19 pandemic in less than 15 seconds. Finish your video with a left elbow bump.

You can watch an example video to see what it looks like at [www.king.ca/hometownheroes](http://www.king.ca/hometownheroes). You can also find tips to ensure your video looks and sounds as good as possible as well as how to submit them.

The deadline to submit your video is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 7.

The best videos will be shared with the public later this year. "Help us celebrate our Hometown Heroes and stay safe."

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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Monday, May 3**

6:00 pm – Council Public Planning Meeting

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

Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment

Owner: Domenic Baldesarra

Address: 52 James Stokes Court, King City

File numbers: OP-2021-01 and Z-2021-01

Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan of Subdivision

Owner: Rimrock Estates Inc.

Address: 2720 King Road, King City, ON

File Numbers: Z-2021-04 and 19T-21K01

**Monday, May 10**

6:00 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole

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

To view full Council and Committee of the Whole agendas, visit [king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents](http://king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents)

### COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

**Tuesday, May 11**

6:00 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing [dmoratto@king.ca](mailto:dmoratto@king.ca) by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

**Tuesday, May 18**

6 pm - King Township Public Library Board (virtual meeting)

**Wednesday, May 19**

6 pm – Committee of Adjustment

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

**Wednesday, May 26**

6:00 pm – Sustainability Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing [welch@king.ca](mailto:welch@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](http://www.king.ca), click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.

Or visit on the following link

<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Construction Inspector – closes April 30**
- **Chief Building Official/Manager of Building – closes May 7 at 4:30 pm**
- **Senior HR Advisor (12-month contract) – closes May 7 at 4:30 pm**

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

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### WATER BILLS

Due Date: May 14, 2021



WATER BILLS have now been mailed. Please contact Service King at [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca) or call 905-833-5321 immediately if you have not received your bill.

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Pre-Authorized Debit bank withdrawal (PAD)
- Online with your financial institution
- By Credit Card- Visit the Township Online Services Portal at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca)
- By Mail (must be stamped and mailed prior to due date and received on time)
- Drop off box located at Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City

If paying in person at a financial institution, please present the entire water bill.

Due to COVID:

- the Municipal office is closed and we are not accepting cash payments and;
- the water department cannot enter homes to check water meters

When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select **Water**, enter your 10 digit account number with no decimal (i.e. 1234567800).

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

Please visit our website for details.

### 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](http://covid19.king.ca) for the most up-to-date information.**

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

- King Township Public Library remains closed but is offering curbside pickup service. Visit [www.kinglibrary.ca](http://www.kinglibrary.ca) for more information.
- The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. is closed to the public until 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](http://www.king.ca).

Citizens can still do business with King on our website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca), by phone at 905-833-5321 or by email at [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).

### LATEST UPDATES

York Region and King Township are currently in the 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](http://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](http://www.king.ca), call us at 905-833-5321 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) or email us at [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).

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

### King Township COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

King Fire and Emergency Services—along with other municipal staff members—are extremely proud to report that our vaccination clinic at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg is now open.

Appointment booking can be made online at [york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](http://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine).

For the most up-to-date information on the clinic and availability of vaccines, visit [www.king.ca/covid19clinic](http://www.king.ca/covid19clinic).

### Schomberg Main St. Streetscaping Virtual Public Information Centre May 6, 2021

The Township of King invites stakeholders and the public to our Virtual Public Information Centre (VPIC) for the Schomberg Main Street Streetscaping Project. The VPIC will include a presentation on the conceptual design with a number of options. We are offering two Zoom timeslots on **Thursday, May 6, 2021:**

- 12:00pm to 1:30pm or
- 6:30pm to 8:00pm

#### Public Participation

To attend the VPICs please register in advance by following the registration links posted on our website:

<https://speaking.king.ca/schomberg-main-street-streetscaping>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

#### Purpose of the VPIC

Representatives from King Township and the Consultant on the project (Brook McIlroy) will be at the VPIC to answer any questions and make note of any concerns and suggestions.

The Schomberg Main Street Streetscaping Project includes a redesign of downtown Main Street between Dr. Kay Drive and Church Street. The design concepts aim to advance a high-quality, integrated approach to enhancing and preserving Schomberg's unique qualities. We intend to improve the pedestrian network and connectivity to Main Street to further boost Schomberg's reputation as a vibrant, authentic, historical community and a renowned destination for day tourists, cyclists, and residents alike.

We also encourage all to take our survey regarding the project which will be available from May 6, to May 20 and can be found on our SpeakKing webpage: <https://speaking.king.ca/schomberg-main-street-streetscaping>. The input we receive during the VPIC and from the survey will help guide the next steps in the design of the Project.

#### Schomberg Main St. Streetscaping Project Limits



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For more information please visit our webpage noted above or contact Daniel Wilkinson, Project Manager, at 905-833-5321 ext. 6572, or by email at [dwilkinson@king.ca](mailto:dwilkinson@king.ca).

KING IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR

# HOMETOWN HEROES

#### What do you need to do?

Submit a short video clip talking about someone you consider to be a "Hometown Hero" that has made a positive contribution to the community during the pandemic.

Visit [king.ca/hometownheroes](http://king.ca/hometownheroes) for details.



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### 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](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).





# MPP advances creation of East Humber Headwaters Park

Building on the government's budget commitment to expand and protect the Oak Ridges Moraine, following sustained advocacy from King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, the Ontario government is making progress on the exploratory creation of the East Humber Headwaters Park on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

A new park could provide an uninterrupted link between the eastern and western ends of the moraine and includes the headwaters of the East Humber River. The over 500-acre vacant land sitting on the Oak Ridges Moraine is envisioned to be transformed into a park that will restore much of the landscape back to its natural state and provide a green space for public use.

"Families in King and Vaughan are incredibly proud of the natural beauty of the Oak Ridges Moraine, and I am committed to advancing the expansion and protection of our green spaces," said Lecce. "We are taking action to protect Ontario's pristine natural environment by working to create the East Humber Headwaters Park for families to enjoy now and for future generations."

This historic expansion and protection – one of the largest near urban parks in the country – would position the Township of King and the entire province as a leader in conservation and as a steward of Ontario's natural heritage.

This initiative delivers on the objectives cited in the Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan, which recognizes the importance of "improving or restoring" the ecological functions of the moraine, while also creating opportunities for public recreational enjoyment and access.

MPP Lecce will continue to work constructively with King Mayor Steve Pellegrini and council, in addition to local conservation authorities and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to support progress and delivery of this environmental priority.



## Parents begin receiving support via child benefit

King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce, Ontario's Minister of Education, was pleased to announce the Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit.

"As we have done before, our government is again providing direct relief to families to help offset additional costs incurred as a result of the pandemic. I am pleased to confirm that payments to parents through the Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit (which began April 26) to help working parents of students aged 0 through Grade 12, and up to age 21 for children and youth with special needs, with direct financial support during this pandemic.

"COVID-19 has imposed many costs on moms, dads and caregivers across the province, and we are committed to helping them through this incredible challenge. To make this easier on families, individuals who previously received the Support for Learners payments will not be required to reapply – you will automatically receive your payment.

"We also know affordable child care is critical to working parents, which is why our government supported the creation of 16,000 new spaces in 2019-20. We are also proposing to enhance the Childcare Access and Relief from Expenses (CARE) tax credit by 20 per cent for 2021, which would in-

crease support from \$1,250 to \$1,500, on average, providing about \$75 million in additional support for the child care expenses of over 300,000 families.

"Ontario is committed to building an affordable child care system that is flexible and responsive to the unique needs of all families."

The government is providing a new round of payments through Ontario's COVID-19 Child Benefit. In total, Ontario will have provided families \$1.8 billion since last March. The payment will be doubled to \$400 per child and \$500 for any child and youth up to age 21 with special needs.

The government is automatically providing this round of payments to parents who received Support for Learners payments, and money will begin to flow April 26th. Parents who received a confirmation email but have not received their payment by May 10 should contact the call centre for further information at 1-888-444-3770, and TTY at 1-800-268-7095.

Parents who did not apply for or receive the Support for Learners program can apply for the new funding starting May 3 with a deadline of May 17. Applications will be open on Monday, May 3. More information about how to apply will be available at Ontario.ca/covidchildbenefit shortly.



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### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### 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.

#### Municipal water flushing

In the spring and fall the Public Works Department flushes all water mains and hydrants in King City, Nobleton, Schomberg and Ansonveldt. 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](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).

#### Cleaning out your clutter

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

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

### King launches feature-packed recycling app

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

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



### Gypsy moths

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

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

To learn more about these destructive pests, including how to eliminate them, please visit <https://www.king.ca/gypsy-moths>.

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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

## In all the universe, there is only one of us

*"... And in all of that, and perhaps more, only one of each of us."*

**Dr. McCoy, Star Trek, Balance of Terror**

If you think that you're not special in some way, just pause and reflect on that quote for a minute.

Our Milky Way galaxy is estimated to contain upwards of 400 billion stars and at least that number of planets. Our "home" galaxy is massive, estimated at 200,000 light years in diameter.

To put it in perspective, if our solar system were the size of a quarter, the Milky Way would be equivalent to the contiguous United States.

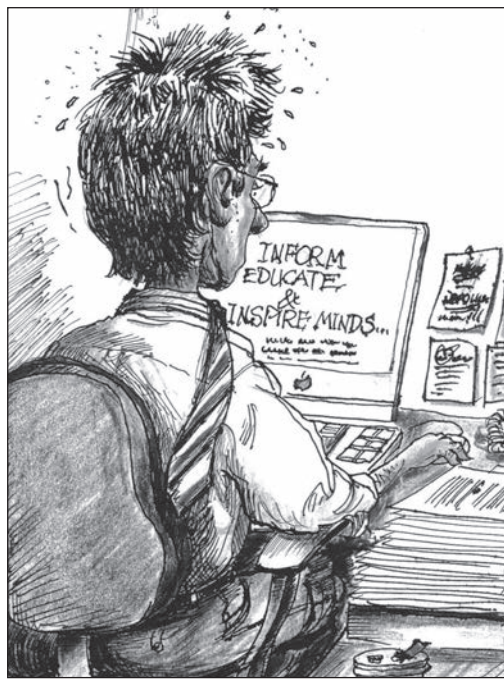
The universe is estimated to contain 2 trillion galaxies, thanks to data from Hubble.

That number is changing, and could be a lot higher. You see, because space is so vast, many of the stars we see at night may no longer exist. They have burned out long ago, and the twinkle we see is lost starlight, which is only now reaching us here on Earth. Scientists say looking at the universe is like looking back through time.

Nevertheless, we know that we are here, right now. We exist, and our planet has existed for roughly 4.5 billion years.

Just how did we get here?

Well, most believe that the Big Bang created everything. They theorize that "everywhere" started at one central point, and the entire universe has been moving outward ever since, growing larger and spinning, forever moving. As far as scientists can tell, the universe began 13.8 billion years ago.



**Mark Pavilons**

Back then, something ignited a chain reaction, causing light, energy and atoms to come together to form stars, galaxies and planets.

How it all formed is still up for speculation but there's some common ground on this.

Our solar system, roughly 4.6 billion years ago, was just a cloud of dust, gas and other stuff. As it all began to spin and generate gravity, the sun formed in the middle of this nebula. The sun's energy and gravity caused the material flying around to clump together.

Earth's rocky core formed first as heavy elements collided and stuck together. Dense material sank to the gooey centre and the lighter crust formed.

Our planet's magnetic field developed and this helped gravity capture gasses that became our early atmosphere.

Scientists believe that our planet was hit by a large object, smashing off a big piece which became the moon.

Gases from volcanoes spewed into the atmosphere and passing comets crashed, dumping water and ice behind.

Because our earth is in the most ideal location away from the sun, the perfect conditions arose for life.

And the rest, as they say, is history.

Of course, there was one very significant moment, some billions of years ago. A single cell - maybe an amoeba or microorganism - popped up in the ooey, gooey swampy ooze. Life began. Perhaps the conditions were just right for this "instantaneous emergence of life."

It wasn't until cyanobacteria evolved roughly 2.4 billion years ago that life transformed noticeably. These were the first photo-synthesizers, making food using water and the sun's energy, releasing oxygen as a result.

The "Great Oxidation Event" took place and cells began "living together." By carrying out various functions they grew. Sponges were likely the first creatures on earth, appearing some 800 million years ago. The sea floor became littered with critters from then on.

By the end of the Cambrian era, all kinds of things were running around, creating the world's first food webs or chains.

Yes, our evolution took billions of years. A very slow, yet somewhat efficient process to be sure.

The reason I provide this tale of our humble beginnings is to show just how improbable and how miraculous life is.

A million things could have taken place to alter Earth's progress, at any point in time over those years. As wit-

nessed by the dinosaurs, the earth was wiped clean and life started over.

The whole thing is mind-boggling. And humans (homo sapiens) have only been running amok for roughly 300,000 years, with the first settlements springing up only 10,000 years ago.

So "modern humans" - at least those that wore clothes and spoke - have only been around maybe 7,000 years.

In that time we have established ourselves as the alphas, the leaders of the pack on terra firma.

I direct your attention to the chronology of lineage. At one point your ancestors and mine were born. They would date back almost to the beginning. If our great-greats didn't have great-greats, none of them would have been here either.

You and I would have to have had an unbroken, healthy family tree with some very, very long roots.

I couldn't calculate the odds of that, but let's just say it's as big as our galaxy.

So no, none of us are here "by chance." It was determined through select, strong lineage. One could say we were all "born" that very day in the pool of slime, along with our ancestors, the microbes.

After all, if they didn't emerge, we wouldn't have either.

It's all very sobering.

We've beaten the odds. We did something no one else has in our solar system. Every time we look up at our sun we should give thanks for creating life on our planet.

Of course, we could send our thanks to that divine entity who, a very long time ago, snapped His or Her fingers, and kicked off the greatest show ever.

Again, I direct you to the quote at the top of this column.

Hope you're feeling special. Have a nice day.

### Letter to the Editor

## Use of MZOs is draconian

It is alarming that the Ford government seems intent on dismantling Ontario's environmental protection regulations. Does this government truly understand what it is doing and the risk it is taking?

It does seem that in burying revisions to Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs) within Schedule 3 of the Omnibus Bill 257, Supporting Broadband and Infrastructure Expansion Act, 2021, the government is at least sensitive to how it is perceived by the people of Ontario in its use of this non-democratic manoeuvre.

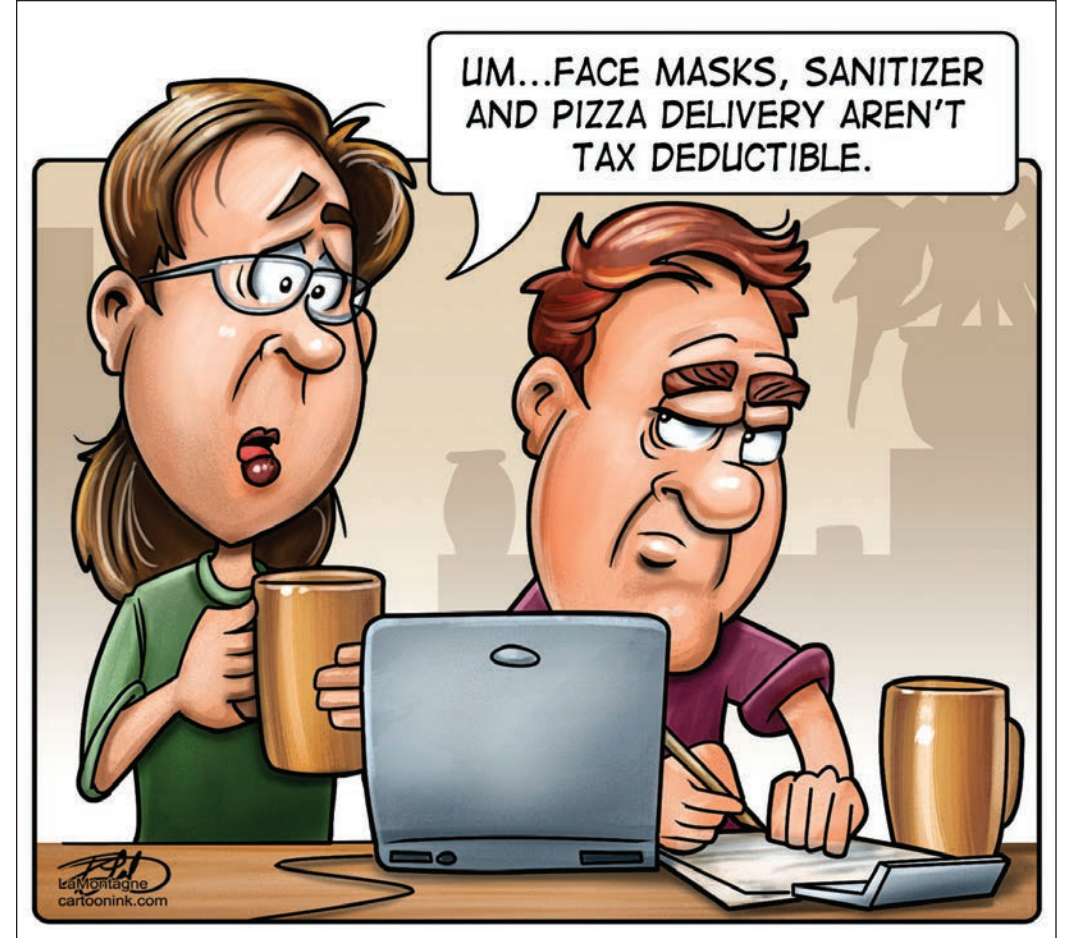
This government's use of MZOs, especially in the past year, has not only been excessive but draconian in nature. In particular, the MZO issued to allow construction of a warehouse on a Provincial Significant Wetland at Duffins Creek in Pickering has resulted in widespread condemnation from the public and legal action against the government.

The government has rescinded this MZO but only after Pickering Town Council made the request when the potential occupant of the proposed warehouse indicated it would not be proceeding in locating to this site. The government's strong-armed tactics failed in this instance because the potential occupant of the warehouse did not want to become embroiled in an environmental fiasco initiated by the Town of Pickering and supported by the Provincial government.

The lawsuit against the Provincial government arises from the argument that the MZO was used in violation of Ontario's Planning Act. In addition, the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has indicated that it was forced to issue a construction permit under duress by the Ford government. This was contrary to its normal practices and was only made possible by the government's recent questionable change of responsibilities mandated to Conservation Authorities.

To counter this lawsuit the government has produced Schedule 3 to shield itself from its infractions of the Provincial Policy Statement regarding this MZO. Schedule 3 of Bill 257 proposes to amend the Planning Act to allow an MZO to be inconsistent with the Provincial Policy Statement. In addition, the changes would provide that any existing MZO (for example, for Duffins Creek) was never required to be consistent with the Provincial Policy Statement.

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### Quote of the Week

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- Nelson Mandela

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# OFA continues to emphasize need for broadband

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## COMMENT

As we pass the one-year mark of living this virtual lifestyle, access to fast, reliable broadband continues to be a hot button issue for many farmers and rural residents.

People have adapted to working from home, learning from home, delivering e-commerce platforms from home and even participating in recreational activities from home. The world has changed drastically to rely on virtual platforms that require reliable internet. For those with a strong connection, adapting to virtual platforms was a relatively seamless transition with the biggest challenge being how to navigate and understand ZOOM, Microsoft Teams, Google Classroom or some other platform.

However, many living in rural communities with limited or no access to reliable internet, have faced significant challenges when logging on to the virtual world.

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) believes access to fast, reliable and affordable internet is a necessity in our modern world and needs to be considered an essential service. Much like electrification in Ontario over 80 years ago, broadband expansion must be a prioritized and rapid process. OFA has advocated for the expansion of rural broadband for years. It has been a key pillar of our Producing Prosperity in Ontario campaign that was initially launched ahead of the 2018 provincial election.

Prior to the Producing Prosperity initiative, OFA put a spotlight on rural communities and shortcomings related to accessible broadband as part of a 2015-member survey. As we fast forward to today, farm businesses and rural communities continue to struggle to find internet capable of supporting their needs. Results from OFA's recent 2020 broadband survey reflect the growing frustration of Ontario farmers.

Agriculture has rapidly evolved to embrace new technologies which allows Ontario's agri-food sector to be competitive worldwide and produce food, fibre and fuel more efficiently. The implementation of technology such as robotics, sensors and GPS mapping require reliable connectivity to be suc-

cessful. Rural demand for bandwidth is quickly outpacing the expansion of broadband infrastructure as farmers continue to increase the use of digital technology.

Simply having an adequate internet connection is not enough to meet the needs and demands of running a modern-day business. Our members need speed, reliability and bandwidth that provides the ability to carry high loads of data to remain competitive in the digital world. Unreliable internet is more than an inconvenience in a year where internet connectivity is an essential service. OFA's latest survey shows 62% of participants say internet outages are causing an inability to conduct normal business activities, which impacts productivity and profitability. In comparison to the 2015 internet survey, farmers that require stable internet to run their business has more than doubled.

Additionally, 53% of survey participants have increased the amount of digital technologies on their farm, and this significant investment in on-farm technology is critical to the growth of the agri-food sector. Precision agriculture also relies on accessibility to fast, reliable broadband internet, which can increase our industry's resiliency and mitigate the potential impacts of climate change. Still, 57% of survey participants admit unreliable connectivity has resulted in a delay or rejection of investment in precision technologies.

For many farmers, the primary internet options available in rural areas do not provide a stable enough connection to run or manage digital technologies in their farm equipment. For the most part, we are lucky to have a stable connection on our farm in Collingwood, but an increase in heavy winds or snowfall can interfere with connectivity. We are also paying a substantial fare for an unreliable connection which is another major barrier to the success of our farm business.

Unfortunately, rural residents often face competitive disadvantages when it comes to internet accessibility as there tends to be only a handful of service providers that cater to rural markets. Therefore, with limited options, the customer is at the mercy of the service provider when it comes to cost and de-

livery. More than 70% of survey participants reported they believe they are not getting sufficient value for the services they pay for from internet providers. In terms of satisfaction, a total of 75% of respondents indicated they are unsatisfied with options and accessibility in their area.

As entrepreneurs, we can understand providers not wanting to implement more infrastructure on their own dime. Especially, when it does not add to their bottom line. Therefore, OFA continues to lobby both the federal and provincial governments to invest in expanded broadband for all rural, northern and remote communities.

It's clear that homes, businesses and farms in rural Ontario currently face a competitive disadvantage when it comes to broadband access and reliability in comparison to their urban counterparts. We hope to change that by continuing to lobby both the federal and provincial governments to invest in expanded broadband for all rural, northern and remote communities.

To achieve sustainable progress, the key is to have a long-term vision that will provide the necessary infrastructure to deliver reliable internet for generations to come. The agri-food

sector in Ontario is an economic powerhouse with substantial growth potential. To keep this sector profitable and productive, we need strong and vibrant communities with the infrastructure to support growth. Our sector grows job, contributes to economic productivity and produces prosperity for the province and the country. Our province cannot afford to cap the growth potential of farms, agri-businesses and our rural communities due to a lack of broadband infrastructure. These investments can help grow existing businesses, attract new companies and boost opportunities for regional economic development.

Beyond our businesses, farmers are also humans that require social interaction and deeply care about their community. Isolation in rural communities has become much more apparent as parents struggle to work from home and youth try to connect with their teachers and classmates. Stable internet is necessary for connecting with the outside world, which in turn supports mental health. Internet has also become essential for online learning and virtual health care.

Quality of life and education should not be compromised for those choosing to live, work and play in rural Ontario.

## Province should rethink stance on MZOs

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In other words, to counter breaking the law, the government is simply changing the law to accommodate its own goal. Unfortunately, the goal is quite hazy and the benefits even more so. Apart from a few rich and powerful friends of the government, there is little or no advantage to the people of Ontario. There is a general perception by the public that Minister's Zoning Orders are being issued mainly to reward large financial contributors to the Conservative Party of Ontario.

It is ironic that the government talks about using MZOs to protect provincial interests, like environmentally sensitive areas, while attempting to bring in legislation that will do the complete opposite. The Minister should rethink his stance concerning zoning orders and leave it to the municipalities to determine if and what should be developed within their jurisdictions. To do otherwise supports the perception of corrupt practices at play.

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# Legislature passes budget bill to protect health and jobs

As provinces across the country continue to battle the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic caused by the introduction of more contagious variants of concern, the Ontario legislature has passed Bill 269, Protecting the People of Ontario Act (Budget Measures), 2021 and enacted into law the next phase of the province's ongoing response.

The government's total investments in protecting people's health have grown to \$16.3 billion, including \$1 billion to enable and support COVID-19 vaccinations, which has seen Ontario administer more vaccines than any other province or territory in the country. As soon as the province receives more vaccines from the federal government, it will be able to further accelerate its rollout to protect more people from COVID-19.

"The 2021 Budget makes good on our government's promise to do whatever it takes to protect people's health and support our economy," said Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board. "Right now, vaccines are the light at the end of the tunnel. We have the infrastructure to get Ontarians vaccinated with boots on the ground to get vaccines into arms as they arrive in the province. What we need now are more supply of vaccines."

In addition to historic investments in the province's health system, the Ontario government is providing \$23.3 billion to protect the economy. Ontario's COVID-19 action plan support now totals \$51 billion.

Additional highlights of Ontario's plan include:

- Making it safer to re-engage with

workplaces, businesses and communities with \$2.3 billion for testing and contact tracing.

- Protecting frontline heroes and vulnerable people with \$1.4 billion for personal protective equipment, including more than 315 million masks and more than 1.2 billion gloves.

- Investing an additional \$5.1 billion to support hospitals since the pandemic began, creating more than 3,100 additional hospital beds. This includes \$1.8 billion in 2021-22 to continue providing care for COVID-19 patients, address surgical backlogs and keep pace with patient needs.

"We will continue to invest in our health care system today and for the long term, building on record investments since the start of the pandemic to create more hospital beds, build and improve hospitals, increase testing and fix long-term care," said Minister Bethlenfalvy.

## Protecting the economy

The 2021 Budget provides tax relief that will help families with the cost of childcare, help workers with the cost of training and encourage regional investment and job growth.

Bill 269 includes the following three changes to the Taxation Act, 2007 that will bring direct relief to people and businesses in the midst of this crisis:

### Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit

The new Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit is a temporary, refundable Personal Income Tax credit for 2021, help-

ing workers get the training they may need for a career shift, to re-train or to sharpen their skills. The credit will provide up to \$2,000 in relief for 50 per cent of eligible expenses, for a total of an estimated \$260 million in support to about 230,000 people in 2021.

### Childcare Access and Relief from Expenses (CARE) Tax Credit

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

### Regional Opportunities Investment Tax Credit

To encourage business investment in certain regions of the province that have lagged in employment growth in the past, Ontario is temporarily doubling the Regional Opportunities Investment Tax Credit rate to 20 per cent from 10 per cent, resulting in total tax credit support of about \$155 million by 2022-23.

Bill 269 also includes the following changes:

- Enacting the new Securities Commission Act, 2021 to make the Ontario Securities Commission (OSC) – the province's capital markets regulator – more effective. This includes expanding the mandate of the OSC to include fostering capital formation and competition in the markets to boost economic growth and create a level playing field for all market participants, as well as other changes that reflect corporate governance best practices.

- Strengthening the Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario's (FSRA) capabilities to enforce compliance with rules in the insurance sector and to move forward in the establishment of an oversight framework for financial planners and advisors.

- Build capability for Invest Ontario, a new provincial agency that will promote the province as a key investment

destination and act as a "one-stop shop" for businesses and investors. It will move at the speed of business and drive greater economic growth, support strategic domestic firms, and attract business from around the world to create good jobs in Ontario.

- Amending the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade Act, 1990 to require that the outcomes of business support programs be accessible through an annual Ontario Investment Prospectus report. This will improve transparency and accountability and help ensure that funds are used to benefit businesses and communities across Ontario.

Included in the \$23.3 billion in investments to protect our economy through COVID-19 and beyond is unprecedented support for families and workers, jobs and Ontario's small businesses. It also builds on a solid foundation for economic growth to help Ontario emerge from the pandemic positioned for job creation and long-term prosperity.

Healthy people are essential for a healthy economy. With vaccines being distributed, hope is on the horizon. Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy provides the resources necessary to finish the battle with COVID-19, building on the government's record investments to protect health and jobs during the global pandemic.

Expenses eligible for the Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit are the same as those that can be claimed for the Canada Training Credit, which can include personal support worker training programs, graphic design programs, heavy machinery training programs and more, as well as postsecondary courses that provide credits towards a degree, diploma or certificate.

Eligible individuals can claim the enhanced CARE tax credit and the new Ontario Jobs Training Tax Credit on their 2021 tax returns.

The enhanced Regional Opportunities Investment Tax Credit is available for eligible expenditures in excess of \$50,000 and up to \$500,000 for property that becomes available for use in the corporation's taxation year, and in the period beginning on March 24, 2021 and ending before January 1, 2023.

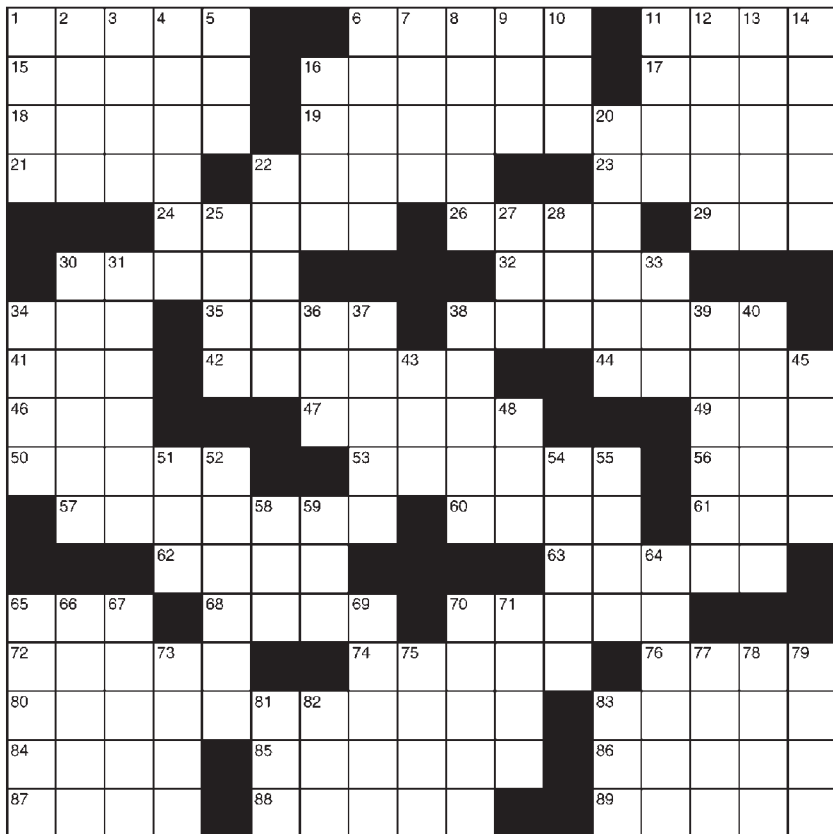
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6. Shell liner
11. Scram!
15. Cliff hanger?
16. Seafarer
17. Vatican City dweller
18. Molten matter
19. The magic word?
21. Cheaper spread
22. Dozen dozen
23. Inaccuracy
24. Hindu title
26. \_\_\_\_ of entry
29. "... have you \_\_\_\_ wool?"
30. Cigar type
32. Loved one
34. Pirouette pivot
35. Speck on a map
38. Conference
41. Carpet
42. Like some submarines
44. Nose parts
46. Timber tree
47. Popular pie
49. Barnyard bleat
50. Engine

### DOWN

1. Splotchy fabric
2. Make well
3. Compulsion
4. Champagne cocktail
5. Pod inhabitant

6. Powerful person
7. Affected manner
8. Fastening device
9. Fabled bird
10. History chapter, perhaps
11. Shadowbox
12. Deadly snake
13. Emeril's garment
14. Dewy-eyed
16. "Gandhi" attire
20. Imprison
22. Phantom
25. Opera highlight
27. Hymn of praise
28. Radiation measure
30. Discount certificate
31. Smooth, in music
33. Genetic letters
34. Mine cart
36. Prune
37. Rectify
38. Fish feature
39. Navy
40. Farm machine
43. Unfriendly
45. Quench
48. Give silent consent
51. No Rx needed
52. Replacement worker
54. Suitable spot
55. Brood
58. Earthenware container
59. Senate vote
64. Sharp weapon
65. Mortal
66. Absurd
67. Pine nut
69. Mother
70. Sprinkle
71. Ball of yarn
73. Adjust, as a guitar
75. Perfume base
77. Roster
78. Colored eye-part
79. Hors d'oeuvre spread
81. Cleopatra's snake
82. Bee follower
83. A primate

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## York Region opens some 25,000 new COVID-19 vaccine appointments

The Regional Municipality of York is continuing to deliver COVID-19 vaccines to eligible residents as identified in Phase 2 of the Government of Ontario's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan.

York Region residents age 35+ in postal code L4H and pregnant individuals are now eligible to book an appointment for their COVID-19 vaccination.

Appointments for vaccines can be booked by visiting [york.ca/COVID19Vaccine](http://york.ca/COVID19Vaccine). Residents age 35+ and older who live in the following identified high priority communities in York Region: (City of Vaughan postal codes: L4H (NEW), L4L, L6A, L4K, L4J; City of Markham postal code: L3S)

Individuals (and one of their caregivers) with highest and high risk health conditions as identified in Ontario's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, which now includes pregnant individuals.

Staff, essential caregivers and any residents that have not yet received a first dose in long-term care homes, retirement homes and First Nations elder care homes.

Alternative level of care patients in hospitals who have a confirmed admission to a long-term care home, retirement home or other congregate care home for seniors.

Staff, residents and caregivers in retirement homes and other congregate care settings for seniors.

York Region continues experiencing a limited vaccine supply. York Region will offer additional appointments as vaccine becomes available.

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

As case numbers continue to rise around the Region and throughout the Province, residents are reminded the best vaccine is the first one offered to you. Everyone is encouraged to take whichever vaccine is available to them as soon as possible.

# King

## 7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, April 29 to Wednesday, May 5

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# Federal budget helps seniors, tackles pandemic

By Deb Schulte  
Minister for Seniors  
King-Vaughan MP

I want to share some of the highlights for seniors in Budget 2021, the Government of Canada's plan to finish the fight against COVID-19 and ensure a robust economic recovery that is inclusive of all Canadians.

Here are a few of the key proposed initiatives in Budget 2021 for seniors:

Increasing seniors' financial security – The government will increase Old Age Security (OAS) benefits for seniors age 75 and older. Budget 2021 proposes to implement this commitment in two steps:

- By providing a one-time payment of \$500 in August 2021 to OAS pensioners who will be 75 or over as of June 2022.

- By introducing legislation to increase regular OAS payments for pensioners 75 and over by 10 per cent on an ongoing basis as of July 2022.

This would increase the benefits for 3.3 million seniors, providing additional benefits of \$766 to full OAS pension-

ers in the first year, and indexed to inflation going forward.

This would give seniors more financial security later in life, when they are worried about outliving their life savings. As seniors age, their health and home care costs rise, all while they are more likely to be unable to work, have disabilities or be widowed. Our plan helps address these pressures and improve older seniors' quality of life.

Helping Seniors Age Well at Home – To support seniors to live in their homes for longer as they age, Budget 2021 proposes to provide \$90 million to launch the Age Well at Home initiative. The initiative would assist community-based organizations in providing practical support that helps low-income and otherwise vulnerable seniors age in their homes.

It would match seniors with volunteers who can help with meal preparations, home maintenance, daily errands, yard work, and transportation. It would also help seniors access local services such as shoveling snow, cutting grass, picking up medicine and

taking care of other practical, non-medical tasks that they are no longer able to manage.

Strengthening Long-term Care and Supportive Care – We welcome the Health Standards Organization and Canadian Standards Association's work to develop national standards for long-term care. Their work with governments, stakeholders, and Canadians will help inform our ongoing collaboration with provinces and territories on improving long-term care, while respecting their jurisdiction.

Budget 2021 proposes to provide \$3 billion over five years, starting in 2022-23, to Health Canada to support provinces and territories in ensuring standards for long-term care are applied and permanent changes are made, so that seniors and those in care live in safe and dignified conditions.

More supports of interest to seniors – In addition to the supports mentioned above, Budget 2021 proposes to:

- Build, repair, and support an additional 35,000 affordable housing units for vulnerable Canadians, including se-

niors. This is part of the National Housing Strategy, which is on track to invest \$70 billion by 2027-28 to help more Canadians find an affordable place to call home.

- Help more families and people living with disabilities access the existing Disability Tax Credit and other related support measures.

- Improve access to palliative care and end-of-life care, including culturally sensitive care by proposing to provide \$29.8 million over six years, starting in 2021-22, to Health Canada to advance the government's palliative care strategy and lay a better foundation for coordinated action on long-term and supportive care needs.

- Provide \$100 million over three years, starting in 2021-22, to the Public Health Agency of Canada to support projects for innovative mental health interventions for populations disproportionately impacted by COVID 19, including seniors.

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## Luxury real estate showing strong interest across GTA

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

The luxury real estate market is soaring across the GTA.

And this makes King Township an ideal location. King Township's average house price hovers around \$1.8 million.

The luxury market expansion, according to Sotheby's International Realty Canada, is due to demand, preferences, easy access to borrowing and "significant cash accumulation."

Sales activity and price gains are accelerating across major cities across the country and as a result, strong performance is projected this spring.

The latest data compiled by Sotheby's International Realty Canada reveal that the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) is poised to see strong gains in the coming months.

Residential real estate sales over \$4 million spiked 157% year-over-year in the first two months of 2021. Of these, five ultra-luxury properties sold over \$10 million compared to one property sold in this price range during the same period of 2020. During this time, luxury single family home sales over \$4 million rose 203% year-over-year.

The region's luxury condominium market reflected resilience, and early March data reflects a segment poised to gain ground. While sales of luxury condominiums over \$4 million were down year-over-year from six to two units in the first two months of 2021, March 1-15 sales were on par with previous year's levels at one unit sold. Furthermore, sales in the first 15 days of March underscored the strength of the GTA's

\$1 million-plus condo market sales, as sales increased 110% year-over-year.

"Canada's luxury real estate market is undergoing a dramatic transformation as a result of the pandemic. Many of these changes will not only inspire spring sales activity but have long-lasting impact on real estate demand in our country," said Don Kottick, president and CEO of Sotheby's International Realty Canada. "As a company, we are seeing foundational changes in the home and lifestyle preferences across every generation of Canadian, and a level of willingness to invest in home buying and renovation that will permanently improve the quality of housing stock, and therefore prices.

"We are forecasting multiple waves of consumers in the coming months, both local and international, who have a desire for Canadian real estate ownership that has never been stronger. Most importantly, these potential buyers have unprecedented access to cash and low-cost borrowing that will enable them to engage in the market in months to come."

According to Kottick, Canada's metropolitan luxury real estate market is primed for healthy spring performance, and in most markets, the ceiling for sales activity will be capped by lack of inventory rather than consumer demand.

Properly, a tech-enabled real estate brokerage, launched Canada's most accurate free home value calculator, Instant Estimate. Powered by artificial intelligence, Instant Estimate factors in historical sold data, proximity to services, customized home facts and other economic factors to let GTA homeowners track the estimated mar-

ket value of their homes. By providing custom estimates, Instant Estimate helps homeowners determine the best time to sell, set their buying budget, and track their net worth with a real-time valuation.

To help illustrate the insights available to prospective homebuyers and sellers through the Instant Estimate, Properly compared the selling prices of homes bought in the six month period prior to COVID-19 (September 2019 to February 2020) with their current Instant Estimate value (April 2021). The comparison found that those who bought homes in GTA's suburban areas in the 6-months leading up to COVID saw their investment jump by an average of 30 per cent, while those who bought in the city of Toronto saw an average increase of 16 per cent.

Based on the continued realities of working from home and the desire for more space, people are relocating out of Toronto to the suburbs. Those who bought homes in Oshawa (48% increase in value), Georgina (46%), and Brock (46%) just prior to the pandemic have seen the greatest appreciation in value. Meanwhile, regions in closer proximity to Toronto, such as Vaughan (21%), Markham (22%), and Richmond Hill (22%), have seen weaker – but still impressive – appreciation.

King saw an average 29% increase, while Caledon figures went up 34% and Aurora's rose 28%.

Canadian home renovation activity is pegged to rebound significantly in 2021.

Sotheby's report noted that luxury buyers typically prefer turnkey properties that are move-in ready and require no renovations.

But the pandemic has also driven high-end homeowners to enhance their living spaces with discretionary renovations to enrich their lifestyle and enable work, entertainment and socializing.

Common luxury home renovations have included the enhancement of outdoor space with gardens and landscaping, patio and deck upgrades, outdoor kitchens and dining areas, outdoor theatres, waterfront docks, and personal sports facilities such as pools and ball courts and children's play amenities. Interior renovations have included kitchen upgrades, reconfiguration of space to accommodate home offices, and the addition of theatres, personal fitness and wellness facilities.

Canadian homeowners are more likely to plan renovations than buy and sell their current property or purchase an investment home, despite an active housing market, a Scotiabank poll revealed. Six in 10 Canadian homeowners are planning to renovate in the next two years, with backyards, kitchens and bathrooms topping the list.

According to findings from the 2021 Scotiabank Housing Poll:

Over a third of Canadians (36%) believe housing prices will come down over the next 12 months as a result of

the pandemic, up from 25% in 2020.

Among Canadian homeowners planning renovations, one in four are looking to start in the next six months.

Almost half of millennials (48%) are considering moving out of the city to get more for their money, compared with 27% of those aged 35-54 and 15% of those aged 55+.

But it's a bit of a catch-22. A lack of luxury real estate inventory in Toronto and the GTA is amplifying this renovation trend.

Sotheby's experts say prospective homebuyers are now more likely to be willing to purchase properties that require repairs and updates due to a lack of other options in their desired neighbourhoods. Others are purchasing luxurious move-in ready properties and renovating to meet bespoke personal preferences. While this renovation trend is largely driven by end-users, market confidence is also motivating investment-minded buyers to purchase homes for renovation in anticipation of future resale at a higher price.

With renovations elevating the overall quality of housing stock in these metropolitan areas, the short and long-term market value of luxury housing across Canada's major real estate markets is expected to rise through the spring and in the long term.

Given changing preferences across multiple generations of home buyers and homeowners, limited supply and elevated demand will bolster prices and activity across Canada's largest single-family home markets this spring and into the foreseeable future.

With the prospect of widespread vaccine availability in Canada this year, local consumer demand and both Canadian and international investor confidence in the luxury condominium market is rebounding. Depleted inventory and steep price gains in metropolitan single-family home markets is also pressing homebuyers to purchase large condominiums out of necessity and a sheer lack of alternatives. Furthermore, a "second wave" of real estate buying is taking place in metropolitan luxury condominium markets as those who moved further afield during the pandemic are now returning to buy condominiums as secondary homes, pied-à-terres and investment properties within city centres. This revitalized consumer demand and confidence positions the Toronto, Vancouver, Montreal condominium luxury condominium markets for steady gains through the spring.

Although the pandemic has seen international buyers purchasing luxury Canadian properties either entirely virtually, or in some cases, sight unseen, many are also awaiting the reopening of borders to enable tangible visits to view and buy properties. The imminent release of this pent-up international demand is set to spur additional sales activity across the conventional and luxury markets in the country's major metropolitan areas this spring.

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DINING ROOM



# Groups embrace plan for \$10 a day child care for Canadian families

By Mark Pavilonis  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

Families with children are getting a boost, thanks to measures contained in last week's federal budget.

Ottawa announced a goal of on average \$10 a day child care within the next five years. By building an early learning and child care system, the government will make life more affordable for Canadian families, create new jobs, grow the middle class, increase women's participation in the work force, and drive strong economic growth across the country.

The federal government will work with provincial, territorial, and Indigenous partners to build this Canada-wide, community-based early learning and child care system. The government will invest \$30 billion over the next five years, with a minimum of \$9.2 billion per year on an ongoing basis. By the end of 2022, this new system would reduce fees for parents with children in regulated child care by 50 per cent on average, everywhere outside of Quebec. While Quebec already has shown leadership through a child care system where prices are affordable, they will still receive their share of the funding to allow for further improvements to their system.

Ahmed Hussen, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development, spoke at a virtual session last week hosted by the Boys and Girls Club. He clarified the funding and the goals to participating early childhood educators and families in York Region.

Hussen said it's all about building an inclusive system through a comprehensive approach. The government is bringing real options to the table for parents, he said, noting by building a strong early education system, it will give children the best possible start in life.

It's an investment on the government's part to subsidize child care costs, bringing fees down 50% by 2022 and reaching a \$10 per day cost for parents in five years.

"Child care is a necessity," he said. "No child will be left behind."

This investment shows the government's long-term commitment in providing affordable, accessible child care spaces.

There's a consensus across the board, the minister noted and he firmly believes these goals are achievable.

Owen Charters, President & CEO at BGC Canada, is enthusiastic about the plans. He said he's seen, first-hand the importance of high quality, safe and accessible child care programs. He admits that one size doesn't fit all, but this is a positive start.

This investment will create new opportunities for Canadian families and allow parents, particularly mothers, to get back into the workforce.

Establishing a Canada-wide early learning and child care system will create jobs and economic growth, increase women's participation in the workforce, and offer each child in Canada a better start in life. This is part of our plan to grow the middle class and help people working hard to join it.

"Without child care, Canadian parents can't work. (This) announcement is as much about meeting their needs as it is about setting our children up for success for generations to come. In-

vesting in early child learning and establishing Canada-wide child care will make life more affordable for families, create jobs, strengthen our economy, get women back into the workforce, and grow the middle class. We will get it done," said Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"COVID-19 has brutally exposed something women have long known: Without child care, parents – usually mothers – can't work. The closing of our schools and child care drove women's participation in the labour force down to its lowest level in more than two decades. There is agreement, across the political spectrum, that early learning and child care is the national economic policy we need now. This is social infrastructure that will drive jobs and growth. This is feminist economic policy. This is smart economic policy," added Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance.

Throughout the pandemic, women's participation in the workforce has been disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and public health restrictions, in part because they are the main providers of family care, including home schooling and caring for family members.

COVID-19 has also had a particular impact on the labour force participation of racialized women with young children. For example, under 76 per cent of Black mothers with a child younger than six were active in the labour market in January 2021, compared to over 81 per cent of mothers who did not identify as visible minorities.

Investments in child care will benefit all Canadians. Studies show that for every dollar invested in early childhood education, the broader economy receives between \$1.50 and \$2.80 in return.

As part of \$30 billion in funding, and building on Canada's Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care framework co-developed in 2018, Budget 2021 proposes to invest up to \$2.5 billion over the next five years:

- \$1.4 billion over five years, starting in 2021-22, to create up to 3,300 new high-quality early learning and child care spaces for Indigenous families.
- \$515 million over five years, starting in 2021-22, to support before- and after-school care for First Nations children on reserve.
- \$264 million over four years, starting in 2022-23, to repair and renovate existing Indigenous early-learning and child care centres.
- \$420 million over three years, starting in 2023-24, to build and maintain new early-learning and child care centres in additional communities.

Budget 2021 also builds on the approximately 40,000 new spaces already created through previous federal investments.

To make immediate progress for children with disabilities, Budget 2021 proposes to provide \$29.2 million over two years, starting in 2021-22, to Employment and Social Development Canada through the Enabling Accessibility Fund to support child care centres as they improve their physical accessibility.

Combined with previous investments announced since 2015, a minimum of \$9.2 billion per year ongoing will be invested in child care, including Indigenous Early Learning and Child Care, starting in 2025-26.

## Priority is to protect health

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• Invest \$400 million in 2021-22 to Employment and Social Development Canada to create a temporary Community Services Recovery Fund to help charities and non-profits adapt and modernize so they can better support the economic recovery in our communities.

• Extend the Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit an additional 4 weeks, to a maximum of 42 weeks, in the event that caregiving options are not sufficiently available.

• Invest \$50 million over five years, starting in 2021-22, for the Public Health Agency of Canada to design and deliver interventions that promote safe relationships and prevent family violence, including elder abuse.

• Provide an additional \$15 million over three years, starting in 2021-22, to Veterans Affairs Canada to expand and enhance the Veteran and Family Well-Being Fund for projects that will support veterans during the post COVID-19 recovery, including addressing homelessness, employment, retraining, and health challenges.

The Government of Canada's top priority remains protecting Canadians' health and safety, particularly during this third, aggressive wave of the virus and its variants. The vaccine rollout is accelerating across Canada, and the federal government is on track to receive 48 to 50 million doses by the end of June.

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# PREPARING FOR THE GREAT MIGRATION.

Leaving the hectic pace of city life behind for calmer, more scenic pastures north of Toronto is, for many of us, something we only dream about. It's a popular choice with baby boomers, for whom making a permanent move outside of the city is often part of a long-term retirement plan.

But the COVID-19 pandemic forever changed the way we live and work. It also accelerated the movement of city slickers to cottage country—a trend Lorraine Jordan, owner of Team Jordan | Keller Williams Experience Realty calls “The Great Migration”—into overdrive.

“People didn't think they could move full-time to their ‘fun place,’ their ‘happy place,’” says Jordan. “And then when COVID hit, that dream became a real possibility with the sudden shift to working from home.”

For many companies, being forced to move employees into fully remote work was a watershed moment. Some are choosing not to renew high-priced office leases, and have indicated that remote work will be an option, at least part of the time, even after the pandemic is over. Others are making a permanent switch to remote work, like Canadian-based Shopify, which announced in May 2020 that the company would become “digital by default.”

And then there's the price of real estate in the Greater Toronto Area. “Buyers can get more property up here for far less money than in the city,” says Jordan. “For some that means reducing their debt and financial stress, and for others it means retiring a few years earlier than they'd planned—mortgage-free. And for other families who thought they'd never be able to own a home in Toronto, I'm now helping them buy their first home.”

Dufferin County offers many of the same qualities of cottage country, with its natural surroundings, rivers and streams but its proximity to Toronto makes it even more popular making Dufferin



Country, along with other northern communities and towns, becoming one of the most sought-after areas.

So what does this all mean to you? The one question you should ask yourself. “Are you living your best life?” Does this opportunity open more doors for you? Sound too good to be true? It's important to note that The Great Migration isn't for everyone. But those who have made the move say it has changed their lives for the better in expected—and unexpected—ways, and here, they share their words of wisdom on how to make it work for you.

## TIP #1: Create your wish list

Before you start scrolling through real estate listings, think about why you want to make this move. Is your motivation short-term (for example, related to pandemic lockdown exhaustion) or part of a long-term lifestyle you envision for yourself and your family?

## TIP #2: Work with a local agent

You might be tempted to rely on online real estate listing and weekend drives to cottage country to find your dream home. An experienced local agent, however, often knows about properties months they go on the market. A local agent can also be a great resource when it comes to integrating into a new community, from helping you find service providers to knowing where the “hidden gems” are, from locals-only beaches to the best farm stands.

## TIP #3: Choose a community, not a house

“Many buyers want to drive up on a weekend and look only at properties. I always suggest starting with a tour of the community,” says Jordan, who heads a real estate team of 13 known as Team Jordan. “Many buyers fall in love with a house online, without considering the community it's a part of. It's important to determine whether you see yourself not only living in that house, but becoming a part of that community.”



## TIP #4: Know the difference between rural and remote

A waterfront cottage might offer a lot of privacy. It may also come with lake-sourced water or a well, a septic system, and an access road that is unmaintained in the winter. This is where the expertise of a local agent and that wish list can prove helpful.

## TIP #5: Know your maintenance tolerance

When you fall in love with a property, it's important to be realistic about the maintenance it will require. Falling in love with a property that requires grass cutting or snow clearing doesn't have to be a deal-breaker, Jordan says. Those services can be hired out, and your local agent can help you find the right people for the job.



## TIP #6: Understand what's underground

Many rural properties, especially those in more remote locations, come with septic systems and wells. This can be a crash course for home owners used to city plumbing. It's important to educate yourself about these underground systems,



beginning with your initial inspection. A good local agent can connect you with the right inspectors, will have your water tested at the Ontario Health Unit, and will ensure that there are clauses in the purchase agreement to protect you in case of post-purchase issues with your septic system or well.

## TIP #7: Slowww down

For many former city dwellers, it can take time to adjust to the slower pace of cottage country. Advises Jordan, “You moved to the country for a slower pace, a lifestyle that's calmer than the city. That's what the other residents love, too—which means that shops close earlier, and repair and service providers can take longer to respond. It's important to learn to let go of that ‘instant’ mentality.”



## TIP #8: Get involved

Building a local network isn't easy when you're new to a community. Volunteering can be a great way to meet people, says Jordan. “I often connect new residents with local charities. We have a lot of talent coming in from the city, especially with retirees. Volunteers enrich our local boards and at the same time build their personal networks. It's a win-win.”

## TIP #9: Be prepared to do some networking, especially on the health care front

It's well-known that family doctors are in short supply in cottage country. And the process of finding a new doctor requires you to first remove yourself from your current doctor's care, adds Daniel. For her part, she's decided that sticking with her Toronto doctor is the best option for now, as she doesn't require frequent appointments.

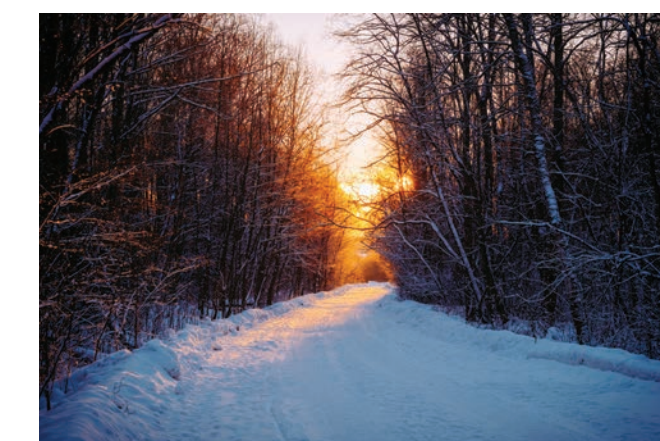
## TIP #10: Don't be a Cidiot

Definitions vary, but “Cidiot” is typically used as a derogatory term to describe a city dweller who behaves with an air of entitlement. Don't be one. “Take the time to learn about the community and know that it will likely be different from the one you left behind in the city,” says Jordan. “A little kindness and respect go a long way.”



## TIP #11: Embrace the seasons

A common denominator among those who make The Great Migration is their love of the outdoors. It's easy to love country life during the glorious summer and picturesque fall months. During the winter, cottage country becomes a very different place, however, with many shops closing for the season, and wintry weather sometimes making even local travel treacherous.



## TIP #12: Consider investment real estate as part of your retirement plan

Monica Marquis learned at a young age that real estate could be her ticket to long-term security, buying her first investment property with her mother and brother in her 20s. She had been considering a move to the Midland area to be closer to family when news stories started breaking in early 2019 about a possible pandemic. The former public health worker saw the writing on the wall, and shifted into high gear, listing her Burlington townhouse in early March and selling it for more than \$100,000 over asking just days before the country went into lockdown.

With interest rates at all-time lows, now is a great time to invest in real estate, says Jordan, who herself owns several investment properties and considers them a key part of her personal retirement plan. “Real estate is an incredible investment. Everyone has to sleep under a roof, after all.”

## ARE YOU READY TO ESCAPE TO THE GOOD LIFE?

“The Great Migration is for people who are adventurous, who seek opportunities,” says Lorraine Jordan. Those who have made the shift from city to “the good life” say there's no turning back: “I am very happy here,” says Shereen Max. “I have everything I need, and this is where I'm going to stay. *I only wish I'd done it sooner.*”

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# Arts & Entertainment

## 'Scott's Vacation House Rules' showcases dream escapes

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

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That dream vacation home is within reach, if you're willing to roll up your sleeves.

GTA home prices are soaring, and so are Ontario cottage properties.

But you may be surprised at what's available in the "fixer upper" category.

"Scott's Vacation House Rules," led by King's Scott McGillivray, returns for a second season of playful designs, challenges, and surprises on May 16 at 9 p.m. on HGTV Canada. In the Corus Studios Original series, real estate expert and contractor McGillivray teaches homeowners how to make smart investments and renovation decisions that turn uninspired cottage properties into profitable vacation rentals.

The brand new season is enhanced with an array of integrations from series sponsors CIBC, BEHR®, Pollard, ROCKWOOL, and Lowe's, providing remarkable transformations and tips.

Using years of real estate investing and renovation experience, Scott and his design partner, Debra Salmoni, unlock the rental potential of even the most tired, dated, and rundown spaces and transform them into unique and valuable vacation hotspots.

Scott's Vacation House Rules paves the ultimate road map for renovation and rental success by following a set of simple rules including doing thorough research, picking and sticking to a design style, and investing some sweat equity.

This time around, viewers see Scott creating a family-friendly cottage with a fun game space, a five-star winter re-



create, a breathtaking beach house, and more. This all-new season proves that dream escapes don't require international travel, they are awaiting guests in Canada's backyard – and turning a profit for their owners.

McGillivray said it all comes down to cost.

"A finished vacation home is great, but these days they come with pretty hefty price tags. So a lot of people are looking for old run-down places they

can spend some time fixing up," he said.

He also noted that a vacation home is "a way to have your cake and eat it too. If you're willing to put in the work, you can have a vacation home for yourself a few weeks of the year, and for the rest of the year you can bring in some income to help pay for it. Most of the people I work with are either trying to find ways to keep cottages in the family, or it's a dream they've had that they're trying to turn into a reality. Renting it for part of the year is a way to do both."

The demand is as high as ever. McGillivray said due to the pandemic, the vacation market has never been hotter.

"Not only are people vacationing closer to home, but work-from-home culture has proven that you don't need to be in the city to do your job. More and more people are working remotely from the cottage."

Muskoka continues to be popular, but the prices are so high that people are looking more towards the Kawarthas, Haliburton, Prince Edward County, and just about anywhere else.

"We're fortunate to live in an area where there are so many great places within a few hours' drive," he said.

Scott's Vacation House Rules is produced by McGillivray Entertainment in association with Corus Studios for HGTV Canada. Stream Season 1 and 2 of Scott's Vacation House Rules live and on-demand with STACKTV and the Global TV App.



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# Erin Brockovich kicks off Seneca College's Sustainability Speaker series

By Julia Galt

Famed legal clerk and activist Erin Brockovich spoke to over 700 staff and students of Seneca College over livestream April 22, kicking off Seneca Business Sustainability Speaker Series.

A household name thanks to the eponymous 2000 Oscar-winning movie that followed her role in the Pacific Gas and Electric Company lawsuit, Brockovich today works as a consultant, environmental activist, and highly sought-after public speaker.

Over the course of her talk, Brockovich spoke about the importance of speaking up against unjust business practices, recounting her own experience fighting against PG&E for their role in Hinkley, California's carcinogenic groundwater contamination.

While filing documents as a legal clerk for lawyer Edward L. Masry in 1993, Brockovich's suspicions were raised by the inclusion of medical records in a real estate case involving PG&E. Investigating further, she uncovered a rash of illnesses in the desert town of Hinkley, all linked to high levels of hexavalent chromium in the town's drinking water. When it was determined that the pollution was linked to the illegal dumping of tainted water by a Hinkley PG&E compressor station, more than 600 residents hired Masry's law firm, Masry & Vititoe, to represent them. Brockovich was instrumental in uncovering evidence that proved PG&E had both known and tried to cover up the contamination.

The case was settled for \$333 million in 1996, the largest class action lawsuit settlement in U.S. history. Brockovich, then a struggling single mother, received a settlement of \$2 million.

Brockovich also spoke to Seneca's staff and students about her then-undiagnosed dyslexia, and how things

that seem like weaknesses at first can later become strengths. Because of her dyslexia, which causes her to "think backwards," Brockovich was able to immediately "go back in time" and understand that Hinkley's chromium contamination levels must have been 58 parts per million in 1958 if they were 5 ppm in 1991—a "game-changer." Earlier in life, however, her dyslexia had nearly prevented her from graduating high school.

Acknowledging that the word "green" means different things to different people, Brockovich urged listeners to rise up, get their voices heard, and fight against "antiquated" ideas in business. It's possible for corporations to care for the environment and still profit, she argued.

Brockovich also stressed the importance of the "5 Ls"—logic, leverage, loyalty, love, and leadership, and RAM (Realize your strengths, Assess yourself, and find your Motivation) when navigating the world as an activist.

"Stick-to-itiveness" was the word of the hour, with Brockovich reminding listeners that it doesn't take education or money to develop the revolutionary qualities of determination and grit.

"I promise you this: there's no obstacle you cannot surmount. There is no challenge you cannot meet. And there is no fear you cannot overcome, no matter how impossible it may seem," said Brockovich in conclusion. "None of us are alone. We are a team, and together we can save our planet and, in turn, save ourselves."

Seneca Business Sustainability Speaker Series is an ongoing program that will provide staff and students the opportunity to learn why sustainability in business matters. Guest speakers known for their sustainability advocacy will be addressing Seneca's community over the coming months.



Erin Brockovich

# Arts Society King calling for volunteers to fill positions

Arts Society King's MOSAiC magazine editor, Lidia Alghoul, is retiring after three years of creative and dynamic direction. MOSAiC is an arts-based quarterly publication featuring artists and artisans, photography, literature, heritage, nature and science, culture and community groups and events.

ASK is looking for someone who can volunteer approximately 25 hours per issue (four issues per year) from initial planning of content, editorial meetings (currently via Zoom), liaison with writers, artists, and the publishers. Skills include editing, formatting, uploading content and final proofing. The successful candidate will have the benefit of an established editorial team, the ASK board members and volunteers, as well as London Publishing.

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## Youth homelessness is a growing concern in York Region

By Julia Galt

Already an issue in York Region for decades, youth homelessness experienced a worrying spike over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As more and more people transitioned to working and studying from home, issues that normally led parents to expel children from home – like family dysfunction – or push children to leave – like physical, emotional, and sexual abuse or addiction – increased sharply. Broader institutional drivers like aging out of care and mental health struggles continued to be significant causes of youth homelessness in York throughout the pandemic.

An October 2020 national survey found that 91% of front-line social service providers believe youth are experiencing an increase in feelings of isolation and loneliness, with 75% observing an increase in depression and 69% observing an increase in substance abuse.

Approximately 20% of Canada's homeless population consists of young people between the ages of 13 to 24.

"We know COVID has played a really big part in stressing kids out," said Clovis Grant. "If you're already predisposed to mental health issues, it can push you over the edge."

Grant is the CEO of non-profit 360°kids, which aims to rectify surging levels of homeless and at-risk youth in York Region by providing them with shelter, support, and solutions.

Formed 30 years ago, 360°kids operates a range of emergency, transitional, residential, and case-specific housing – such as those provided to survivors of human trafficking – throughout York Region, serving over 3,500 youth each year.

"360°kids started in response to the fact that there were homeless young people living in York Region, which was against the narrative at the time," said Grant. "People thought that homelessness was a Toronto or big city problem."

360°kids' six employment programs serve over 400 youth each year, connecting participants to the labour market and empowering them to overcome barriers to success. An array of wellness supports like free counselling, after school enrichment programs, drop-in centres, and more provide access to healthy meals, recreation, and round-the-clock support.

With limited school participation a factor for most homeless youth, 360°kids also works in partnership with

the York Region District School Board to provide youth the opportunity to earn their high school diploma online, with added supports.

More than 30 services and programs are offered in total, all designed to keep children safe, off the streets, and working towards education and workplace success.

Completely confidential, 360°kids will only involve parents at the child's request.

"We're not just providing interventions, but looking at how we can do more work upstream to prevent young people from becoming homeless in the first place," said Grant. "As we've seen during the pandemic, it makes more sense to look at ways to support people before they enter dire situations."

Mandated to help the group given the "least priority" in Ontario – individuals between the ages of 16 and 26 – 360°kids provides support to over-eighteens not covered by traditional Children's Aid Societies.

Though Grant says King is "not a hotspot" of homelessness in York Region, he reports a significant concentration of homeless youth living on the cusp of the Township, near Oak Ridges. Abandoned houses and empty lots are ideal locations for youth to "be who they truly are, without judgement."

"Often people think 'people are homeless, because they're poor,'" said Grant. "Poverty, for sure, is a factor. But the biggest driver of youth homelessness is family breakdown. In some cases, that's when a kid comes out to their parents as gay, and are not accepted."

As 360°kids relies on financial and in-kind donations to operate their programs, Grant encourages individuals, businesses, schools, and communities to get involved and support their work.

Making people aware of youth homelessness in York Region, organizing donation drives, and volunteering spare bedrooms for 360°kids' Night-stop program (short-term, emergency accommodation for homeless youth in a volunteer's home) are other ways to support those at risk.

Youth themselves are encouraged to visit 360°kids' Vaughan and Richmond Hill locations if in need.

"Sometimes people think 'out of sight, out of mind,'" said Grant. "Because York Region is fairly affluent, people forget or are not aware that homelessness is a concern. One of the most important things we can do is bring awareness."

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## Schomberg McDonald's sells cookies in memory of Curtis McCormick

By Robert Belardi

Curtis McCormick lost his battle against cancer.

The Springfield, Nova Scotia native was diagnosed with Synovial Sarcoma 18 months ago. He was 21.

He touched hearts when he stayed with relatives in Schomberg recently.

The first surgery removed the sarcoma that was entrenched behind his left lung. It was the size of a cantaloupe. Then the family began facing challenges. Another surgery was imminent and would only be done if the cancer didn't spread elsewhere. Curtis was going through chemotherapy sessions alone in the hospital and he told the King Sentinel near the end the cancer began resisting the chemotherapy.

When the time came for surgery, Curtis was directed to go and visit Princess Margaret Hospital in Toronto to sarcoma specialist Dr. Abha Gupta.

He spent time in Schomberg with his aunt and his mother and previous Schomberg native Linda McCormick. The cancer had grown again. The support from the Schomberg community was unlike any other. Everyone attend-

ed the home before he went off to surgery. The removal of the cancer also removed his left lung, a piece of his diaphragm and the lining of his lung as well.

Months later, on August 19 2020, his mother Linda had posted Curtis was pronounced cancer free.

When the news surfaced in the Schomberg Community Group last week that Curtis had passed, Admin of the group Susan Heslop wanted to do something.

"I reached out to Rory after Curtis passed and to the family to see if we could do something," Heslop said.

"Rory is fabulous I and very connected to helping out the community. Every time I've asked him he always gives me an enthusiastic yes."

On April 14, Curtis's mother Linda thanked McDonald's in a post in the Schomberg Community Group. She announced that cookies were going to be sold and all proceeds were going to be given to the Ronald McDonald House in Curtis's memory. His mother also wrote, Curtis cared for this charity very much.

"The cookie fundraiser is a tactic we've done in the past. Five cents for every cookie is baked in to the cost of a cookie and that five cents goes to the national charity for every cookie every time you buy. We donate 100 per cent of the proceeds over to give somebody a cause. That was the whole idea," Owner/Operator of the Schomberg McDonalds, Rory MacKinnon said.

Following that day's exceptional turnout, McDonald's Schomberg sold 1,200 cookies, raising \$806.00. Heslop says MacKinnon is rounding that number up to \$1,000.

"When I pulled them (numbers) off the computer on Sunday I was very surprised. I would say conservatively, it was double what I expected off what would be a normal fundraiser," MacKinnon said.

That's the character of the community of Schomberg. When the support is needed it is given. For the McCormick family grieving through a hard loss and through a pandemic ridden year it's clear that support is always an extra cushion and this one won't be forgotten.



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# Society honours members for years of service

The Nobleton-King City Horticultural Society paid tribute to its volunteers recently, marking their years of service.

Three individuals have put in more than a quarter-century of service to the organization.

Kathy Ball joined the Society in 1991. Her daughter joined the club the following year and together they expanded their garden with the addition of many perennials.

This encouraged them to both enter the Flower Shows. In 1994, Kathy's name was engraved on the Olive Nelson "Novice" Cup. In 2007 her mother, Vera Richardson, also joined the Society. Her son Dennis also joined in recent years and his help was much appreciated on the Set-Up Committee. This is what you call a "Family of Gardeners."

Kathy continued learning, growing and showing specimens from her gardens and received the Nobleton Women's Institute Cup in 2001. She also served in various capacities on the board from 2008 to 2018.

In recognition for all her hard work and contribution to the Society, Kathy

was the recipient of the President's Award in 2007.

"Today, we would like to present to her the 25-year Service Pin. Thank you Kathy for your many contributions to our Society over these past 29 years."

Carol Field joined in 1993 and served as president for five years and became a Life Member in 2006.

During her years on the board, she served on many committees, such as the programme, awards and parade committee and also served as treasurer. She worked hard on the planting of the barrels that lined the main streets of Nobleton.

She was also part of the naturalization project at the Sr. Public School in Nobleton.

Over the years, Carol has been awarded both the President's Award and the Service Award. Many years ago, Carol had the pleasure of taking a Garden Design Course at Humber College. She spent several years making the improvements and implementing her successful design into the lovely gardens that she has enjoyed on her property for many years.

"Well done Carol and thank you for

all your hard work and dedication to our Society for the last 27 years."

Maria Pedersen joined the club in 1995 and won the Novice Cup the very next year, the Women's Institute Cup 4 years later, the President's Award twice and the Service Award twice.

She served on the board for 9 years and has been a pillar of the plant sale for many years, sharing her vast knowledge with everyone.

Maria was at the heart of the Garden Tour for 11 years! Each tour takes

a lot of work to organize, select gardens, deal with garden hosts, safety, advertising, ticket sales, signs, and volunteers.

For many years she led a small team that maintained the 4 Corners Garden in King City. Just think of the thousands of folks who enjoyed it every day!

"Thanks for being such an inspiration and working so hard for us for so many years and congratulations on this 25-year Service Pin."

## Locals receive Give Back awards

The Neighbourhood Network is delighted to announce the recipients of our 2021 Give Back Awards.

Two King residents were among this year's winners.

Bridget Neilson, from King City Secondary School, has been involved in Girl Guides for eight years where giving back to the local community is a regular occurrence. From successful bottle drives, to annual trash clean-ups, and weekend camps, Bridget has been a leader and organized activities for the younger Girl Guides and town-run camps for over three years.

Bridget also gives back by volunteering for the Terry Fox Run, presenting time management and exam-prep workshops to fellow students, participating the Me to We Club, helping at the local food bank, and leading Earth Hour initiatives at her school.

Bridget is heading to university to study Environmental Management to help restore our wildlife and communities.

Avishka Gautham, from Cardinal Carter Catholic High School, has made large contributions to the community by volunteering for diverse initiatives: from tree planting, assisting at Farmers' Markets and town festivals, teaching students with disabilities to swim, volunteering at children's summer camps, entertaining seniors, and even helping to look after a variety of farm animals.

Avishka is also President of Best Buddies at school, along with being a member of the Me to We Council, the school choir, and the cross country team – and she still finds time to figure skate and read to young children at the library!

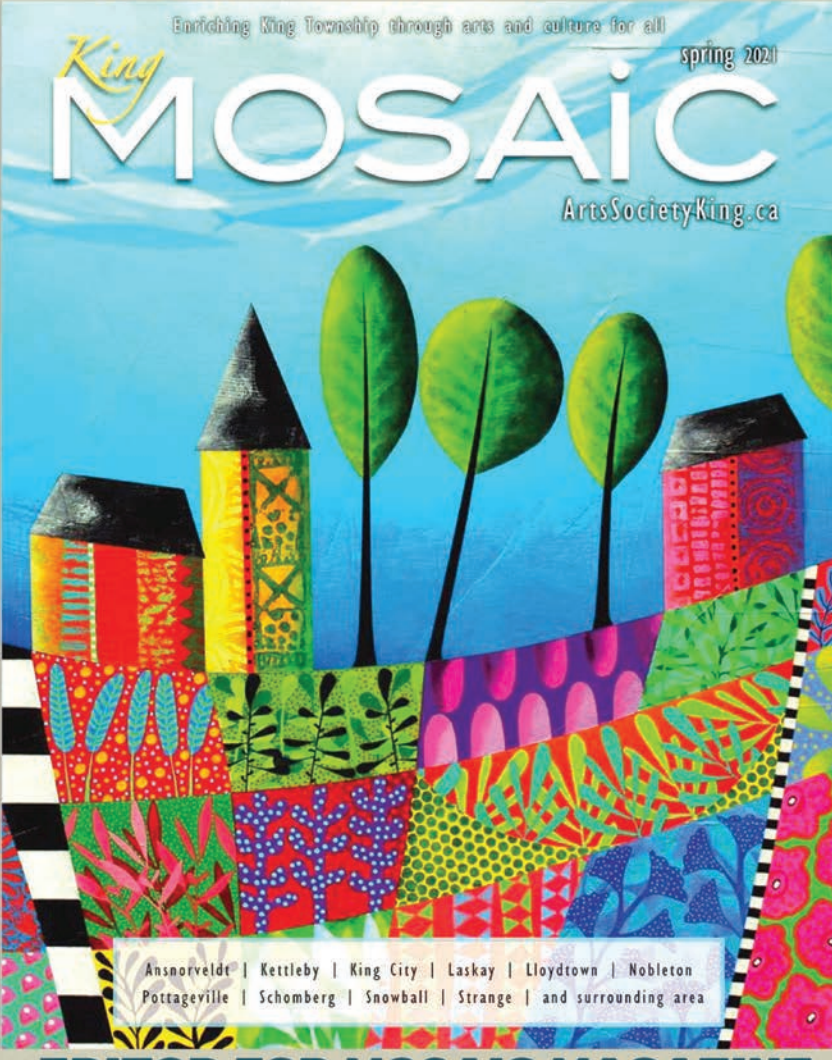
On top of these achievements, Avishka has even started a new organization leading virtual oral health care seminars for seniors and new Canadians.

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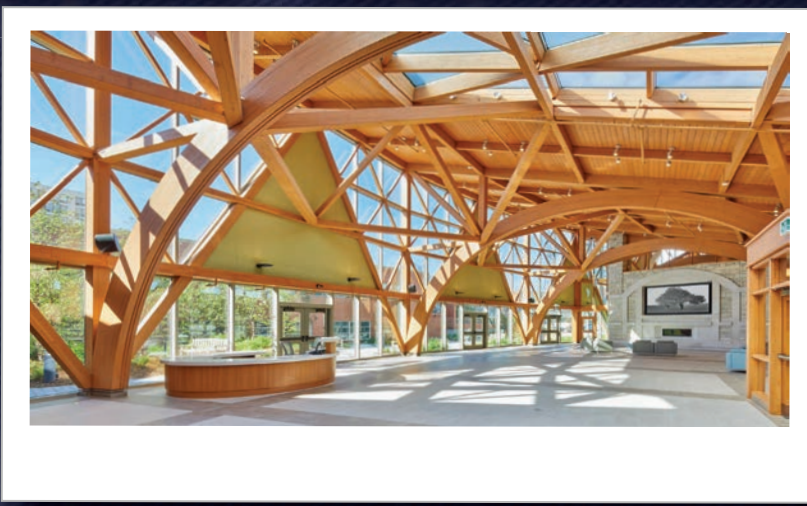
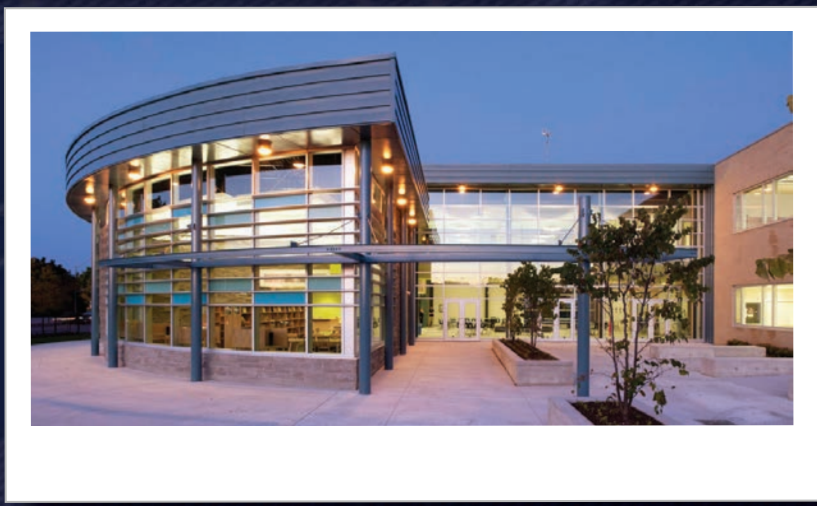


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# Additional \$2.8 billion will help connect all Ontarians by 2025

Students sit on a bench outside a school to connect to Wi-Fi to download coursework.

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These stories are all too common in some of Ontario's communities – often in rural, remote and Northern areas – highlighting a lack of reliable broadband and a digital divide resulting in unequal access to education, employment, economic opportunity and public services.

In response, the Ontario government announced through the 2021 Budget an additional \$2.8 billion investment to help ensure everyone in Ontario has access to reliable broadband by the end of 2025. This commitment brings Ontario's overall broadband investment to nearly \$4 billion over six years.

This is the largest single investment in broadband, in any province, by any government in Canadian history.

"Our government is going all-in on broadband to help achieve 100 per cent access for the first time in Ontario's history," said Minister of Infrastructure Laurie Scott. "Our transformative investment will help ensure no one in Ontario is left behind when it comes to access."

The investment comes just as the Ontario legislature passes Bill 257, which will help connect more communities to reliable broadband sooner.

The legislation will help reduce barriers that can cause delays with broadband deployment, including addressing costs associated with attaching broadband wires to hydro utility poles. Internet and telecommunications service providers based in Ontario face the highest hydro utility pole attachment rates in Canada.

This legislation will also help provide timely access to these poles and to municipal rights of way to extend the reach of broadband.

This is especially important since as many as 700,000 households in Ontario lack access to adequate broadband speeds or have no internet connection at all.

Although telecommunications is a federally regulated sector, Minister Scott said the Province is stepping up and taking a strong leadership role.

"As a resident of rural Eastern Ontario, I know how frustrating it can be to not have reliable broadband," said Minister Scott. "That's why we decided we weren't going to wait any longer for anyone else to fill the gaps. Ontario is putting people first."

The Province's latest commitment follows previous investments in various programs and initiatives to improve connectivity across Ontario.

Last year, Ontario invested \$300 million in the Improving Connectivity in Ontario program to help improve broadband in unserved and underserved communities.

In Eastern Ontario, the province is investing in an Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) project that is leveraging more than \$300 million to improve the reach and quality of cellular services. This past March, EORN announced that Rogers Communications was selected to conduct the work.

In Southwestern Ontario, the Province is investing in the \$190 million Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology project to bring high-speed internet to tens of thousands of homes and businesses.

The government has also invested in several initiatives to help bring reliable broadband to Northern towns and First Nation communities.

"We need to ensure the people of Ontario can thrive in this increasingly digital world," said Minister Scott. "This investment will make a real and positive difference in people's lives, and I'm excited that we're moving towards a stronger, more connected Ontario that will benefit all of us today and for generations to come."

## Ontario supporting the non-profit sector during COVID-19 pandemic

The Ontario government is providing more than \$42 million to help 559 non-profit organizations across the province to support staff and volunteers, reimagine programming and renovate facilities as they deal with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The announcement was made recently by Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries.

"Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, our government has committed to supporting those struggling the most," said Minister MacLeod. "That's why it's important to support programs like the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Resilient Communities Fund. This funding helps non-profits adapt to the challenges created by the pandemic – ensuring they can provide the best service possible and make a positive difference in the lives of individuals and families across the province."

The Resilient Communities Fund provides grants of up to \$150,000 to eligible non-profit organizations to cover a broad and flexible range of needs, such as:

- Mental and physical health and wellbeing supports for staff or volunteers.
- Support to adapt or reimagine program delivery and services to meet the needs of communities, employees and volunteers, incorporate new health and safety processes, or purchase new technology and personal protective equipment.
- Renovations and facility updates to meet the changing needs of the communities they serve.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation's \$83-million Resilient Communities Fund continues to help more eligible non-profit organizations impacted by COVID-19.

Application details will follow soon. For more information on the OTF's Resilient Communities Fund, including a full list of grant recipients, please visit the Ontario Trillium Foundation's website.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading granting foundations. The OTF awarded \$94.3 million to 1,238 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario.

In 2020-2021, the Ontario Trillium Foundation redirected provincial funding previously allocated for the 2020 Grow and Capital grant streams into the \$83-million Resilient Communities Fund.

The Resilient Communities Fund has supported 1,045 projects across Ontario since it was announced in August 2020.

Ontario is extending the nomination deadlines for the Volunteer Service Awards, the June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Volunteering, and the Order of Ontario.

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# West Coast burger chain, Triple O's enters Ontario

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Local Journalism Initiative

A Canadian food icon has arrived in Ontario, with more to come.

Triple O's, a spin-off of White Spot – the restaurant that introduced the burger to Canada – has entered the GTA.

The company announced its plans to launch six restaurants in the GTA in 2021/2022. The first location opened March 2 in Mississauga, followed by the April 19 opening on Zenway Blvd. in nearby Vaughan.

The Triple O's drive-thru restaurants will be conveniently located at Pioneer and Ultramar gas stations through the company's existing, long-standing relationship with Parkland Fuel Corporation, as well as at free-standing Triple O's locations.

Triple O's entry into Ontario reflects a bold vision to bring their great tasting 100% fresh Canadian beef burgers, served with its iconic pickle on top, to more Canadians. Other classics include their hand-scooped milkshakes, fresh-cut fries and their delicious Secret

Triple "O" Sauce. With a loyal guest base that has been steadily growing since 1997, Triple O's now has 71 burger restaurants, here in Canada, and abroad in Asia.

"I can't tell you how many times guests, potential franchisees and even famous expats living in Ontario ask us when we plan to open a restaurant in the province," said Triple O's and White Spot President Warren Erhart. "Well, that day has come in a major way. This is a competitive burger market, but we stand by our unparalleled taste that has converted legions of burger lovers alike."

Theirs is a Canadian story, through and through.

Triple O's is a spin-off of White Spot Restaurants, Canada's longest-running restaurant chain and the country's first chain of burger restaurants. Founder Nat Bailey started White Spot in 1928 as a traveling lunch counter in the back of his Model T Ford. He then opened Canada's first drive-in at Granville & 67th in Vancouver in 1928. White Spot was at the dawn of a change in Vancouver brought on by the automobile. It was the "Roaring Twenties" and the car was



## 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."

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transforming society, making it easier and quicker to get to a destination. Nat pioneered the "car hop" – waiters who would "hop to it" and deliver food to guests in their vehicles.

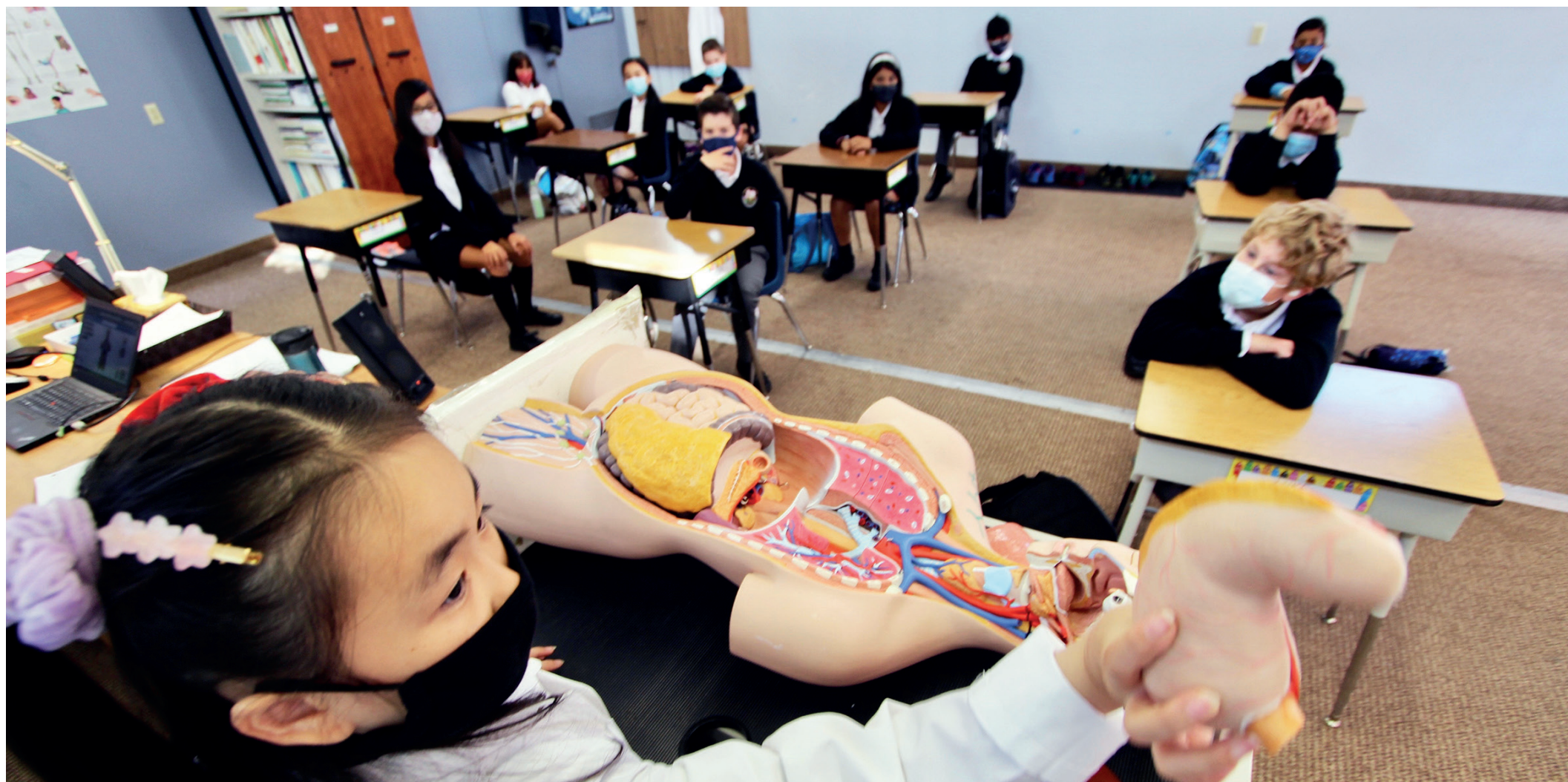
Nat was so committed to having the cleanest spot in town that he named his restaurant White Spot, where "White" represented spotlessly clean and the restaurants became known as the go to spot for everyone. Due to the popularity of its burgers, shakes and fries, White Spot opened its first Triple O's location in 1997 on Robson Street, Vancouver. According to legend, the name for Nat's secret Triple 'O' Sauce came from shorthand used by the carhops filling out order slips. Guests could choose from several toppings. An X meant hold, an O meant extra, and Triple O meant plenty of sauce!

Triple O's was set to open in Ontario in the summer of 2020 but pushed

its plans back by six months due to COVID-19.

After the first two restaurant openings in Mississauga and Vaughan, subsequent restaurants will be in Toronto, as well as a second restaurant in Vaughan, and a Hamilton location. The company will also be operating its On The Go Truck, a 30-foot mobile restaurant serving its famous offerings. Triple O's quick-serve restaurants will offer drive-thru, curbside pickup using the Triple O's mobile app, dine-in service (once restrictions end), and delivery through SkipTheDishes and DoorDash.

For the latest news about Triple O's, register to receive Triple O's emails at [tripleos.ca](http://tripleos.ca), become a fan of /tripleos-restaurant on Facebook or follow @TripleOs on Twitter, @tripleosrestaurant on Instagram and /TheTripleOs on YouTube.



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## Horvath can't wait to help soccer players when time comes

By Robert Belardi

It's never easy to find a soccer player but for Bolton resident John Horvath, he knows exactly what to look for.

"If I want to represent them. The first thing, I have to look into their eyes and I have to look into their heart to see if they have the heart," Horvath said.

"You have to have the heart first in order to be a pro player."

Second comes the mind and third comes the talent. It's a quick, three-step expenditure within yourself to know if you have what it takes to make it as a pro. Soccer isn't the easiest of sports to make it into. On the bright side there are plenty of opportunities.

And for a guy like Horvath is expertise on the sport isn't quite like other players. He has been surrounded by soccer his entire life, since his family escaped the revolution in Hungary in 1956.

He emigrated to London and after the passing of his father Janos when he was 10, Horvath began to dive deeper into his father's soccer career and he made some very interesting discoveries.

"I found out through old friends he had, one guy told me 'your father played for a second division team called Kispest Textile.' Sure, enough low and behold there was this one website in Hungarian that has every stat since 1901."

Through his search, he found his father played a friendly match against the Hungarian team in 1954. He went up against one of soccer's most formidable talents at the time and his child-

hood friend Ferenc Puskas.

That led him to become a pro player himself. Horvath went back to Hungary in the early '90s to play for Ujpest FC. His head coach at the time, Lazlow Nagy was honest with his 24-year-old player that continuing his career in the first division with the reserve team wasn't going to work. So Horvath, hung up his boots.

Shortly after he received a call from Detroit and became a volunteer Office Administer at the FIFA World Cup in the USA in 1994. He met media requirements at events, he handled interviews and completed follow ups for the general public.

When he returned to London everything fell right into place. He received a job with Rogers TV in London and hosted his own soccer show. Andy Oudman. Someone gave him the nickname "Mr. World Soccer" and he has stuck by it ever since.

He was working out in London in the soccer scene before moving to Bolton in 2006. He has worked in the construction of turf field projects, he's refereed for the Bolton Wanderers club, he was a consultant for the Bolton Wanderers as well and even worked downtown Soccerworld at the Docks.

His influence across many other soccer clubs led him to create his own business called World Soccer World Management which he runs on the side today as a Soccer Advisor and Consultant.

"Ever since I did that it's good. I've helped a lot of people. Grown a lot of projects. I hope to grow the business and get the staff that I



need," Horvath said.

"I see a lot of coaches that are looking out for themselves and not the player. That's the problem we're having. The player is promised everything and the player gets nothing. He didn't even get scouted. He gets stuck in the gutter. That's why I like to stress that each club moving forward (after COVID) that each club should get one agent or one manager to sell them abroad so the club can get a development fee."

Horvath wants to be a part of that and ensure that players are being handled properly. With the Canadian Pre-

mier League and Major League Soccer right next door it's only fitting young and upcoming talents have that right.

Horvath just wants to give them the right keys to the right car to travel down the right road.

As an employee with Porter Airlines, Horvath has plenty of free time on his hands now. If you know anyone that is interested in seeking advice from someone who has travelled the world and met some of soccer's biggest stars such as Raul and Andrea Pirlo, you may reach Horvath at mrworldsoccer@hotmail.com.

## Volunteer spots open at Hall of Fame

By Robert Belardi

Set out with a new vision for this year in the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame Annual General Meeting last week there are available volunteer positions, the King Sentinel has learned.

A board of governor's director, manager of website and maintenance, a marketing chairman and a volunteer for multiple committees including education, marketing, induction and cornerstones.

"A board of governor's director is essentially someone who is going to sit on our board. There is an expectation that they will participate in one committee minimum. We're looking at five to eight hours of their volunteer time a month," said President of the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame Javed Khan.

"We're looking for someone to be a connector in our community, someone who can come with innovative ideas and action them and an individual who can be a tremendous ambassador for the hall of fame."

The manager of website and maintenance is someone who is tech-savvy and pertinent to content management systems.

The Marketing Chairman is someone with pristine knowledge in continuing to expose the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame within the community and will help with branding the name.

As for general volunteers those who wish to make an impact in the education sector, marketing, induction nominations and in cornerstones will have multiple areas they can contribute into.

For volunteers they may contact Lisa executiveassistant@aurorahof.ca to inquire.

Among the many goals set out for this year like engaging with the honoured members more and seek more revenue opportunities as headlined in the meeting the hall is set to bring back the annual induction celebration dinner.

"We are planning an induction celebration dinner in November of 2021. It is going to be at The Venetian," Khan said.

As of now Khan says there are four nomination applications being reviewed. One of those four is very strong and completed by a woman. One other is fairly strong as well and the other two are being worked on.

The nominations portal has been reopened on the hall of fame website for 2022. For those who know of someone to nominate you can begin their application at any time.

For other questions and inquiries you may contact Lisa for anything further and you may also contact Javed Khan directly at president@aurorahof.ca.

Robert's Rant

## Super League collapse a shock

By Robert Belardi

Under normal circumstances when you want to build a long-lasting structure usually you build it from the ground up. What you don't do is construct it on top of a previously built foundation that simply needs some tweaking.

Recently, the world shook. Soccer fans around the world were filled with distaste and anguish. Twelve of Europe's largest soccer clubs had come to an agreement to introduce an all-new Super League as the sports latest new vision in over 150 years of existence. Reportedly began by President of Real Madrid Florentino Perez who was preparing to become chairman of the Super League alongside President of Juventus Andrea Agnelli.

If it's one thing this sport teaches anyone is the global game is for the fans and by the fans. In a time where fans have been forced to sequester in their own homes and remain on the sidelines until another day, this forced many people out of their shells. Pundits like former Manchester United fullback Gary Neville and Rio Ferdinand shared their fan perspective and ripped this apart immediately. Neville said you might as well disown your own club and the grassroots system that has been built in the United Kingdom would have been squashed. Ferdinand said this is a war on football, it's embarrassing and similarly to Neville, touched on how lower professional clubs would have suffered.

On April 20 fans came with banners. They came with vehement messages, lambasting the owners and the American investors over this perturbing idea. Chelsea supporters including former goalkeeper Petr Cech marched in front of the gates of Stamford Bridge before The Blues were set to take on Brighton and Hove Albion in protest. Shortly after Chelsea FC declared they would be opting out, then Manchester City announced it, then all six English clubs involved opted out. Atletico Madrid and then all three Italian clubs hit the deck as well. Agnelli admitted defeat but he did say he is still convinced about the idea. Perez opted to stand by the Super

League. FC Barcelona still remained convinced that opting out of the Super League would have been a historic error as per theScore.

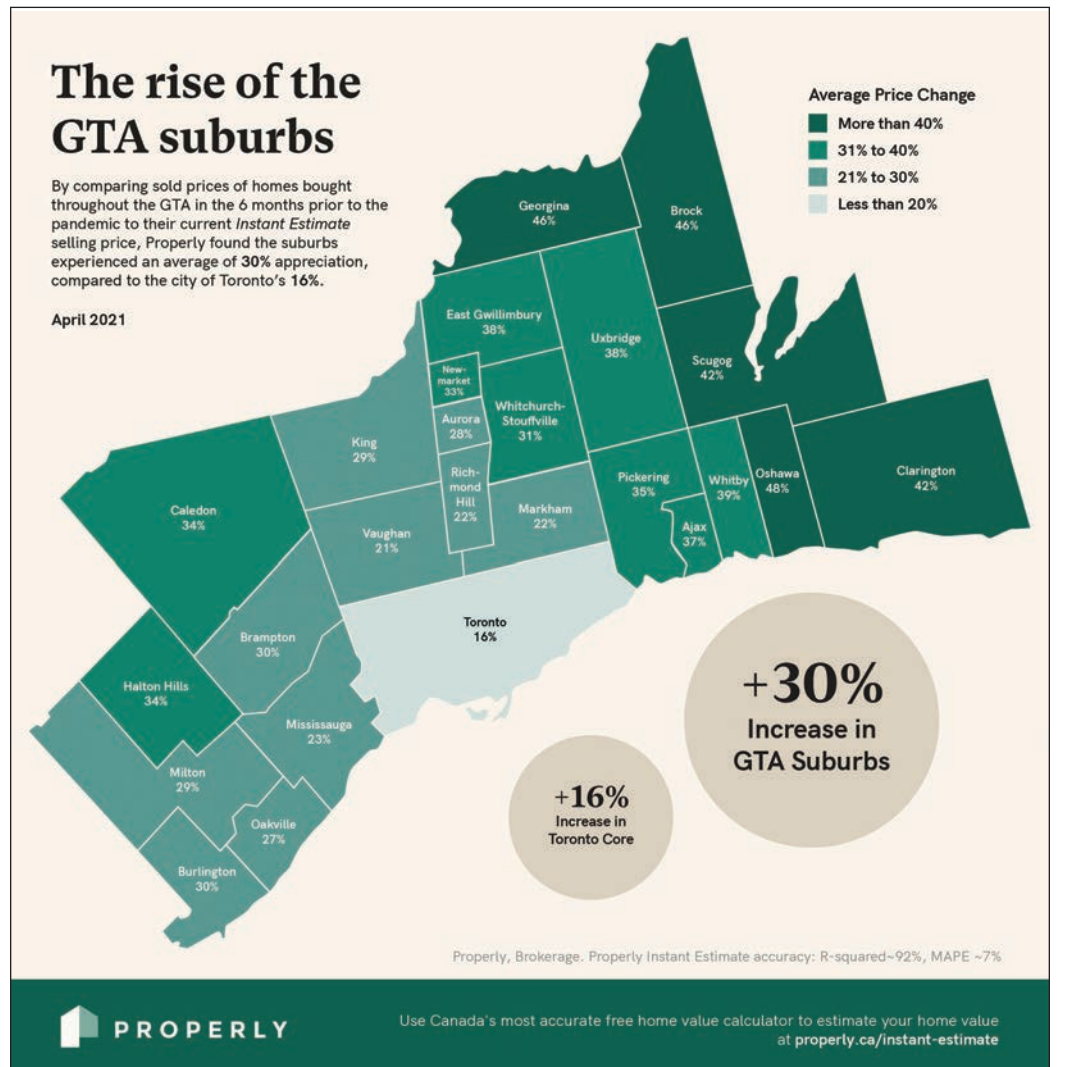
The idea that lasted around 72 hours was also harshly criticized by soccer's governing bodies. UEFA threatened to ban clubs from participating in the Champions League and in future World Cups. But the fans publicly shaming their own clubs in a sport that is tribal by all stretches of the imagination must have left a sour taste in all of their mouths.

Following many apologies and issues stated, there is a lot of damage done. How can fans trust their owners now? How can supporters wear the shirt with pride right now knowing what has just occurred? It will take time surely. Maybe even a change in ownership and management would do the fans justice. Probably why Executive Vice Chairman of Manchester United Ed Woodward called it a day. Meanwhile in North London last week Arsenal supporters protested against their owner Stan Kroenke and called for his resignation.

There was a lot at stake. The Super League couldn't happen. It would ruin soccer as we know it. From the grassroots levels all the way to the top tier leagues. All the money is funnelled from top leagues down to other pro leagues in their own countries. The Super League would have destroyed that.

The hope is UEFA, FIFA, club President's, owners and fans find another way. Find a way to spread the wealth. Find a way to make many teams competitive. Find a way to turn around the narrative that soccer is all about the money. Because the message was clear the Super League was about money. Lately the entirety of the sport revolves around it.

It might also be fair to say the fight against the Super League isn't over just yet. With Juventus conceding yet still believing and with Real Madrid and Barcelona still convinced, expect more proposals moving forward. As of now no team is viewed with the same love and passion. The fight is with the fans and the call to action is clear.





# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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## Kettleby Cemetery

Kettleby Cemetery has submitted bylaws to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Any interested parties may contact the cemetery at 416-301-7846 or email [kettleby.cemetery@gmail.com](mailto:kettleby.cemetery@gmail.com) for information, or to receive copies. These by-laws are subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Bereavement Authority of Ontario: 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356

## Schomberg Cemetery Association

The Annual Meeting of the Schomberg Cemetery Association is traditionally held in the second

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## Schomberg Horticultural Society

Schomberg Horticultural Society's Garden Tour has been postponed!

The safety, health and well being of the community is of utmost concern to the Society, so after long and careful deliberations the Garden Tour Committee decided to postpone this year's much anticipated garden tour. A Virtual Tour will be offered instead, details to be announced.

We welcome new members, for membership inquiries please send an e-mail to: [schomberghortsociety@gmail.com](mailto:schomberghortsociety@gmail.com)

The Schomberg Horticultural Society 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](mailto:schomberghortsociety@gmail.com)

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

Each Sunday I send out an email that includes the YouTube link to our weekly service as well as some music links to complement the theme of the day. If you'd like to be added to our email list, please let me know. In addition to the Nobleton YouTube channel you can find the service on the Nobleton Facebook page.

On Thursdays we meet for virtual coffee at 10 a.m. If you'd like to join, please contact me for the Zoom link.

Nobleton and Schomberg United continue to do all we can to keep our community safe. Pastoral care visits

will be done over the phone until the Ontario stay at home order is lifted. At that time social distance outdoor visits will occur.

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](mailto:ministernobletonschomberg@gmail.com) or leave a message at 905-859-3976 (messages are picked up weekly).



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## Nobleton Notes

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

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Our Pastor, Jeff Loach has begun a new series, "Epidemic in the Church: Spiritual Infancy." The sixth message in this 8 part series is entitled, "Broken" based on Luke 22.39-46. Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:knewediuk@gmail.com).

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Please join us online next Sunday for the livestreamed celebration of the Sunday Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick's Church, Schomberg.

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### Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

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### Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club is alive and well and practicing physical distancing, as mandated by health authorities.

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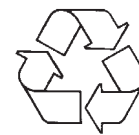
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**King Weekly Sentinel**





# King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

On Sunday, April 25, Rev. Andrew Lee's message was entitled "Faith and Action," however, he emphasized that those two words are not separate concepts, rather they are each "action" words. Faith in God is not a just a description of what we believe, it is what we exhibit in and through our actions in life.

The selected scriptures, John 3:16-34, emphasize yet again the greatest commandment, "believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us." Let us all try to put this to action in our lives in this miraculous world. Love God, love one another.

If you wish to view previous weeks worships, you can still access those 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. That attendance must be prearranged through the church and an invitation and time will be set up. This will be in compliance with the provincial restrictions will adhere to strict protocols.

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, 905-833-6432, or the church office 905-833-5181.

If you would like emails with the link to the worship please contact the church atkcuc@bellnet.ca to be put on the list for the Sunday morningworship 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 a.m.

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

Join us online at standrews-kingcity.ca this Sunday at 10:15 a.m. for our worship service. We are starting a new series, looking at Galatians 5:22 and the Fruit of the Spirit - the fruit that will last when we remain in Christ's love.

Last Sunday, we welcomed the Rev. Konnie Vissers, Lynn's daughter-in-law. She will be with us along with Lynn Vissers as we become more familiar with the fruit of the Spirit. Konnie introduced us to the series last Sunday and noted that Paul, the author, was boldly urging the churches in Galatia to keep the faith and not be led away from the freedom Christ offers through His grace alone - not through adherence to their former religious laws. Lynn will begin with the first fruit of the Spirit this Sunday.

We hope you can drop in to "Coffee Fellowship," held after Sunday morning worship. Get in touch with Lynn or Kathy at 905-833-0391 if you need the link or have any questions.

Virtual 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? ktfb.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.

## All Saints Anglican Church

By Patrick Gossage

A prayer on Good Shepherd Sunday: "Lord Jesus, we're thankful for you, our good and faithful shepherd, who watches over us and cares for us. Give us the faith to trust in your care, especially when fears and loneliness threaten to overwhelm us. Give us your compassion, so that we may also remember and reach out to those with whom we've lost touch. Give us gratitude to welcome those you bring to our fold, to join us, who were lost and now are found. Amen."

Fr. Michael spoke on Jesus's words from this passage from John 3: "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd."

"Today's readings invite us to draw strength from the powerful image of Jesus as a shepherd. Sheep and shepherds were embedded in Jewish theology. King David before him had been a shepherd before he ruled Israel, and the prophet Isaiah spoke of how God would come to rescue "his flock" Israel "like a shepherd."

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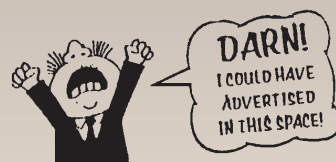
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# King's Corners

From Page 24

The figure of the shepherd was a powerful image of God's protection and guardianship, a mantle of leadership that Jesus consciously assumed to show himself as the promised Messiah.

Jesus has the qualities a shepherd should have – brave, compassionate and fiercely dedicated to his charges, and always on the lookout for the lost and helpless – because that's who this gospel story is about, the lost and helpless. Jesus is actually speaking here to the Pharisees who he's been sparing all through chapter 9 of John's gospel. That controversy began when

Jesus met the man "blind from birth" and healed him. This miracle triggers a long debate: How can Jesus be from God since he healed the man on the sabbath and is therefore, according to the Pharisees, a sinner? The man insists that Jesus must be from God, and for that the Pharisees kick him out of the synagogue.

"People like this outcast man is whom Jesus is speaking of when he tells the Pharisees that "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold" (Jn 10.16). A good shepherd finds the strays and gathers them together into his safekeeping. These lost sheep recognize the shepherd's voice because they recognize the one who loves them and cares for them. Surely this is where faith begins – in the grateful recog-

niton that we have received love and grace that can only come from God.

"I once was lost, but now am found" says the hymn, or in the prophet Isaiah's words, "All we like sheep have gone astray" (Is 53), and we still would be lost without Jesus. Churches should be a place for lost and found sheep, and there's always room for more. We are not here because we're better than others. We're here because the shepherd's already found us, and is now off looking for others.

## Nobleton Notes

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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 croch-

"Here's a final thought. A year into COVID, we all feel like a scattered flock. Our churches are closed, we're scattered across the internet, and while we still hear the shepherd's voice, sometimes that voice seems pretty faint during a Zoom call. This pandemic time, we need our good shepherd more than ever. We need to trust that Jesus, fierce, protective, keen-eyed, is out there looking out for us and for others. The Lord's our shepherd. We shall fear no evil."

ers! 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.

In the meantime, we still welcome prospective new members. You may join us as a guest via Zoom at an upcoming meeting by contacting our Club president.

## Battista returns as board's interim director

The Board of Trustees of the York Catholic District School Board is pleased to announce that Mary Battista, former Interim Director of Education, has graciously agreed to return from retirement to reprise her role, effective immediately.

Ms. Battista was Interim Director for six months prior to her retirement in February and previously held a number of leadership positions at the board, including Superintendent of Curriculum and Assessment, and Superintendent of Education, School Leadership.

"We are most grateful to have a seasoned leader who knows and cares for our Board and will be able to maintain stability and support during these challenging pandemic times," said Dominic Mazzotta, board chair.

The board of trustees is currently finalizing the recruitment process for a new Director of Education and expects to issue the posting in a timely manner.

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