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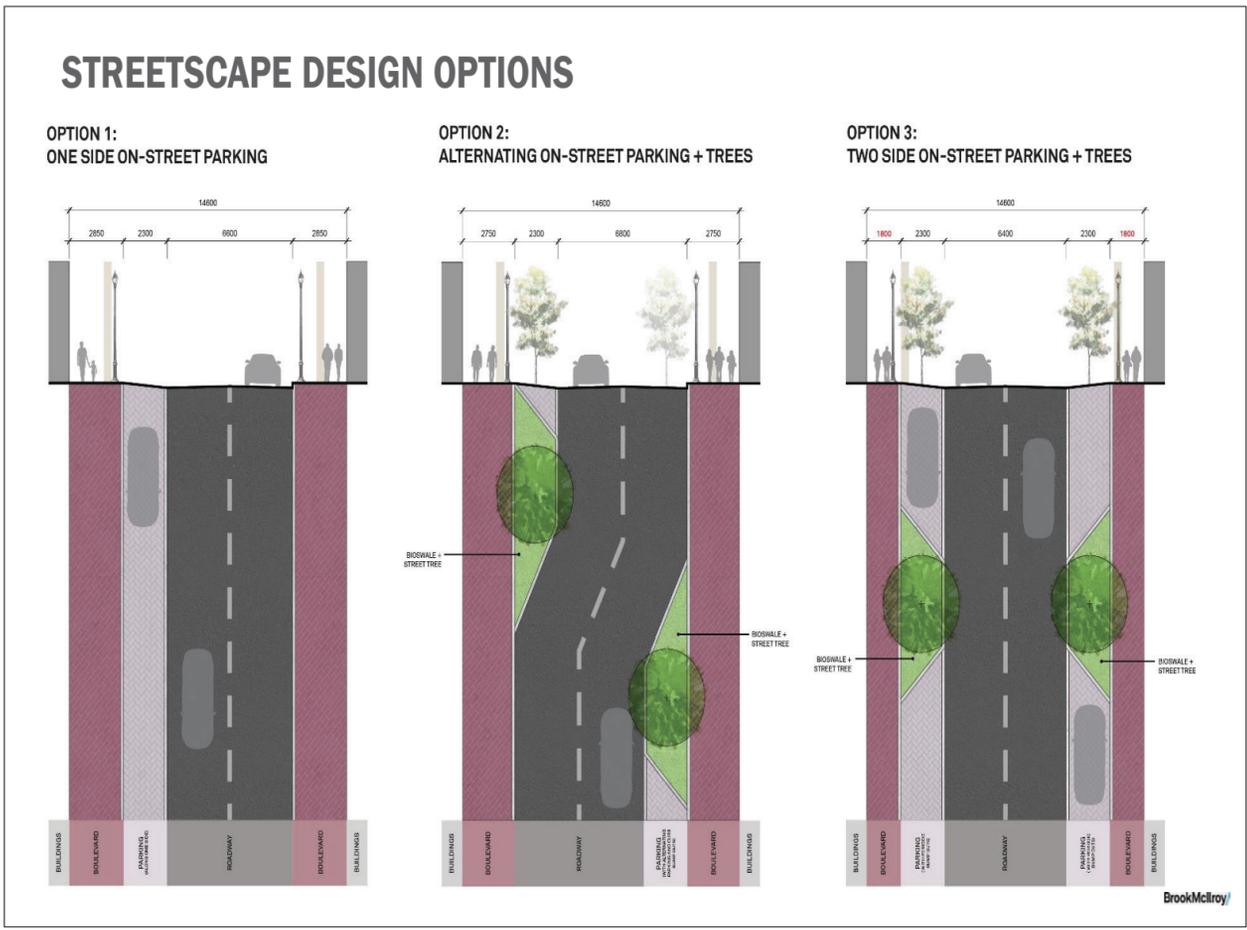
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The work on Schomberg's Main Street renewal is now under way. Consultants hosted a virtual meeting last week, providing some preliminary options to the street layout. They are also seeking public input on the plans.

Schomberg street plan starting to unfold

By Mark Pavilons
 Editor

A new and improved Main Street in downtown Schomberg is on the horizon.

Consultants and Township staff hosted a virtual information session last week, offering some options on the new-look Main Street.

Colin Berman, of design and planning firm BrookMcIlroy, said this large-scale work is a critical component of Schomberg's holistic renewal. It's an exciting project, albeit one that's technically challenging.

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.

The aim is 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.

This project aligns with recommendations out of the 2019 Main Street Revitalization Strategy and Action Plan and is projected to commence in 2023.

The virtual information session was the first of many opportunities for public engagement.

Drawing upon revitalization work done in Unionville and Kleinburg, Berman said they've narrowed down some options. Currently, the narrow street and sidewalks aren't conducive to a welcoming, pedestrian-friendly core.

Currently, there are 140 on-street parking spots in the core, with many more on private and municipal parking lots nearby.

The core is comprised of mix uses – residential, retail and commercial. All of the mature trees in the core are on private property and they need to be preserved.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Wednesday, May 19th
1:00 pm – Special Council Meeting Closed Session
RE: Council Education & Training Purposes

Monday, May 31
5 pm – 6 pm – Special Committee of the Whole Working Session by the Public Works Department – Capital Division and CIVICA re: The Township of King’s Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan

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

Monday, June 7
6 pm – Public Planning Meeting
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

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 jwelch@king.ca by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King’s website www.king.ca, click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.
Or visit on the following link
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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Please visit the Township website at 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 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
- 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 (search for “PAD”).

Please visit our website for details.

Sign up for E-Billing



E-billing is available for King water and property taxes by filling out our online form. Your bill will be sent directly by email, meaning you will no longer receive a hard copy. By enrolling into this program, you are also consenting to receive other billing notifications that may be deemed relevant to your property (i.e. notification of high consumption, etc.).

Due dates can always be found on our website at www.king.ca/propertytaxes or www.king.ca/waterbilling.

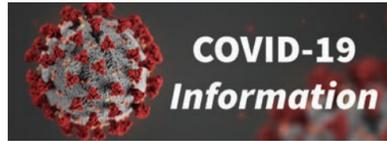
Applicants are responsible for advising the Township, in writing, of any changes required, including Applicant information, account information, sale of the property or cancellation of the E-Billing.

Half-load Restrictions

The annual half-load period to limit vehicle weights to 5,000 kgs (5 tonnes) per axle has been implemented on designated Township roads effective March 1st, to May 31st. By-law Number 2017-103

Please see more King Township notices on page 3

PUBLIC NOTICES



Due to the constantly changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects, this information may not be current. Please visit covid19.king.ca for the most up-to-date information.

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

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

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

LATEST UPDATES

York Region and King Township are currently in the Grey -- Lockdown level with a Provincial stay-at-home order.

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

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

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

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

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

King Township COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Effective Wednesday, May 5, 2021, York Region residents age 50+, individuals 18+ who live or work in any of York Region’s 16 high priority areas and people who cannot work from home (Group 1) are now eligible to book an appointment for their COVID-19 vaccination.

For the most up-to-date information on King Township’s vaccination clinic at the Trisan Centre in Schomberg—including clinic hours, vaccine availability and eligibility guidelines— please visit <http://king.ca/covid19clinic>.

NOTICE OF MEETING

Special Committee of the Whole Working Session

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

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

TOWNSHIP OF KING PRESENTATION:

“COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN (CSWMMP)”

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will hold a Special Committee of the Whole Working Session by the Public Works Department – Capital Division and CIVICA on:

- The Township of King’s Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan (CSWMMP)

Monday, May 31, 2021 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

For further information regarding the CSWMMP, please visit the Township’s website at www.king.ca or contact: Daniel Wilkinson, Project Manager at dwilkinson@king.ca

Telephone: 905-833-5321 Fax: 905-833-2300

Kathryn Moyle
Director of Corporate Services
Township Clerk

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 and replace concrete curbs along Sheardown Drive and Robb Drive.
- 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.



Spring Street Sweeping

Street sweeping crews have completed work in King City and are currently located in Nobleton. We are asking residents to please refrain from parking vehicles on the road for the month of May to assist crews with the sweeping efforts. The intent is that all street sweeping will be completed by the long weekend in May.

Municipal water flushing

In the spring and fall Public Works - Operations flushes all water mains and hydrants in King City, Nobleton, Schomberg and Ansnorveldt. As a result, residents over the course of the next few weeks may experience low pressure and/or discoloration. This process contributes to the safe, effective delivery of municipal water and **does not** affect the quality of your water in any way. Public Works - Operations has advised that starting Monday May 10, 2021 flushing will begin in Nobleton and will be complete by May 21, 2021. Should you require further information please contact the Public Works Department at 905-833-5321 or <https://www.king.ca/watermaintenance> on the website for FAQ’s.

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



New features coming to Recycle Coach app

King Township’s recently launched mobile recycling app is getting a make-over and a long list of new features.

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

Some of the improvements and new features include:

- Completely new look
- Revamped home page that includes a weekly ‘We Wanted to Know’ question and links to blog articles
- Profile where users can update their settings and preferences
- Residents can now earn badges for taking actions that contribute to their knowledge or the health of the platform. An example is a Promoter Badge that is issued to people who recommend friends download the Recycle Coach app.

Citizens are encouraged to visit www.king.ca/waste to learn more. Recycle Coach is available on desktop and mobile. The free app is available for download on iOS and Android devices.

Half of York's eligible adults have received first shot

York Region has reached more than 50% vaccination of eligible adult residents with their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. To date, a total of 541,803 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered.

This milestone is a testament to the

dedication of many individuals and partners who continue to advance York Region's mass immunization plan forward as quickly as vaccine supply allows. York Region is grateful for the significant contributions made by York Region's COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force,

hospital partners, physician and partner-led clinics and many more. We are making big gains in our community, and as eligibility continues to expand, we look forward to more vaccines and more great progress.

We need a large percentage of the population to become immune to COVID-19 to really slow the spread of the virus. Achieving high levels of immunity through vaccination is our best approach for allowing individuals, families and businesses to safely resume normal life.

Following provincial guidance, York Region has steadily increased vaccine eligibility to vulnerable and highest-risk priority groups. With vaccine supplies ramping up across the province many additional groups will become eligible in coming weeks – vaccines will be available for all, soon. Planning is underway to ensure second doses are in arms as soon as possible.

There are several types of clinics and locations to get vaccinated across York Region. Eligible residents may book an appointment at one of 10 York Region Public Health and partner-led mass vaccination clinics, including two drive-thru clinics and many pharmacies located across the Region.

With the support of York Region Paramedic Services, we have been able to vaccinate many homebound residents as well as residents of long-term care, retirement home and community living settings.

York Region's current vaccination strategy is to direct those who are eligible and who live or work in York Re-

gion to our mass immunization clinics for their COVID-19 vaccine. As eligibility is expanded, more and more residents and workers will have access to a COVID-19 vaccine through these clinics. York Region Public Health is also leading a very small and targeted workplace strategy offering mobile clinics to select locations in high risk areas.

Ensuring accessible options is a crucial part of the vaccine rollout, and York Region is working hard to ensure vaccines can be easily administered to priority groups as they become eligible. For information on current eligibility and how to book an appointment, visit york.ca/COVID19Vaccine

Vaccines are safe, effective and our best approach for bringing this pandemic to an end. Increasing eligibility and access to vaccines and making substantial progress through the phases of the Provincial vaccine distribution plan is a sign of hope in a challenging time for us all.

While we head towards a brighter future with 50% of residents vaccinated with their first dose, it's important all residents, even those who have been vaccinated, continue to follow public health advice; stay home as much as possible, practice physical distancing, wear a mask when required and wash your hands frequently.

Please wait for your turn, but when it's your turn, don't wait! The COVID-19 vaccine is voluntary, but highly encouraged for all those who can receive it.

For more information on York Region's COVID-19 vaccination program, please visit york.ca/covid19vaccineinfo

Options have pros and cons

From Front Page

The parameters are very tight, Berman observed and they're limited in what they can ultimately do. The overhead hydro lines are unsightly, but burying them is very expensive.

Berman presented three road widening options, all with their own pros and cons.

Option one includes parking on one side and a wider boulevard. This would see parking reduced to 72 spots. Option two provides an alternating parking arrangement on both sides, with smaller boulevards. This option has 40 on-street parking spaces. Option three involves two sides for parking and even smaller boulevards.

Berman noted that peak parking demand in the core (busy Saturday mornings for example) require 92 spots. The reduction, he said, won't be too noticeable.

In the project, a parkette is planned at Dr. Kay and Main Street, complete with benches, interpretive panels highlighting the village's rail history, and some form of public art. It's meant to act as a northern gateway to the core.

There are also plans to improve the public use of space at the Community Hall, both out front and along the side. They're looking at a "plaza" like space with seating, trees and a garden.

The access and bridge to the fairgrounds will also see some sort of improvement.

Berman said the materials would reflect the town's sense of history. They would include red brick pavers, historic lamp posts, bike racks, benches and planters.

The consultants and Township are looking for public input on the ideas. An online survey is available through May 20, and can be found on the SpeakKing webpage: <https://speaking.king.ca/schomberg-main-street-streetscaping>. The input received during the VPIC and from the survey will help guide the next steps in the design of the project.

Berman said they will refine the plan and choose a preferred option.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Monday, June 7th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

As the Municipal Centre is now closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is an electronic meeting held remotely and live streamed via <https://www.king.ca/meetings>.

The public are invited to remotely attend the Virtual Public Planning Meeting to receive information and provide comments on the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment application to facilitate the development on the property located at 270 Burns Boulevard and 31 Winter Road, submitted to the Township of King in accordance with Sections 22, and 34 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13*, as amended.

Subject Property

Location: 270 Burns Boulevard and 31 Winter Road, King City
Plan 65M2392, Lot 1, and Plan M1579, Lot 15

Owner: Matthew Paric

Agent: Evans Planning Inc.

File Numbers: OP-2021-02 and Z-2021-07

Staff Report: The staff report will be available at www.king.ca on the Thursday prior to the meeting date.

The Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Evans Planning Inc. on behalf of the owner, Matthew Paric, under Planning Files OP-2021-02 and Z-2021-07 concerns a vacant 2.05 hectare site located on the south side of Burns Boulevard, approximately 75 metres east of Collard Drive and a portion of a residential lot located at 31 Winter Road measuring 0.114 hectares.

What Is The Proposed Amendment?

The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to provide for the development of a single detached dwelling and accessory structures on private servicing and with access from Winter Road. The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to recognize the resulting lot frontage and establish appropriate development standards to facilitate the development. Any person may attend the virtual public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law Amendment. **Written comments will become part of the public record.**

Lead Planner

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, including supporting information, are available by contacting Colin Pang, Lead Planner, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with reference to the address or file numbers for more information. Written comments in advance of the staff report being published may be sent to:

Paul Kulyk, Planner II
pkulyk@king.ca, 905-833-5321 ext. 4063

How to Participate in the Virtual Public Meeting

- 1) **VIEW THE MEETING** live virtually at <https://www.king.ca/meetings>. No pre-registration is required.
- 2) **SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS** to the Township Clerk at clerks@king.ca by **12:00 p.m. (noon)** on the **day of the meeting**. Comments will form part of the public record and will be circulated to Council and the Planning Division.
- 3) **SPEAK TO COUNCIL** remotely (by audio-telephone) by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon)** on **Monday, June 7th, 2021**. Provide your full name, address, telephone number and the item you wish to speak to. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for participating by telephone. All comments addressed to Council will form part of the public record.

How To Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at clerks@king.ca.

Appeal Procedure

If a person or public body that would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"), does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of King before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT") unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.



Dated at the Township of King this 13th day of May, 2021.

Kathryn Moyle
Director, Corporate Services
Township Clerk
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- Always have a water source such as a garden hose or bucket handy
- Don't set off fireworks in a strong wind
- Choose a wide, clear site away from all obstacles

Remember...

- **Gatherings are limited as per Provincial Orders**
- Fireworks cannot be set off on any public land without advance written approval from Council
- There will be zero tolerance for contravention of Provincial Orders and Municipal By-laws
- Staff are patrolling the Township including public property. Complaints or concerns? Contact By-Law directly: 905-833-4002 / by-law@king.ca

Be mindful...

- Be considerate of your neighbours
- Some children and animals are afraid of fireworks
- Please clean up any debris when finished

Victoria Day & Canada Day

Family fireworks can be set off on Canada Day or the day designated as the Victoria Day Holiday, as well as the two days immediately before and after these days.

BY-LAW 2015-114

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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

Weighed down by those chips on our shoulders

Most of us struggle day in and day out, with challenges presented to us.

For parents, it's like constantly putting out fires that start simultaneously. Hot heads are common in households with teen and adult siblings.

Last week, I received an expletive-laden text from my wife during an emotional outburst. It was as if fireworks exploded inside our living room.

They say we all accumulate "baggage" throughout our lives, and some of this luggage can be quite heavy and very unwieldy.

There are times I feel like the wheels on my personal "suitcases" are always getting stuck or pivot around uncontrollably.

My wife often tells me that I have a "chip on my shoulder" and need to get over things and let them slide. She thinks I'm a bit too defensive at times, thinking that every comment, every action, is a personal attack.

She may be right. I will fully admit that my self-esteem isn't up to par, and perhaps little dents in my armour over the years have caught up with me. Odd, that I'm becoming defensive in my more mature years, when I should know better.

The term "chip on the shoulder" has a few meanings. It originated in the early 1800s, when the Long Island Telegraph reported on May 20, 1830: "when two churlish boys were determined to fight, a chip would be placed on the shoulder of one, and the other demanded to knock it off at his peril."

It was a sign of being defiant, taking a stance, and perhaps getting ready for a fight.

It has also come to mean that those with "chips" have something to prove. They are the underdogs. And, then it refers to people like me, who sometimes feel inadequate or hard done by.

"Remember, a chip on the shoulder



Mark Pavilons

is a sure sign of wood higher up," said Brigham Young.

And Rick Ross noted that "some experiences can give you a chip on your shoulder, but they also teach you the value of independence and looking out for yourself."

John G. Miller, author and motivational speaker, says the "chip" is a type of "victim thinking."

Feeling sorry for oneself often leads to belligerence, blame, whining, complaining, anger, and argumentativeness.

I agree that none of this is healthy. Miller says this type of thinking brings us down.

It's one of our human frailties and drawbacks. We don't need any help in wallowing - we're quite good at it on our own!

Some of this comes from a feeling of being downtrodden, experiencing bad luck, and some difficult challenges. Yes, the world is not fair, and never has been.

I fully understand that dwelling about the injustices in the world won't help. Yet, sometimes there are thoughts that surface, some from decades ago, that just smack me in the face, and bring out a certain amount of sadness.

Not what my father taught me. Being from the "very old school," he was taught to be tough, suppress feelings and don't let anyone see your weaknesses.

Perhaps it served him well in his youth.

We are all stuck with ourselves, living in our own heads. Others don't really fully know us, and almost everything in life is up to interpretation.

How often do you have a conversation with a family member about something hurtful they said, only to realize that was not their intent? Okay, we should all choose our words and think before we speak, but our brains don't always cooperate. There's a delay in that message from our brain to our tongue.

I have come to believe that "innuendo" is one of the worst words in our language. We jump to conclusions and believe our counterparts "insinuate" this or that. But we can't really be sure. We don't know what's going on in their noggins.

Should we just give everyone the benefit of the doubt?

Well, I try to, and I try to avoid jumping to conclusions. I also avoid judgement. I believe only certain people, and the powers that be, can judge.

In my line of work, I hear very convincing arguments from all sides of an issue. Is there a right and wrong? Is there one single truth?

Well, it's complicated. I have heard

very passionate people taking a stance on something. Their arguments are not completely accurate or factual, but they are allowed to express themselves. They are allowed to feel how they feel.

Is that wrong?

Some of these people have chips on their shoulders, but once you know where they're coming from, understanding becomes easier.

And that's what we need to do - understand one another. We don't need to agree, or side with everyone all the time. We can't hold grudges and demand they "knock off my chip."

I enjoy people from all walks of life, who have great stories and strong opinions. It's what makes the world go 'round.

Yes, we all have pain and have had bad experiences. We've suffered heartache, physical pain, been ridiculed, teased and bullied. We all have "chips," but some are bigger than others.

I can justify anything, and tell myself that my "chips" are warranted. They are earned.

And that's my burden to carry.

But my wife, and Miller are right - it's not helpful or productive.

I don't want to walk around thinking of myself as a "victim" or being that "grumpy dad."

I want to be free.

The key, Miller said, is to recognize the "triggers," and wonder why they set us off.

Everyone's goal should be to encourage one another to rise above, not sink below, the surface.

In a new context, we should be asking others to permanently remove those chips from our shoulders.

Letter to the Editor

MPP advances rec. centre

There's no question that exercise is essential for good mental and physical health. We need more of it, not less. Here in King Township, I firmly believe that families deserve recreational infrastructure that meets our population demand today and into the future. The current facility is nearly 50 years old and quite frankly has not met the needs of our local population for decades.

King deserves a state-of-the-art facility to swim, skate, and participate in organized sports. Our community has grown, and population has risen successively over the past decade, and so should the quality of our community and recreational facilities.

That's why I strongly support the proposed recreation centre currently planned near Dufferin Street and 15th Sideroad on the Seneca College campus. This proposed new facility includes a swimming pool that allows for year round swimming lessons, a multi use athletic centre and fitness area, and twin pad skating rinks, along with outdoor fields - all of which will support both youth and adult recreation, and enhance local access to sports.

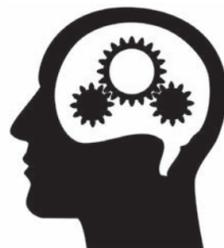
I have expressed my full support to Mayor Pellegrini and have been working behind the scenes with him and others to advance this critical project that will improve our collective quality of life and improve services in the heart of our community.

This is the local legacy that King families deserve.

Stephen Lecce
MPP for King-Vaughan



Quote of the Week



"Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith."

- Steve Jobs

Trivia Tidbits

The typical motorist spends an average of 6 months waiting at red lights.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

Monday, June 7th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

As the Municipal Centre is now closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is an electronic meeting held remotely and live streamed via <https://www.king.ca/meetings>.

The public are invited to remotely attend the Virtual Public Planning Meeting to receive information and provide comments on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application to facilitate the development on Tatton Court, Block 80, on the east section of the Block closest to Dufferin Street, submitted to the Township of King in accordance with Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended.

Subject Property

Location: Tatton Court
65M-4277, Block 80
Village of King City
Owner: King North Commercial Inc.
Applicant & Agent: Nadia Zuccaro, EMC Group Limited
Township File No.: Z-2021-06
Staff Report: The staff report will be available at www.king.ca on the Thursday prior to the meeting date.

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, Planning file Z-2021-06, was submitted EMC Group Limited on behalf of the owner, King North Commercial Inc. The subject property is legally described as 65M-4277, Block 80 and is approximately 6443.1 square metres and currently contains an existing Montessori school and surface parking lot to the west of the subject development area. The property is designated Specialty Use Area under the site-specific Official Plan Amendment (OPA72) and Commercial in the Township's OurKing Official Plan (2019), adopted September 23, 2019.

The property is currently zoned "Commercial (C1-1) under Zoning By-law 2017-66 and carried forward the site-specific Zoning By-law provisions applied to these lands under Zoning By-law 2013-41. The site-specific Zoning By-law permits various commercial uses on the lands such as restaurants, take-out restaurants.

What Are The Proposed Changes

The subject application proposes to amend the Zoning By-law to permit a restaurant with a drive through use and other provisions to facilitate the development of a proposed restaurant with drive-through use in the east section of the Block closest to Dufferin Street and Tatton Court.

The proposed building has a gross floor area of approximately 465 square metres with 25 surface parking spaces (inclusive of 2 accessible parking spaces) and loading space proposed north of the building. Access to the area is proposed via the existing ingress/egress off Tatton Court. A concurrent Site Plan Development application has also been submitted for the property.

Any person may attend the virtual public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the Zoning By-law Amendment. **Written comments will become part of the public record.**

Lead Planner

The proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, including supporting information, are available by contacting Colin Pang, Lead Planner, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with reference to the address or file numbers for more information. Written comments in advance of the staff report being published may be sent to:

Colin Pang, Planner I
cpang@king.ca, 905-833-5321 ext. 4067

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- 3) **SPEAK TO COUNCIL** remotely (by audio-telephone) by pre-registering with the Clerk's Division at 905-833-4068 or email clerks@king.ca no later than **12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, June 7th, 2021**. Provide your full name, address, telephone number and the item you wish to speak to. Upon receipt of your registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions for participating by telephone. All comments addressed to Council will form part of the public record.

How To Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified of the decision of Council of the Township of King regarding the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of King, 2585 King Road, King City, ON L7B 1A1, or by email at clerks@king.ca.

Appeal Procedure

If a person or public body that would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of King to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal ("LPAT"), does not make oral submissions at a virtual public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of King before the Zoning By-law Amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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Dated at the Township of King this 13th day of May, 2021.

Kathryn Moyle
Director, Corporate Services
Township Clerk
Township of King
2585 King Road
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(905) 833-5321



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Subject Property

Location: 13236 Dufferin Street
Concession 3, Part Lot 7
Owner: 2510131 Ontario Inc.
Agent: Brutto Consulting
File Numbers: OP-2020-01 & Z-2020-04
Staff Report: The staff report will be available at www.king.ca on the Thursday prior to the meeting date.

The proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications were submitted by Brutto Consulting on behalf of the owner. The applications concern a property located on the west side of Dufferin Street, north of King Road in the Village of King City. The subject property is approximately 4.25 hectares and currently supports two-single detached dwellings and accessory buildings. The property also contains environmental features including woodlands, wetlands, a pond and the East Humber River. The proposal is to permit the redevelopment of the lands to permit a medium density residential development consisting of a five (5) storey residential building and a townhouse block with access proposed off an existing driveway from Dufferin Street.

What Are The Proposed Changes

The subject property is designated "Low Density Residential 5 Area" and "Environmental Protection Area" as per OPA 89 for the King City East North Lands. The Township's New Official Plan, Our King, designates the subject property as "Natural Heritage System" and "Neighbourhood". The subject property is zoned "Environmental Protection" and "Future Use" as per Zoning By-law 2017-66.

The Official Plan Amendment application proposes to redesignate the lands to "Medium Density Residential" and "Natural Heritage System". The Official Plan Amendment application proposes to amend the density policies to permit a site-specific density of 37.03 units per hectare and a gross density of the lands subject to OPA 89 of 7.41 units per hectare, as well as to amend the provisions for height to allow a maximum height of three (3) storeys for townhouses, quadraplexes and other similar dwelling types, and a maximum height of five (5) storeys for apartments and seniors housing developments. The Official Plan Amendment application also proposes to amend the provisions for minimum vegetation protection zones to provide the opportunity to implement "pinch point" reductions as supported by a Natural Heritage Evaluation and Functional Servicing Study.

The Zoning By-law Amendment application proposes to re-zone a portion of the subject property to implement site-specific zones that permit the proposed five (5) storey residential building with underground parking, and to implement a site-specific zone for the townhouse dwelling block. Remaining lands are proposed to be zoned Environmental Protection.

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Dated at the Township of King this 13th day of May, 2021.

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Director, Corporate Services / Township Clerk
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Expected Completion: Late June 2021

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CONTACT

Township of King Robert Arcaro Construction Inspector (416) 559-5088 rarcaro@king.ca	Lisbon Paving Arlindo Araujo Site Supervisor (905) 775-4866 aaaraujo@lisbonpaving.com
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Old Age Security increase targets older seniors with higher risks

By Deb Schulte
Canada's Minister of Seniors
King-Vaughan MP

Budget 2021 has helped to strengthen the financial security of Canadians later in life.

It announced two important measures. In August 2021, we will issue a one-time \$500 payment directly to seniors aged 75+ as of June 2022.

Then in July 2022, we will permanently increase the Old Age Security pension by 10 per cent for seniors aged 75+. That's worth \$766 over the first year to pensioners receiving the full benefit and helps 3.3 million seniors.

It's targeted at older seniors who are more financially challenged and who are worried about outliving their savings.

As they age, seniors face more health issues. Their healthcare expenses rise due to illness or disability: on average out-of-pocket health expenses of those aged 80+ are over \$700 a year higher than those aged 65-74. At the same time, most older seniors can no longer supplement their income with paid work. Few seniors work beyond age 75, and those that do have median earnings of only \$720 a year.

The passing of spouses adds to the

pressure. Among seniors, almost twice as many over age 75 are widows. And with women, on average living longer than men, it's no wonder many senior women slip into poverty after the hardship of losing their life partners.

To help secure older seniors' finances, the Liberal government is making the first permanent increase to Old Age Security since 1973, other than adjustments due to inflation.

It builds on our strong record of supporting seniors of all ages. For the youngest seniors, we restored the age of eligibility for OAS to 65 after the Harper Conservatives raised it to 67. We also strengthened the Canada Pension Plan for future retirees, increased the Guaranteed Income Supplement for single seniors and reduced income taxes for all Canadians.

Our work is showing results: the latest data shows 11 per cent fewer seniors live in poverty than when we took office in 2015.

Taken together, our ambitious and progressive measures are making a real difference for seniors' financial security, and there is more work to do. Canadian seniors can always count on Liberals to listen, understand their needs and work hard to deliver for them.



Pabst on Ontario Heritage Trust

Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan, congratulated former councillor and long-time King advocate, Linda Pabst, on her new role as a member of the Ontario Heritage Trust.

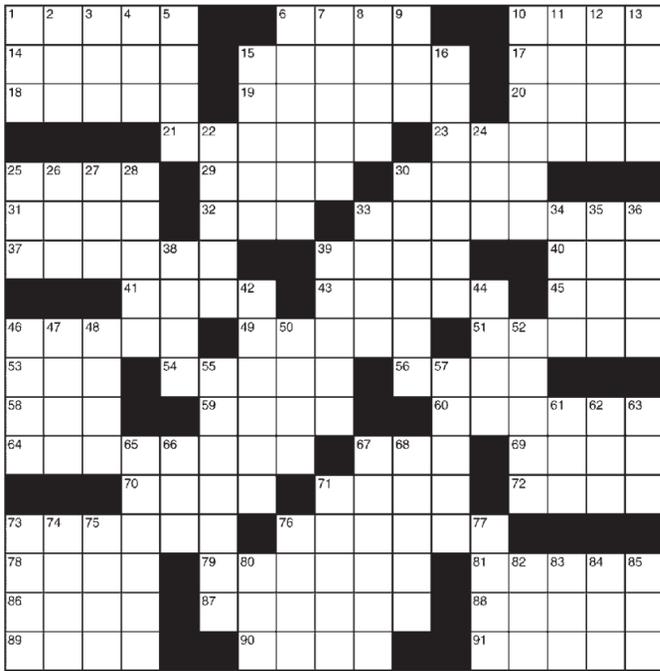
The Trust has a province-wide mandate to conserve, interpret and share Ontario's heritage. It acts as a centre of expertise, and serves as the heritage trustee and steward for the people of Ontario. It conserves provincially significant cultural and natural, tangible and intangible heritage, interprets Ontario's history, celebrates its diversity, and educates Ontarians of its importance in our society.

"I'm very proud that veteran Councillor and long-time King advocate, Linda Pabst, has been appointed to the Ontario Heritage Trust. The mandate is to protect and promote heritage conservation across the province," said Lecce. "Linda has spent her life standing up for our rural way of life and worked to protect our heritage buildings and natural environment for future generations to enjoy. We thank Linda for her continued public service."

(Photo taken on March 26, before the Stay-at-Home-Order)

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York Region drinking water gets top marks

The Regional Municipality of York continues to receive excellent drinking water scores with the 2020 Drinking Water Systems Report.

York Region received excellent scores in the 2019-2020 Chief Drinking Water Inspector's Annual Report Card with a score of 99.98% for water samples meeting Ontario's drinking water quality standards and an inspection score of 100%. In 2020, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks inspections at all 15 York Region operated drinking water systems scored 100%.

"Scoring 100% demonstrates the efficiency of our advanced systems and resilience of our staff working tirelessly to provide access to clean, safe, reliable drinking water, even throughout a pandemic," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "Year after year residents can feel assured the water they use daily is meeting the highest standards."

The 2020 Drinking Water Systems Report highlights York Region's actions to protect water quality and sustain compliance under the Safe Drinking

Water Act, 2002. York Region's robust and rigorous compliance approach includes source water protection, operator training, water treatment, extensive monitoring and testing and emergency preparedness.

"York Region is working with the local nine cities and towns and neighbouring municipalities to protect the people in their communities," said City of Vaughan Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, Chair of Environmental Services. "With investments and coordinated efforts we will continue to seamlessly maintain, monitor and continuously improve our systems to constantly deliver high quality drinking water."

Water quality reports for your community water systems can be found online at york.ca/drinkingwater. In 2020, the Ontario Public Works Association recognized York Region for management innovation as a leader in drinking water data management and transparency with the public.

Water in York Region is delivered through a two-tier system. The Region

operates and maintains 15 drinking water supply systems, which provide water to the nine local cities and towns. High quality water is then distributed

to residents and businesses by the local nine cities and towns who collectively maintain their drinking water distribution systems.

York board to use hybrid model for 2021-2022

York Region District School Board (YRDSB) will be implementing a hybrid model of learning for elementary and secondary schools for 2021-2022.

"Through feedback, we have heard from families that their priorities include students being connected to their home school, the ability to switch more readily when required between remote learning to in-person learning, and access to continuity of remote learning as needed," said Louise Sirisko, director of education for YRDSB. "Through the hybrid model, families will continue to have the ability to opt for in-person or remote learning, and placement for all students will be in their home school."

Students attending face-to-face and students attending remotely will be taught simultaneously by the same educators. Where numbers warrant and when operationally feasible, in some schools, some classes may begin in a fully face or face or fully virtual format. All classes, however, have the potential of being hybrid.

In secondary, the board will be continuing with an adaptive model to be developed based on Ministry of Education directives and Public Health requirements.

YRDSB will be reaching out to families during the summer to provide more information about the learning models and request for families to indicate a preference for face-to-face or remote learning for their children.

For more information about the York Region District School Board, please visit the Board website and follow YRDSB on Twitter, Instagram.



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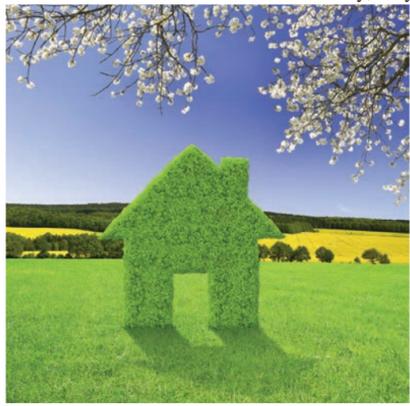
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Editor

King's Priestly Demolition has been recognized for overall business performance and sustained growth with the prestigious Canada's Best Managed Companies designation.

The 2021 Best Managed program award winners are among the best-in-class of Canadian owned and managed companies with revenues over \$25 million, demonstrating leadership in the areas of strategy, capabilities and innovation, culture and commitment, and financials to achieve sustainable growth.

"This year's Best Managed winners demonstrate the organizational grit required to thrive in these increasingly uncertain times," said Kari Lockhart, Partner, Deloitte "By putting their peo-

ple first, and showing the courage to experiment and take risks, they were able to overcome some of today's most pressing challenges. This year's winners were able to succeed because they weren't afraid to fail."

Priestly Demolition Inc. (PDI) is founded on 4 key values: Family, Safety, Integrity and Innovation.

"We live these values every day, in every project. We encourage teamwork and respect, help develop individual strengths, and recognize that the contribution of our people is the key to our success," said Ryan Priestly, president.

People are one of the company's strongest assets. Priestly has apprenticeship programs that mentor and guide young demographic in many different fields. There is continual review of staff and high performers are rewarded through promotion.

There's no mistaking Priestly staff when you see them on a job. Company swag is generously distributed among staff who proudly wear their hats, sweaters, t-shirts, jackets in the office and on the jobsite.

The Priestly family story is shared, and a sense of pride and loyalty exist around it. Ryan Priestly regularly visits job sites to meet new employees, and re-connect with the ones he has known for years, often asking about the wife and kids, thus making employees feel like valued members of the PDI family.

"We care about our employees and realize that they are truly our most important asset," said Priestly.

All employees are eligible for their Variable Pay Program. Recognition is a key part of the strategy to attract and retain top talent.

During challenging times such as the pandemic the company is still finding



ways to celebrate its people. For example, last December, employees receive a gift of appreciation which they can choose online, as well as grocery gift cards.

"There is a strong culture at PDI that can only be described as inclusive. We celebrate our people and make sure that they are well taken care of. Because of this, we have created a strong organizational structure, with strong leaders, guiding and mentoring their successors," Priestly added.

PDI celebrates its people through corporate events such as employee BBQs, Heavy Equipment Skills Competition, December holiday party, raffles, giveaways, job site lunches and team building charity events and food drives.

For many years the Priestly family have and PDI have been generously supporting the following charities: Sick Kids Hospital, St. Mike's Hospital, Southlake Hospital, McKenzie Health Centre, Princess Margaret Road Hockey to Conquer Cancer, Town of Aurora United Way, Hope House Hospice, Margaret Bahen Hospice, Doan House Hospice, The Haddan Eby Foundation, Kerry's Place Autism Services, Friends of We Care Foundation, York Regional

Police, Big Brothers Big Sisters, MADD, Special Olympics and the Canadian Association of Women in Construction.

Featured in the reality show "Salvage Kings," staff took great pride showing off their skills. The show created a significant "buzz within our team and with friends and family as well."

PDI has an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) committee, which includes employees from the field, office and executive. Through this committee, PDI is promoting a diverse and inclusive program which includes celebrating all cultures and diversity. They are in the process of developing training sessions for all levels of employees to educate, inform and create self-awareness.

"People are our first priority, without them PDI would not be who we are today. Demolition work is dangerous, and stressful, and it takes the teamwork of highly skilled workers and professionals to make the company successful."

Priestly continues to look for new and innovative ways to renew communities (by clearing the way for new development), and by playing the role of environmental stewards.

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Jeff Holmes, VP and President Ryan Priestly.

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Priestly is known as an innovative industry leader

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This concept is woven into the company mission – “We are trusted innovators, leading the change to a more sustainable tomorrow.”

Their corporate strategy is to be a dominant leader in the industry, and always be the first choice for demolition projects. They continue to grow the business across Canada and into the U.S. with offices in King, Ottawa, Calgary and Virginia. PDI has the largest fleet of demolition equipment in the country, which is a key part of its success. They have larger equipment and attachments than most competitors and this allows them to get the work done faster, and in a more cost-effective manner.

An example of this is the high-reach equipment that Priestly is able to deploy in the downtown core that others cannot.

“The investments we have made in technology, people, engineering and safety allow us to take on the complex projects that other companies aren’t set-up for.”

PDI clients acknowledge that they have the best team in the industry, the most impressive and productive fleet of equipment, and our use of technology to track, schedule and report on projects is best in class.

“Our key resources are our people, our fleet of equipment and our technology. We have key employees, who are ‘high performers’ (for example field base operators) with specific knowledge, and a proven safe work history in operating demolition specific equipment).

“We make sure to align younger employees with these key employees to learn as much as possible, and invest in their future career.”

The atmosphere at PDI is like one big family.

“Everyone cares about each other and looks out for one another. It’s a dangerous job, teamwork is essential. You have to trust the guys you work with,” Priestly said.

As an example, last September, PDI made headlines when a nearby swing stage fell (across the road from where PDI was working) leaving a worker dangling from a high-rise at Yonge and Eglington.

“Our crew quickly ran to help, got to the top of the high-rise and our 5 guys pulled the worker to safety.”

Employees also enjoy having senior mentors to guide them those first few years on the job. They enjoy annual get togethers (BBQ, skills competition and Christmas party), as it brings the team together.

“These are just some of the reasons why PDI has so life-timers, and now second-generation operators coming to work at PDI as well,” Priestly noted.

The company is also quite the innovator as well. PDI adopted an “oil quick system” that allows workers to change attachments on heavy equipment in less than 30 seconds. Without an Oil Quick, this task would take 30 minutes.

PDI has a team of in-house structural engineers, which allows them to pivot quickly to new projects or challenges.

PDI is working on behind the scene development with the unions to continue to develop the union apprentice program and to promote working in the trades.

The president, and several of executives have developed relationships with colleges and universities in the province, to promote the construction-based position, particularly trade roles and the need for these skills in the future.

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Arts & Entertainment

A Mohawk Anglican Book of Common Prayer

By Gavin Watt

Recently, King resident Mary Bromley was reviewing “the ton of books” that she and her late husband Ed Bartram had accumulated over the years, when she came across a volume “wrapped in tissue on a shelf” that she had bought years ago and then forgotten.

Examining the book closely, she realized it could be special to the right people and committed herself to find the proper home for it. The volume was an Anglican Book of Common Prayer published in 1842 with the English

text matched on the opposite page by a translation into the Mohawk language.

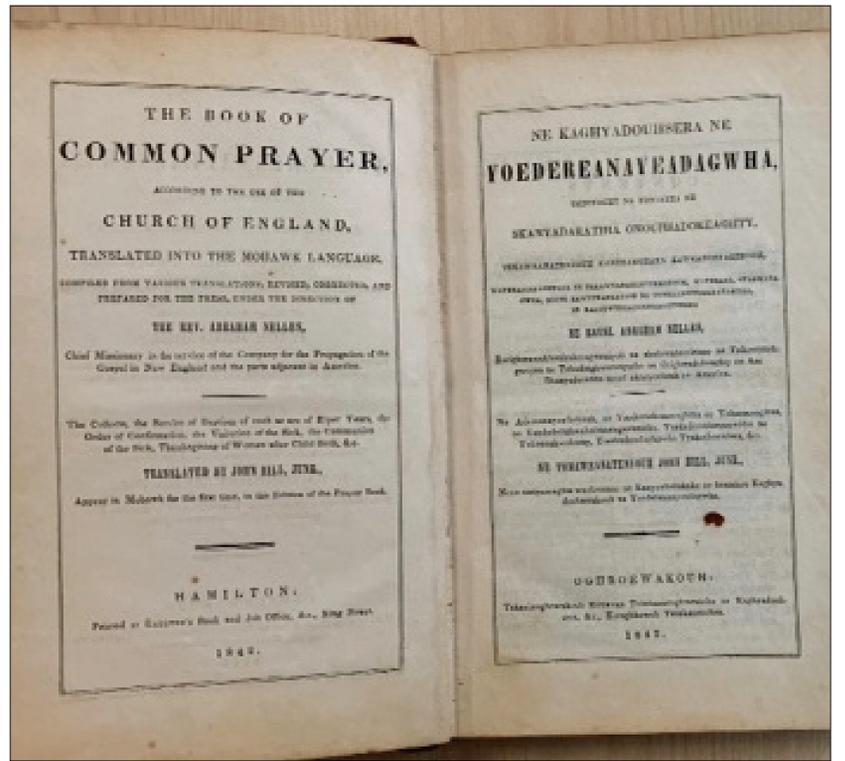
Initially, Mary reasoned that the Anglican Church would be the ideal recipient. Upon contacting them, she received a warm response, but in the meantime she had been thinking that donating to the Mohawk people would be preferred.

Mary knew that I had researched Native participation as allies of the Crown during the American Revolution and their subsequent migration to modern Ontario as Loyalists, so she came to me for assistance. I advised her that I had lost all of my former contacts with the Grand River and Bay of Quinte Mohawk communities, however, I was in regular contact with the Akwesasne (St. Regis) Mohawk historian, Darren Bonaparte, and could readily approach him. I knew that Akwesasne had been Roman Catholic for centuries, but I felt that the translation to the Mohawk language was of more significance than the book’s Anglican derivation.

Darren was pleased to accept the donation and sent Mary this wonderful acknowledgement of the gift.

The Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe is pleased to accept the donation of a rare book in the Mohawk language. This first edition copy was published in 1842 in both English and Mohawk. The book was written by the Reverend Abraham Nelles, Chief Missionary in the service for the Company of the Propagation of the Gospel in New England and the parts adjacent in America, with the assistance of Mohawk Catechist John Hill, Jr.

According to the book’s preface, several religious books had been translated into native languages prior to



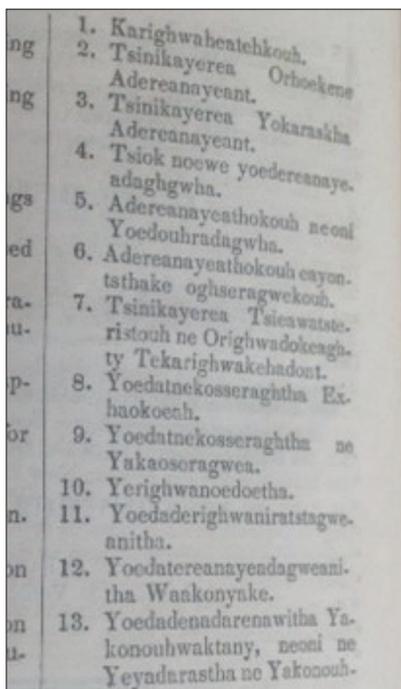
the 1842 project, including an Indian Prayer Book published in 1780, under the direction of General Frederick Haldimand, at Quebec. Mohawk Joseph Brant assisted Reverend John Stuart in compiling another in 1787, which included a Mohawk translation of the Gospel of St. Mark and other items.

The book donated to the Tribal Historic Office is in fine condition for being almost 180 years old. The inside front cover is autographed by Isaac Hill and the date 1842. There is a dedication on the second blank page that reads To J. P.

Clark, Esqr. from an Indian Pupil, Egh-niskha 21st 1845. The Mohawk is written in the style commonly employed by the former “Mohawk Valley Mohawks” of Fort Hunter and Cannajohare who removed to Canada at the Tyendinaga and Six Nations reserves.

Darren Bonaparte, director of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office, said the kind donation by Ms. Bromley will have a temporary home in the storage vault of the Records Management Office until it finds a permanent home in the community archives of the proposed Akwesasne Heritage Centre. Bonaparte and Records Manager Lillian Barton serve on a committee that is developing the plan for the new facility, which will also house the Akwesasne Cultural Centre’s library and museum.

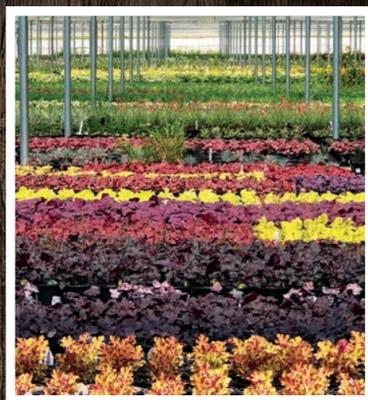
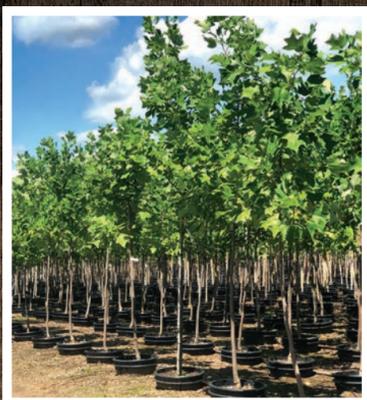
The Tribal Historic Preservation Office of the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe at Akwesasne would like to acknowledge and thank historian Gavin K. Watt for his assistance in helping Mary find a home for this special book.



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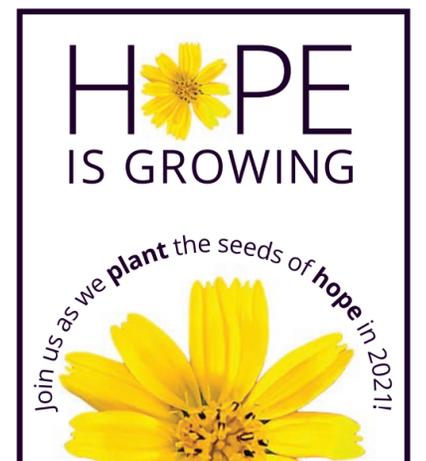
Society helps ‘grow hope’

The Schomberg Horticultural Society encourages all residents of King Township to plant yellow for hope this year and join the nation-wide campaign initiated by Canada Blooms, “Hope is Growing.”

Residents of King, businesses and community groups are encouraged to plant yellow vegetables and fruit, yellow native, annual and perennial flowers and or yellow gardens & planters and public spaces.

Send one picture to shshopegarden@gmail.com to win a \$25 gift card from local merchants who give discounts to Society members. They include Schomberg True Country, Mid Valley Gardens, Black Forest Nursery, Season’s Floral Studio.

The contest runs until the end of August, King residents only.



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I Can't Breathe



Len Mizzoni

Mizzoni releases a 'civil rights anthem'

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Inspired by George Floyd, King singer-songwriter Len Mizzoni has released his own "civil rights anthem."

The song "I Can't Breathe" and video was just launched and can be found on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/Qme--FZEO4E>

The song is pretty much self-explanatory. It begins with a portion of the iconic, "I have a dream" speech by Martin Luther King Jr.

It's a smooth, gentle tune, brimming with important lyrics.

Mizzoni said he believes that music has the power to inspire change.

"We all belong to one race the human race and no one should be judged by the colour of their face.

"Our differences should be celebrated and not hated. President Biden in a recent speech said 'we can't let George Floyd's last words 'I Can't Breathe' die with him, we have to keep hearing those words."

Mizzoni said he was so moved and inspired that he wrote the song to "hopefully make the world a better place."

The song can also be found at Sound Cloud, <https://soundcloud.com/len-mizzoni/i-cant-breathe>

Mizzoni's latest album is self-titled "Len Mizzoni" released January 2021, has cracked the top 100 at number 78 on the smooth jazz network chart. Both of his releases "Sleep Away" and "Why" are also getting air-play in Europe as well.

For more on Mizzoni's music, visit www.lenmizzoni.com

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Legislation takes aim at stunt driving and racing

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Penalties for aggressive driving are being increased, in an effort to curb dangerous activity on our roads.

The Ontario government last week introduced the Moving Ontarians More Safely Act, 2021, also known as the MOMS Act. The proposed legislation will introduce new measures to combat high-risk driving and improve road safety, including longer driver's licence suspensions and longer vehicle impoundment periods for drivers who engage in stunt driving, street racing and aggressive driving.

"Both as Minister of Transportation

and a parent to driving-aged teens, I am extremely concerned by the rising numbers of young drivers in Ontario caught stunt driving, street racing and driving aggressively," said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. "By increasing driver's licence suspensions and vehicle impoundment periods, the MOMS Act sends a clear message to drivers – driving is a privilege and those who threaten the safety of others have no place on our roads."

When passed by the legislature, the MOMS Act would also introduce measures to protect vulnerable road users, such as pedestrians and highway workers, improve truck safety and strengthen the province's oversight of the tow-

ing sector by creating the Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, 2021. This Act would require tow operators, tow truck drivers and vehicle storage operators to be certified, and set new standards for customer protection and roadside behaviours, including penalties for non-compliance.

"The MOMS Act targets the worst actors on our roads by creating escalating suspensions for repeat offenders and setting a lower speed threshold for stunt driving charges on municipal roads," said Kinga Surma, Associate Minister of Transportation (GTA). "With this Act, we are taking concrete action to protect people and families on our roads."

"Stunt driving and street racing are serious threats that have posed a greater risk to our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "The increased penalties and sanctions proposed under the MOMS Act, along with the creation of the new Towing and Storage Safety and Enforcement Act, will ensure police services across the province have the tools they need to combat high-risk driving on Ontario's roads."

The number of driver's licence suspensions issued at roadside for street racing/stunt driving increased 130 per cent between 2013 and 2019.

Roadside driver's licence suspensions for street racing/stunt driving increased an additional 52 per cent between March and August 2020 compared to the same period in 2019. Nearly five per cent of drivers suspended during this period had one or more previous suspensions in the previous five years.

Young drivers aged 16-25 represented only 19 per cent of drivers involved in collisions between March and June 2020 but 42 per cent of drivers involved in collisions with a police-recorded speed of 50 kilometres per hour (km/h) or more above the posted limit.

According to the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), last year marked one of the worst riding seasons in more than 10 years, with 42 motorcyclists killed on OPP-patrolled roads. There were 27 fatalities in 2019.

OPP collision investigators pointed to excessive speed and failing to yield right-of-way as lead contributing factors in the deaths. Two of this season's motorcycle fatalities are also linked to excessive speed.

"Aggressive and careless driving have no place on our roads, especially where motorcycles are involved. The OPP urges motorcyclists and other drivers to share the road safely and be alert. Motorcyclists are reminded to always ride responsibly, sober and drug-free, and to make themselves visible to other motorists. May is Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. Please help make it a safe riding season," noted Chief Superintendent Rohan Thompson, Commander, OPP Highway Safety Division.

In 2020, 37 of the 42 fatal motorcycle crashes investigated by the OPP involved no other vehicles.

Almost half (20) of last year's 42 motorcycle fatalities involved riders aged 55-74 years.

The York Regional Police Road Safety Bureau, in partnership with the Air Support Unit, law enforcement partners from across the Greater Toronto Area, the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Environment, are delivering the message that street racing and stunt driving will not be tolerated on the streets of York Region and the GTA.

Project ERASE (Eliminate Racing Activities on Streets Everywhere), targets drivers who think they can use the roads as raceways. Throughout the season, officers from police services across the GTA will be watching for vehicles staging to race, vehicles travelling at excessive rates of speed and vehicles that do not meet safety standards.

In York Region, their police helicopter Air2 will be working with officers on the ground, directing them to areas where drivers are congregating in advance of racing, speeding or driving aggressively or driving vehicles that have been illegally modified.

In 2020, officers laid more than 1,200 charges related to stunt driving. So far in 2021, from the beginning of January to the end of April, officers have laid more than 400 charges which is a 33 per cent increase over the year-to-date numbers last year.

"Excessive speed has consistently been a contributing factor in many fatal collisions that have occurred on York Region roads. Street racers put themselves and unsuspecting road users at risk of death or serious injury when they choose to disobey traffic laws and drive without due care and control and with a disregard for public safety."



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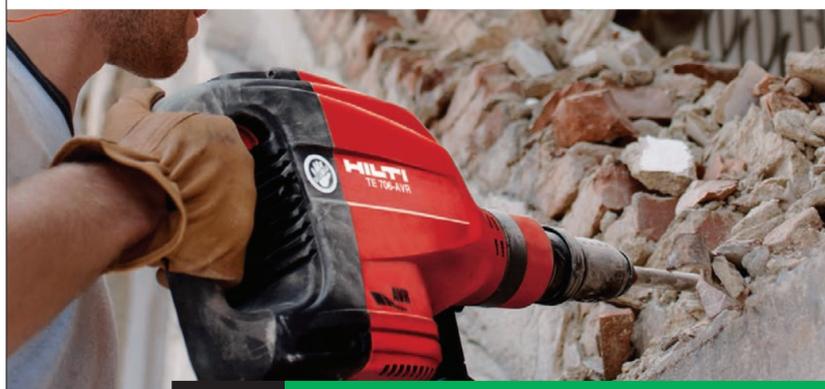
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Seneca, Kingbridge team up to support innovation in York Region

Seneca College and Kingbridge Centre are creating an innovation hub that will deliver a real-world setting and programs to help entrepreneurs build and scale businesses in the agriculture, food production and processing, energy and environmental sectors.

Through shared resources in business development and applied research, Seneca and Kingbridge Centre will help companies grow and solve challenges related to technology, infrastructure and sustainability. The collaboration is the latest addition to the thriving innovation ecosystem in York Region and will harness the unique assets located in King Township.

“We are delighted to partner with Kingbridge Centre to help grow the green economy in King Township and York Region,” said David Agnew, Seneca President. “The innovation hub will provide entrepreneurs access to resources and networks to scale up and turn innovative ideas into sustainable businesses.”

Seneca’s contributions to the initiative include applied research infrastructure and faculty expertise and access for aspiring entrepreneurs to HELIX, Seneca’s business incubator and accelerator. HELIX has built a strong reputation in York Region helping young business owners with mentorship, infrastructure, access to investors and professional development opportunities.

Kingbridge Centre and its affiliated entity, Ekagrata Inc., will leverage innovation expertise, executive management strengths and risk capital investment experience, as well as a robust global business network to collaborate on joint projects, venture referrals and extending training and education programs.

“The partnership between Kingbridge Centre and Seneca is an action-oriented collaboration, combining resources and best practices to drive the development of impactful solutions

that are pragmatic and benefitting the community and region,” said Prashant Pathak, chair, Kingbridge Centre. “This collaboration provides a unique infrastructure platform for innovative companies and for creators and researchers to develop and transform innovative ideas and concepts into successful enterprises and businesses.”

Seneca and Kingbridge Centre will also engage with community members directly to identify and address employment gaps for those adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The green business development goals for the hub align with the economic development strategies for the Township of King and York Region.

“We are very excited to see these two organizations working together on initiatives that benefit the residents and businesses in King,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. “The innovation focus is very much aligned with our municipality, including our economic strategy and the Climate Action Plan currently under development. We look forward to working with the many businesses, startups, innovators and researchers from around the world, right here in our community.”

Businesses interested in being part of the living lab should contact Karen Dubeau at karen.dubeau@kingbridgecentre.com

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Building on the foundation of innovation excellence and discovery created by original Kingbridge Centre founder, John Abele, new owners Prashant Pathak and the Pathak Family Trust are leading the evolution of an innovation centre and living lab in the heart of King Township. The Kingbridge Centre is a mission-based business, leveraging its reputation as a distinctive off-site location for residential conven-



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Small Urban GTHA Mayors encourage eligibility for 15+

The Small Urban GTHA mayors are calling on the Province to open up vaccine eligibility to all those 15 and over across the GTHA.

They met last week with Deputy Premier Elliott, Solicitor General Jones and Dr. Tien, Chair, Vaccine Distribution Task Force.

The mayors discussed the fact that residents 60+ in the GTHA are now at or nearing 70% having received 1 dose vaccination and as supply has increased, the time is now to move to a much more aggressive vaccination approach that better reflects and addresses the needs of the community.

“With so many of our essential workers under the age of 18 – grocery store clerks, drive through food service workers, checkout staff – it is absolutely vital that they get access to the vaccines,” the group says.

“Further, as eligibility criteria changes weekly depending on which region you live, it is frustrating and confusing for residents. The Small Urban GTHA Mayors have requested that the Province examine and consider changing eligibility for vaccinations and bookings to the age of 15+ across the entire GTHA starting next week. This will add clarity and simplicity to the process by which residents can get their shots.”

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Massive \$2-billion plan to keep schools safe, support learning

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A massive injection of funding by the Province is aimed at keeping schools safe and supporting public education.

The plan, announced last week, also offers options, and a hint of continued online learning.

The funding support, for the 2021-22 school year, includes more than \$1.6 billion in resources to respond to COVID-19 and an \$85.5 million commitment to support “learning recovery and renewal in response to the ongoing pandemic.”

It also includes a \$561 million increase to this year’s Grants for Student Needs, bringing the 2021-22 total GSN investment to \$25.6 billion.

“Our government is investing more in public education than any government in Ontario history,” said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education and King-Vaughan MPP. “As we continue to work with the Chief Medical Officer of Health to evaluate the safe resumption of in-class learning, our number-one priority remains safety in the class-

room. To deliver on that priority, our government is making more than \$1.6 billion available to protect school safety while investing in the long-term success of students with more support for reading, math, mental health, and special education needs.”

While there is important progress being made in the delivery of vaccines, the health and safety of students and staff remains a top priority. In advance of the new school year, the Ontario government is providing a total of more than \$1.6 billion in resources to protect schools against COVID-19.

Highlights include:

- \$59 million in continued special education, mental health, well-being and equity supports, the highest ever investment (including an annual \$10 million investment as part of the GSN).

- \$35 million in additional technology funding (including an annual \$15 million to support technology such as devices for students in the GSN and \$20 million in connectivity supports for remote learning technology).

- \$20 million in new funding to support learning recovery and renewal.

- \$29 million for increased costs related to school operations.

- \$66 million for enhanced cleaning protocols and other health and safety measures in student transportation.

- \$86 million for school-focused nurses in public health units and testing.

- \$384 million in temporary COVID-19 staffing supports.

- Up to \$450 million in personal protective equipment (PPE) and critical supplies and equipment, e.g. cleaning supplies provided through the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services and the pandemic stockpile.

- Up to \$508 million for school boards to access up to 2 per cent of reserves to support COVID-related expenses.

The Ontario government is supporting learning recovery and renewal by investing an additional \$85.5 million to help students across the province address the effects of learning disruptions as a result of COVID-19. Investments will support reading and math for young learners, student re-engagement, and mental health and well-being supports.

These learning recovery and renewal measures will include partnering with School Mental Health Ontario to support educators and enable timely interventions; additional teaching resources including math leads and coaches; and summer learning and special education supports, among other initiatives. These steps will position Ontario as a leading jurisdiction in unveiling a suite of learning recovery initiatives in advance of the next school year.

With an increase in funding of \$561 million, \$25.6 billion is projected to be provided for the success and well-being of the province’s next generation through the GSN. This historic level of support reflects the third straight year it has increased under the current government, and on a per-student basis is estimated to rise to \$12,686, the highest amount ever.

Complementary to the GSN, Ontario’s Priorities and Partnerships Funding (PPF) enables school boards and third parties to undertake important curricular and extra-curricular initiatives that promote student success, development and leadership skills.

For the upcoming school year, the PPF will include over \$288 million to fund approximately 150 initiatives that include a focus on strengthening math

skills, access to mental health supports, anti-racism and support for children with disabilities.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the government has made unprecedented investments to support student mental health, including over \$80 million projected in 2021-22, which is more than four times the investments made in 2017-18. For the 2021-22 school year, Ontario will also be providing school boards with \$3.2 billion to support students with special education needs through the GSN – the highest investment recorded in Ontario.

“All students deserve the opportunity to succeed. By continuing to fund vital projects like ours that bring evidence-based resources to every classroom, the provincial government is stepping up to provide better support and learning opportunities for students with disabilities,” said Lawrence Barns, president and CEO of the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario. “By resourcing educators to better meet the needs of all students, Ontario is advancing more accessible, caring, inclusive learning in our education system – especially critical as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

“We are grateful to the government and to the Ministry of Education for continuing to provide critical funds to support the mental health of youth in Ontario – this is vitally important to students,” said Katherine Hay, president and CEO of Kids Help Phone. “Since the beginning of the pandemic we have had 1.2 million connections with youth in Ontario – more than double the previous year. The government’s funding enables us to provide access to more supports for more young people in their time of need – no issue is too big or too small.”

“Ontario’s Chief Medical Officer of Health has said that schools have been safe, and with this record investment and continued implementation of the best medical advice, we will keep schools safe as we look ahead to September,” said Minister Lecce. “Our investments can help hire more than 1,000 mental health workers and allow children to have direct access to teacher-led math tutoring.”

School boards have been instructed to not require parental decision on in-person or remote learning before June 1, 2021, at the earliest.

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Patience is a virtue



Last year at this time, we were all scrambling for toilet paper, hand sanitizer, and did not know what would happen next. However, the world put forth a global charge to create a vaccine, government and central banks injected massive amounts of stimuli and we quickly learned how to work from home. Twelve months later, there are four vaccines, the markets are much higher and we can all see some sort of light at the end of the tunnel.

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Student steps up to help local food banks address 'period poverty'

By Brock Weir

It's an issue that not many people talk about, let alone young people, but Country Day School student Neyla Kirby hasn't been afraid to tackle the issue of "period poverty" head-on, and has mobilized her peers to help make a difference.

Neyla, a Grade 12 student, has been working tirelessly to underscore the cost of – and sometimes lack of access to – feminine hygiene products both around the world and here at home.

Through her Social Justice Club, she has been leading efforts to collect and purchase tampons, pads, and cups for food banks in Aurora, King and Vaughan, breaking down stigma along the way.

"This is an issue that is not really talked about," said Neyla of what led her to want to address period poverty from a local level. "A lot of organizations are working on it in Toronto, based downtown, and seeing how so many people have been financially affected by the pandemic, it is insane how nobody is really working on it around me. If you're in a low-income family or anyone who has a tight budget right now, it is definitely hard to afford those products and spend \$30 to \$50 a month depending on if you have daughters or it is just yourself. The organizations working on it now in Toronto are amazing, but I had women in my area in mind."

Neyla was initially hoping to do a period product drive at her school, similar to a food drive, where the needs of local food banks were identified allowing students to answer the call, whether in the form of gift cards, financial donations, or the products themselves. They have had to change the execution somewhat due to present circumstances, but they are no less determined to forge ahead.

"Speaking to a few of the local food banks, I asked them if they needed tampons, pads or period cups – and even what sizes they need, and a lot of them just said, 'Whatever people can donate.' Before I started this project, I didn't even think of the fact that homeless women, or even low-income women, needed the products. It doesn't really cross your mind if there is a supply drive for a food bank to bring in pads and tampons, so I think there is a little bit of a stigma surrounding menstruation, which is one of the biggest issues for food banks to get the supplies they need.



"When you have a large number of people who just kind of avoid the topic of menstruation, these food banks are not really getting what they really need. I think the stigma around periods is one of the things stopping these women from getting essential supplies and they are either uncomfortable donating the products or people don't even know there is an issue there and women actually need these on a monthly basis."

So far, the response has been very positive. With the money donated, Neyla and a teacher plan to purchase the necessary period products in bulk – and she will be busy at home transforming some of them into personalized "period packs" for the women who will be on the receiving end of these donations.

"At one of the food banks I talked to, they were so excited when I told them we were going to be making little packages with a letter and a piece of chocolate and although I know I won't be able to see the women actually pick them up, I just think they are going to be able to enjoy that and know that people are thinking about them and they are not being overlooked. I think that is just going to make me really happy.

"The main thing for me is the fact when there is something you don't know all that much about, or even if you're not a woman or you don't menstruate, it is just so important to educate yourself and then also do as much as you can to support people who are struggling, whether or not you can relate to those struggles. I think it is really important if you are in this position to help people do everything you can to make that possible."

Mobile vaccine units in workplaces

With the arrival of increased vaccine deliveries from the federal government, the Ontario government is further expanding its COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan with the launch of mobile vaccine units for small to medium-sized businesses in hot spot communities.

These mobile units are operating in Toronto, York and Peel at select businesses that have employees who cannot work from home and have a history or risk of outbreaks. Each public health unit will determine the small to medium-sized businesses where mobile units will be deployed.

"The new mobile units for at-risk businesses are another step in our efforts to get more people in priority areas vaccinated as conveniently and as quickly as possible," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "These mobile units are designed to be rapidly deployed to a diversity of small to medium-sized workplaces and will help strengthen our capacity to reach areas where the need is greatest."

Up to five mobile units is planned with a possible expansion of up to 15 units once the program is fully established. Each mobile unit will be equipped with the necessary staff, vaccines and resources to immunize all employees at the selected workplaces.

In addition to the mobile units, employer-led workplace vaccination clinics organized by large companies such as Maple Lodge Farms, Maple Leaf Foods and Amazon Canada in Peel Region have been completed or are underway. In partnership with Peel Public Health, Loblaw Companies, Walmart Canada, HelloFresh, Magna, Air Canada and Purolator Inc. are also setting up workplace vaccination clinics this month for workers who cannot work from home. A workplace vaccination clinic is in place at the Ontario Food Terminal, the largest wholesale fruit and produce distribution centre in Canada.

"With a stable and reliable of supply of vaccines expected this month, our government is further accelerating our vaccine rollout with a focus on individuals and settings most at risk," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and

Minister of Health. "Vaccines remain our best defence against COVID-19, and I strongly encourage all Ontarians to schedule their appointment as soon as it's their turn to help protect themselves, their loved ones and their communities."

Ontario continues to expand eligibility and access at mass vaccinations sites, hospital clinics and pharmacies. The province is making significant progress with more than 5.5 million Ontarians vaccinated and is on track to have administered first doses to 65 per cent of Ontarians aged 18 and over by the end of May.

To maximize capacity and quickly vaccinate as many Ontarians as possible, the province is expanding use of the Moderna vaccine to the pharmacy channel this week. Up to 60 pharmacies will participate, with locations in each of Durham, Hamilton, Ottawa, Windsor-Essex and York public health regions' hot spot areas for individuals aged 18 and over. Further expansion of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine in the pharmacy channel will continue through May. Participating pharmacies will be identified on the website as they begin offering the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine and will continue to use their own booking system for appointments.

The province has expanded booking eligibility for COVID-19 vaccine appointments to individuals aged 50 and over, individuals with high-risk health conditions, Group One of people who cannot work from home and, in addition to the other channels previously available to book their appointment, First Nations, Inuit and Métis individuals. Appointments can be booked through the provincial booking system and booking line or directly through public health units that use their own booking system.

Eligible populations who have only been able to book via the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line will now also be able to book online, including individuals with the highest risk health conditions, child care workers in licensed child care settings and education workers who provide direct support to students with special education needs.



Your turn is coming soon.



Ontario's COVID-19 vaccine plan is helping to stop the spread and save lives. Thousands of people across the province are getting vaccinated every day.

As vaccinations continue, we need to stay the course to protect those we love. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. Keep your distance.

Find out when, where and how to get vaccinated at ontario.ca/covidvaccineplan or call 1-888-999-6488 for assistance in more than 300 languages.

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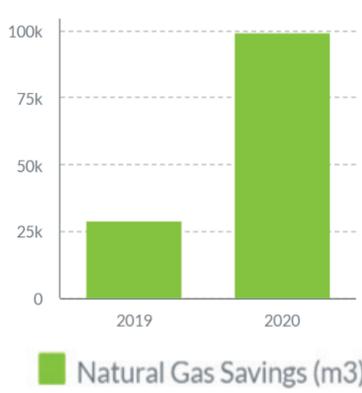


About the Corporate Strategic Plan...

King Township's 2019-2022 Corporate Strategic Plan was created based on Council's identified priorities for the existing term, which reflect the changing needs of their constituents. This plan was developed in alignment with King's governance framework that incorporates the Township's Vision, Mission and Values. The Corporate Strategic Plan sets the context for guiding the Township's long-term goals within a medium-term period as part of the Township's planning hierarchy. It will clearly define obligations and commitments of the Township of King to its citizens and the public.

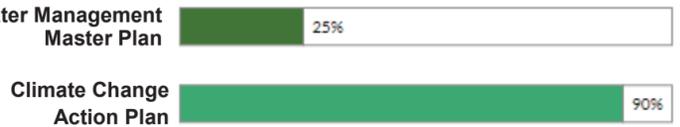
A GREEN & SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

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- 2 Corporate Greening Initiatives
- 10 Corporate Energy Saving Initiatives
- 2 Stormwater Initiatives



3 Water Conservation Initiatives

710 Trees Planted

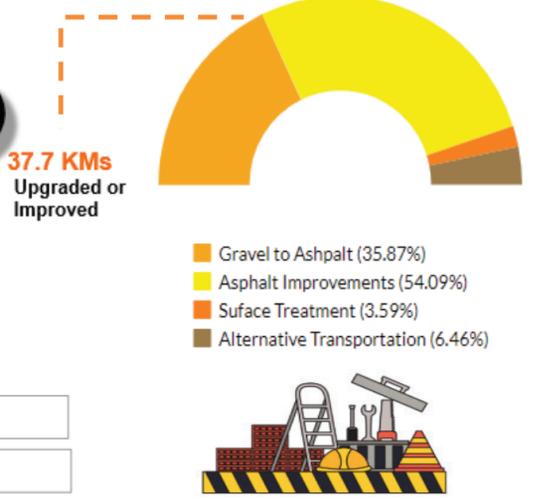


8 Waste Diversion Initiatives

9 Restoration Initiatives

INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE

- 2.5 KM New or Added Trails
- 4.5 KM Active Transportation Opportunities
- 1 Culvert/Bridge Improvement or Replacement
- 25 KMs Converted from Gravel to Paved
- 2 KMs of Streetscaping Designed or Constructed
- 11 Park Amenities Upgraded or Improved
- 6 Facilities Newly Construction or Renovated
- 1170 Properties/Homes With Newly Available Access to Broadband/Fibre
- 2 Financial By-laws Created or Updated



CULTIVATING SAFE, HEALTHY & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

- 7 NEW Inclusive Community Program Initiatives
- 3955 RISKS MITIGATED
- 152 Emergency Operations Center Exercises Undertaken
- 2 Traffic Safety Initiatives
- 18 NEW and Annual Traffic Safety Measures Implemented
- 13 NEW High Level Emergency Controls in Place
- 2019-2020 \$92,861 Community Improvement Grants
- 182 Joint Public Education Opportunities
- 27 Homes Visited for Smoke Alarm & Home Escape Programs
- 8 Improved Assets
- 19 NEW Businesses in King
- Asset Management Program: 25%

SERVICE DELIVERY EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION

- 480,000 Social Media Impressions
- 38 NEW Automated or Paperless Service Initiatives
- 12 NEW Online Services
- 6700 SPEAKING Engaged, Informed and Aware Users
- 123 NEW Active Website Users
- 3 NEW Communication Initiatives

- 9 NEW Functions or Services that can be Completed on a Mobile Device
- 10 Professional Development Programs Offered to Staff
- 31 NEW Policies & Procedures
- 9 Completed Action Items from Employee Survey 2.0
- 3 Regulatory By-laws (or Agreements) Created or Updated
- 100% Transportation Master Plan
- 100% W/WW Master Plan
- 100% 10 Year Paving Strategy
- 100% Active Transportation Strategy
- 75% Heritage and Culture Master Plan
- 10% Community Services Master Plan

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Caledon Basketball Academy: Who's coming and going

By Robert Belardi

It's been quite the interesting year for the Caledon Basketball Academy. Heck, it's almost as if the word "interesting" follows any kind of sports team now a days.

For the club this off-season, the academy has seen two of its players commit to universities in Canada on scholarships. We already saw Caledon's Izabella Zingaro play in the women's NCAA March Madness with the Iowa State Cyclones. That's a testament to how good the program is and how it sets up its players.

Here are two graduates from the academy this year and see where they are heading off to.

Abby Bodden

Age: 17

Favourite Basketball Team: Seattle Storm

Favourite Player: Arike Ogunbowale

Height: 5'9

Position: Shooting Guard

Just like most children, Abby Bodden began to love the game of basketball because of her parents. At a local park in her home province of British Columbia is where she began playing the sport at the age of seven. She eventually pursued an organized recreational league in grade six while attending Homma Elementary School.

Beginning her young basketball career as she knew as a guard, Bodden has played the position ever since. With noticeable talent all the way into high school the University of Windsor had their eyes on Bodden since her Grade 11 at McMath Secondary School. It was also during this time, Bodden and her mother made a tough decision.

"My whole family lives in Vancouver. My mother and I drove to Ontario from B.C and lived in a rental house in Caledon. I was nervous moving to Ontario because I'd never gone to a new

school or played on a different team. My teammates and coaches were very welcoming and the nerves went away quickly after I arrived," Bodden said.

Attending the academy meant that Bodden would be attending Humberview Secondary School for her final year. She would be going to school with her teammates and her mother became friends with the other parents on the team. It was her desire to come to the Caledon Basketball Academy because the club competes in the Ontario Scholastic Basketball Association (OSBA).

She came into Ontario showcasing her three-point shooting prowess. She continued to make the case for herself as to why she a top-notch guard. In October of last year, Bodden committed to the University of Windsor.

This coming year Bodden will be heading to Windsor to study Criminology and for fun, she might be bringing something along with her.

"I love sneakers! I have a lot of different sneakers and I love learning about the history about them! My favourite sneakers are Jordan 1s!"

Oluwatito "Tito" Akinnusi

From Kleinburg, Ontario

Height 5'10

Position: Guard

Age: 17

Favourite basketball team: Toronto Raptors

Favourite player: Arike Ogunbowale

Oluwatito "Tito" Akinnusi was a late bloomer to the game of basketball.

"I started playing basketball at age 12 when my family moved to Vaughan from Brampton in 2014. I tried out for the Grades 4-6 girls' basketball team at the Pierre Berton Public School and made the team even though it was my first tryout and I had never played competitive basketball before then," Akinnusi said.

She was the best player. She thrived in the program and was scouted to join

the Vaughan Panthers by the late Lionel Howell. Akinnusi took her basketball talents to Vaughan Secondary School where she played on the high school team part of YRAA (York Region Athletic Association) and the prep team involved in the OSBA.

Mid-way through she switched schools to Royal Crown Academic School in Scarborough and near the tail end she transferred one final time to Humberview Secondary School, joining the Caledon Basketball Academy in the process.

"The best part of my game is my versatility. I can play and guard any position. I am very comfortable with bringing up the basketball as the guard, playing both the high and low post and also being a spot up shooter."

Last year, the University of Saskatchewan began scouting Akinnusi and ultimately, she committed to join the Huskies back in November.

"I am looking forward to playing for Coach Lisa Thomaidis as she is the head coach of the Canadian women's national basketball team and she has

won two USPORTS National championships with the team."

Akinnusi will arrive with four championships, five tournament championships and five finalist medals over the course of her career. She will be looking forward to majoring in Psychology. Akinnusi loves to travel to new places and loves to play Mario games as her hobbies.

With the academy's graduates preparing for basketball life elsewhere, head coach Gord Everett would like to thank the club's sponsors for all of their efforts.

"Caledon Basketball Academy is grateful to T.Litzen/NIKE TEAM, Bolton Physiotherapy Clinic, RELIEF Therapy Clinic, Humberview Secondary School, the Peel District School Board, Scott Skimming of 310 Running and Scott Goodfellow for their continued support and sponsorship of the program," Everett said.

The program will be looking to Bolton natives Maya Chocano and Kate White, Brampton's Samantha Zoffranieri and Newmarket's Brittny Graves to lead the club into next year.

Team Canada receives another bump

By Robert Belardi

The Murphy Family Foundation is donating \$1 million dollars to the Canadian Olympic Foundation in support of Olympic athletes last Friday, communications of the Canadian Olympic Committee announced last Friday.

With the Olympic games set to begin on July 23, the foundation will be providing their funds through the Murphy Family Awards according to the press release.

"The Murphy Family were incredibly motivated by the sacrifices and struggles that Team Canada athletes have had to face over this past year, so for them to be the first family to step forward to create a national award like this, the Foundation is profoundly grateful, especially before back to back Games in Tokyo and Beijing," said Philanthropic Strategist and Communications lead Emmalee Nother.

"I think Glenn Murphy's quote says it best 'We have sat with many athletes and heard firsthand of their sacrifices and struggles to make ends meet. We were motivated to step up and help out.'"

According to the release, the Murphy Family Awards has selected six athletes to help out during this time. These athletes are Asia Hogan-Rochester from the Rugby Sevens, Melissa Humana-Parades and Sarah Pavan from Beach Volleyball (counted as one), Arthur Margelidon from Judo, Skylar Park from Taekwondo, Samantha Smith from Gymnastics-Trampoline and Laurence Vincent Lapointe from Canoe-Sprint.

"We have let the athlete recipients that were mentioned in the release know ahead of the release that they were the recipients of the awards and all were incredibly surprised, grateful and emotional, all thanking The Murphys, the Canadian Olympic Foundation and the Selection Committee for such a sizable gift at such a crucial time," Nother said.

"This Award will be recurring, with 10 athletes (summer and winter) receiving the award annually."

Athletes were chosen based on their personal endeavours and struggles. Four more athletes from the Winter Olympics will be selected at a later date.

Just earlier last month, the Olympians Supporting Olympians bursary was introduced by the athletes to support those in need. This effort backbones a well-rounded support system in Canada potentially for years to come.

Former Central York Panthers forward found her way back to the ice

By Robert Belardi

When Julia Cuccia was away at Brock University studying Psychology there was a lot that was missing. She had no true university experience due to COVID-19. But most of all hockey had seemed like a distant memory and that was something she was ready to change.

"I wasn't sure if I wanted to play. Not even being able to have the chance to play this past year made me realize this is a big part of my life and I didn't want to give it up," Cuccia said.

"And even with my mental health and everything I had to step back and take care of myself before I can go on with hockey and with life. That was really important. My coaches helped me realize that and even Central York, they're all about mental health and speaking up."

The Central York Panthers, who she remained with for most of her young hockey career, officially unveiled that Cuccia would be joining the USports OUA York University Lions women's hockey team last week on Instagram. Cuccia is also changing her program to Criminology with an aspiration of becoming a police officer and detective one day. Now she gets to enjoy both her education and being back on the ice.

With the help of Lions head coach Dan Church and Panthers junior coach Steve Dempsey this became possible. She is excited to join a well-coached program.

"The idea of what they're coaching over there I really like it. It suits my style as a hockey player and I thought it would be the best fit."

As a young girl, Cuccia began playing hockey after seeing her brothers play. She initially joined the Richmond Hill Stars as the lone girl on the team and immediately enjoyed what it meant to

be a part of a team.

Since joining the Central York Panthers organization from minor bantam onward, Cuccia has thrived in the program. She initially played defence until she was moved to play wing in the middle of a tournament and it stuck ever since. She moved up begin playing junior women's hockey when she was in Grade 10 (15 years old) for three seasons.

Playing hockey has developed her both as a player and a person. She was shy but the sport brought forth her confidence both on the ice and in the real world.

Off the ice, Cuccia has made quite the impact in the local community with the Panthers.

"The association would set up programs for the hockey team and we went to a woman's shelter and we helped out there. It felt unselfish and giving. I would participate in community service and better people and volunteering for younger children's hockey programs. It makes me feel like I'm giving back and helping people. I love to help out and assist the younger generation."

Cuccia is expected to begin in September of this year with York University.



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Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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Kettleby Cemetery

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Horticultural Society

Schomberg Horticultural Society's Plant Sale! Avoid long line-ups at the big box stores. Please support your society. Orders to be e-mailed to gorsline@sympatico.ca and placed by May 15. Strict Covid19 protocol in place. Pick

up by appointment only.

The SHS's "Virtual Plant" Sale this year will feature heirloom tomatoes, vegetables, herbs, perennials, annuals and shrubs. Curbside pick-up of purchases will happen by appointment only on May 21, 22, 23 and 24 at the Schomberg Community Farm and the orders must be placed by May 15. To do this contact Kathleen Gorsline at gorsline@sympatico.ca

The 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.

The Schomberg Horticultural Society is supporting "The Hope is Growing Campaign" by encouraging all residents, businesses and community groups in King Township to Plant Yellow For Hope! in their flower gardens, planters, boulevards and public spaces.

Check out www.hopeisgrowing.ca for further information.

Plant yellow for a chance to win a \$25

gift card from a local business. Just take a picture of your yellow masterpiece and submit it to SHSHopegarden@gmail.com anytime before Aug. 31.

It can be yellow vegetables, native plants, perennials or annuals. Just include your name, address and the common and scientific name of the plants. One entry per person. Good luck!

We welcome new members, for membership inquires please send an e-mail to: 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.

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

Schomberg Agricultural Society

As you all know, 2020 saw all the fairs in Ontario cancel their events.

The SAS was planning to hold a COVID Car Rally May 29 and 30. This would honour the traditional weekend of the fair. The hope was to raise spirits and crush the COVID blues, all to support the SAS and the future of our beloved Schomberg Agricultural Fair.

However, they have decided to postpone not cancel the Car Rally until perhaps June or July depending on the ramifications of this current Lockdown and our Province's status with COVID and the vaccine.

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

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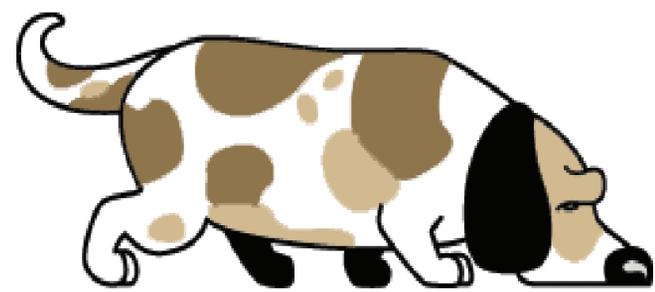
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Nobleton Notes

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

Under current government regulations, we are permitted 15% of our capacity for in-person worship, so if you would like to join us, you are welcome, but it is recommended that you reserve a place each week. Get to our online connection card at stpaulsnobleton.ca/connect to reserve your seat for Sunday. We will be glad to see you.

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach has begun a new series, "Epidemic in the Church: Spiritual Infancy." The third message in this 7-part series is entitled, "Life Together" based on Matthew 18.15-20. Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages anytime, also on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

A Bible Study for Youth continues via Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Our current Bible study is aimed toward teen girls. If you are interested in joining, or know of someone that might be, please contact Jenna at

jkdvm@gmail.com for more information.

Our women's Life Connect Group meets every Tuesday morning on Zoom at 9:30 a.m. Please contact the church using the connection card found on St. Paul's web page or contact Kim Newediuk at knewediuk@gmail.com.

On Thursday at noon the Women's Good News Fellowship meet every week also via zoom. Please contact the church using the connection card found on St. Paul's web page or give Marti Cross a call at 416-399-4536 for the Zoom link. These are safe groups where we can just dig a little deeper into the Word, as well as encourage each other.

St. Mary's Church

Due to the recent announcement by the Government of Ontario, our churches will remain closed for public worship until further notice.

The churches remain closed until May 20. Please see bulletin for Holy Communion Services at St. Patrick's Church.

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

Visit us on our Facebook page to join us for this virtual celebration of the Sunday liturgy.

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues every Sunday. We invite your children to join the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Zoom hosted by Rose and Merilena. For more information on how to join, please call Rose: 416-605-6843 or email: rosepallotto@gmail.com

Life Teen Parish Youth Group: Saturday, May 8 at 7:30 p.m. Calling all teens in Grades 7-12 to join our Life Teen - Life Night on Zoom. For Zoom link please contact our Youth Minister Zephania at 905-830-2644 or zephaniagangl315@gmail.com. Perfect for teens registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Holy Rosary Group: Don't forget to join us every Monday at 7 p.m. to pray the Holy Rosary on Zoom. Dial in 647-558-2588 and use meeting ID:980 5411 8568#.

Kindly share this bulletin with your families, friends, fellow parishioners, and councils, especially those who do not receive the bulletin via email.

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

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

Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches

By Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

Each Sunday I send out an email that includes the YouTube link to our weekly service as well as some music links to compliment 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.

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Donald "Ross" Gillies
April 13, 1940 - May 8, 2021
Ross passed away suddenly on Saturday, May 8th at 81 years of age. Survived by his wife Joan and his 3 sons, Don (Tracey), Wayne (Kristin) and Gregory. Grandpa to Taylor (Alex), Kyle, Carter and Kaitlin. Great Grandpa to Colton. As per his wishes, no service will be held. Cremation has taken place and Ross's ashes will be laid to rest in King City Cemetery.

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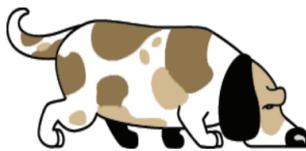
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King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

On Sunday, May 9 Rev Andrew Lee inspired us with a message entitled "Loving and Believing."

He explored the relationship of love and belief and in matters related to our neighbours, families and communities, noted that "humanitarianism is firmly rooted in the love of God." Ultimately, even when we are down and troubled and trying to cope with these times, we can still celebrate that the "divine DNA of God is love." Please join us on Sunday at 10 a.m. to worship with us virtually.

If you wish to view previous week's 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

Join us on Sunday, May 16 as we're online with our Sunday Conversations at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook Live. Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series The Church Defined: who we are vs. who we should be with a talk about how A Healthy Church - Proclaims the Word of God.

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 at standrews-kingcity.ca this Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Following the ser-

vice join us for "Coffee Fellowship." Get in touch with Lynn or Kathy at 905-833-0391 if you need the link or have any questions.

Lynn Vissers and the Rev. Connie Vissers (her daughter in-law) are continuing with our new series on the Fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22,23.

Last Sunday, Connie spoke about the second Fruit of the Spirit - "Joy" - even in adversity. Romans 15:13 states: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Through Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D) we can contribute to the India COVID Crisis - Humanitarian Coalition. Please Give Today. <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/>

Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. there is an opportunity to pray together. As the hymn says, "What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer." Contact Lynn for the Zoom link if you wish to join us or if you have prayer concerns or praises you'd like to share.

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. there is a virtual Bible Study looking at the last chapter of James 5. a.m. Let Lynn know if you need the link or are interested in other Bible Studies. We are using rightnow-media.org to which St. Andrew's has subscribed.

Virtual Art for the Soul is on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. This is a venue to be creative in different media along with friends. Contact Lynn for the Zoom link. All are welcome.

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

Contact Pastor Niyazi or Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship

at 416-878-8499 regarding their Sunday evening Bible Study during these new measures for Ontario.

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

Everyone is invited to share our on-line worship services. We offer regular full Morning Prayer Zoom services every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with recorded hymns by our cantor David Foster and recorded organ interludes. Compliment every Sunday by Zoom is at 7 p.m. and Zoom Prayer time on Fridays at 10 a.m.

Our full pre-recorded Morning Prayer is available on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/allsaintsking, or on our website www.allsaintsking-city.com To be advised of Zoom info call the church at 905 833 5432.

True Friendship: A Sermon by Rev. Michael Peterson on the Sixth Sunday of Easter - from the reading from John 5: 5I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

"Friendship isn't what it used to be. Think about Facebook friends. If we can unfriend the people that annoy us on Facebook, are they really friends?"

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King's Corners

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Are the people we meet from networking on LinkedIn, really friends, or just people who might help us find work?

I think the number of true trusted

friends we can count on when we need them is far fewer than the number of "friends" we might have on social media.

"There are three aspects of what Jesus means by friendship:

Friendship is doing God's will;

Friendship is self-sacrificial;

Friendship with God and God's peo-

ple gives us true joy.

"Jesus taught, 'You are my friends if you do what I command you'. Can you be friends with someone if you have to take orders from them? It's difficult to be a manager and a friend. As we read on in the gospel, we realize that Jesus is not making his friendship conditional. In fact, he says 'You did not choose me, but I chose you' (17). Jesus has chosen friends who will do anything but what he commands them to do. He has chosen Judas, the friend who will betray him, and Peter, who will deny him. The only possible explanation is that Jesus gives his friendship because he is doing his Father's will. and it is God's will that the disciples know they are loved. Friendship in John's gospel is thus rooted in obeying God, who wants nothing more for us than for us to know that we are loved, and to allow that love to work in us and through us to others.

"Friendship with Jesus is self-sacrificial and has a cost. The cost may not be drastic - few of us will be asked to die for a friend, though we might be called

on to pay a steep price - an organ donation, a call to some extravagant generosity. We will certainly pay a price in our time, talent, and treasure. Friendship is only costly if we stop thinking of friendship as something that ultimately works to our advantage.

"Jesus is also clear that friendship with God has its rewards. Jesus tells the disciples: 'I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete' (Jn 15.12). Imagine knowing a joy that isn't just a mood swing, but a deep down, soul sustaining happiness in knowing that you are loved and that everything will ultimately be ok because the good shepherd will never abandon you?"

"Let me finish with a practical example of what this kind of friendship might look like. All Saints has suffered financially during Covid, and our offerings are down this year. As you know, our offerings keep our church beautiful and in good repair, ready to reopen to show God's love and grace to King Township."

Nobleton Notes

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

Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club is alive and well and practicing physical distancing, as mandated by health authorities. Like many other groups, we meet via Zoom at our regular meeting times, and continue to operate to the extent allowed. The Club has proactively reached out to those organizations which we usually support, to offer financial aid in line with what we typically provide.

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

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

The Club has participated in Township sponsored and organized cleanup

activities, and is planning to help with further cleanups later in April, and a tree planting in May. All activities adhere to mandated COVID protocols.

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

The Club continues to offer a free service to people in self-isolation and others unable to leave their homes. The Lions are providing a delivery service for Pharmasave prescriptions. Just call Club president Rick Evans, and we will drop packages outside your door, contact free.

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.

Free webinars from Climate Action King

Climate Action King has presented an exciting series of free webinars explaining the pros and realities of using an electric vehicle.

The group extends its thanks to Keith Beckley for creating the presentation and then sharing his extensive, first-hand knowledge with the participants. Thanks to many neighbours for attending, asking such great questions, and expressing your interest.

Many residents also answered the surveys and provided the group with valuable feedback for future webinars. It is interesting to learn that most of us learned new things and more than half of respondents will now consider an EV in the future.

Does your home or business need a new furnace any time soon?

The next set of free webinars will teach you how to more-comfortably heat and cool your home and business without a furnace and without using any fossil fuels.

On May 19 and June 16, at 7 p.m., the same 30-minutes presentation will be followed by different discussions/questions. Register for the sessions at www.climateactionking.ca

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This might NOT be the time to renovate!



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The Big Tuna of Real Estate

This might be an odd statement to hear coming from the Renovating Realtor, however, in my opinion, this is not the time to renovate unless it is necessary.

THIS PANDEMIC has made prices increase in most consumer products. However, some of the highest price increases are in the housing sector. As we all know, home prices in the GTA and elsewhere have skyrocketed. This has led to many homeowners fixing their homes up either in hopes of obtaining a higher price when they sell or to avoid the steep cost of moving to a larger home in this frantic market.

Stay at home orders have caused homeowners to look more closely at their homes and want to improve them. The result of all of these factors is that the desire for home improvements has never been greater.

As a result, homeowners are flocking to hardware and supply stores to make improvements to their homes or seeking out a good contractor to do the work. When they do, the universal reaction is shock. Little projects can cost a fortune.

The cost of lumber is unbelievable. Lumber has increased by nearly 40% from last year. According to Natural Resources Canada, Eastern spruce-pine-fir two-by-fours were selling for \$1,400 per thousand board feet in March 2021, and Western spruce-pine-fir two-by-fours for \$1,200. In March 2020, these prices were between \$550 and \$600 per thousand board feet. This is a huge increase that will drastically change the budget of your renovation or new home build. New homes in the GTA are expected to add close to \$36,000 to new builds due to the increased cost.

On top of high costs, the supply chain is currently unreliable. Tile, electrical components, tools, trim, windows, insulation etc. are not available in the same way they were before the pandemic. This can result in materials not arriving on time or even at all during a renovation. For example, there is currently a surge in demand for drywall despite the huge price increase and, the big box stores cannot keep it on their shelves and cannot restock it fast enough to meet demand. Therefore, simple things like hooking up new breakers in your panel could take months instead of hours. All these delays compound and add up to more and more time your renovation may take to complete.

Lastly, trades are charging more for two reasons. First, the demand for contractors is very high so securing a good contractor means that you will be paying them a lot more than what you would have paid when there was less demand. Second, doing a renovation in today's climate takes much more work and planning. For example, dealing with curbside and phone-in orders adds a lot more time, which is charged to the customer.

My advice to you if you're thinking of doing a renovation, (advice I never thought I would give) is to postpone an optional renovation. Wait until supply and pricing stabilize, which is expected to occur in 2022. Once you start a renovation, you're pretty much committed to its completion. The last thing you would want to do is take a bathroom offline for months when it should normally have been weeks. However, if your situation permits and you can handle the overages and time delays, then go for it! Just make sure you know what you're getting into before the first hammer goes through the drywall.

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3 hacks to help you say goodbye to allergens in the home

(NC) Battling the sneezes and sniffles is never easy, but a few simple tricks can help keep allergies to a minimum this year.

CLEAN AIR

You probably focus your energy on dusting surfaces and even hitting those high-up shelves, but are you making time to clear the dust from your vents? Air conditioning vents and separate units gather dust quickly, which get scattered into the air we breathe when we start to blast the AC. Make dusting your vents part of your weekly clean-up.

CLOSED WINDOWS

A nice breeze can feel refreshing, but it's not always worth it if it leaves you sneezing and feeling congested. Keep an eye on pollen reports from your local weather site and close your windows on high-pollen days. If you must have your windows open, consider investing in an air purifier to help filter out allergens.

FRESH FABRICS

You wash your clothes, so why wouldn't you wash household fabrics? Fabric traps allergens and can trigger allergies. If you throw pillows or furniture have removable covers, consider washing and vacuuming them a couple of times a year. Also try to wash your bed linens once a week and duvet covers bi-weekly.

Investing in an efficient washer and dryer can be the first step towards an allergy-friendly home. The LG WashTower is a great solution, easily tackling allergens with its specially designed wash cycle with steam technology. Learn more about its sanitizing and cleaning capabilities at lg.ca.

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Purge unnecessary and unused or forgotten items in advance of the move, so there's less to pack. Donate items where possible and trash the remaining where necessary in advance of closing day. At each buyer visit the home may look different, and creating a to-do list of changes, plans, measurements, and ideas will help when the list is later prioritized by importance.

Fragile goods, priceless items, jewelry and other valuables should be boxed separately and kept safely with the Buyer(s) to move on their own to limit risk. Keep all identification documents in a safe, accessible location as these documents will be needed again before closing day.

When boxing up belongings work room by room and label as thoroughly as possible, which may help speed up the unboxing and organizing in the new space. Movers or moving helpers should ideally be booked after the official closing date in case the official closing doesn't occur until late in the day.

While the home purchased may be left tidy and in broom swept condition cleaning each room to exacting standards and freshening up the air will be much easier while the home is empty. Arriving with cleaning supplies and equipment to get floors, surfaces and cabinets, washrooms and more shining before you unload belongings will already improve the moving experience. Buyers planning changes to wall colour, flooring and beyond find it easier to finish these home improvements prior to moving in officially.

If the weather is warmer, plan to enjoy the yard and assess if decks and fences will need refinishing or repair for the safety of those living in the home. Check if the gutters require cleaning and if extenders will be needed to divert precipitation collection away from the home.

Closing day is a perfect day to change batteries in smoke detectors, and each floor should have a working unit that has not expired. The laundry area

gets so much use, and initially, if there is an existing dryer, pull the unit away and thoroughly clean the dryer vent duct area from the machine to the home exterior. Lint collects in these vents and is highly flammable. This is often the time when buyers may opt to additionally have their air ducts cleaned to improve the quality of airflow in the home.

Personalizing the house will make it feel like a home in no time, and the hard work in moving will be well worth the time and organized effort.

- Written by Connie Power

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Designer tips for your laundry room

(NC) No longer just for utility or something to hide behind closed doors, the laundry room has evolved to become a multifunctional space designed to be both beautiful and efficient. To help you refresh yours, Jane Lockhart, award-winning designer, shares her top design trends:

FUNCTIONALITY FIRST

Before you decide to experiment with colours and various textures, you'll want to think of the main tasks you need to complete while in this space. The number one request designers get asked when upgrading a laundry room is counter space. Whether you add a flat surface on top or beside the machines, having a clean, large expanse to spread out and fold laundry is a must.

MULTIPURPOSE FIXTURES

The laundry room is now used for much more than washing and drying clothes, and is becoming the cleaning hub for the entire home. We're seeing larger, raised sinks installed with shower fixtures for dog washing, full-sized showers to clean up before entering the rest of the house and, of course, storage for the mudroom.

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HAVE FUN AND PERSONALIZE

Treat your laundry room like any other room in your home. Update floors with attractive luxury vinyl, then decorate with a colourful rug, hardy plants and cheerful art. To brighten up the space, move your laundry room to a sunny area in the house for natural lighting.



If that's not an option, recessed lights on dimmers are a great solution that let you set the ambience.

ADD ENTERTAINMENT

The laundry room can even appeal to your sense of sound. Wireless audio speakers fit into the palm of your hand, taking no space at all. So, bring music or audio books with you while folding the laundry or waiting for the spin cycle to finish.

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Home organization hacks you can tackle in 15 minutes

(NC) Home improvement projects enhance your living spaces, but it can be hard to find the motivation to tackle bigger ones. As many of us have been spending more time at home recently, here are some ideas for smaller tasks you can do that have a big impact.

REPURPOSE CARDBOARD We've all been shopping online more than ever and probably have plenty of extra boxes lying around. Upcycle them by cutting into strips to serve as drawer divider inserts that can organize everything from folded clothes to kitchen utensils.

ORGANIZE FACE MASKS We all have reusable face masks lying around and keeping them tidy can be hard especially if you have a big family. Hanging shower curtain hooks on a rod on the wall by your entryway or clothes hanger in the front hall closet is a great way to store them neatly.

REVIEW YOUR INSURANCE An essential part of putting your home in order is making sure you have the right insurance coverage to protect your property and belongings.

"If you plan to make improvements to your living space while working from home, it's important to take the time to review your insurance contract with your broker or agent to make sure you have the coverage you need," says Kristen Gill, head of personal insurance at Aviva Canada.

"For example, if you plan to renovate your basement, consider asking about coverage for basement flooding and how to reduce water damage risk by including a sump pump or backwater valve."

INSTALL A DESK PEGBOARD After nearly a year of working and learning remotely, most of us have created a setup that works. But if you have papers, pens and charge cords lying around, a pegboard can help you get organized. Paint it in a fun colour that matches your décor, and hang rods, hooks and planters to sort your trinkets.

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(NC) A healthy yard is a beautiful way to add value to your property. It also enhances the environment by filtering rainwater, attracting birds and good insects, and absorbing pollution.

Regular maintenance and a watchful eye for potential problems are ways to make the most of your personal oasis while contributing to a beautiful, vibrant urban environment. Here are some tips to help make your outdoor space one of the best on the block:

MOW HIGH. Keeping the blade of the lawnmower raised for a 2.5 to 3-inch cut is best because it helps a strong root system develop in the lawn and discourages weed growth.
DON'T WATER TOO OFTEN. By watering deeply and infrequently you can encourage deep root growth. Water in the morning and you'll lose less moisture to evaporation.

KEEP AN EYE OPEN FOR PESTS. A small number of weeds or bugs is nothing to worry about, and if you catch a problem before it gets out of hand you will have an easier time dealing with it.

If your problem reaches a point where you need to use a pesticide, just follow the label. Products on store shelves are approved by Health Canada before they are made available to consumers to ensure they're safe for people, pets and the environment. Be sure to avoid creating or using homebrews that have not been evaluated for safety.

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4 ways to embrace the space beneath your deck

(NC) Many of us don't realize that the space below a deck can offer tremendous potential. With a little creativity and the simple addition of an under-deck drainage system, the area can be used for any number of purposes, from storage to additional living space.

Using a network of troughs and downspouts, deck drainage systems divert water away from a deck, protecting the area underneath and allowing it to be outfitted with everything from furnishings to ceiling fans, lighting and entertainment components.

Here are four ways to embrace the space beneath a deck.

1 Dine al fresco. An open-air dining area takes any meal from ordinary to extraordinary. Think beyond the traditional grill and patio furnishings to create an elegant gathering spot below the deck complete with a large dining table and cozy area for post-meal stargazing. Incorporate soffit lights into the ceiling to enhance ambiance and extend the usability of the space.

2 Grill in the great outdoors. From birthday parties to barbecues, there's no need to miss a moment of fun with a fully equipped outdoor kitchen. With the Trex Rain Escape system, which installs above the joists of the deck, gas lines and electrical wiring can be run safely and discreetly between the deck surface and a soffit ceiling to accommodate whatever may be on the menu.

3 Watch TV whatever the weather. Outdoor fun is no longer at the mercy of the weather. Whether you're looking to catch a big game or indulge in the latest must-watch binge, nothing beats an open-air entertainment area outfitted with all the comforts of home and situated just steps away from refreshment refills and a restroom.

4 Store with style. When properly shielded from the elements, the space beneath a deck is ideal for storage. Seasonal items such as pool equipment, patio furniture and yard games can be safely tucked away — impervious to animals, insects and moisture. Depending on size, this space can even be used to house lawnmowers, bicycles and recreational vehicles.

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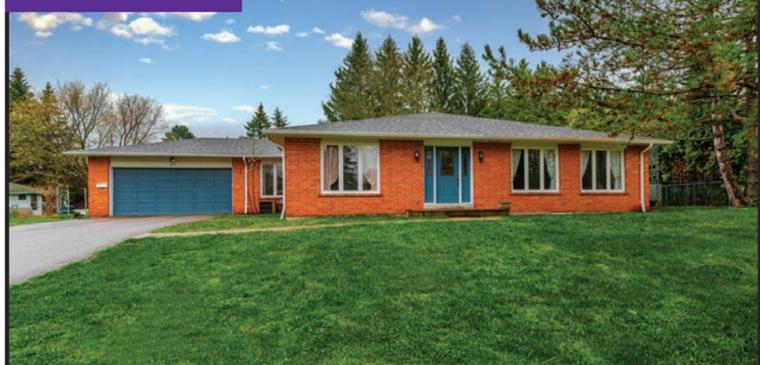


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Top outdoor living trends

(NC) With more time being spent at home, people are reimagining how to maximize the comfort and function of their exterior spaces. In fact, outdoor living design has never been more inventive. Here are the top trends expected to shape backyards across the country this summer:

OUTDOOR OFFICES As working and learning from home continue, contractors report increased interest in outdoor spaces that can accommodate professionals and students. Requests for stylish sheds, cottages and pergolas are on the rise.

A relatively easy addition, a pergola creates the look and feel of an outdoor room while adding a distinct architectural element. Of course, its main purpose is providing shade — essential for enhancing visibility of laptops and devices, as well as offering relief on hot days.

TAKE THE PLUNGE Between travel restrictions and closings of community pools, homeowners are taking the plunge and installing swimming pools, hot tubs and ponds in their own backyards. To give these additions a finished look, surround them with high-performance composite decking such as Trex. Unlike wood, this low-maintenance alternative won't rot, warp, stain or fade and never needs sanding, staining or sealing.

LUXURY STAYCATION Fueled by the drastic decline in travel, interest in replicating the sophisticated style and comforts of luxury hotels and resorts has grown. From plush towels and plumped pillows to outdoor

accents like fire tables, water features and industrial-style railing, commercially inspired designs can give any outdoor space the essence of an extravagant staycation.

GIVE IT A TRY WITH DIY The DIY category has exploded, with more people rolling up their sleeves and tackling even the most challenging home improvements. Ambitious DIYers are turning to YouTube and sites like decks.com for inspiration, motivation and how-to tips, saving time and money in the process and earning some serious bragging rights.

One popular and doable DIY project is building or resurfacing a deck with hassle-free composite material. In most cases, it can be completed over the course of a weekend with just a little know-how and the help of some friends.

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Household must-haves for spring



(NC) Spring is a time for refreshing and renewing, and that includes the spaces in your home. As you declutter and reorganize, here are some essentials every home needs this season:

FRESH PAINT COLOURS

A quick fix to instantly revitalize any room is a new coat of paint, so be sure to have some on hand. A small can for touch-ups is great to have on standby, as well as some bold or pastel colours to upcycle an old dresser or flowerpots for an easy way to achieve a new look.

BASKETS OF ALL SIZES

Most of us are doing some tidying now, and that means you'll need to sort the items you end up keeping so they're easy to find and don't look messy. Baskets of all shapes, sizes and materials are great organization tools that work in the bedroom, living room, bathroom and kids' play area. Keeping extras at home so you don't have to go to the store each time you need one is also a timesaver.

COVID CARE ITEMS

Our must-haves have expanded recently to include sanitizer, wipes and masks, so make sure you have plenty of these at home so you're not scrambling when you run out. With all of us washing our hands more frequently, a good moisturizer is also indispensable. Made from a deeply hydrating natural substance found in sheep's wool, Medela's Purelan lanolin cream is a great option for protecting your skin's outer layer while rebalancing natural moisture levels from within.

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Real Estate Market Update – Aurora



Steady Push For Home Sweet Home

Vigorous Home sales continued in April, ending the month with 190 homes sold firm in Aurora, 3 more than last month and a whopping 375% increase in purchases over last year when many froze from taking action in the real estate market to purchase in wake of COVID-19 concerns.

The median price for all home types in Aurora was \$1,200,000, marginally up from March. At the end of the month, there were 152 homes available to purchase, with 268 homes placed on the market in total. Approximately 15 percent fewer homes were placed for sale in April compared to March. This, in part, maybe due to the COVID-19 stay-at-home order across the province of Ontario. What we can see is Buyers are still taking action, and Sellers in April typically received 105 percent of their asking price with homes selling on average within 10 days. What were the average prices for detached homes in Aurora? There were 125 detached homes purchased, and 95 of them were two storeys at a median price of \$1,350,000.

Year-to-date sales numbers are up by 110 percent over 2020. There have been 575 sales in Aurora at a

median price of \$1,165,000 for all home types compared to \$889,000 at the end of April 2020, and homes are on average selling ten days sooner at 13 days on the market. There have been 71 percent more homes available to choose from for sale in 2021 as well, so with safety top of mind in these COVID-19 challenging times and vaccination roll-outs steadily improving more homes may be placed for sale in the coming months.

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CREATE YOUR *dream cottage retreat*

(NC) With regional travel on the rise, the cottage has become the ultimate destination for staycations or working remotely. If you've just purchased a cottage or are looking for land so you can start from scratch, here are some tips to help make your dream a reality. If you're starting from scratch:

MAP OUT YOUR VISION.

Before building, map out a plan and consider the location. Are you looking for a waterfront retreat or the perfect south-facing sunny spot? Also, consider how close you want your neighbours to be.

FIND THE RIGHT LOCAL PARTNER.

Taking your dream cottage from blueprint to full build is a big job. That's why it's so important to find a building partner who not only has all the materials you need to customize your vacation home but is also close to the jobsite and understands the terrain and local challenges.

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CREATE A FOUR-SEASONS RETREAT.

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upgrading windows and doors and wildlife proofing by filling in holes in walls and cupboards. Purchase the right storage solutions for garbage and gardening products, and don't forget to protect seasonal fixtures and toys with the appropriate coverings for the cold winter months.

CONSIDER SIMPLE UPGRADES.

Small, budget-friendly upgrades can go a long way towards enhancing your cottage. Refresh tired walls with a new coat of paint or update door handles and dresser knobs to renew old furniture. Improve the ambiance by incorporating decorative pillows, throw blankets and accent lighting. Bunkie or shed kits are both turnkey ways to expand your space while updating your property.

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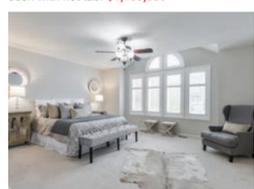
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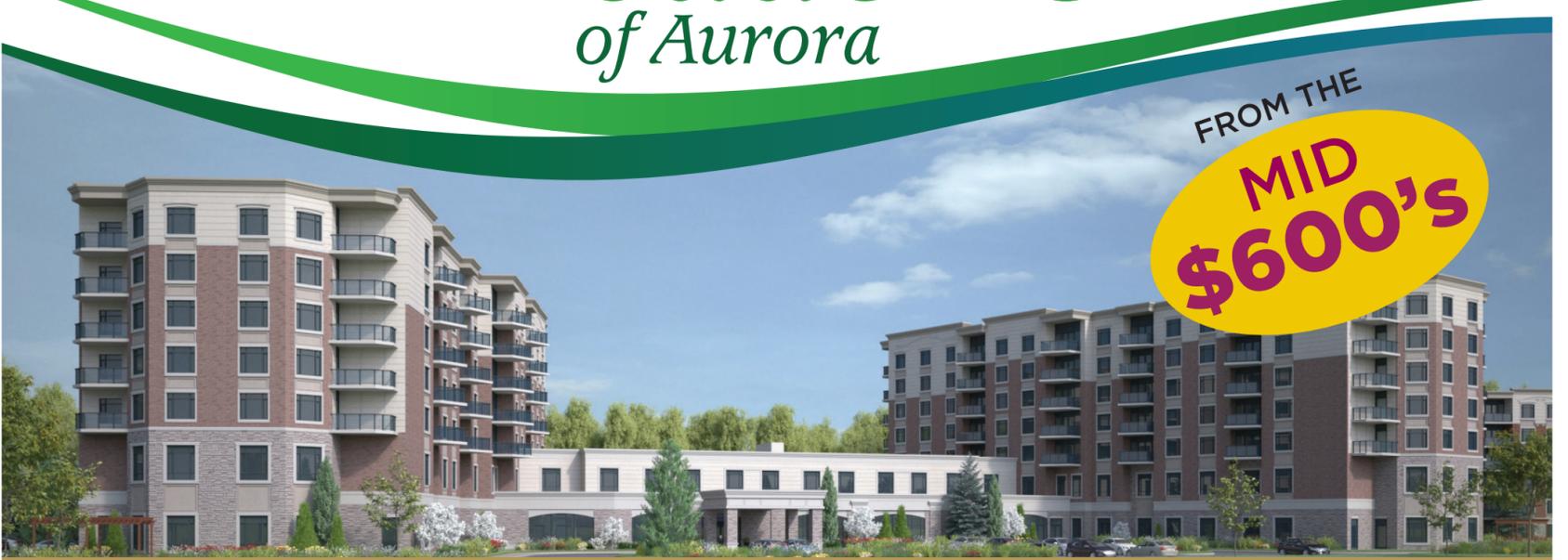
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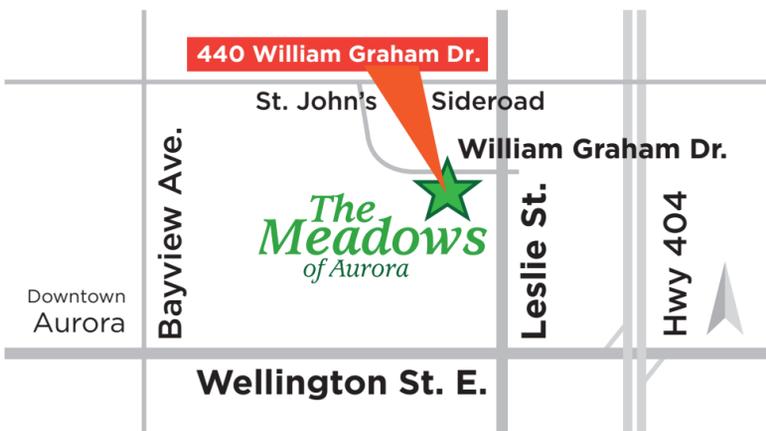
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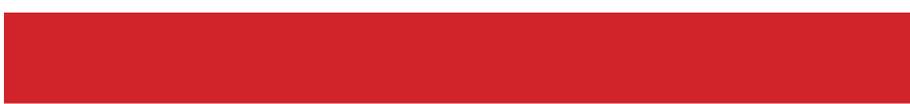
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Easy DIYs that instantly transform any space: 3 projects you can do in a weekend

(NC) The return of warmer weather doesn't just mean the start of summer, it's also the kickoff to home improvement season. Every home deserves a light, airy refresh to embrace a brighter season ahead. Fortunately, transforming your space doesn't mean you need a big budget or a lot of time.

Elevate your home in just one weekend with these easy DIY projects inspired by Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert.

GO FOR FAUX WALLPAPER From painting one wall a bold colour or adding interest with a stylish painted arch, there are endless options for creating a focal point in your space with colour. This season, accent walls are going graphic and taking inspiration from wallpaper — with a lot less fuss.

“Whether you choose polka dots, thin lines or an intricate pattern, this transformation is an easy way to give any space personality,” shares Grech. “This project is perfect for those looking to get creative — use a stencil for flawless results in no time.”

MAKE A STATEMENT WITH YOUR STAIRCASE It can feel daunting to paint an entire room, especially if you want to do it yourself. Instead, look for small projects that make a significant impact, such as painting your stair risers. Whether you want to add an unexpected

pop of colour or take a tonal approach by alternating between shades of grey like Feather Gray 2127-60 and Pike's Peak Gray 2127-50, Advance interior paint delivers a durable, furniture-like finish on wood surfaces so that you can achieve professional results in a weekend.

WELCOME WITH VIBRANT DOORS Painting your front door is an easy way to boost your home's curb appeal, but who says you can't make an immediate impact by painting your interior doors?

“If you lean towards a neutral palette, painting a door in an energizing hue like Marblehead Gold HC-11 can help you incorporate a splash of colour into your home without committing to an entire wall,” explains Grech. If you're hesitant to introduce a vibrant colour, she suggests Palladian Blue HC-144 for a subtle facelift.

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Easy ways to transform your space for summer at home

(NC) Most of us are putting off vacations for another year, which means our homes have to work double duty to provide that sense of escape and fulfill our wanderlust. Create a space that inspires your imagination by following these tips:

UPDATE YOUR DÉCOR Adding some new decorative elements is a fun, budget-friendly way to completely change the look of your home and evoke a dream destination. Wishing you could visit Paris? Hang some black and white photos of iconic scenes from beloved French films in your living room. Fantasizing about a Caribbean beach trip? Crisp white linens, some teal throw pillows and colourful artwork in your bedroom can quickly transport you far away.

CREATE AN AMBIANCE Music has a way of completely transforming your surroundings and taking you somewhere else, so play it often when you need a moment of escapism. Enjoy commercial-free music and artist-dedicated channels from Tom Petty, U2, Diplo, Willie Nelson and more on the SiriusXM app. Or, if you feel like turning your living room into a comedy club, you'll also find the best of talk, entertainment and comedy programming.

EMBRACE YOUR OUTDOORS Finding new uses for outside areas can help you maximize your living space and create a mini getaway on your property. Add a wicker chair and bold outdoor area rug to your porch to make it a cozy place to read a good book. Set out a bistro table on your patio or balcony to enjoy breakfast al fresco before logging into work. Or convert your shed into a hobby room where you can paint or practice yoga.

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