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Strategic plan goals continue to be met

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The majority of goals continue to be met in King's four-year Corporate Strategic Plan.

Staying on track required a lot of dedication and pivoting by Township staff, in light of major challenges presented by the pandemic.

Staff provided an update on year two (2020) to councillors, during the last virtual council meeting.

The 2019-2022 plan sets out a detailed course of action in four main areas that include a green and sustainable future; investing in infrastructure; cultivating healthy and resilient communities, and innovative service delivery. Performance in these areas and more are measured through Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

Township staff is making tremendous progress in the key action items. Staff noted 93% of these are completed or progressing as planned. Only 8% of community bene-

fits are not meeting goals.

The biggest gains were made in infrastructure and service delivery.

A total of 37.7 kilometres of Township roads were upgraded or improved and 11 park amenities were upgraded.

Interestingly, the pandemic resulted in 85 innovations and improvements to certain processes at the Township. Major staff realignment, website improvements and remote working changes have actually increased efficiency in many ways.

Staff pointed out that the COVID-19 pandemic did interfere with many areas of the plan.

Progress on the 2020 tree management plan was halted, largely due to a hiring freeze in seasonal employees in the parks division.

There were also no fossil fuel reductions or savings because the Township had to use more vehicles because of distancing protocols.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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>

Wednesday, June 9
5 pm – Audit Committee virtual meeting
6 pm – Special Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings (Virtual Meeting) for the Purpose of Finance Department - 2020 Audit Reporting
Virtual meetings live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

Monday, June 14
6 pm – Council and Committee of the Whole
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Wednesday, May 26
6 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.

Thursday, June 3
6 pm – Heritage Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing cpang@king.ca by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Tuesday, June 8
6 pm – Accessibility Advisory Committee (Virtual Meeting – Not Live-Streamed). If you wish to participate in the meeting virtually, register by emailing dmoratto@king.ca by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

Thursday, June 10
7 pm – Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board (electronic meeting)

BID NOTICES

For all bid opportunities, please visit the Township of King's website www.king.ca, click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.
Or visit on the following link
<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

• Museum Collections Assistant (student) – closes May 21
• Museum Program Assistant (student) – closes May 21
Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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.

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

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 5

PUBLIC NOTICES



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

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

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

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

LATEST UPDATES

York Region and King Township are currently in the 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 24, 2021, York Region residents age 18+ who live or work in any of York Region's 16 high priority areas and people who cannot work from home (Group 1 and Group 2) 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>.

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.



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Survey closes May 20th

Spring Street Sweeping

Street sweeping in King Township has been, for the most part, completed, with a few areas left to clean up. We thank residents for their patience and for not parking on the streets during the work.

Municipal water flushing

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



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York expands vaccine eligibility to those 18+

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

Anyone 18 years of age and older living or working in York Region can book an appointment for their COVID-19 vaccination.

This follows an announcement from the Ontario government to accelerate vaccine eligibility requirement for all Ontario residents age 18+.

Approximately 51,000 appointments for vaccines will be available and can be booked by visiting york.ca/COVID19Vaccine

COVID-19 vaccines are available to the following:

All adults (18+) living or working in York Region (born in 2003 or earlier).

Individuals 16+ who are health care workers or cannot work from home (Group 1 and 2) as identified in Ontario's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan.

Individuals 16+ with highest, high and at-risk health conditions as identified in Ontario's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan, including pregnant individuals.

The Province added certain high-risk health care workers to the list of those eligible to receive their second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine earlier than the extended four-month (16-week) interval. Eligible high-risk health care workers who have already received a first dose can book their second dose appointment at york.ca/COVID-19Vaccine

York Region residents age 18+ can also book a vaccination appointment at any participating pharmacy in the province.

York Region continues to open new vaccination appointments each week and offer a variety of opportunities for residents to be vaccinated in their community. York Region is working with hospital, local mu-

nicipal, provincial and community partners to currently offer a pop-up clinic for individuals living in L3S and L6G postal codes.

Currently, nearly 600,000 York Region residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. This represents more than 61% of the Region's adult population.

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

York Region Public Health is working with local health care partners to provide COVID-19 vaccines at various locations across York Region. Clinic dates and times vary for each location. Please visit york.ca/COVID19Vaccine for specific clinic details.

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

Given the expected high volume of web activity and telephone support, wait times may be longer than usual and services disruptions on york.ca may occur. Please continue to be patient.

As a result of no-shows and/or cancelled appointments, additional vaccine supply may become available and a small number of appointments may appear through the online booking systems. Residents are encouraged to check back often for appointments that may become available.

York Region will continue to publicly communicate new online booking opportunities through multiple communication channels, including york.ca, social media and our media and community partners.

To ensure all appointments are available to those who are eligible, we encourage residents to book only one appointment per person and cancel any appointments they do not intend to use.

Progress made in 2nd year of plan

From Front Page

The Township did, however, see a 300% increase in natural gas savings, along with reduced electricity use.

Work was halted on the Community Engagement Plan (CEP) and Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP).

The majority (70%) of community benefits in 2020 were heading in the right direction.

These included decreased facility emissions and lower energy consumption. Last year's road improvement program saw a 9% increase in roads and bridges in top condition, and a 3% increase in pedestrian/cyclist friendly roads in King. Greater access (17% increase) to broadband and fibre was achieved last year.

Online services to the public rose 10% and a whopping 350% increase in community engagement was achieved through virtual and proactive measures.

Some 38 new policies and procedures were developed last year.

The pandemic cancelled all in-person programs at the Township and this saw a major loss in revenue for the municipality. It wasn't all bad news, as Township staff quickly pivoted and offered many virtual programs and activities, including "Camp in Box." The end result, however, was a massive, 90% drop in attendance, down to 3,000 in 2020, from 33,000 in 2019.

"The Township of King made significant progress in Year 2 (2020) of its four-year Corporate Strategic Plan, despite the challenges faces as a result of COVID-19," staff reported. "Monitoring KPIs and community benefits will continue to drive desired improvements."

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- Michael Connelly

Will a distanced workforce become the norm?

In these times of remote living, we've adopted a completely new mind set. Our brains are now configured via YouTube and various virtual meeting platforms.

We're as one-dimensional as our on-screen images. We lack colour, umph and a certain je ne sais quoi.

With increased vaccinations, when will remote work end?

After 18 months of isolation and forced confinement, we're tired.

We've become accustomed to online learning for our kids. Some of us have grown to like distanced virtual meetings and chats. Some have become quite adept at online shopping and ordering essentials.

With the aggressive vaccination program taking place here and across the country, the light may be at the end of the tunnel. Let's hope it's not the headlight of yet another oncoming COVID train!

When things start to bounce back and return to "normal," what will society and the workforce look like?

Will everything suddenly snap back to the way it was, pre-COVID? Will the hands of time magically turn back and we'll all just continue merrily along?

I doubt it.

If you look at white collar business, government and even education, there have been many innovations and improvements. Efficiencies have been found and created, often out of necessity. Nevertheless, if companies find they can get by, and do well, with less, they will. Less meaning fewer bodies.

Greater online presence and automation can only spell misery for part of our workforce.

If the summer of 2021 comes and goes with fewer meaningful employment opportunities, it could spell disaster. Many



Mark Pavilons

young people, and in fact all of those displaced already, need to get a job. They need to work and generate income.

There have already been irreparable losses to the retail and service sector in this province. Doors will remain closed. Those on the brink before the pandemic have surely plunged into the abyss.

I hear comments from "experts" on how Canadians will spend their "COVID savings." What savings?

Sure, very few of us went on vacation last summer, but that's hardly a savings. We haven't gone on a family vacation in many years.

With increases in the cost of groceries, gas, building supplies, car parts, etc., we're losing ground financially. Our take-home pay is getting gobbled up faster than we can earn it.

Despite promises of cuts in utility

rates, my hydro and gas bills are growing.

There's no relief in many other "necessities" like cell service, cable and internet. These companies continue to make record profits, pandemic or not.

Some businesses may opt for a balance between remote working and in-person working once the pandemic ends, with hybrid models.

According to HR firm Peninsula Canada, employers should consider how either arrangement might affect operations, as well as the wishes of their workforce. There will be a percentage of workers who have grown accustomed to remote work and won't want to go back to commuting once it is safe for workplaces to reopen. Calling all staff back the minute government orders are relaxed could lead to resentment and work refusals.

To ease staff back into the workplace, employers can consider calling staff back on a rotational basis or staggering shift start and end times. As an alternative, employers can give workers the flexibility of choosing which days to come into office and working remotely the rest of the week.

The best HR approach, Peninsular says, will be a balance between meeting the requirements of the business and the wishes of staff. Employers should take into consideration that all businesses are unique and that solutions will have to be as well.

Soon, we will all have received the first dose of the COVID vaccine. The debate continues on which one is best, and which will stand the test of time when

second doses are administered later this year.

It's not really known whether we will achieve full mass immunity. That means some of our COVID habits will remain with us for some time.

We will likely continue to wear masks, follow social distancing and limit gatherings.

Workplaces will have mandatory health and safety measures from here on in.

Undoubtedly, our population, and that of the civilized world, will adopt new hygiene methods. We will become a world of hand-washers, sanitizers and germ avoiders.

I don't know how that will impact services that require that "human touch."

I speculate that once the stay-at-home order is lifted this week, there may be pent-up demand for getting out, getting goods and getting lunch.

If all goes well, the summer of 2021 could tip the scales in favour of normalcy. It could help revive an otherwise stagnant economy.

There's no question the pandemic has sucked the life out of many of us. We all need a break. But the reality is the pandemic has impacted our personal finances. We can't all dash out to cottages, B&Bs and resorts and let loose.

It may have to be the summer of frugal backyard BBQs of no-name hotdogs and hamburgers.

I hope those who have felt the sting can get their lives back in order. I hope displaced workers can find employment.

I hope ...

Editorial

A year of lost, skewed data

Most of us are keenly aware of the personal impacts of the pandemic. But what you may not notice, or see, are the mountains of lost and skewed data.

The collection of data, trends, levels and more are important in many aspects of society. Statistics are kept, tracked and monitored by every government agency, financial institution, retail and commercial sector.

Governments at all levels have multi-year plans and strategies to guide them, and help them accomplish goals.

Well, COVID-19 has derailed almost every one of these best-laid plans.

Last year basically destroyed all pertinent statistical data. It derailed untold programs, strategies and projects. The first quarter of 2021 is also statistically irrelevant.

This makes it difficult for all organizations and agencies - from local councils to national non-profits - to properly plan ahead, evaluate resources, create budgets and predict trends. The last 18 months have been tossed out the window.

For organizations relying on funding based on previous year's targets, the whole process is in turmoil.

Governments are knee-deep in COVID debt. The retail landscape has been devastated. The service industry may never fully recover.

It's virtually impossible to "wipe the slate clean and start over." We're in too deep, too far in, too set in our procedural and bureaucratic ways.

We now have a gigantic jigsaw puzzle before us, with key pieces missing forever.

Best guesses and frugality may have to be the norm for the next year or two.

MP, Editor

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Results from last week's poll:

Do you hope to catch a live sports game this summer?

a) Yes **20%**

b) No **80%**

Will you feel more comfortable after you've received your 2nd vaccine dose?

a) Yes
b) No

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THE ENDLESS WAITING

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"We are here to add what we can to life, not to get what we can from life."

- William Osler

Trivia Tidbits

Famous baseball player Babe Ruth's first name was actually George.

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Our food supply, land need to be protected

I hope everyone read the piece, "MZOs jeopardize productivity and sustainability of farmland," by OFA President, Peggy Brekvelde. Like her predecessor, Keith Currie (now an OFA director), she warns of the rapid loss of the best farmland in Canada.

Rural land is severely limited across Canada. The thin rocky soil of the Canadian Shield that cuts through this nation's mid-latitudes are not conducive to growing crops. Neither are taiga nor tundra. That leaves a narrow swath of southern Ontario as the location of this province's best farmland.

Peggy Brekvelde writes from "1996-2016, Ontario lost 1.5 million acres of farmland to development, at a daily rate loss of 175 acres per day - roughly the size of 135 football fields. That works out to be an average of five farms per week lost to development in an effort to keep pace with Ontario's growing population." Grow the population while eliminating farmland? These people don't have to eat?

In a masterpiece of under-statement, Peggy explained this is "not sustainable." Farmers are not complainers, so allow me to paraphrase: This is a disaster in the making, not only in Ontario, but right across Canada.

What a shame so few farmers have the time to get involved in politics where their steady perseverance might make inroads into government policy, but farmers are so busy. I'm not talking simple "busy work." They put in long hours, planning and planting crops, caring for livestock, maintaining their equipment, preparing and tending their lands, etc, and responding to new or revised government legislation which seldom protects their livelihoods. They have to be well-organized and vigilant regarding "the unexpected."

Peggy's column should be mandatory reading at all levels of government. MPs, MPPs, mayors and councillors should be required to memorize and ab-

Letter to the Editor

sorb her words before being sworn into office. If you think this pandemic threw a spanner into the economy, consider what the loss of food production could do.

What's the first thing everyone has to do each day? Eat. Everyone has to eat - even the Premier of Ontario whose government pushed through another six MZOs in one single night on March 8, while he declared his government will "never stop issuing MZOs for the people of Ontario." But, Mr. Ford does not believe in public consultation with "the people" on whose behalf he continues to ransack the province, now apparently moving into a "scorched earth" phase by MZO-ing farmland right out of existence.

Right after his election in 2018, his own (now former) campaign strategist, Melissa Lantsman, said, "The Premier is a bull who brings his own china shop with him wherever he goes. That is his style of leadership." She wasn't kidding.

Farming is the very foundation of human society and the economy. Done right, farming also contributes a great deal to biodiversity. I'd say no one does more for the economy than farmers. They are truly essential and irreplaceable.

It was also good to read under a separate column, Growers' Association coordinates vaccinations for growers and workers, about agricultural workers in the Holland Marsh, who are receiving COVID-19 vaccinations, thanks to an initiative of the Holland Marsh Growers' Association. Workers need that level of commitment from their employers who, in turn, absolutely depend upon those workers - just as we all do.

Conservative MP for York-Simcoe, Scot Davidson, said: "Ensuring that our food supply is protected is absolutely vital for Canadians during this

pandemic."

I would simply add our food supply needs to be protected ALL THE TIME, not just during this pandemic, however, the pandemic has highlighted problems with Canada's growing dependency on food imports. Time to provide perma-

nent protection for Ontario farmland, instead of re-zoning it for development. When that land is paved over, it is gone. Then, who is going to feed us?

Vicki Hotte
King

York Farm Fresh multilingual app

York Farm Fresh Association is excited to announce the launch of their York Farm Fresh Multilingual App.

This app features the 36 Farms and 8 Farmers' Markets listed in the York Farm Fresh Guide Map, translated from English into 7 languages: French, Chinese - Traditional, Chinese - Simplified, Russian, Urdu, Tamil and Farsi. The app will increase the access to healthy, local, farm fresh food for 1.2 million residents of York Region and 5.9 million residents in the surrounding GTA.

"York Region has a variety of different types of farms for people to source local food. The map was originally created so farmers could promote their offerings and residents could discover local food," said Jenna Pegg, chair of York Farm Fresh. "This year, we introduced a multilingual app to engage with newcomers of our Region and beyond into the GTA! There is so much 'freshness' to enjoy that is so close to home, take a drive and see for yourself!"

This digital innovation will promote agri-tourism and local food opportunities in York Region. The app will provide links to members web pages, facilitating increased sales for farm businesses. Features will allow for real time updates of seasonal produce availability and public health regulations. The app is available for free download from the App Store for iOS and Google Play for android users.

A key strength of York Region's \$2.7 billion agri-food sector is its proximity to the large consumer population in the GTA. The pandemic has impacted local food systems with a need to strengthen community food security. In response to COVID-19, food trends have shifted towards greater demand for locally grown food. Many communities want to show their support for farmers and local food but are unaware of how to access the farms and farmers markets. Maps are available at member farms, farmers' markets, and can be downloaded from www.yorkfarmfresh.com.

Founded in 2017, York Farm Fresh, is a non-profit organization uniting farmers, farmers' markets, small food processors as well as other stakeholders who care about food produced in York Region. York Farm Fresh exists to connect customers and community to York Region grown local food, beverage and products at farms, farmers markets and farm experiences by joint marketing, promotion and education initiatives.

Visit their website at yorkfarmfresh.com



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Ontario Coalition finds opportunities to protect nature

An environmental group is providing solutions to protecting our biodiversity.

The Southern Ontario Nature Coalition (SONC) has released "A Solution to Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss," a short summary report of solutions for protecting near-urban nature across Canada. These solutions will help Canada meet federal biodiversity and climate targets while conserving important near-urban areas as part of larger federal efforts to protect 25 per cent of Canada's lands and waters by 2025 and to set the stage for 30 per cent by 2030.

Federal, provincial, and local initiatives will all benefit from new solutions that help conserve near-urban biodiversity and improve climate resilience close to densely populated regions, the group says.

Key strategies uncovered by the SONC report include building on Ontario's Greenbelt – a world-leading example of near-urban natural systems protection, which sits at the centre of important ecological zones in southern Ontario.

Protection of near-urban nature requires multi-jurisdictional approaches given fragmented ownership and diverse interests. To be successful, dedicated funding will be required for innovative projects, as well as to support capacity for Indigenous Peoples and Communities to engage meaningfully.

While protection of near-urban nature is challenging, the governments of Canada and Ontario have supported SONC in completing an unprecedented examination of options for protecting nature in the Greater Golden Horse-

shoe (GGH) – Canada's most rapidly urbanizing region. SONC is establishing a Near-Urban Nature Network that uses an ecological ("cores and corridors") systems approach and Indigenous perspectives. These efforts will be critical to the success of conserving biodiversity and creating climate resilience in southern Ontario, while also providing social and economic benefits for a region that is home to one in four Canadians.

"The COVID-19 pandemic reminded us of the importance of connecting with nature – for our health, well-being, and for our communities," said Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change. "Having access to green spaces is a significant part of our plan to create a healthier future and today's summary report is a critical step in protecting more nature in Southern Ontario and across the country."

Near-urban nature is comprised of the forests, river valleys, wetlands, farmland, and other ecological features that surround and intersect urban communities. In the GGH, near-urban nature contains some of the highest levels of biodiversity in Canada, with more species-at-risk than anywhere else in Ontario.

It also provides important ecosystem services, including flood control and water filtration. In this region alone, near-urban nature provides \$3.2 billion worth of such services. These areas face unique risks and could be lost within decades if coordinated action is not taken.

"Our government is proud to support and invest in the work of the Greenbelt Foundation and its partners to create a Near-Urban Nature Net-

work," said Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. "We share the goal of protecting and enhancing the Greenbelt, as outlined in our Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan, and practical solutions like these to protect and enhance the resilience of important natural areas in near-urban areas will mean more sustainable greenspaces for future generations to use and enjoy."

SONC is a coalition of experienced provincial, regional, and community-based conservation organizations, land-based policy experts, and Indigenous engagement specialists. Lessons learned to date are outlined in the summary report, A Solution to Climate Change and Biodiversity Loss, and will be expanded upon in a full technical report to be published in June.

"In rapidly urbanizing regions, like the Greater Golden Horseshoe, near-urban nature is at imminent risk from pollution, habitat fragmentation, invasive species, and climate change," noted Edward McDonnell, CEO of the Greenbelt Foundation. "Building on Greenbelt Foundation knowledge and expertise, SONC is poised to support all levels of government in balancing growth needs with protection of near-urban natural areas in order to sustain a healthy population and environment. Solutions

we develop in southern Ontario will support work being done all across the country."

Immediate next steps SONC would like to take:

- Provide capacity support to Indigenous Communities and Peoples so that they may participate in near-urban nature protection.
- Map wildlife movement corridors.
- Provide input to Ontario's Working Group on Protected Areas, including opportunities to use new designations called "Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures" and "Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas."
- Build awareness of new federal protection measures.
- Partner with the Government of Canada to implement the Two Billion Trees Commitment in southern Ontario.
- Engage public and private landowners to take action in their own communities.

Greenbelt Foundation is a charitable organization, solely dedicated to ensuring the Greenbelt remains permanent, protected and prosperous. Ontario's Greenbelt is the world's largest, with over two million acres of farmland, forests, wetlands and rivers working together to provide clean air, fresh water, and a reliable local food source.



Township reduces speeds on local streets

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

The speed limit on all urban local streets in King will be dropped to 40 km/h. King council made the decision recently to improve safety. Reducing the speed limits will hopefully reduce the frequency and severity of collisions.

"The health and safety of our residents is the number one priority of council and staff," said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "In fact, road and traffic safety is one of the most consistent issues we hear about from residents. That's why we've taken concrete steps to make our roads safer."

The Township's 2020 Traffic Calming Strategy recommended the 40 km/h limit on all local and collector roads.

"The uniform reduction of the speed limit will provide a consistent message to the drivers to slow down in residential areas throughout King Township," staff noted.

Staff hired consultants to assess the 19th Sideroad, between Bathurst and Dufferin. This section has a paved surface and a posted speed of 50 km/h. The consultants reported there are several spots that prove challenging, and they recommended the speed be dropped to 40 km/h along that stretch.

Implementation requires posting gateway signage with "40 km/h begins" and "40 km/h ends" at the neighbourhood entrance locations where urban local and collector roads are intersecting with arterial or rural roads.

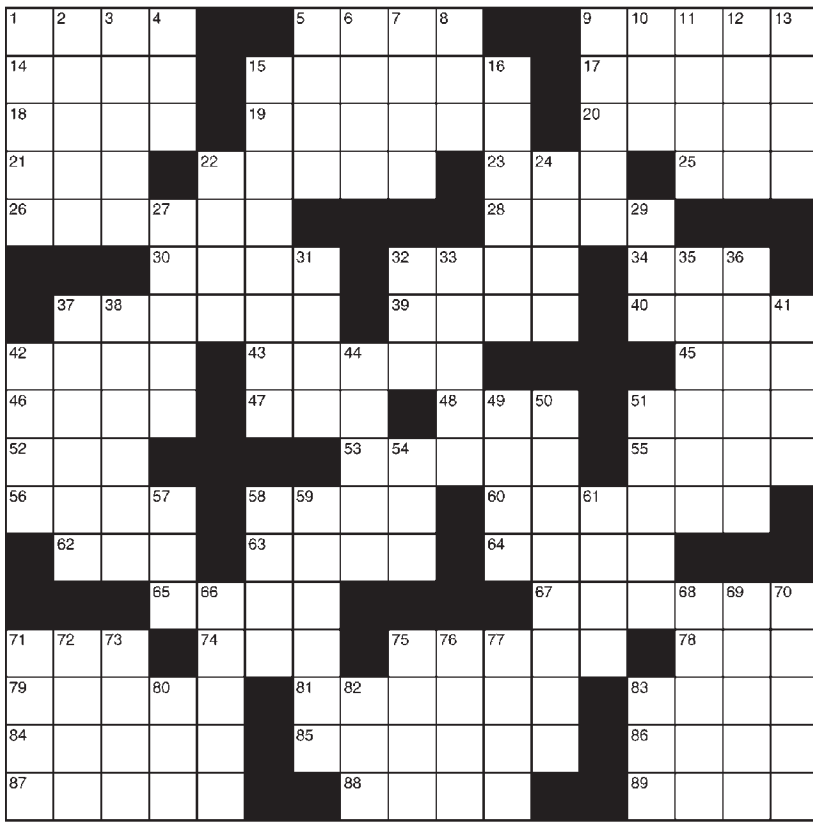
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King Township well served by York Regional Police

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

Increasing York Regional Police staff in King Township is helping to keep the community one of the safest in the country.

The fifth largest municipal force in the country, YRP is on the streets. And King residents are reaping the benefits.

Number 1 District handles King, along with Aurora, Newmarket and East Gwillimbury, serving a population of some 225,000.

The relatively new sub-station at King's municipal centre runs 24/7 and is manned by 20 constables.

Three cars are constantly patrolling King. The office itself is open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

According to Superintendent Kelvin Chantiam, 1 District has a total of 198 staff and 18 sector cars on the road at all times. The district handled the second largest volume of citizen calls last year; upwards of 22,074.

The force's priorities include traffic and crime prevention. The force has situated "decoy" unmanned cruisers throughout the Township at some trouble spots. It has been an effective deterrent.

Last year in King, officers issued 4,600 tickets and gave out 3,600 warnings. There were 130 criminal



York changes speed at seven locations

York Regional Council approved revisions to speed limits on seven sections of Regional roads.

Most involve reductions in the maximum posted speeds.

Roads with revised speed limits:

King-Vaughan Road from Pine Valley Drive to 400 metres east of Weston Road – 70 km/hr to 60 km/hr.

Mulock Drive/Vivian Road from Leslie Street to Woodbine Avenue – 70 km/hr to 60 km/hr.

Ninth Line from 63 metres north of Reeves Way Boulevard to 180 metres south of Reeves Way Boulevard – 70 km/hr to 60 km/hr.

Major Mackenzie Drive East from Ninth Line to York/Durham Line – 80 km/hr to 70 km/hr.

Langstaff Road from Highway 50 to Highway 27 – 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr.

Major Mackenzie Drive West from Highway 50 to 715 metres west of Barons Street – 70 km/hr to 60 km/hr.

Major Mackenzie Drive West from Pine Valley Drive to Islington Avenue – 70 km/hr to 60 km/hr.

"Our communities continue to grow and with more residents working and learning from home, people are using our Regional roads for more than driving, including walking and cycling," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "It's appropriate to review speeds for vehicles to travel so everyone can feel safe and comfortable when using our roads, sidewalks and bike lanes."

Several factors are considered when annually reviewing and revising speed limits on Regional roads, including:

- Adjusting speeds in areas with new community growth and increasing traffic volumes.

- Reducing frequent changes to speed limits on a stretch of road to reduce confusion and increase compliance.

- Revising speeds to allow drivers to have an appropriate time to react to potential hazards.

"Research tells us while a smaller percentage (24%) of vehicle-only collisions resulted in injury or fatality, almost all pedestrian (94%) and cyclist (82%) collisions resulted in injury or death on our roads in 2019," said Township of King Mayor Steve Pellegrini, chair of the Region's Transportation Services. "Reducing speed limits is one of the many efforts we are undertaking to protect vulnerable road users."

To notify travellers of the speed limit changes, "new" signs will be posted above the speed limit signs at the beginning of each changed speed zone.

arrests.

Local roads appear to be safer, if you look at the number of fatalities. In 2020, King had only three road fatalities and none so far in 2021.

The bulk of calls in King include impaired driving, suspicious vehicles, welfare checks and silent alarms.

The superintendent noted most numbers of incidents were down last year, largely due to the pandemic. Road traffic is lighter and more people are at home, curbing residential break-ins.

Officers did respond to a number of Emergency Measures Act calls regarding too many visitors and residential parties.

Pro-active programs such as Road Watch, education and community engagement, help spread the word.

King Mayor Steve Pellegrini noted the Township has a great relationship with YRP and the sub-station is a "great" addition to the community.

He's thrilled that King is one of the safest communities in York, and in all of Canada.

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Intensification to increase in York through 2051

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

York Region has reached a milestone, with the pending release of its 30-year growth plan.

Due out at the end of the year, the plan, which takes us to 2051, sets out land needs throughout the region.

Paul Bottomley, manager of policy, research and forecasting for York, made a virtual presentation to King councillors recently.

He noted the Province anticipates

that York will attract the highest share of growth in the GTA over this time, along with nearby Caledon.

Estimates show York's population rising to just over two million in 2051, which is almost double its current level. York will host just under a million jobs by 2051.

In assessing the regional needs, York has to follow mandates set out by the Province, which include growth targets. Some of these key goals include a minimum intensification target of 50% and a minimum designated greenfield

density of 50 people and jobs per hectare.

The provincial assessment shows that York will need to utilize 2,300 hectares of land for roughly 276,000 new residential units. The region will also need to develop 1,100 hectares of employment land to accommodate roughly 345,000 new jobs.

The demand, Bottomley pointed out, exceeds supply and this will trigger the need for urban expansion. York is well positioned to meet the 50% intensification target, however.

Whitebelt lands in Vaughan, East Gwillimbury and Markham will take the brunt of the development.

King, too, will grow, but at a much slower pace.

Estimates put King's population at 49,600 by 2051, up from its current level of 28,000. King experienced a growth of more than 750 people from 2011-2021. This trend is expected to continue every decade through 2051.

King will need some 80 hectares for urban expansion; 70 hectares of community land, and another 10 hectares of employment land, to meet the projections.

King will also need roughly 16,400 jobs in 30 years, a growth of 70% from current levels.

This municipality's share of growth is only 3%, he pointed out.

Bottomley noted King's intensification rate will almost double, from 16%

to 35%. There is potential for intensification in King City due to the major GO hub. The urban expansion is expected to provide housing for 3,500 new people and 500 new jobs.

York is entering a "mature stage of growth." Significant investments have already been made in infrastructure and a fiscal strategy is in place. York will need roughly \$11.6 billion in new infrastructure to accommodate this growth.

The bulk of this will go towards the Yonge-North Subway extension (\$5.6 billion) and bus rapid transit networks (\$5.4 billion).

The report noted funding from both provincial and federal levels of government is "essential to service growth."

This magnitude of growth can't happen everywhere all at once. Growth in new areas is dependent on some of those major infrastructure projects.

Urban expansion across the region will be released in phases. The new growth will arrive sooner in those areas that can accommodate the 50% intensification rate.

York will continue consultation with municipalities and the public through the summer. A policy directions report, including phasing, will be created. The draft York Official Plan is planned to be released this fall, followed by master plans and development charges bylaw updates through 2022.

Southlake expands use of Novari technology

Novari Health has announced that Southlake Regional Health Centre (SRHC) is expanding its use of Novari Health access to care technologies. The Novari eRequest® referral management technology will be leveraged by the Diagnostic Assessment Program (DAP) of the Stronach Regional Cancer Centre.

The Stronach Regional Cancer Centre (SRCC) at Southlake represents the regionally designated program for the Central Region Cancer Program. The Southlake Diagnostic Assessment Unit is one of many regional diagnostic assessment programs across Ontario managing referrals and providing diagnostic assessments for cancer patients.

The Novari eRequest system is a three-in-one technology that enables referral workflow management, central intake and wait list management. The system is highly configurable and can be easily adapted for any type of healthcare service (e.g., diabetes, mental health & addictions, orthopedics, cancer, etc.).

The technology features customizable workflows and robust integration capabilities to other hospital IT systems. Novari eRequest is scalable and has been deployed at individual hospitals, across health regions and provincially.

The Ontario Ministry of Health, Ontario Health and hospitals across the province have been working to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on patients. Central intake models, enabled with modern referral workflow management and wait list management technology, are an effective way to get the right patient to the right provider at the right time and with the right data. Across Canada and beyond, the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted and accelerated the need for new models of care and new technologies like Novari, that improve access to care.

Novari Health's innovative and unique access to care technologies are live and being implemented at dozens of hospitals and regional health authorities across five Canadian provinces.

"Novari has implemented our access to care technologies for many different healthcare services. All of which I am proud of. However, like so many families, mine has been impacted by cancer. Novari's work to help improve access for cancer patients is rewarding and emotional," said John Sinclair, CPHIMS-CA, president Novari Health.

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Investments made in GTA transit

The Ontario government is welcoming a new federal funding commitment of \$10.7 billion to support the delivery of the province's multi-billion plan to build four priority subways.

Ontario's bold \$28.5 billion transit plan for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), which already included a commitment of nearly \$17 billion from the province, marks the largest subway expansion in Canadian history with the all-new Ontario Line; a three-stop Scarborough Subway Extension; the Yonge North Subway Extension; and the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension.

The funding announcement was made local MPP Caroline Mulroney, Ontario's Minister of Transportation, and Catherine McKenna, Federal Minister of Communities and Infrastructure. They were joined by Kinga Surma, Ontario's Associate Minister of Transportation (GTA); Mary Ng, Federal Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade and Member of Parliament for Markham-Thornhill; Toronto Mayor John Tory, Markham Mayor Frank and York Chair and CEO Wayne Emmerston.

"Our government, under Premier Ford's leadership, is delivering on our bold plan to provide people with access to better, more reliable and more seamless rapid transit. We are getting people where they need to go, when they need to get there," said Minister Mulroney. "By having the federal government come to the table in this historic partnership, we are moving full steam ahead on building these projects that our residents need today and for future generations."

The combined subway projects will support over 16,000 jobs during the construction period, and by 2041, will have a total daily ridership of over 620,000 with almost 400,000 people within walking distance of a new transit station.

"Our government has never wavered from its election promise to deliver these four priority subway proj-

ects for the families and businesses of the Greater Toronto Area," said Associate Minister Surma. "This federal investment marks our united front to build a truly connected transit system that will generate significant benefits to the local, regional, provincial and national economy over the decades to come."

Through this federal funding commitment under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, Canada will contribute \$10.7 billion, to Ontario's four nationally-significant, multi-billion dollar subway projects.

In May 2020, Ontario signed a landmark Preliminary Agreement with York Region that will help significantly expand the subway network through the delivery of the Yonge North Subway Extension.

In February 2020, Ontario signed the Ontario-Toronto Transit Partnership Preliminary Agreement with the City of Toronto to deliver on the unified plan to significantly expand and modernize the subway network across the Greater Toronto Area.

In July 2020, the Building Transit Faster Act became law, providing the province with the tools to expedite the planning, design and construction process of the four priority transit projects.

"Transportation continues to be the predominate issue for York Region residents. The TTC Yonge North Subway Extension to the Richmond Hill/Langstaff Urban Growth Centre is a critical part of both York Region's transportation system and the transit network of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. An infrastructure project of this magnitude will bring thousands of jobs and support the economic recovery of our communities brought on by a global pandemic. On behalf of York Regional Council and York Region's 1.2 million residents, we applaud the Government of Canada for their commitment to fund 40 per cent of this vital transportation project.

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By Mark Pavilons
Editor

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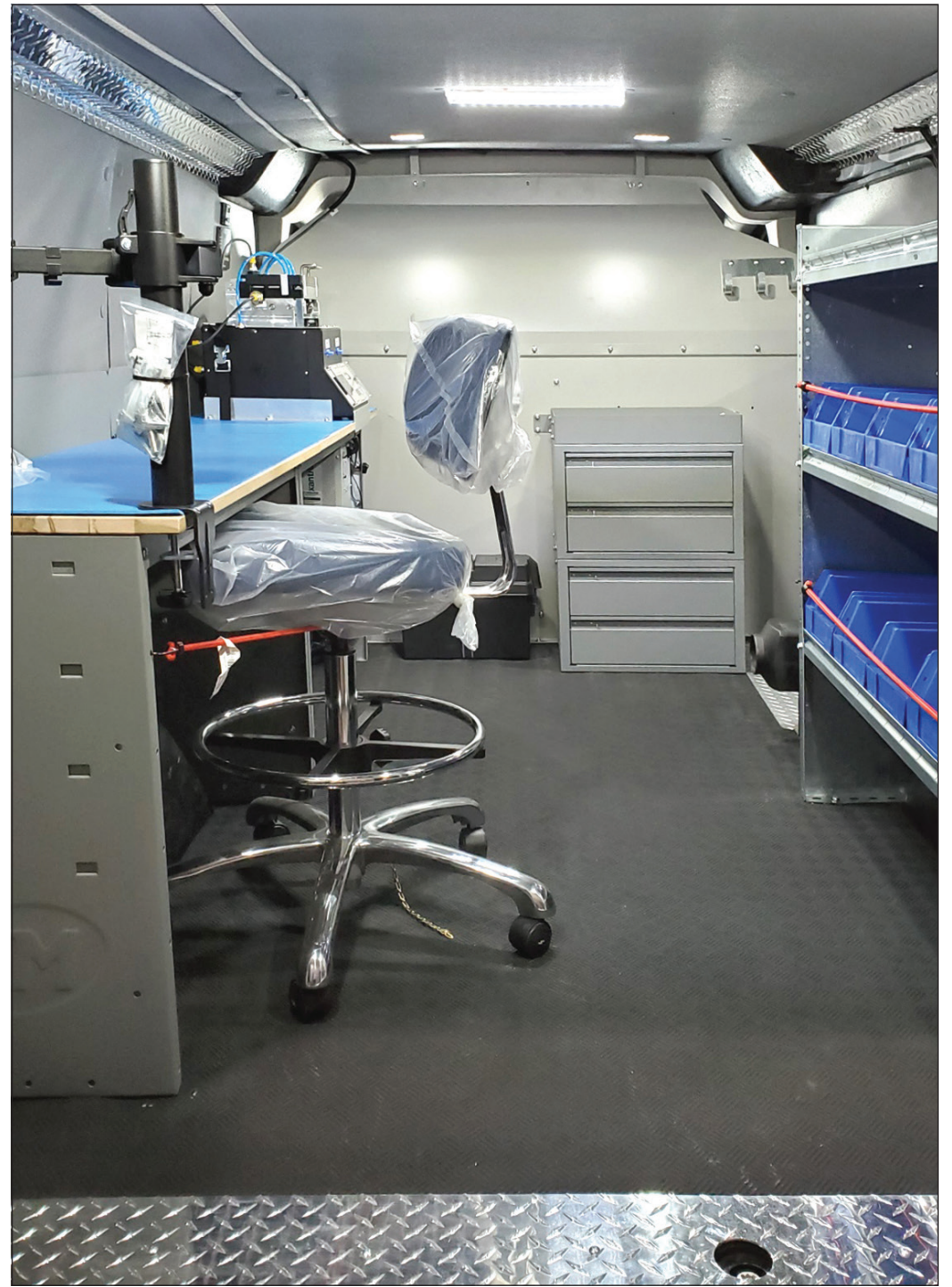
The innovative repair service on wheels, offered by Mobile Klinik – Canada’s leading device repair retailer with more than 90 locations coast-to-coast – will provide repair services from cracked screen repair, to water damage issues, microphone and speaker repairs and more, from inside the service van. Through the offering, Mobile Klinik hopes to enhance Canadian’s sustainable living practices by prolonging the life cycle of their devices.

Especially important now with new stay-at-home orders in effect in Ontario, and many individuals working from home, the average servicing time of a repair is only 60 minutes. Appointments can be booked by phone or online.

Through Mobile Klinik’s “repair service on wheels,” more than 100 Canadian communities, including King City, will gain access to this convenient, contactless and time-saving offering, directly to the location of your choice, whether it’s your home or business address.

During the pandemic (and for a limited time), Mobile Klinik will be waiving its \$29.99 Come-To-You flat-rate convenience fee.

“The launch of Mobile Klinik’s Onsite Repair service is our latest initiative to make smart phone and tablet repair a more accessible, cost effective, and convenient option for Canadian consumers,” said Tim McGuire, CEO of Mobile Klinik. “Because we are spending so much time learning, working, and seeking entertainment at home, having reliable smart phones and tablets is paramount. We are proud to bring our services right to our customers’ doorsteps – at no extra charge



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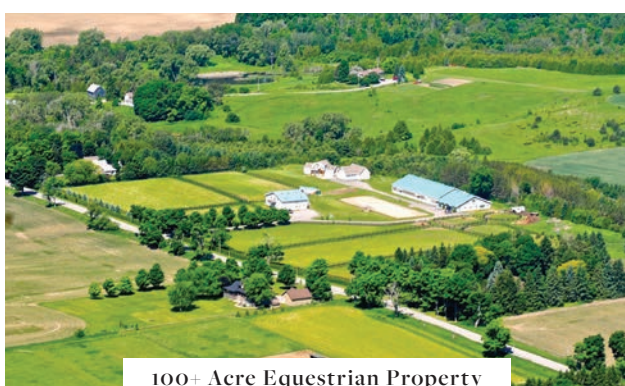
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Arts & Entertainment

Mayor's Celebration of Youth Arts 2021 goes virtual

By Kathleen Rodgers
Artist Liaison for ASK

The annual youth art event has moved online this year due to the pandemic. The student art exhibition has been extended until June 17.

This year's exhibit is larger than ever and includes artwork submitted by almost 100 talented secondary art students of Country Day School, King City Secondary School and Villanova College is being showcased.

Students at all three schools had in-person learning (prior to the lockdown) but many had to complete their artwork at home. The community is invited to enjoy the artwork from the comfort of their home by going to the Arts Society King website, www.ArtsSocietyKing.ca. There is a video of Mayor Pellegini's opening remarks as well as 100+ drawings (black & white, colour), paintings (watercolour, acrylic), photography, printmaking, and sculpture.

Arts Society King would like to thank the teachers, Heather Castellan and Sarah Barbanon (Country Day School), Tiffany Folmeg and Terri Williamson (King City Secondary School), and Angelo Casbarro (Villanova College) for their tremendous work and support as well as Colin Duff for his videography and post production skills.

Congratulations to all the young artists! Maybe some of the artists will join the Studio Tour King in the future.



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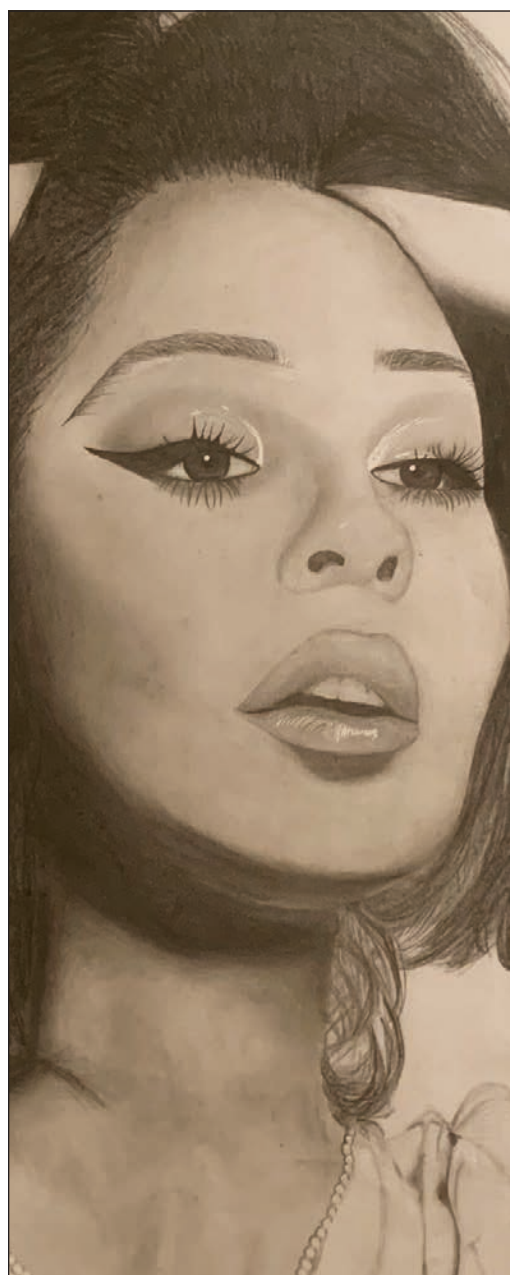
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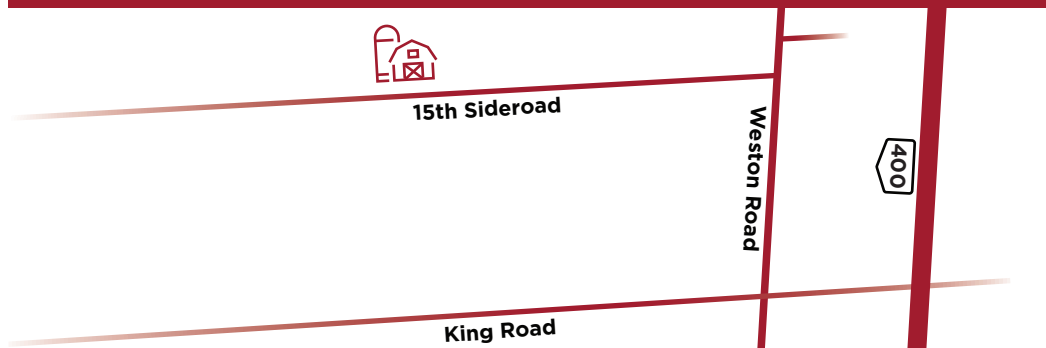
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Safety and sustainability are driving forces behind Stronach's SARIT vehicle

By Brock Weir

Little over a year-and-a-half ago, Ontario Premier Doug Ford approached Magna founder Frank Stronach with a dilemma.

General Motors had recently begun to wrap up a great deal of its operations in Ontario and, given Stronach's track record in the automotive industry, the Premier sought advice on how to generate jobs in a very specific sector.

It was a simple question, but it needed an extraordinary response and Stronach moved projects onto the backburner to focus on the task at hand.

He considered the problem one day while making the commute to Toronto.

"I had to go downtown a few times but what normally took me about half-an-hour to get down to Bay Street took an hour if everything was fine, two hours if there was a traffic jam," he says. "About 95 per cent of the cars I saw had only one person in there: the driver. I was in the traffic jam and thought, 'Holy smoke, I feel sorry for the people who have to do this every day.'"

And then the penny dropped.

"When the Premier called me, I went back to the workbench and started to do a few sketches and started to make a prototype – just as I have done for the last 50 or 60 years," says Stronach.

The solution, he said, was to focus on electric vehicles here at home – but not the standard electric or hybrid sedans, but a compact electric vehicle that can get a single occupant where they need to go around town and connect with transit hubs.

This was the driving principle behind the development of the ELVY Sarit (Safe Affordable Reliable Innovative Transportation).

The Sarit is billed as "the future of urban automotive transportation" and production will begin over the next year at a Stronach-owned plant on Aurora Road in Whitchurch-Stouffville – the first in a future compliment of 20 plants in the United States and five in Canada.

Built around an engineered safety cage, the three-wheeled vehicle will be able to travel 80 miles on a single overnight charge from a standard wall outlet.

It is designed to go anywhere a bike can go and could save drivers nearly \$11,400 a year in costs related to fuel, parking, insurance and maintenance.

"We use a lot of non-renewable resources with gas and oil and I thought if we add up all the gasoline being used every day from Tokyo to Rio, from Beijing to London, Rome, Los Angeles and New York, it is like the Hudson river flowing," says Mr. Stronach. "Just imagine a giant river that is being used daily. You don't have to be a scientist to know that the fuel will run out sooner rather than later."

The vehicle's primary purpose, he said, is to go from your home to your workplace or a grocery store and back home again. In communities like Aurora, it is ideal to travel to and from GO stations and other transit hubs where parking is often at a premium.

"The first thing is safety," said Stronach, noting that he is working with Ontario's Ministry of Transportation on a Micro-mobility Handbook outlining the changing rules of the road. "The fact is, Micro-mobility will be a must. Our cities are choked up in traffic and greenhouse gases. Look, if you live around the 401 and go into the city, why do you have to have a big car?"

Stronach's property on the southeast corner of Aurora Road and Highway 404 will be the headquarters for Stronach International and the nerve-centre for Sarit development.

He said he chose the location as it is a "gateway to York Region," a place where he has left an indelible mark as an employer and community-builder.

"I just want to have less traffic here and this is where we will be doing more research. From there, we can copy the model and have the perfect factories. I think there will be about 20 in the United States and five in Canada. I don't want to rely on China; I want to have the product made in Canada and the U.S. I have done well here because I interface with employees. The employees did well because I shared with them and it was a give and take. If the economy doesn't work, nothing else will. We can't feed the hungry and we can't look after the most fragile in our society without it."



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Public's help sought in designing Korean War Memorial

By Brock Weir

It has been a passion project for local historians and veterans, and now the public's help is being sought to make the dream a reality.

The Town of Aurora, in conjunction with the Aurora branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, is looking for the public's feedback on a memorial to the Korean War, one which will be placed at the Aurora Peace Park alongside the Cenotaph honouring the residents of Aurora, King, and Whitchurch who fell in the First World War, the Altar of Sacrifice commemorating local men who lost their lives in the Second World War, and the decommissioned LAV placed there to remember the men and women who served in Afghanistan.

"We are asking the public to submit their design ideas for a fitting monument to honour the soldiers from Aurora, King and Whitchurch-Stouffville who fought in the Korean War," said the Town of Aurora in a statement. "The winning design will be submitted as part of a grant application to Veter-

ans Affairs Canada's Commemorative Partnership Program for Community War Memorial funding to cover some of the costs.

"Amateur artists are welcome to submit. This design call-out is open to any resident of Aurora, King or Whitchurch-Stouffville. We are looking for concept drawings that can be as simple as a pencil sketch to provide the inspiration and general idea for a suitable memorial rather than formal design drawings and specifications. The memorial should not contain any names of soldiers who fought in the war and must be in both English and French."

The top three memorial designs submitted by the deadline of May 28 will be placed on the Town's online communications platform, Engage Aurora, for public input and voting on the preferred design. The designer behind the winning submission will be invited to unveil the monument once it is completed and receive a gift card of \$250.

"Remembrances of Canada's contribution to the Korean War effort can be

found in many municipalities across this country," said the Town. "Aurora's War Memorial Peace Park solemnly pays tribute to those... who served and were lost in the two World Wars and the Afghan war. There is, however, no similar recognition of the Korean War."

A Korean War memorial was first pitched to Aurora Council this past winter by local historian Bill Newman, who was inspired to pursue the project after a visit to Seoul in 2016.

While there, he toured the demilitarized zone (DMZ) and took in memorials recognizing the conflict, including a memorial to Canada's contributions at the Korean War Memorial and Museum. When he came back home, he realized there wasn't that same recognition in his hometown and began his research with an assist from the Aurora Museum & Archives.

Today, memorials to Canada's contributions to the Korean War can be found at monuments from coast to coast, but Aurora is one of the exceptions. Although no Aurorans are known to have lost their lives in the conflict, Mr. New-

man says it is "timely and fitting" to recognize what they did to fend off "yet another threat to the freedom and right of self-determination of the world's peoples."

"We are requesting through this presentation the involvement of the Town and its staff to design and locate a fitting memorial at the Peace Park to our Korean War veterans," he said. "We understand the funding for the memorial may be obtainable through Veterans Affairs Canada's commemorative partnership program for a community war memorial funding. Your favourable consideration of this request would provide overdue recognition to those from our community and surrounding area who served in what is being termed as 'Canada's forgotten war.'"

"When one of the Legion members heard about this proposal to Council, he remarked with almost a tear in his eye, 'This is for you, dad.' May we always remember them."

For more information on the project, visit engageaurora.ca/koreanwarmemorial.



'Glorious Gardens of Nobleton and King' program is now on

The Nobleton and King City Garden Club would like to recognize local residents for their gardening endeavours. Staying at home has given us all time to garden and now it is time to enjoy them!

This fun event is designed to encourage homeowners to improve their front yards and contribute to the overall beautification of their community. These gardens are home to many pollinators, butterflies and birds that live in the area, endorsing programs encouraged by the Township. Visible from the curbside, the gardens are enjoyed by all who walk, jog, bike and drive by.

Stay tuned for more information to nominate your garden, a friend's, neighbours or family members' garden.

Nobleton and King City Garden Club has maintained various public garden projects for over 60 years in both communities. They have monthly Zoom meetings with guest speakers.

The next presentation is guest speaker Tara Nolan with "Gardening your Front Yard: Projects and Ideas for Big and Small Spaces" at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 31.

Follow them on Instagram at [nkcgardenclub](https://www.instagram.com/nkcgardenclub), Facebook at [nobletonkinggardenclub](https://www.facebook.com/nobletonkinggardenclub) or email us for more information at Nobletonkingcitygardenclub@gmail.com

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York monitoring vaccination progress, goals and outcomes

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

From AstraZeneca to second doses, York Region is monitoring vaccination progress across the region.

AstraZeneca was being distributed through select pharmacies, physicians and some partner-led vaccine clinics in York Region, until it was halted by the Province.

York Region Public Health clinics are currently administering the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines.

The Province of Ontario allocates vaccines and York Region will continue to receive allocations of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines weekly. The supply of these vaccines will ensure all residents of York Region who want to be vaccinated can receive their vaccine.

The pause of AstraZeneca for first doses will not affect York Region's previously announced plans for expanding eligibility in the month of May.

According to Patrick Casey, York's director of corporate communications

pointed out approximately 60,000 York Region residents have received the AstraZeneca vaccine.

"If you have received a first dose of AstraZeneca, rest assured this is still a safe and effective vaccine approved for use by Health Canada. Those who have already received their first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine have done the right thing, taking the first vaccine that was available to them," Casey said.

The AstraZeneca vaccine is still effective at preventing severe disease, hospitalization and death from COVID-19.

Casey added if it has been more than 28 days since you received your dose of AstraZeneca, you are unlikely to develop vaccine-induced thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT).

He pointed out that York Region and the province are awaiting the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommendations on how second doses should be administered, more specifically, which vaccine

should be used for the second dose.

Just recently, The WHO announced that those who are fully vaccinated (2 shots) do not have to wear face masks.

By local officials would like residents to remain vigilant. While COVID-19 vaccines offer a high level of protection against the virus two weeks after the first dose is received and even more following the second dose, York residents are still asked to follow all current public health guidelines, including wearing of masks, until such restrictions are lifted.

Casey pointed out that no vaccine provides 100% protection and coverage; there is still a possibility of contracting and/or spreading COVID-19.

Some people are also unable to get vaccinated due to age or for medical reasons.

"When more people are vaccinated, there is a lower chance that the disease will continue to circulate; it is important everyone get vaccinated as soon as they are able to increase community immunity and reduce the

spread of COVID-19."

There are many studies under way to better understand COVID-19 transmission among those vaccinated. Experts say it appears infection, especially symptomatic or severe, is very rare among those who have been vaccinated.

Currently, it remains unknown if a fully vaccinated individual can still transmit COVID-19 asymptomatically.

As of May 13, 58.5% of eligible York Region residents (age 18+) have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Casey said the target is to have the majority of eligible York Region residents fully vaccinated by this fall, but reaching this target will largely depend on vaccine supply.

In addition, there may be opportunity in the future for younger age groups to become eligible and be immunized, he said. For example, just recently the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is now approved for use in those 12 years of age and older.

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King City Lions engage in cleanup

Members of the King City Lions Club conducted a community clean up around the Township recently, as an environmental project (One Hundred Service Ideas) through Lions International. There are currently not many projects that members can participate with these days, but this was one possible during the current pandemic.

The clean up included Concessions 7 South and North of King Road, Concession 8 North of King Road, Concession 15 from Concession 8 East to Weston Road, and South on Weston Road, to King Road.

Volunteers ended up with two pickup trucks full of garbage and recycling. There were over 50 bags filled.

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Nobleton & Schomberg United Churches bid 'adieu' to Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman

By Nancy Hopkinson

We at Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches are very sad to say goodbye to Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman.

She has accepted a call to Trinity United Church, Gravenhurst and begins her new post on July 1st.

Rev. Carol-Ann joined us 4.5 years ago as a student minister at Emmanuel College, U of T. She has encouraged us in all our endeavours: our community dinners, Breakfast with Santa, Craft and Bake Sales, Seniors Lunches and Entertainment, the Joyful Spirits singing group, the quilters.

She has welcomed children to services and provided them with activity bags. She introduced some contemporary music videos to our worship service.

We have enjoyed her support with trying out new ideas, like an Easter egg hunt at the conclusion of our Easter service 2019, or the Community Drive-Through Nativity and Santa event last December.

Carol-Ann has helped us to feel connected with each other by assisting with "front porch" pictures that we published in a newsletter monthly. She encouraged us to meet outside in Nobleton, once a week, socially distanced with us bringing our own chairs and our own drink when the weather was good and the restrictions allowed this.

Once the weather became cooler, she hosted Zoom "coffee hours" on a Thursday morning, where we socialized together and celebrated birthdays. She has created videos of her sermons and scripture readings, sending them out by email and publishing them on our Facebook page. For those without a computer, she has printed her sermons



for those who wanted them. She connected with many in the community by regularly going to Tim Hortons on a Wednesday morning (pre pandemic).

Carol-Ann and her partner Rachel Clark have purchased a house in Gravenhurst, and look forward to getting to know their new community. We are happy for them, but sad for our loss. We wish them well.

We know that Carol-Ann has touched more than just the members and adherents of Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches. If you would like to join us as we say "Thank you and Goodbye" to Carol-Ann, please let us know. We can supply the link for the Zoom Service on Sunday, May 30 at 11 a.m. Even if you do not have a computer, you can join by phone. Contact me, Nancy, at 905-859-0761 or by email at nancy@hopkinson.ca



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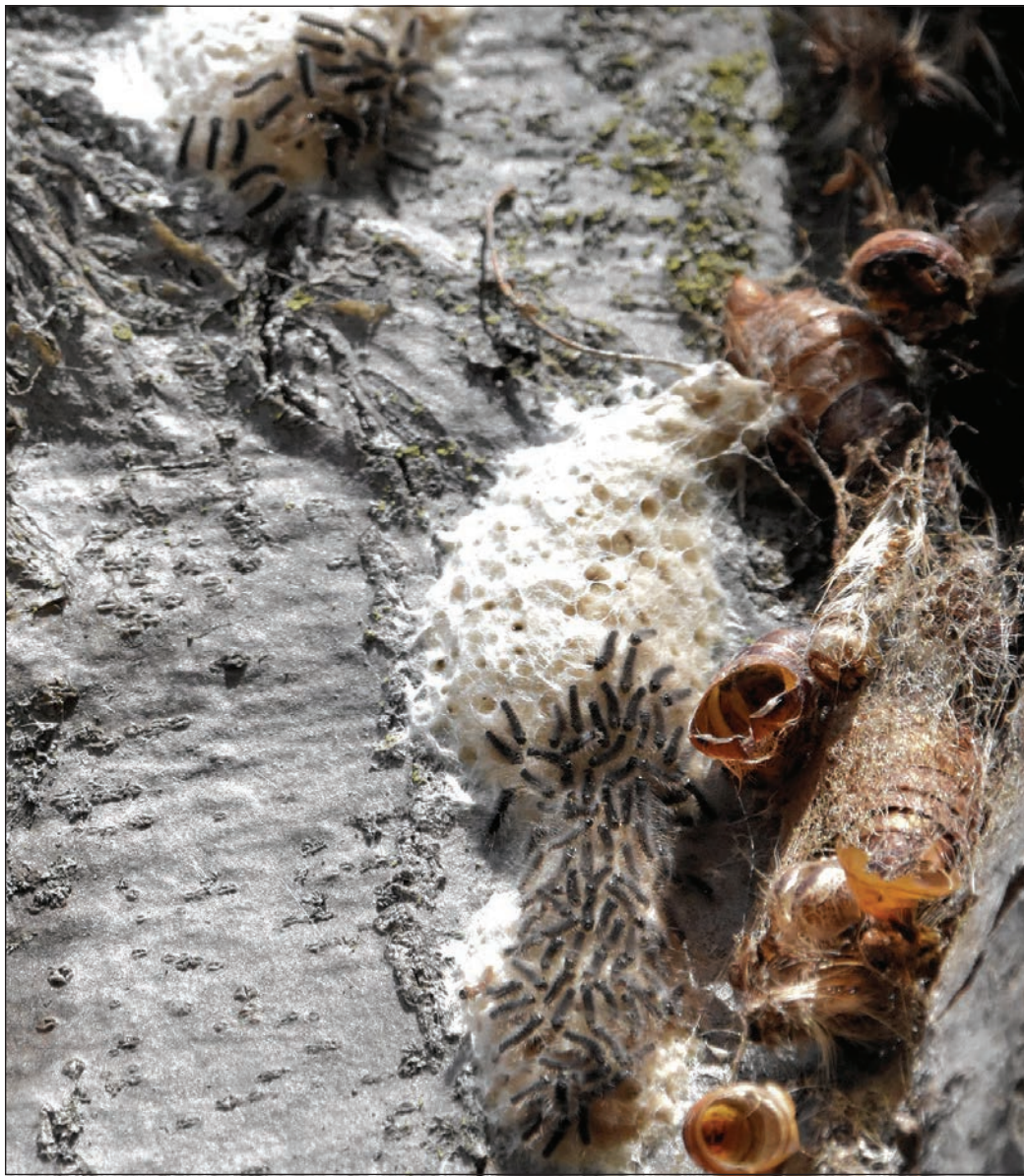
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Further to items on the Township's pages in The King Sentinel, and a prior article regarding the European gypsy moth problem (March 18 pp. 16-17), the eggs are now hatching and the first instar emerging. The between the egg and pupa stages, the larvae moult 5 (male) or 6 (female) times as they grow. Each successively larger larva is called an instar.

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CDS athletes off to university on scholarships

By Robert Belardi

In retrospect, you truly can't paint everyone with the same brush. But what you can do is guide everyone with the same compass.

At The Country Day School it's quite clear how students who attend the school are guided. Grow, educate and motivate students to take the road less travelled that ultimately leads to success. Sacrifice. Hard work. Dedication. Although these things are written they are most certainly not always done.

In the last few weeks we've seen students come out of the school and announce their scholarships to other locations. We've seen CDS point guard Carly Magarelli commit to U of T. Now we see two other, adept, three-term-athletes commit to post-secondary schools for this upcoming September.

Rachel Millar

Age: 17

Favourite Athlete:

Serena Williams
Favourite Teams: Canada Women's Soccer, Toronto Maple Leafs

Rachel Millar has been interested in Huron at Western her entire life. Her mother is an alumnus. Her grandfather as well. So, when push came to shove, it was a simple decision to want to head to London, Ontario this year.

The Schomberg native learned of the scholarship from a friend who is currently attending Huron.

"I submitted my application and that consisted of a resume, extracurriculars, jobs, volunteering. Pretty much everything you've ever been involved in you have to write down and then you have to write an essay on what you would contribute to the school," Millar said.

"And you had to be nominated by your school."

Following a few months of waiting, Millar finally heard back from the school. She had to answer a final series of questions. Following that, she was awarded the Huron at Western Hell-



mouth Scholarship. Recipients of this scholarship must have an average of 90 per cent or higher and be heavily involved in the community.

For her time at CDS, Millar was a three-term athlete since Grade seven, having been involved in soccer, hockey and tennis respectively. She began playing soccer ever since she was small in King City.

"Sports for sure have been the thing - I know CDS they talk about balance - so, with academics being really hard, I've always been able to go out after school and have the sports there which I loved," Millar said.

"We also started the women's hockey team at our school which was the first ever. I didn't even know how to play hockey but getting involved in that is definitely something I appreciate now."

It was a massive part of her life and it was nice to get away and take a break from academics. She made plenty of friends and grew her social network.

She also earned immense notoriety, installing beehives on the property of the school. The school was recognized in King Township and beehives are now part of the curriculum of the school.

Millar was also very active at King City Tennis Club and at the Pamper Pillowcase, supporting the women's shelter in York Region.

This upcoming year, Millar will be studying Business. She got into Ivey Business School which she will be fully enrolled in after her second year in post-secondary. She is hoping to major in Economics.

"I'd like to thank CDS for all of the useful advice during this process. From the faculty, staff to all of my classmates, to my family, thank you for helping me get this far. It's only the next step in the journey."

Nevis Hunt

Age: 18

Favourite Team: Toronto Raptors
Favourite Athletes: Tyler Mislawchuk & Eliud Kipchoge
Hobbies: Backcountry Camping & Nordic Skiing

Nevis Hunt has committed to Mount Allison University in Sackville, New Brunswick this upcoming Fall pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce and Commerce Aviation Degree.

He has been awarded the Marjo-

rie Young Bell Scholarship valued at \$56,000.

"It's nice to know I'm going to Mount Allison, a nice university and a place with a similar feel to what CDS has been. Small community in that sense. Going out there with that scholarship already putting me in a situation to succeed in the next four years of university and in the future," Hunt said.

Coming from an athletic family, Hunt began sports when he was very young. He began competing in duathlons and triathlons since he was four years old.

Known as a "lifer" in CDS having been at the school since junior kindergarten, he began really competing with the school in grade four. In the winter, he got involved in basketball, cementing himself as a three-term athlete as well. He played track, basketball and cross country all the way up to last year.

It was also last year he formally switched from triathlons to duathlons.

"That summer I switched I qualified for the world duathlons in Almere, Netherlands last September. Because of the pandemic they have been postponed until this September," Hunt explained.

"Since I was six I always wanted to qualify for the worlds and represent Canada on the world stage."

Next year there will be another event held internationally. As of now, Hunt is still on Team Canada and is aiming to represent the country next year.

Hunt's life in sport, has helped him academically. He says they are both interrelated. Trying to be the best in sport has translated to him wanting to be the best version of himself in the classroom.

"The main thing is determination and hard work."

Hunt also added that CDS made it very possible to be involved in the community. He leaves the school having played in three bands, was the School Ambassador, Intramural Coordinator and having a role in Student Council.

Part of earning his scholarship was his "Education With Balance." He says Mount Allison was very pleased with his awards, such as the Robert M. Ross award, the Gold Core Awards and the Duke of Edinburgh Awards (Bronze and Silver). He was also involved as a ski instructor in the local community.



Lamaze withdraws from Olympic consideration

Former Olympic show jumping champion Eric Lamaze has withdrawn from consideration for the upcoming Olympic Games, scheduled to take place from July 23 to August 8, 2021, in Tokyo.

Lamaze was one of five athletes named to the Canadian Olympic short list for show jumping and is currently the highest-ranked Canadian in the world standings. Canada is eligible to send one individual to contest show jumping events at this summer's Olympics.

Lamaze cites his personal health as a primary reason for his decision to withdraw from competing in Tokyo, which is currently under a state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For the past three years, he has been undergoing treatment for a brain tumor and continues to battle the condition with the support of his medical teams in Brussels, Belgium, and Paris.

"My health is something that I take very seriously, and I've decided that Tokyo is not the best venue for me," said Lamaze, 53. "While my health is stable at the moment, there are several risk factors that have to be taken into consideration."

Competing as an individual is also discouraging for Lamaze, who led Canada to the team silver medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics before going on to win the individual gold riding Hickstead. At the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Lamaze and his teammates jumped off against Germany for the bronze medal, ultimately placing fourth. Lamaze continued to the individual final where he claimed a bronze medal with Fine Lady 5.

"I've always associated the Olympics with riding for the Canadian team," said Lamaze. "My success has been due to having my teammates there to pull together to be the best that we can be for our country. Having my owners there, my friends and fellow teammates, and all the fans is what makes the Olympics special for

me. When you come into the stadium, and hear the fans screaming and see the Canadian flags waving, it raises you up to another level. As a solo act, I cannot see myself finding the motivation to dig deep enough to pull off an individual medal.

"I cannot be a true competitor without my team," continued Lamaze.

Lamaze, whose training center is based near Brussels, also noted that the world remains in a precarious position with equestrian events only now beginning to return on the European calendar.

"With all that we've lived through this past year, and what we are still seeing with so many people living through horrible situations both in Canada and around the world, I'm not sure I would even feel right winning a medal," stated Lamaze. "The Olympics are a celebration of the athletes and I don't think we're going to have a true celebration in Tokyo."

"It's not the time to celebrate," concluded Lamaze.

In making the difficult decision to withdraw from Olympic consideration, Lamaze had the full support of his owners, Mark and Tara Rein. The Canadian couple own Lamaze's top horse, Dieu Merci van T & L, as well as several exciting eight and nine-year-olds that are being developed for the highest levels of show jumping sport.

"I thank Mark and Tara Rein for their complete understanding of the situation and for their ongoing support," said Lamaze. "With this difficult decision made, we can now concentrate on continuing to develop the fantastic young horses that we have in our training program."

With three Olympic medals to his credit - a gold, silver and bronze - Lamaze is the most successful Canadian equestrian athlete in Olympic history. In 2020, it was announced that he and his Olympic champion partner, Hickstead, would be inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame.

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Robert's Rant

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Down 3-0 in the series against the eventual Stanley Cup champions, the Habs moved into the zone on the power play. Jacques Lemaire, Yvon Lambert, Guy LaFleur, Larry Robinson and Guy Lapointe were on the ice.

Lapointe came into the zone. Boos still echoing down to the ice. Lapointe shuffled the puck over to Robinson and from the point, the defenceman ripped a slap shot past Leafs netminder Paul Harrison. The Habs swept the Leafs. That folks, was the last time the Habs and Leafs played each other in the playoffs.

The Habs dominated that season with a 52-17-11 record while the Leafs walked away 34-33-13. Now, heading into game one tonight, the tables have turned. Forty-two years later hockey fans in Ontario, Quebec and around the world witness a turn of events. In this year's unique North Division, the Toronto Maple Leafs (35-14-7) will take on the Montreal Canadiens (24-21-11) and oh how different these records look now.

In history the two teams have met each other 15 times in the playoffs and the Habs lead the all-time showdown 8-7. The two have also met each other in the finals five times and the Leafs lead that by a record of 3-2.

Tonight, every son, daughter, grandchild, husband, wife and grandparent who lives and breathes hockey have been dreaming for the day to come. Tonight, is the night. This is it. Finally, something to look forward to, in a time where there truly isn't much to be excited about.

The Toronto Maple Leafs enter this playoff series having won their last playoff series in 2004. The club has been faced with heavy criticism in recent years, since losing their first-round match-ups to Washington, Boston and Columbus respectively. The Habs on the other hand have made it to two, Eastern Conference finals in the last decade and with Marc Bergevin and Kyle Dubas pulling a few strings, every indication would suggest both teams are in win now mode.

If I gave you easy questions to answer they would simply be these. Who has the edge? Who has more pressure on their hands? Who is favoured? That answer is the Toronto Maple Leafs.

When I ask you these questions maybe there truly isn't a direct answer. Will Leafs netminder Jack Campbell continue his supremacy over Montreal? Will Carey Price be at full strength? Which team is hungrier? These have yet to be determined. But for now, I'll leave those responses to you.

Seeing the rest of the playoff match-ups on television, I wish fans were allowed to enter the building here in Canada. It's quite frustrating and I can write you a haranguing statement about this, with a little respect of course.

But just as the Euro rolls around and many fans in the area grab their country's flag, it's time we grab flags of our own. Rally and renew the rivalry that has simply gone stale for over 40 years. Relive the passion from fan to fan. And at the same time, unite together as hockey supporters. Because now is the time and it is fuelled with more excitement than ever before.

Game one is tonight at 7:30 p.m. at Scotiabank Arena in arguably the most highly anticipated playoff series this year.

'Timeless Tales' writing contest

By Dorita Peer and Erika Baird

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

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

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

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

The deadline is May 31.



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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.

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

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

Schomberg Agricultural Society

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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St. Paul's Church By Linda Blydorp

Due to the increased restrictions, we will be closed to in-person worship until further notice, but we will be live-streaming each Sunday at 10 a.m.

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will be continuing his series, "Epidemic in the Church: Spiritual Infancy." The message is entitled, "Throwing Your Weight Around" based on Mark 4.35-41.

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).

Is there something we could pray about for you? We have decided to make "Drive-Thru Prayer" a monthly event! This will take place the first Wednesday of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Just drive in to the church parking lot at 5750 King Road, and you will be directed to someone whose honour it would be to pray for you. You don't even get out of your car for this one. Our next

"Drive-Thru Prayer" event will take place on June 2.

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

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

On Thursday at noon the Women's Good News Fellowship meet every week 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.

Stay tuned for more upcoming information on "A Message for All Time." This is a story of redemption and hope as seen through the life and death of Jesus, and what this abundant life of Jesus offers us in our current times.

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 June 2. 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., followed by Holy Communion Services, at St. Patrick's Church, Schomberg.

Visit us on our Facebook page or YouTube Channel (click below) to join us for this virtual celebration of the Sunday liturgy.

Browse our new websites: St. Patrick's Parish: <https://stpatrickssc.archtoronto.org/> - St. Mary's Mission: <https://stmarysno.archtoronto.org/>

Novena to The Holy Spirit: Join Fr. Ignacio and our parish community to pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit virtually on Zoom beginning this evening at 7 p.m. to Saturday, May 22.

The 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 22 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: 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 (new time) 7:30 p.m. to pray the Holy Rosary on Zoom - dial in 647-558-2588 and use meeting ID:980 5411 8568#.

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.

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

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Viernes-Shaw: Fely

Peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Thursday, May 6th, 2021. Fely Viernes, in her 64th year, beloved wife of Rick Shaw. Loving mother of CJ (Justin). Manang to Editha Viernes, Tita to Yehlen and Fritchie, and cousin to Jovy (Gaius), Vina (Chief), Josie and the Doronio family. Sadly missed by her friends Holly (Duncan), Carmen (Phil), Joe, Vivienne and Calogero. Respecting the families' wishes, cremation has taken place and an invitational family service will be held at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham, on Saturday, May 15th, 2021.

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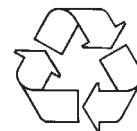
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King City United
By Sheryl Sinka

Thank you to Rev. Ross Carson who was the guest minister on Sunday May 16 helping our neighbour church, York Pines United celebrate another anniversary Sunday.

This worship along with previous weeks worships, can be accessed from our YouTube Channel at YorkUnited-Ministries or off our website at kcuc.net

With the stay at home order continuing to be in effect until at least June 2 in Ontario, KCUC will continue to worship online, however, as vaccines are rolling out, we are offering limited attendance to the worship recordings to those who are unable to access online worship. That attendance (every three weeks) 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 and the maximum 10 person limit set by the province.

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 at 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 morning worship link.

The Women's Prayer Circle is still "open for business," and we can still pray together, even if not in person. Although our weekly Tuesday morning meetings at the condo building on

Burns Blvd. are still suspended, they will resume as soon as the government rules are relaxed. Meanwhile, if you need prayer, for yourself or a loved one, please call Deana at 905-833-5375 and your request will be shared by phone with other prayer sisters. Surely we all agree that prayer is needed now, more than ever. Be still and be well.

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

King Bible Church

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 service we have a "Coffee Fellowship." Get in touch with Lynn or Kathy at 905-833-0391 if you need the link or have any questions.

Last Sunday, Lynn Vissers continued with our series on the Fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22,23, looking at the Fruit of Peace. Jesus, our Prince of Peace is able to provide God's peace which transcends all understanding, keeping our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, our peace and solid rock. Philipians 4:7. Comforting words especially during these uncertain times.

Through Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D) we can con-

tribute 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 kffb.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.

All Saints Anglican Church

By Patrick Gossage

From a May 14 letter to the Diocese from The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto:

"The pandemic opened to us new opportunities for doing things and reaching new people. What other creative and bold ways are we being called to serve and engage with the world, post-pandemic. Maybe we can use this time of waiting to plan something exciting, something that can change our relationship with our neighbours and our world just as soon as we are able."

Fr. Michael's sermon on Jerusalem Sunday:

"Since 2013, when the General Synod of our national church voted to affirm our solidarity with the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, this Sunday is known as Jerusalem Sunday. It's a day when local churches across Canada are called to learn about our Anglican brothers and sisters in the Middle East, to pray for them, and to assist them in our ministries.

This year Jerusalem Sunday falls in the middle of an especially horrific cycle of violence in the region. Violence between Jewish and Arab groups threatens to destroy the multifaith and multicultural community that has been a hallmark of Israeli society at its best.

"In the midst of this conflict is the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. Its ministry includes health care, and it operates clinics and hospitals, including the Al Ahil Arab Hospital in Gaza City. One can only imagine what the scenes in that hospital are presently like. The current bishop of Jerusalem is Archbishop Suheil Dawani, the fourteenth Anglican bishop of Jerusalem and the fourth Palestinian bishop.

"On this day of prayer, the Diocese of Jerusalem reminds us of the role of the church as a witness to God's commitment to love and peace.

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Nobleton Notes

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If you'd like to be added to our email list, please let me know. In addition to the Nobleton YouTube channel you can find the service on the Nobleton Facebook page.

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

Nobleton and Schomberg United continue to do all we can to keep our community safe. Pastoral care visits will be done over the phone until the Ontario stay at home order is lifted. At that time social distance outdoor visits

will occur.

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

You can contact me, Carol-Ann at ministrernobletonschomberg@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.

King's Corners

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Now, more than ever, we need to pray for God to keep them strong, to protect them, and to bless their efforts to show the love of Christ to their neighbours. This crisis also invites us to think about why we pray for other dioceses in our Anglican Communion. There are two reasons.

"The first is that we are part of a much wider church. We are a very small branch on a very big vine. What unites us is that all of these churches exist to serve God, to be the presence of Christ in service to their parts of the world. All of us have a duty to pray for all.

"We may never know those people and parishes we pray for. We pray for one another and for the fulfillment of Jesus prayer to the Father, that God guards the church as Jesus did on earth.

"The second point is that the Dio-

cese of Jerusalem has a particular role in connecting us with Jesus and the physical and historical substance of our faith. The Diocese lives and walks in the streets and fields where Jesus and his disciples and apostles lived and walked. It reminds us that our faith is not some otherworldly piety, but is rooted in the world that Jesus knew, that Jesus blessed, and in which Jesus called his disciples to continue his work.

"Until peace comes, Jerusalem is the ground zero of our faith. Jerusalem is death and resurrection, it's the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Diocese of Jerusalem points to hope, to God's promises and God's faithfulness. In its dialogue with its Jewish and Muslim neighbours, it is the model of what peace can look like. We need to pray that the Diocese can continue be these things, just as we need their prayers, for together we are the church, the companionship of disciples that together shows Christ to the world and to one another."

STORM needs your help now

STORM is seeking the public's input in its revitalization. Since 1990 Save the Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) Coalition has been the leading voice of the movement to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine.

They've had major victories along the way – the most significant being the 2001/2002 Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act and Plan.

"We've had disappointments as well, and the pressure is building to weaken environmental protection policies," said a McLaurin, interim chair. "As we've seen over the past several years, environmental rules and regulations must be constantly defended at all times by concerned community groups, engaged citizens and passionate environmental organizations. And so we're inviting you to join us to rebuild the movement to save and protect in perpetuity this incredible landscape."

She urges residents to consider joining STORM's board and be part of forging the future of STORM and the ORM. Email them at SaveTheORM@gmail.com

Volunteer to be the eyes and ears in your community: Monitor and report on development activities, tree cutting, dump trucks dumping excess soil and dirt etc.

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Judy has always supported various Hospice initiatives in the Greater Toronto Area, both as a staff member and a volunteer. She received the June Callwood Volunteer of the Year Award in 2009.

Upon her retirement in 2016, a friend introduced her to the Hospices. After visiting Margaret Bahen Hospice, she learned what a great place it was and decided to get involved by volunteering and participating in fundraising events like Hike for Hospice.

Judy is involved with Hike for Hospice each year because she has witnessed families being so thankful for the positive memories they have during those really difficult times.

FUNDRAISING TIPS FROM JUDY:

- ▶ Set a goal that is obtainable. It is more rewarding and every dollar raised is so necessary for the charity.
- ▶ Send out requests in stages: If you don't get any responses within a set time period, send a reminder! You will see most donations occur quickly after the reminder, human nature is that people get busy and forget.
- ▶ I always do a personal thank you, customized to the person who donated to my fundraising page. I always send it on the same day the donation is received.

Be like Judy, join us for Hike for Hospice, visit www.myhospice.ca/hikeforhospice for more information and register!

