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King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce joined other politicians and officials as the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital officially opened its doors Sunday. It is the first hospital built in 30 years and Canada's first smart hospital.

## Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital officially opens

Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital is the first net new hospital to open in Ontario in 30 years, the first smart hospital.

Today, Mackenzie Health officially opened its second hospital, Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital Sunday, as a full-service community hospital to serve the residents of western York Region including Vaughan, Richmond Hill and King.

While Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital opened in February exclusively to support the province's pandemic response and the GTA Incident Management System (IMS), providing necessary relief to the health-care system, Mackenzie Health's second hospital has now fully opened to support the community as originally planned.

"After more than a decade-long journey, Mackenzie Health is excited today to see Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital open as intended as a full-service hospital for our community," said Mackenzie Health President and CEO Altaf Stationwala. "While we have been proud to step up as a system solution in the fight against COVID-19, our com-

munity needs and deserves this hospital now more than ever before."

Mackenzie Health has cared for the highest proportion of COVID-19 patients in Ontario, with 514 patients transferred to Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital since it opened to provide pandemic relief on Feb. 7. At the same time, the emergency department at its sister hospital, Mackenzie Richmond Hill Hospital, has come under considerable and unsustainable strain with the number of patients requiring an inpatient bed outnumbering available staffed beds.

With COVID-19 cases now declining in hospitals, including in ICUs across the province, and the ramp up in the provincial rollout of the vaccines, Mackenzie Health and the Government of Ontario made the decision that the time was right to open Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital as a full-service hospital for the community.

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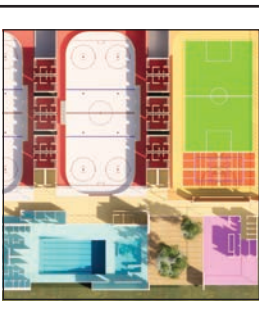
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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

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

**Monday, June 28**  
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](http://king.civicweb.net/filepro/documents)

**COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

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

**Tuesday, June 15**  
6 pm – King Township Public Library Board (virtual meeting)

**Wednesday, June 16**  
6 pm – Committee of Adjustment  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

**Wednesday, June 23**  
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](mailto:jwelch@king.ca) by 12pm (noon) on the day of the meeting.

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

- Parks Project Architect (contract) – closes June 21 at 4:30pm
  - Manager of Capital Facility Construction (Township-Wide Recreation Centre) (contract) – closes June 21 at 4:30pm
- Please visit the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) for employment opportunities.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**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 sewer and the last section of Russell Snider Drive has now started and will be finished by middle of June 2021.
- Road and Servicing crews are continuing within the contract area.
- Paving for Sheardown is planned for this week.

Residents who have any questions about the project can visit <https://www.king.ca/majorprojects> or contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321 or [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).

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- The Municipal Centre at 2585 King Rd. is closed to the public until further notice. However, many services— including payment options, licenses and permits—are being offered online at [www.king.ca/online-services](http://www.king.ca/online-services).
- All essential services will continue, including Fire and Emergency Services, water, wastewater, waste collection and roads and sidewalk maintenance.
- Citizens can still do business with King on our website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca), by phone at 905-833-5321 or by email at [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca).
- King Township Public Library remains closed but is offering curbside pickup service. Visit [www.kinglibrary.ca](http://www.kinglibrary.ca) for more information.
- King is encouraging residents to support local businesses during the lockdown as much as possible.

**LATEST UPDATES**

York Region and King Township are currently under a Provincial stay-at-home order.

**King Township COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic**

**First dose**  
York Region residents age 12+ who live, work or go to school in York Region are now eligible to book an appointment for their COVID-19 vaccination.

**Second Dose**  
70+ (born in 1951 or earlier)  
Individuals with Highest Risk Health conditions and Indigenous individuals  
Indigenous Individuals  
Certain High Risk Health Care Workers

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

**NOTICE OF MEETING BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

(Electronic Meeting pursuant to section 238 (3.1) (3.3) of the Municipal Act, 2001)  
As the Municipal Centre is now closed to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this will be an electronic meeting held virtually and live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

**TOWNSHIP OF KING TO CONSIDER – A “BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY”**

Council of the Corporation of the Township of King will be considering a staff report and By-law Enforcement Policy and related By-law at its Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings on:

**Monday, June 28, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**

The Township of King is implementing a formal enforcement policy providing guidance to staff, elected officials and the general public regarding By-law enforcement policies and practices.

**Public Comment**

To comment in writing, please send written comments to the Clerk's Office at [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. Written comments will be circulated to Members of Council prior to the start of the Meeting and will become part of the formal record of the meeting.

Anyone wishing to speak to Council virtually (Audio-telephone in) must register by contacting the Clerks Department at 905-833-4068 or email [clerks@king.ca](mailto:clerks@king.ca) no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting. When your registration is received, a confirmation message and instructions for participating in the virtual meeting will be provided. Please provide your full name, address, contact details when contacting the Clerks Department. Please note that all comments will become part of the public record.

Information and copies of the staff report will be available for review on the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) as of Thursday, June 24, 2021.

For further information regarding the By-law Enforcement Policy, contact: Nancy Cronsberry, Manager of the By-law Enforcement Division, Growth Management Services – By-law Enforcement Division, [ncronsberry@king.ca](mailto:ncronsberry@king.ca) or by telephone at 905-833-4001.

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By mid-June, The European Gypsy Moth also known as *Lymantria dispar dispar* (LDD) will begin to move down the tree trunk to seek shelter from the heat and predators. Applying burlap band traps to your trees will make it easier to collect the LDD caterpillars in your tree. Leave the traps up from June- August. This technique may also be used to collect female moths in late summer.

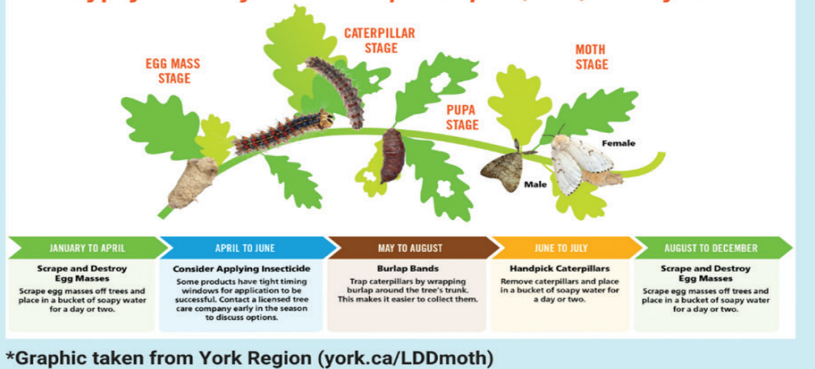
**STEP 1**  
To trap the caterpillars, wrap burlap or light-colored cloth around tree trunk at chest height.  
Required Supplies: Burlap, string/ twine, bucket with soap & water.

**STEP 2**  
Tie a piece of rope around the centre of the burlap to secure the burlap in place.

**STEP 3**  
Check the trap by lifting the overhanging burlap daily.  
The best time to check the burlap bands is in the afternoon, when the caterpillars seek refuge from the heat of the mid-day sun.

**STEP 4**  
Caterpillars can be removed and placed in a bucket of soapy water for a day or two before disposing of them.  
\*Avoid direct skin contact with LDD caterpillars. When removing caterpillars wear gloves and safety glasses.

**Gypsy moth/Lymantria dispar dispar (LDD) Life Cycle**



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# Hospital is a 'game-changer' for area residents

From Front Page

"Today's opening of Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital is a historic moment in our mission to end hallway health care in Ontario," said Premier Doug Ford. "In the heart of one of the fastest growing areas in Canada, this new hospital will ensure residents in Vaughan and surrounding communities receive the care they deserve for generations to come. Congratulations to the Mackenzie Health family on the opening of this new, state-of-the-art facility."

Deputy Premier and Minister of Health Christine Elliott also expressed her gratitude in recognition of this important milestone for the community.

"At the height of the pandemic, Mackenzie Health delayed the full opening of the new Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital to act as a systemwide resource for our health-care system, providing care to some of Ontario's most vulnerable patients," said Elliott. "We are incredibly grateful for the compas-

sion and generosity of our York Region community, and are thrilled that York Region will benefit from the exceptional care provided at this new, state-of-the-art hospital."

The Magna Emergency at Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital officially opened to the community, doubling access to emergency care in western York Region. Mackenzie Health now has two hospitals, each with a full-service emergency department, specialized programs and core services such as surgery, medicine and critical care.

"As one of the fastest growing cities in Canada in a region where the population is expected to grow by more than 35 per cent over the next 20 years, the residents of Vaughan deserve access to safe, quality care provided by expert clinicians," said Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua. "The generosity of our community has raised more than \$200 million towards our \$250 million Ultimate campaign goal so far, allowing us to mark this important milestone as



## Work on rural zoning bylaw moving ahead

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Consultants working on King's revamped Rural Area Zoning Bylaw are preparing the document for a possible fall adoption.

Robert Rappolt, from WSP consultants, updated King councillors on the work done to date.

The bylaw review is advancing well and will enter phase two in the coming weeks.

Phase one included three virtual public open houses last December and two workshops this past April.

Rappolt noted the bylaw is aimed at King's countryside area, and excludes the major urban centres, which have their own community plans.

Rappolt noted the public consultation sessions were well attended and visits to the website have topped 1,500. Residents have generated valuable feedback as the project moves forward.

The discussion paper outlines key issues being examined in the review. They include the ORMCP implementation, employment uses in hamlets, secondary residential units, the Marsh crop area, on-farm diversified uses, recreational uses, bed & breakfasts and short-term accommodations and cannabis production.

Consultants and staff are working on the first draft of the bylaw, which is expected to be released by mid-June.

A second round of public engaged will follow in late June and early July. Hopes are the final bylaw can be presented to council for adoption by October. The project is on time and on budget.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer said she's pleased with the remarkable pace at which the review is moving and how much work has been done so far. She's also encouraged by the amount of public participation in the process.

we open the first hospital in the City of Vaughan."

Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital is also the new home of Mackenzie Health's Woman and Child and Inpatient Mental Health programs and the Sorbara Integrated Stroke Unit. Mackenzie Health's community-based locations and services will continue to provide additional support to western York Region.

"We know how much our community, physicians, staff, volunteers and donors have been looking forward to opening Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital and we thank them for their ongoing support, dedication and patience as we did the right thing and stepped up to support the provincial pandemic response before opening as a full-service hospital," said Stationwala.

"This is a game changer - state-of-the-art health care in the heart of our community. Our government committed to opening this hospital, and in partnership with our community, we are getting the job done for Vaughan and King families. This is the largest provincial investment in our community that will directly improve our quality of life, from mental health, to child and birthing, emergency care, and a stroke unit that will save lives and help new ones enter the world," added Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan and

Minister of Education.

"On behalf of York Regional Council, The Regional Municipality of York and more than 1.2 million residents who call our communities home, we congratulate Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital on their official opening. A special thank you to Mackenzie Health who opened their doors in February to support the province's pandemic response in the fight against COVID-19. This new smart hospital will expand health-care capacity across York Region and help build strong, caring and safe communities today and for generations to come," noted Wayne Emmerson, York Region Chairman and CEO.

The Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital project was made possible by support and investments from government and community partners including the City of Vaughan, the Regional Municipality of York and the Province of Ontario. The Ontario government invested \$1.3 billion towards the \$1.7 billion project. The local share, required to help cover costs for technology and medical equipment as well as a portion of the construction costs, continues to be supported by the generosity of the community through the Ultimate campaign. To date, the campaign has raised more than \$200 million of the \$250 million goal.

## Patience is a virtue

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

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I don't know if executives or designers at the major car manufacturers poll drivers about their wants and needs. Sure, it's a no-brainer that people want something stylish, even distinctive. But when it comes to the automobile, how much is flash, and how much is practical performance? How much is too much?

Personally, I need a dependable car that's safe, has good resale value and checks all the boxes.

Do I need a heated steering wheel? No. Do I need moving headlights that turn as I turn? I certainly don't need the \$2,500 price tag to fix one! Do I need sensors that detect road noise? No. A panoramic sun roof that changes colour?

Here's a GM advertising blast from the past, since I actually owned this car, a 1970 Camaro RS:

"... deeply contoured front buckets ... road-hugging stance ... more glass for super visibility ... with enough dials to make you think you're piloting a 707."

Classics like this had nothing in the way of technology. Front disc brakes were as good as it got. But these were steel machines, with strong, made-in-North America parts. You could creep into the engine bays and change anything you wanted. They had carburetors. Few had air conditioning. I rolled up my windows.

I'd happily give up a non-vital organ to have one of these again!

One of my cars, a 1973 Dodge Dart, had standard steering and brakes. Wasn't a big deal.

I always wondered why auto-makers



Mark Pavilons

have to revamp every make and model each year. I guess if you're buying a new car, you want it to be well, "new."

But just how many more options can car-makers squeeze into a four-door sedan?

I have a 2005 Buick Century with 52,000 km on the odometer. It's clean and solid. It still has a cassette deck, but also has a CD player! It's strong and dependable, and repairs are fairly reasonable. It's a decent size and boasts a V6 engine. It's safe.

Strangely enough, my son's 2004 Acura TL has more bells and whistles than I thought were available at the time. It has a leather interior, a sunroof, power everything and an innovative (for its time) navigation system. It even has bluetooth - unheard of back in 2004!

Automotive technology will continue to evolve exponentially in the next decade.

Almost every manufacturer around

the globe is aiming to go fully electric within a decade.

That will change the personal transportation landscape forever.

And, with technological innovations comes private ingenuity, too.

Already, smaller electric vehicle producers are popping up, offering their spin on things. Those making electric bikes, scooters, even electric unicycles will get into the car game. There's no limit to what engineering, coupled with smaller, stronger batteries, can produce.

Also, many EV makers are already toying with flying vehicles - electric hovering craft and cycles; cars that turn into airplanes, car cabins that get snatched from their bases and taken across the city via electric helicopters.

We will likely not recognize the world by 2035, but we will have a lot of fun exploring it!

By end of the decade, I doubt we'll be seeing much in the way of 10-seater SUVs and monstrous pickup trucks.

No, my friends, we will no longer have fine Corinthian leather as an alternative (okay, that was a shout out to Ricardo Montalban).

No more horsepower giants and supercars that suck you back in those fine racing seats.

Our new electric people-movers will go back to basis. They will be much simpler.

I see them as larger, open cabin spac-

es, with seating for five or six, some with seats facing one another. They may have TV screens, wifi outlets and individual headsets. They will take you where you want to go with a simple voice command. They may even stop on the way and get you a drink at your favourite drive-through.

These quiet rides won't be spewing fossil fuel byproducts out of dual exhaust pipes. They won't growl and they won't blast music for the entire neighbourhood to hear.

They will be quiet, comfortable, safe and reliable.

Sure, they can be stylish but what's the point? Maybe one day we all join together in a bit of a conveyance revolution of sorts. We may all join the conga line of bubble-top people movers. Our roadways may resemble conveyor belts rather than actual hard surface lanes.

The gas-powered luxury imports and 1970s muscle cars will be even harder to get and maybe even less desirable. Why would someone want a 400-hp Chevelle SS when you can sit back, relax and be driven to work in your plexiglass hamster ball?

Okay, I will admit that car shows and drag strips may become quite boring in the distant future.

Maybe it's time to hide away any current gas-powered vehicle and bring it out of mothballs after the apocalypse.

Mad Max would be proud.

### Editorial

## Decision to remain remote a wise one

The decision to keep students at home for the remainder of the current school year is a wise one.

Despite calls, and even agreement from provincial officials themselves, that in-school learning is beneficial, the move to sit tight is cautious.

Opponents say this move is inaction by the Ford government, but we see it as a consistent, play-it-safe move, with a dash of preventive medicine.

To have rushed back thousands of kids, teachers and support staff for just two more weeks of school didn't make sense. Not only would it have created a logistical nightmare, it would have put undue strain on kids, parents, caregivers and board staff.

As COVID numbers continue to drop and we're finally grappling with the pandemic, it's important to stay the course. We need to stomp on this virus once and for all.

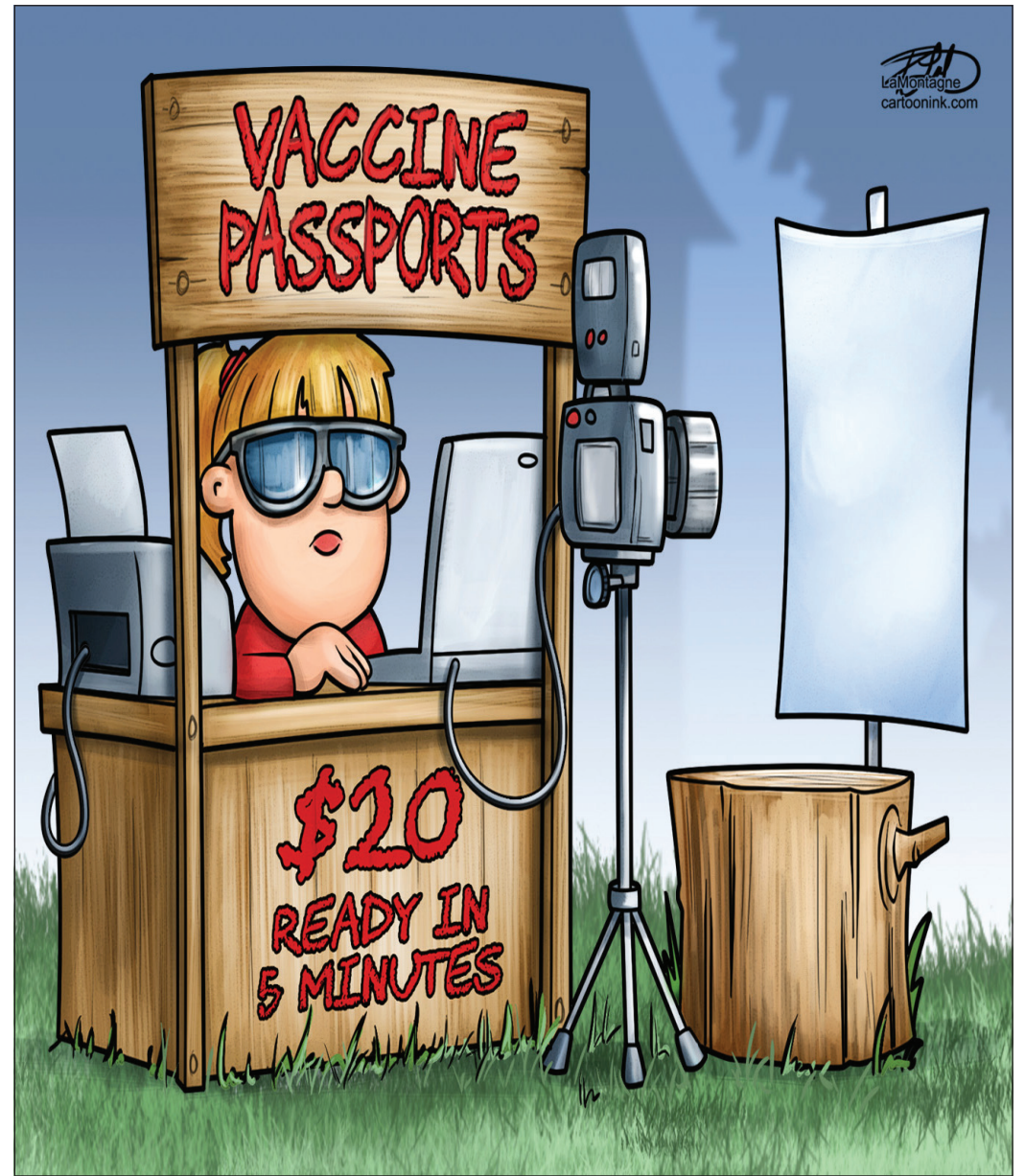
Our vigilance, and accelerated vaccine rollout, will provide for an enjoyable summer, and an optimistic return to class this September.

Vaccines will be available for anyone who wants them. The question remains is whether students returning to school in the fall should be mandated to get their first shot.

We believe it's in everyone's best interest, regardless of age, to get vaccinated. If we reach our goal of a two-shot summer, then we've won the battle and things can turn around for good.

Isn't that what we all want?

MP, Editor



### Quote of the Week



*"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."*

- Peter Marshall

### Trivia Tidbits

**Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.**

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Results from last week's poll:

**Do you feel comfortable mixing does of the COVID vaccine?**



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

**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION**

Will you get your second dose of the vaccine as soon as it's available?

- a) Yes
- b) No

Go to our website and cast a vote!

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## Petition to review victims' rights

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Led by Jennifer Neville-Lake, a petition containing thousands of signatures has been submitted to the federal government to review victims' rights.

MP for Humber River-Black Creek Judy Sgro presented the petition virtually last week.

The petition (e-3319) began in April, and contained more than 4,000 signatures.

The petition maintains that the federal Victims Bill of Rights is not being fully implemented and fails to protect victims of crime and their families. The petition is asking for a review and improved measures.

The petition notes that the Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime, in her 2020 Progress Report: The Canadian Victims Bill of Rights, concluded "... the objectives set out in the Act have not been met. The Act falls far short of delivering the real rights it promised."

Further, the Department of Justice, in its 2019 report, Final Report on the Review of Canada's Criminal Justice System, found that victims often feel re-victimized and acknowledged major changes are needed to support the rights of victims, survivors and their families.

"The Canadian Victims Bill of Rights must be strengthened to prioritize victims and survivors of crime in the criminal justice system," the petition stated.

They want the House of Commons to designate or establish a committee of Parliament to review the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights.

"I hope we can see a change in the future," Sgro said.

Daniel, Harrison and Milly Neville-Lake and their grandfather Gary were victims of a 2015 impaired driving collision.

Enacted in July 2015 the federal Victims Bill of Rights outlined the rights of victims of crime in Canada, requiring that those rights be considered during each step of the criminal justice system. Provisions in the act provide that a committee of Parliament is to be designated or established for the purpose of reviewing the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights. The launch of this review is the independent responsibility of Parliament.

"The Government of Canada is com-

mitted to implementing and strengthening victims' rights and continues to work collaboratively with other governments across the country that share responsibility for addressing and meeting the needs of victims and survivors of crime in the criminal justice system."

Neville-Lake said she learned from speaking with many victims of all types of crime from across the country, that unfortunately not all victims of crime are treated equally across the country or have access to the same services.

"As a victim of crime I personally have experienced many gaps in the system and have been left to figure out a lot of things on my own."

When it was passed in 2015, Parliament said the CVBR had to be reviewed by a Parliamentary Committee 5 years after it became law. Due to the pandemic this has not happened.

"I am pleasantly surprised to see that the Standing Committee of Justice and Human Rights have started a study about the CVBR. I was able to watch part of the Federal Ombudsman of Crime's witness interview after my petition was presented.

"In order for any changes to be made, the review has to start. Once a review is started then all the other parts, all the other thoughts and changes folks want to make can start to happen.

"If it isn't possible to change the mandate of the Ombudsman for Victims of Crime (as by definition that would be hard) then a new advocacy office should be established."

Neville-Lake said she would recommend several changes to the Act.

The Federal Ombudsman for Victims of Crime's office currently can only make suggestions/recommendations to agencies if a victim complains using a complex complaint process. This office's powers need to be enhanced, she said, so that they are able to actually advocate for individual victims, particularly if the victims rights have been infringed upon.

"There needs to be a clear recourse."

The CVBR needs to clearly identify and promote supports for persons with disabilities, particularly supports that go beyond being able to physically access the prison/hearing. At the very least, Neville-Lake would like to see a cohesive and updated list of what funding is available for victims to pay for things like counselling.

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# Municipalities praise changes to blue box program

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Changes to the blue box program will expand services across the province and save municipalities money.

Following extensive consultations, the Ontario government is expanding blue box service to more communities, standardizing the list of materials that can be recycled across the province and saving municipalities money by making producers of products and packaging fully responsible for the cost and operation of the program.

“We are committed to protecting our environment and ensuring polluters pay. That is why we are creating a stronger and more effective blue box service that will have some of the highest waste diversion targets in North America to promote greater innovations in recycling technologies and increased use of recycled materials,” said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. “The new producer responsibility model will also provide people more opportunities to recycle – more than tripling the number of public space recycling bins funded under the current program – by expanding recycling services to additional locations including in King and Vaughan, such as multi-unit residential buildings, schools, retirement homes, long-term care homes and some public spaces, like parks and transit stations.”

King Township King has joined other municipalities in urging that producers cover the full costs of Ontario’s blue box recycling program.

Currently in Ontario, producers of printed paper and packaging have to cover 50% of the net costs of operating Ontario’s blue box program. The provincial government, backed by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, want to shift the costs entirely to producers, away from local governments. Hopes are this can take place by 2025.

King provides waste collection and disposal in a two-tier waste management system with York Region. King has a long-term contract with GFL Environmental, which expires Dec. 31, 2025.

“This is an important milestone for our municipality and for the environment,” said Mayor Steve Pellegrini. “It will save our residents money and lead to better, more innovative, and sustain-

able packaging practices.”

“Producers and municipalities have been advocating for an enhanced, producer-led Blue Box program for over a decade and I’m proud that our government has finalized these improvements,” said Jeff Yurek, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. “Our goal is to ensure our program remains convenient, affordable and right for communities. That’s why we are creating a stronger and more effective blue box service that will have some of the highest waste diversion targets in North America to promote greater innovations in recycling technologies and increased use of recycled materials.”

The enhanced Blue Box program will make recycling easier for Ontarians by:

- Standardizing what can be recycled across Ontario.
- Accepting common single-use and packaging-like products such as paper and plastic cups, foils, trays, bags and boxes sold for home use.
- Collecting single-use items that are distributed or sold to consume food and beverage products, like stir sticks, straws, cutlery and plates.
- Expanding services to more facilities such as apartment buildings, municipally run or non-profit long-term care homes and retirement homes, and schools.

The province is also expanding collection to more parks, playgrounds, and transit stations, more than tripling the number of public space recycling bins funded under the current program so there are more opportunities to recycle at home and on the go.

The changes to the program will also transition the costs of the Blue Box program away from municipal taxpayers by making the producers of products and packaging fully responsible for managing the life-cycle of their products, resulting in an estimated savings of \$156 million annually for municipalities.

“Our government is supporting the people of Ontario by moving accountability for recycling costs away from the taxpayer,” said Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “We are proud to support these changes that will help divert waste and protect our environment while putting money back in the pockets of people who live and work in this province.”

Combining 253 local programs into a single provincial collection system managed by producers will improve recycling operations across the province, encouraging producers to find efficiencies that will make recycling simpler and easier for residents, while also driving innovation in recycling practices and technologies by rewarding producers who make their products easier to recycle and can derive more value from waste – fueling job creation and attracting investment right here in Ontario.

The transition to the enhanced Blue Box program will be staggered from 2023 to 2025 to ensure a smooth transition for municipalities and producers, so there is no interruption to service for residents. Some of the first municipalities scheduled to adopt the new producer model include Kenora, London, Toronto and the Town of Hawkesbury.

Reducing plastic waste and litter and making producers responsible for managing waste from packaging or their products is a key part of the Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan.

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## King eager to get shovels in the ground for Rec Centre

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

The recent government funding for King's new recreation complex has accelerated the project, to the point where local politicians are anxious to get the shovels in the ground.

An update on the project was provided by Chris Fasciano, King's director of community services.

Fasciano noted he's received many inquiries from the public, following the historic contribution and funding announcement.

The project began to take life following the creation of the Facility Services Master Plan in 2019. Council and community consultation followed, along with initial design and grant applications. Input from user groups and the public helped shape the current layout of the facility.

It will host two, NHL-size rinks and seating accommodation and design are still being sorted out. The swimming pool is an amazing, six-lane, 25-metre pool,

with an adjacent leisure pool. A multi-use field house houses a large turf surface for sports such as soccer, lacrosse, etc. Fasciano said the uses of this field are virtually endless. Other amenities include multi-purpose rooms for meetings, events, seminars and even rental space for private functions.

The facility will be state-of-the-art in other ways, too. It will be energy efficient, including natural ventilation, reclaimed waste heat, and a possibility for an open loop geothermal heat exchange system. The building will have a high thermal performance roof and low emissions for surface coatings in the arenas. Provisions will be made for future solar arrays.

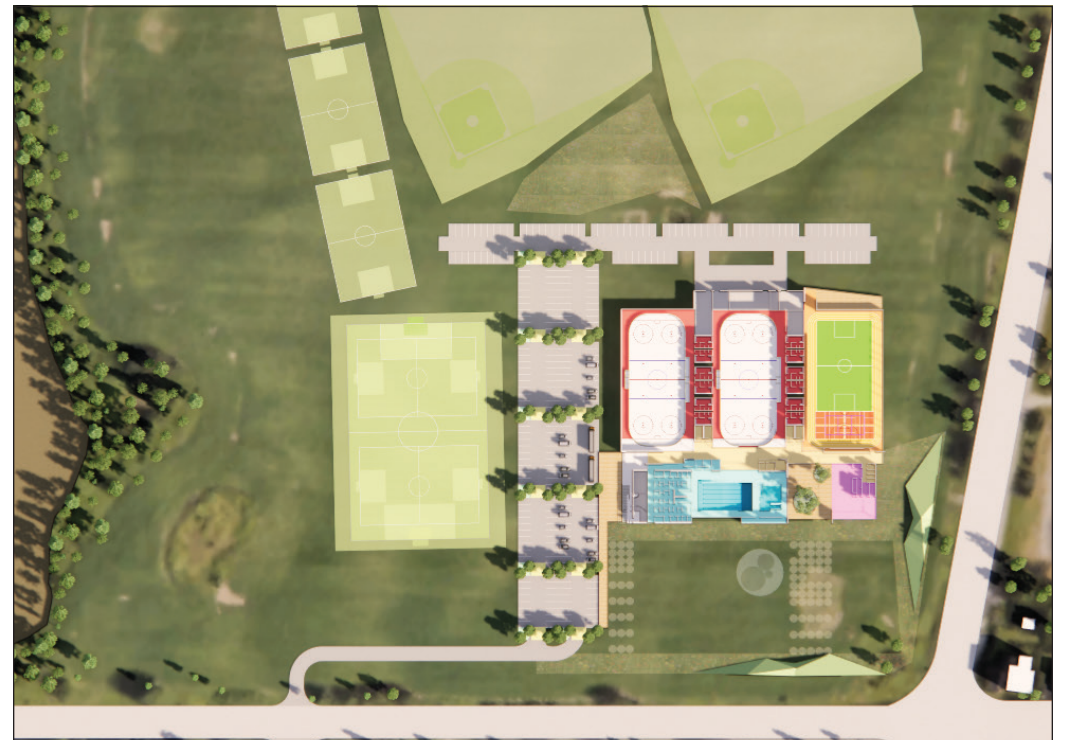
Fasciano explained that from here, more information sessions will be held with stakeholders and the public. After the design details are finalized, it will go out to tender. He said staff are hoping to move forward as quickly as possible on this.

Aside from the modern facility itself, Councillor David Boyd pointed out it will have a near zero financial impact to ratepayers. King's share of the cost - roughly \$14 million - is being largely covered by local developers and corporate sponsors.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer was disappointed to have a net zero environmental impact. King needs to send a message that it "walks the talk" and she hopes the Township will exploit all of the available technologies in this regard. She pointed out we only get to build this once, and it has to be done right.

Fasciano noted he's confident that all current measures are being explored, and provisions will be made for improvements in the future.

"We're working hard to make it as efficient as we can," he said.



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## YSBEC offers help to businesses

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Helping small businesses on the road to recovery is the team at York Small Business Enterprise Centre (YSBEC).

King councillors learned about the services at the last virtual council meeting.

Charles Banfield, manager for YSBEC, noted they've been working without interruption caused by the

pandemic. Serving the northern six municipalities in York, the YSBEC offers a range of services to help small businesses succeed. From start-ups to growing businesses, YSBEC staff can provide assistance.

Banfield noted they have a great working relationship with both King Township and the King Chamber of Commerce. The centre's clients are typically businesses of one to 10 employees, largely on village main streets. Roughly half of the business people are 40 years old.

YSBEC provides group and individual consultations, seminars and events.

Last year in King, they helped 20 clients.

The centre also runs Summer Company, a provincial initiative that provides training, mentorship and grants for students starting their own company. The program was on hiatus in 2020, but is returning this summer.

Starter Company Plus provides help from those 18 and older who want to launch or expand a business, along with a \$5,000 grant.

YSBEC also offers the Northern York Region Professional Services Access Program that includes advice on legal, financial and marketing matters.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini noted that many programs exist to help small businesses and more people should take advantage of them, and find out more.

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# Kingbridge Innovation Hub welcomes 80,000 honey bees

The newly announced Kingbridge Innovation Hub is losing no time in getting demonstration projects up and running, sparking interesting discussions and discovery about the natural environment along the way.

Several weeks ago, 1,500 white cedar trees, were planted on the property, as part of a tree nursery for native trees and species at risk. Another 9,000 trees of different varieties have been planted in a holding area and will be moved later this year. Now, the trees have been joined by bees.

Eight new hives are now buzzing with 80,000 honey bees. The hives are located beside the tree nursery, and have access to the naturalized forest and the Humber River which runs through the Kingbridge property. The bee project is part of a focus on protecting biodiversity, local food production and natural ecosystems. The bees will be cared for by onsite team members and several volunteers.

"Bees belong with trees," said Karen

Dubeau, executive director of the Kingbridge Innovation Hub. "It's well known that they play an important role in the agricultural sector for food production, but they are also critical to support food production of nuts, seeds and fruits, food that all other animals and birds in the forest ecosystem rely on."

Bees are also a common area of interest between Seneca College and Kingbridge, which recently announced a strategic partnership. As part of the their Sustainability Plan, Seneca hosts hives at three of their four campuses, including the one in King Township, and produces 10,000 pounds of honey per year for their campus cafeterias. The College also offers a variety of courses on beekeeping, and has connected with the Kingbridge team implementing the project.

In addition to the bees and trees, the Kingbridge Innovation hub is actively working on projects related to managed forests, re-naturalization, food forest designs, medicine gardens, vertical



Dan Bilzer, Manager of Property Operations at Kingbridge, and Mark Breadner, board member of FIRST Canada and volunteer apiarist, set up the bees in their new home.

## York Region releases progress report on its strategic plan

The Regional Municipality of York released its Year 2 (2020) Progress Report on the 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan which shows the Region has made progress on its four-year plan during unprecedented times.

In 2020, 23 of 31 (74%) of the performance measures were trending in the desired direction.

"Despite York Region's wide-scale response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, significant progress on strategic priorities and objectives outlined in the strategic plan continued," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "These accomplishments demonstrate our collaborative efforts and commitment to ensuring high-quality programs and services are available to residents. York Region remains an outstanding place to live, work and visit."

The 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan provides a detailed course of action over the term of council. It represents the Region's commitment to making progress on four priorities:

- Increase economic prosperity.
- Support community health, safety and well-being.
- Build sustainable communities and protect the environment.
- Deliver trusted and efficient services.

York Region's 2019 to 2023 Strategic Plan is tracked, measured and reported annually to ensure progress is made on council's priorities.

"Strategic focus is required over a long term to maintain a high quality of life in York Region," said Vaughan Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, Chair of Finance and Administration. "This plan sets out the critical steps needed for the post-pandemic recovery of the Region and the future state of our communities as outlined in Vision."

A copy of the progress report and other documents relating to York Region's strategic planning is available at [york.ca/stratplan](http://york.ca/stratplan)

farms, and much more.

As outdoor gathering restrictions begin to lift, Kingbridge is looking forward to inviting residents and visitors to explore the demonstration projects, and to engage in conversations. They are actively looking to connect with partner organizations and individuals in the community.

"If you are passionate about exploring exciting ideas to transform our community and in finding new ways to make the world a better, healthier place, we hope you will reach out and share your ideas. We are excited to

bring people together to co-create ways of achieving a more sustainable and prosperous future," said Lisa Gilbert, general manager of Kingbridge.

The Kingbridge Innovation Hub is both a physical location and a community-wide methodology to foster, curate and engage multi-stakeholder collaborations aimed at identifying, trialing and evaluating transformational solutions to track, mitigate and inform about the impacts of climate change on agriculture, food production/distribution, water and conservation of the environment.



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# Arts & Entertainment

## Governments providing support for beekeepers

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Beekeepers are anxiously awaiting implementation of a new targeted intake from the governments of Canada and Ontario. The measures are aimed to support and strengthen the health of managed honey bees and Ontario's beekeeping sector.

The business of beekeeping plays an important role when it comes to managing bee health and the success of crops on Ontario farms. Under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (The Partnership) the new 50 per cent cost share intake opens on June 21 and will support beekeepers with 10 or more colonies registered with the Provincial Apiarist.

Beekeepers will be able to apply for funding to support honey bee health and business capacity, including the following:

- Purchase equipment to prevent the introduction and spread of disease and increase overwinter survival of bees.
- Sampling and analysis for pests and diseases to increase adoption of integrated pest management and other best management practices.
- Purchase of domestically raised queens to assist in building the resilience of the industry.
- Business supports to help beekeepers grow their business.

"Bees are vital to our food system and agricultural sector," said the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food. "Canada's beekeepers need specialized tools to manage and enhance bee health. The Government of Canada will continue to support beekeepers,

and ensure they have access to the resources they need as they adapt to new climate realities."

"We have had a strong uptake from beekeepers under the first intake for help with reducing biosecurity risks, minimizing overwinter loss and managing pests and diseases in managed honey bees," said Ernie Hardeman, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. "We're taking into consideration feedback from beekeepers and the challenges of the industry - including the impact of COVID-19 - to build on the program and tailor our support to the current needs of the sector."

"This targeted bee health intake will provide beekeepers in Ontario the opportunity to address biosecurity risks in their operations," said Melanie Kemper, General Manager, Ontario Beekeepers' Association. "Ontario is home to many beekeepers, from those who manage a few colonies to those who keep bees commercially. No matter the size of the operation, the importance of bee health is vital and these funding opportunities are key to support health and sustainability for Ontario's beekeeping industry."

This came as good news for King's Andre Flys, owner of Pioneer Brand Honey and Maple.

"It's nice that the program has been extended for another term. I know many beekeepers that were able to take advantage of the program including Pioneer Honey. We will be looking to the extended program for funding again this year or next.

"It's also notable the program expanded funding for commercial opera-

tions like myself with more than 50 colonies. The program is also helping local queen breeders with a 50% cost share to purchase queens produced here in Ontario. It would be nice if the program was expanded to not only monitor disease and pests but exposure to pesticides. I haven't met a beekeeper that hasn't had a problem with pesticides at some point."

Changes being introduced under the new intake include:

A new maximum will allow commercial beekeepers to receive up to \$10,000 in cost share funding to reflect the higher cost demands of commercial operations (50 colonies or more).

The program will continue to provide cost-share funding of up to \$3,500 for operations of less than 50 colonies.

Under the new intake, applicants can be approved for a maximum of two applications.

Honey extraction equipment and activities related to COVID-19 recovery are included as eligible expenses. For example, supporting the development of websites for online sales and producing Ontario stock to mitigate difficulty in accessing queens or worker bees due to COVID-19.

Project eligibility will continue to

include multi-year projects to take into consideration the seasonality of the beekeeping industry and the time between purchasing and receiving product (such as honey bee stock, which may be delivered several months after purchase). Due to this seasonality and the length of this new intake, equipment and stock will need to be purchased within the first year of the intake.

Under the first targeted beekeeper intake, over \$550,000 was invested into the cost-share funding for 350 projects (including completed projects and those underway), for beekeepers owning more than 20,000 hives across the province.

The partnership is a five-year, \$3-billion commitment by Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments to strengthen and grow Canada's agriculture and agri-food sectors. This includes a \$2 billion commitment that is cost-shared 60 per cent federally and 40 per cent provincially/territorially for programs that are designed and delivered by provinces and territories.

The beekeeper cost-share funding program has a continuous application process, with applications accepted until funding is fully allocated.

## King to review fireworks bylaw

By Mark Pavilons

The negative impacts of large fireworks caused some concern among King councillors.

Council has asked staff to review the current fireworks bylaw and see if changes can be made to limit the use of fireworks.

Councillor Debbie Schaefer pointed out that she received many calls from residents following the Victoria Day holiday, when fireworks were set off in many locations.

One resident reported that a Heron family was notably shaken and scared off by fireworks, but subsequently returned to the nest. Others note that fireworks themselves leave behind toxic debris that could impact our local ecosystem.

King Fire Chief Jim Wall noted it has been one of the worst years on record for fires started by family fireworks. He was in favour of the bylaw review to "tighten" some of the rules.

Chief Wall also mentioned that fireworks vendors have popped up and some are selling products to underage children. Fire personnel do take action and have reported some to York Regional Police.

It has been suggested that using technology may be the answer. In Scotland some places are using drones to produce some amazing light displays in the night sky.



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## Newmarket company opens 9-hole frisbee golf

By Robert Belardi

On the eve of the province of Ontario alleviating restrictions the Market Brewing Company in Newmarket announced on June 2 the launch of their frisbee golf course on site.

Located at 17775 Leslie Street Unit #4 in the back of the plaza, Manager Piers Simpkin says this was put in motion at the beginning of the stay-at-home order.

"It came into motion at the beginning of the stay-at-home order. It was when golf courses and outdoor amenities were able to be open. Us, being creative thinkers here, we have the space in the back and I was running down a list and frisbee golf was still able to be open and run," Simpkin said.

Then golf courses were shut down and province was in a weird period. But recently as the province continues to slowly reopen, Simpkin took note of the mental frustrations people have endured throughout this time and hopes this will provide them a much-needed reprieve.

"This is going to be a great thing for the community. Also get their kids out to try it. Everyone can throw a frisbee. Mental health. Give a new challenge that you haven't done before. These were some of the points we were trying to push with this."

With the entire property being licensed for distribution of alcohol, patrons will have the availability to purchase beer while playing frisbee golf. To do so, you must call in between



## Local player led Canada to gold

By Robert Belardi

When Team Canada entered the IIHF World Championships with a roster filled with names such as Adam Henrique, Maxime Comtois and Darcy Kuemper you wouldn't have been a fault for not expecting much. Let alone with the NHL playoffs currently under way, seen a whole lot of this group with Gerard Gallant at the helm.

But on the first day of the tournament Canadians felt the tremor beneath their feet. The country shook when Team Canada fell to the host nation Latvia for the first time in history 2-0. Subsequent to this loss, Canada fell 5-1 to the USA and then 3-1 to Germany.

When the fourth game came against Norway, Canada needed to change its batteries and cue the energizer from Bolton, Andrew Mangiapane.

The 25-year-old Calgary Flames forward, scored 22 seconds into the game leading Canada to a 4-2 victory.

Since Mangiapane has come into the fold, our nation's hockey club has been rejuvenated and during a time where Canada has faced elimination.

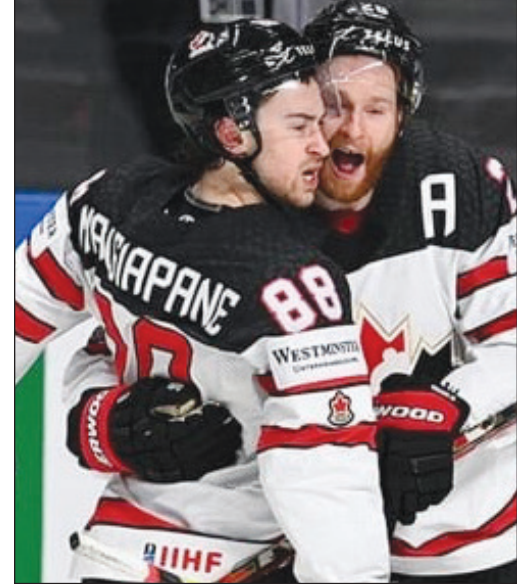
With Mangiapane on the ice, Canada also went on to defeat Kazakhstan 4-2 and smashed Italy 7-1 to bring the team's record to 3-3.

Although the Canadians did lose to Finland in a shootout in the final game of the preliminary round, the Canadian learned how to play in overtime and defeated the Russians in the quarterfinals 2-1. And it was all thanks to Mangiapane who potted in the game winning goal to give the boys the win.

In the semifinals against the USA it was another excellent performance from Mangiapane. He added another two goals in the 4-2 victory against the neighbouring rivals to set up a date with Finland in the finals.

Although Mangiapane didn't find himself on the scoresheet in the final it came down to the wire and another overtime victory to pull it off.

Two Ottawa Senators players linked up as Connor Brown fed Nick Paul a beautiful cross-crease pass as Paul tapped in the golden goal to give Canada the 3-2 victory.



Following the storyline from the front to back it was clear Canada began in a heap of trouble. But with Mangiapane as a formidable inspiration it was the local boy that drove Canada past their own limits en-route to capturing a gold medal against all odds.

As us fans were left completely amazed that Canada won the tournament it all came down to how these players wanted to be remembered this summer in Latvia.

The locker room came together in the nick of time and it gives us Canadians another solid reason to believe why this country is in the best in the world in hockey. Because we are.

## York United sign on four new players

By Robert Belardi

York United have brought on four new players ahead of the club's official roster for the upcoming season that was unveiled last week.

Brampton native Jordan Faria, Toronto native Terique Mohammed, Mexican native Osvaldo Ramirez and Dominican Republic player Gerard Lavergne were all announced to the team via Instagram.

Faria, a 20-year-old midfielder who has made international appearances with Canada is also a Toronto FC Academy product. With Toronto FC academy, Faria participated in 32 games scoring seven times. With Toronto FC II in the USL, Faria appeared in 32 games scoring twice.

Mohammed, a 21-year-old defender who grew up in Scarborough carries over quite the resume coming to York United. Another one of Toronto FC Academy's graduates, Mohammed was a part of Toronto FC III and II teams before joining FC Edmonton on loan in the inaugural season of the Canadian Premier League. He later joined Dundalk F.C. in Ireland this past year and saw a loan spell to Athlone Town before securing a move back home with York United.

The 22-year-old Santo Domingo native Gerrard Lavergne will be a player with senior national team experience in the midfield. So far Lavergne has made 10 appearances with the Dominican Republic national side since 2018.

He began his pro career with Cibao in the Dominican Republic from 2015-2018. Following a few spells with other local clubs, he landed a deal in 2021 with FC Tucson in the USL League One. Now, he officially signed with York United with a club option for 2022.

The final player who also has a club option for 2022 is Osvaldo Ramirez. The 24-year-old forward, made appearances for Cancun FC and Liga De Expansion MX before signing with York. No other information on the forward could be found.

holes six and nine and a beverage will be brought to you.

Players will pay their tabs at the end of the game and if they wish they can purchase more beer to take home. The price to play for four people is \$10. A sanitized frisbee will be provided for your own use and will be cleaned after use for others to play with.

With the opening of this frisbee golf course and while Market Brewing celebrates their fourth anniversary, Simp-

kin also says citizens in the community can rent out the outdoor volleyball court on campus as well.

Simpkin says he hopes to run an outdoor volleyball league beginning in July should everything run smoothly with the reopening. He is thinking to also host a competition that might be of interest to everyone.

For more information on frisbee golf you may reach Simpkin directly at [psimpkin@marketbrewingco.com](mailto:psimpkin@marketbrewingco.com).



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# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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wsue52@hotmail.com

## We Believe in Abby

We Believe in Abby will be able to host a drive-in movie again this year! The best part that it will take place on Abby's Birthday, June 19.

Our goal is to have a "Abby Pay it Forward Day" on the 19th and provide some local restaurants with some funds to provide a free coffee/meal for random people through out the day, until funds run out. We will be reaching out to different establishments if they would like to participate.

## Horticultural Society

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](http://www.hopeisgrowing.ca) for further information.

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

**Schomberg United Church**  
By Nancy Hopkinson

We had a very moving final service

on Zoom with Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman. We were all sad to say "goodbye" as she has touched many of us. We presented Carol-Ann with a gift certificate for landscaping for their new home. The Schomberg Anglicans gave Carol-Ann framed prints of the two Anglican churches, St. Mary Magdalene, Schomberg, and Christ Church, Kettleby. Nobleton United presented her with a lovely quilt.

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will be doing pulpit supply for the months of June, July and September. We will be closed in August. Evelyn will be making videos for us to view each Sunday.

However, we will have a Zoom service once a month. The first one will be on Father's Day, June 20 at 11 a.m. If you are not on our email list, but would like to attend, please let me know, email [Nancy@hopkinson.ca](mailto:Nancy@hopkinson.ca). Similarly, if you would like to receive the video email, let me know.

Remember the 215 children's graves buried by a Kamloops residential school. To honour those lives, Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will be at Nobleton United Church on Monday, June 14 from 6 to 8 p.m., rain or shine, with orange ribbons for people to tie a ribbon around the railings at the front. The co-

our orange is significant because one indigenous youth had his brand-new orange shirt removed by the residential school authorities and he never got it back. The child was instead given a very plain old uncomfortable shirt in its place.

On Canada Day, July 1, from 2-4 p.m., we are once again going to set up a stand in front of Nobleton United to receive donations for the King Township Food Bank. Last year we raised more than \$1,200. We are hoping to beat that this year. Come dressed in Canada Day colours and celebrate the day with us!

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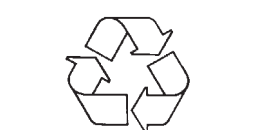
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## Nobleton Notes

**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, has entitled his message "Clerical Advice" based on Malachi 2:1-9. Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on [stpaulsnobleton.ca](http://stpaulsnobleton.ca) or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages anytime, also on our YouTube channel ([youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton](http://youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton)).

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 July 7.

A Bible Study for Youth continues

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

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

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.

### 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 14. Please see bulletin for Holy Communion Services.

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 to join us for this virtual celebration of the Sunday liturgy.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will resume this 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](mailto:rosepallotto@gmail.com)

Calling all Teens in Grades 7-12 to join our Life Teen - Life Night on Zoom. For Zoom link please contact our Youth Minister Zephania at 905-830-2644 or [zephaniagangl315@gmail.com](mailto:zephaniagangl315@gmail.com). Perfect for teens registered for the Sacrament of Confirmation!

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Thank you for your continued support of our parish family during these uncertain times.

**Nobleton and Schomberg United Churches**  
By Nancy Hopkinson

We had a very moving final service on Zoom with Rev. Carol-Ann Chapman. We were all sad to say "goodbye" as she has touched many of us. We presented Carol-Ann with a lovely Queen-sized quilt, which our talented quilters had made, as a tangible reminder of our love and respect. The quilt has alternating squares. One square has small squares of brown in the corners with white squares in between and a little green square in the middle. The other had a green border around a bigger white square. We arranged the delivery of the quilt to arrive at her house during the service, thanks to a willing neighbour, Sandra Kirby. Schomberg also presented her with a gift.

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will be doing pulpit supply for the months of June, July and September. We will be closed in August.

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#### Cote: Janice Kathryn

At Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre, Barrie, on Sunday June 6th, 2021. Janice (Watson) in her 76th year, beloved wife of Jim Wilson. Loving mother of Frank, Kathryn (Stefan) Buckingham and Carol (John) Bunnett. Sadly missed by her 4 grandchildren, Sara (Kyle), Joshua, Jeffrey, Liam and her 2 great-grandchildren, Liam, and Makayla. Fondly remembered by Jim's family, her many brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. The family received friends at Rod Abrams Funeral Home, Tottenham on Wednesday June 9th, 2021 from 11:00 am until 1:45 pm. A family service followed. Donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Kidney Foundation of Canada would be appreciated by the family. [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com)

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# King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

On Sunday, June 6 heard a message which spoke to our growth and renewal in God.

For the full worship along with previous weeks worships, please visit our YouTube Channel at YorkUnitedMinistries or our website at kcuc.net You can also check out the Q box series on our YouTube channel where Rev Andrew responds to the questions posed by the youth about God, faith and the church.

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

Join us on Sunday, June 13 as we're online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube. Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series "The Church De-

finited: who we are vs. who we should be with a talk about how A Healthy Church - Understands Church Discipline."

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

We've been enjoying our series on the Fruit of the Spirit with Lynn and Konnie Vissers. (Galatians 5:22, 23).

Join us Sundays at 10:15 a.m. at standrews-kingcity.ca Lynn Vissers will be with us this Sunday, looking at the Fruit of Faithfulness.

Last week, The Rev. Konnie Vissers presided over our virtual Communion which followed her sermon on Goodness. Konnie challenged us to "Taste and see that the Lord is Good" and then we are able to "Walk in the Goodness of the Lord." If you missed Communion or her sermon which included very thoughtful comments on last week's discovery at the Kamloops Residential School, go to our website this week.

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

Philippians 4:6, 7 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Contact Lynn for the Zoom link for Tuesday morning Prayer Time at 10 a.m. if you wish to join us or wish to share your concerns or praises please get in touch.

A new Bible Study has started on Tuesday evenings again! We are using rightnowmedia.org Let Lynn know if you need the Zoom link.

Virtual Art for the Soul is on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. This is a safe, comfortable venue where creativity is encouraged using different media. Contact Lynn for the Zoom link. All are welcome.

The King Township Food Bank continues with its safe food distribution each month. If you need more information contact ktfb.ca

Pastor Niyazi or Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship may be reached at 416-878-8499 regarding any updates on their Sunday evening Bible Study.

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 for you that God's presence of hope, peace, joy and love is experienced every day. He is with us!

Remember to keep in touch, stay safe and If you need support getting your vaccination appointment or need a lift, let us know.

## All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

Reflections on the missing aboriginal children. Fr. Michael spoke from this passage in 1 Samuel 8: "But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may

be like other nations.

"This week we've struggled with the news that the bodies of 215 indigenous children were found beneath the grounds of a former residential school in Kamloops, BC. This discovery should not have come as a surprise. In 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's report included a section on missing children calling for more work to be done on identifying those who died at these schools. Former senator Murray Sinclair, who headed the TRC, has said that his calls for further investigations were not supported, and that we should brace ourselves for more such discoveries.

"We have records for more than 4,100 indigenous children who died at these schools. The total number of children who died in the residential school system is likely far higher.

"We can only imagine the grief of parents and families whose children never came home. Did they receive official notification of their children's deaths. They didn't get satisfactory answers because they weren't considered important and it was easier to sweep these deaths under the carpet.

"How do we deal with this revelation as people of faith? What can we do to make reconciliation real? I have three suggestions.

"For a start, it seems to me that no expense should be spared to find as many of these bodies as is humanly possible, identify them, and return them with dignity to their communities and ancestral lands, and expense be damned. Let's ask our elected representatives to make this happen.

"Secondly, we need a more honest conversation about what reconciliation looks like.

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# Nobleton Notes

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Evelyn will be making videos for us to view each Sunday. However, we will have a Zoom service once a month. The first one will be on Father's Day, June 20 at 11 a.m.

If you are not on our email list, but would like to attend, please let me know, email Nancy@hopkinson.ca. Similarly, if you would like to receive the video email, let me know.

Remember the 215 children's graves that were found buried by a Kamloops residential school. We would like to honour those lives. Rev. Evelyn McLachlan will be at Nobleton United Church on Monday June 14 from 6 to 8 p.m., rain or shine, with orange ribbons for anyone to drop by and tie a ribbon around the railings at the front. There will be a prayer printed to be read, and a moment of silence is asked for those who come. The colour orange is significant because one indigenous youth had his brand-new orange shirt removed by the residential school authorities and he never got it back. The child was instead given a very plain old uncomfortable shirt in its place.

On Canada Day, July 1, from 2-4 p.m., we are once again going to set up a stand in front of Nobleton United to receive donations for the King Township Food Bank. Last year we raised more than \$1,200. We are hoping to beat that this year. Come dressed in Canada Day colours and celebrate the day with us!

## Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club is alive and

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

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

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

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

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

The Club continues to offer a free

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

# King's Corners

From Page 14

Why is the federal government still resisting responsibility and reparations for some survivors of the residential schools? What more can our churches do to accept the calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation commission? I'm grateful that there are voices in our church such as Archbishop Mark McDonald and our own Dave Gordon who keep calling us to justice and action.

"Our ties to the community in Pikangikum are an excellent way for us to support and help living indigenous children while mourning dead ones. One good and workable idea I've heard is to set aside the price of your first cup of coffee a day, for Pikangikum young people and projects like the proposed school trip to southern Ontario once. Today I'm calling on All Saints to set aside a toonie a day, if you can, for our ministries to Pikangikum.

"Finally, I think we as disciples of Jesus need to turn to the resources of our teaching and our sacred stories. In our first reading from Samuel, we see God's people discarding their identity as God's people. Faced with hostile enemies, they want a king to be 'like other nations.' Samuel warns the cost of this - the willful sacrifice of their children, subjecting them to war and suffering by cruel masters.

"This is what happens when we choose power over love. The churches were complicit with the Canadian government in the Native Schools because they forgot they were God's people and went along with the spirit of the age. So that our first nations should be "like other nations," indigenous children were robbed of their families, their culture, their language, and many of their lives. We did these things because we worshipped triumph and narrow views of race and progress.

"We forgot that Jesus embraced a cross where human pride and sin must go to die and where humanity might be reborn in a way where all are adopted as brothers and sisters of the family of God in the power of the resurrection. "Reconciliation must begin at the cross. If we want to heed the lessons of the residential schools, if we want to hear the voices of the survivors, if we want to pay the cost of finding and burying the lost children and embracing the living, it's a long process. As church, as the people of God, we have to be to be renewed in the image of God that all of us, indigenous and settler, bear."



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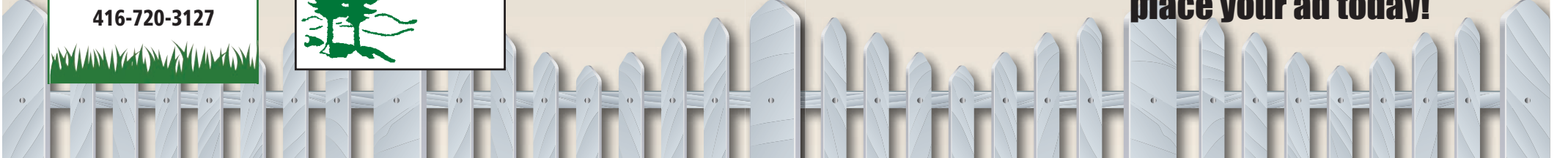
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# NACI says mixing vaccines safe

By Mark Pavilonis  
Editor

Those who received the AstraZeneca vaccine as their first shot, can safely get any other one as their second dose.

That came from the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), and has been supported by Canada's Council of Chief Medical Officers of Health (CCMOH). Ontario's officials also supported the recommendations.

NACI recommends that it's safe for those who received a first dose of AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD vaccine to receive an mRNA vaccine as the second dose.

For individuals who received a first dose of an mRNA vaccine, the same mRNA vaccine should be offered for their second dose. If the same mRNA vaccine is not readily available or unknown, another mRNA vaccine can be considered interchangeable and should be offered to complete the vaccine series.

NACI's recommendations were informed by current international studies of the safety and immune response produced from mixed vaccine schedules, the rate of severe blood clots with low blood platelets, referred to as Vaccine-Induced Immune Thrombotic Thrombocytopenia (VITT), associated with the use of viral vector vaccines, as well as the current and projected supply of mRNA vaccines.

In Canada, both mRNA and viral vector vaccines are available with sufficient supply to allow choice of second dose for those who had a first dose of AstraZeneca vaccine. Some individuals who started their vaccine series with AstraZeneca/COVISHIELD may want to complete their series with this product; others may prefer to receive an mRNA vaccine for their second dose. Individual decisions should assess risks and benefits based on individual circumstances and preferences.

The CCMOH noted that given Canada's current and projected vaccine supply, second doses should be offered as soon as possible, with priority given to those at highest risk of severe illness and death from COVID-19.

"Completing the two-dose vaccination schedule remains essential. The first dose offers very good protection against COVID-19 infection, hospital-

ization and death. The second dose enhances and strengthens that protection over the longer term," they said.

The review and recommendations were sparked by a halt on AstraZeneca, following reports of blood clots. Many countries are looking at a mix of two-dose shots.

A clinical trial from the UK compared four different permutations of AstraZeneca and Pfizer. Results so far has been positive and studies are ongoing.

NACI reported that similar vaccines from different makers are routinely used interchangeably. They've been used with Hep A and B, influenza, mumps, meningococcal and more. All vaccines used in Canada contain the "spike protein" as the antigen.

Previous animal studies with a mixed, two-dose vaccine have demonstrated "robust immune responses."

The NACI noted that Canada is expecting large supplies of mRNA vaccines this summer and should be enough to complete second doses in all age groups.

The Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, is also supporting the mixing of doses.

"Nothing is more important than the health of Ontarians, and for the best protection against COVID-19 it is vital that everyone who received the AstraZeneca vaccine for their first dose receives a second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine," said Dr. David Williams, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "We are providing individuals who have received only their first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine with two recommended options based on the available data and evidence and will continue to work with Health Canada to monitor the quality and efficacy of all COVID-19 vaccines being used in Ontario."

Ontarians who have received their first dose of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine can choose to either receive a second dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine, or an mRNA (Pfizer or Moderna) vaccine for their second dose. Both second-dose options available to individuals who received their first dose of the AstraZeneca vaccine are safe and provide strong protection against COVID-19 and will count as a completed series.

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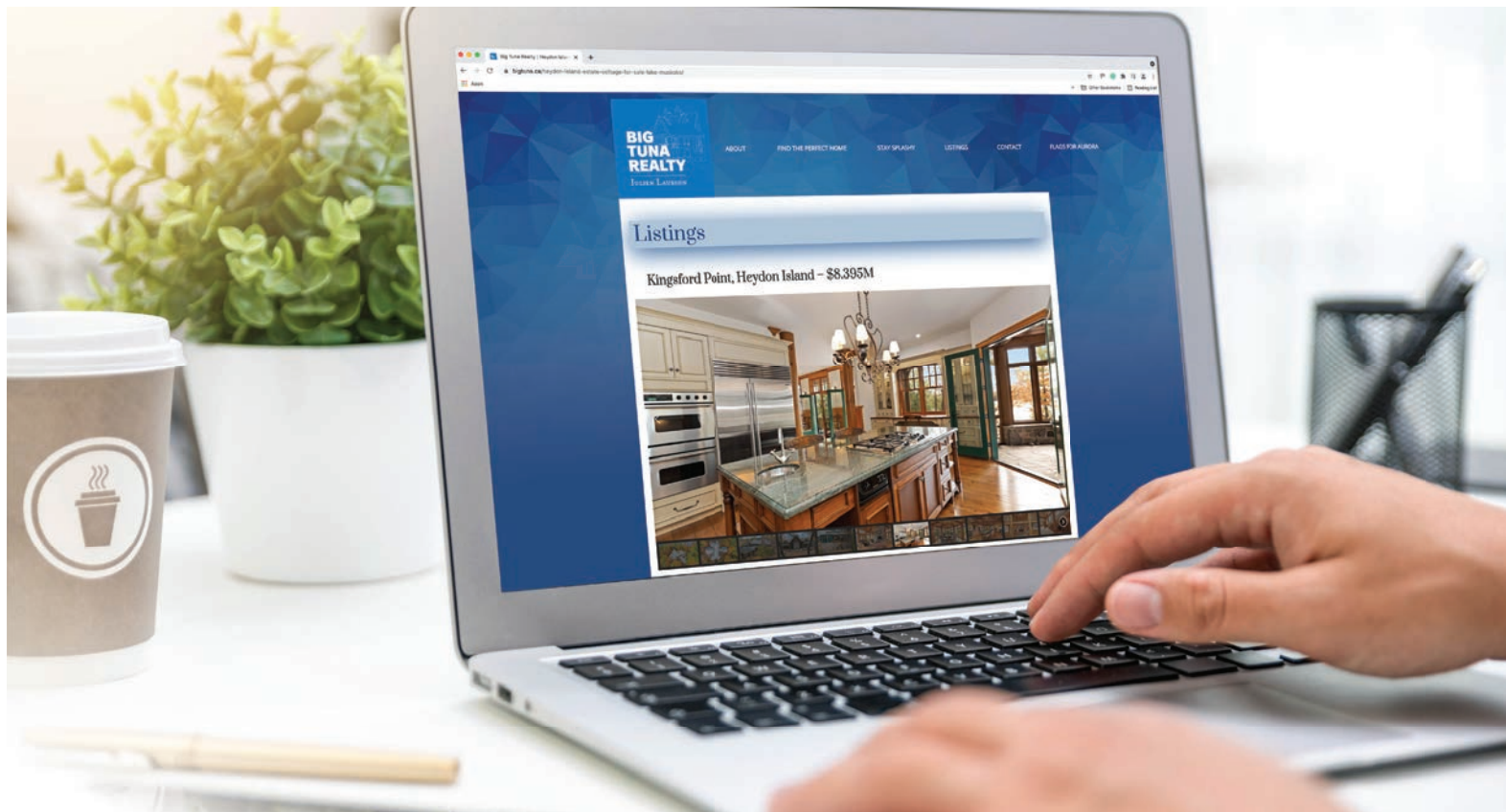
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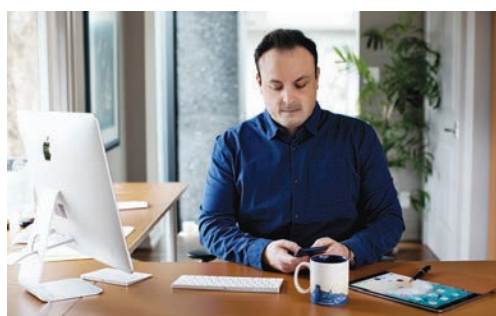
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By Julien Laurion  
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

Dear Big Tuna - My husband and I recently came into a bit of money, not a lot, but enough to improve our home a bit. We are long-time residents of Aurora and are also considering downsizing in a couple of years. What improvements do you recommend that would best optimize our new money?  
Sincerely, Flower Lover

**HI FLOWER LOVER**, that is a great question! So without getting too specific since every home and budget is a bit different, there are some upgrades that will help you maximize the return on investment (ROI). Furthermore, these are not foolproof since some upgrades people choose to do to a home can be subjective. For example, pools... Some people love them and others hate them and feel they are a waste of money. A pool is something you install for you and your family, not the next buyer. However, there are some areas that you can focus on that do help both in enjoyment and resale.

A great place to start would be with a minor bathroom renovation. What's minor? Well, it can be as simple as changing the bathroom fixtures, painting, upgrading the lighting, changing the vanity and in some really dated homes remove the carpeting... so minor projects are smaller projects that do not require a lot of work. A minor bathroom renovation will generally provide you with about 102% of your ROI, versus doing a major renovation

(removing walls, making the room larger, changing the location of shower etc.) will yield about a 93.2% ROI upon resale of your home. The loss in ROI is because moving walls and making the room larger can be expensive.

Two other big ROI improvement areas to consider are landscaping and outdoor entertainment spaces. Upgrading or improving the landscaping of your home typically will provide you with a 100% ROI. Also, adding or improving a deck or patio space will approximately have a 90.3% ROI upon the resale of your home. These are also good renovation options since they do not really inconvenience you inside the home while they are underway.

Saying all this, the statistics I quoted are based upon average finishes, and no matter what room or area you decide to spend your money on, remember, you can always spend more than needed and not get all your money back. It can be a balancing act at times.

Flower Lover, if you are concerned with ROI rather than your enjoyment factor and if you're not working

with a Realtor who can help advise you (hint, hint call me), you could always go online and look in your neighbourhood to see what homes in the price point you hope to sell for look like and see how you differ. I always tell my clients to consider the next buyer when we are preparing a home for resale. Unique and extravagant is not always the best option!

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# 6 WAYS TO DESIGN YOUR DREAM BACKYARD

(NC) With more time spent at home, designing a space that feels like a mini getaway is increasingly important. Whether you're looking to move your dining experience outside or wanting to create a calming retreat, here are six ways to achieve your dream backyard:



## SPLURGE ON PATIO FURNITURE

If your patio furniture is looking worn and tired, it might be time to consider investing in quality items that will last for seasons to come. Select pieces that are both functional and timeless. When styling the sitting area, try a large sectional. Not only will it create a more intimate atmosphere, but it will also provide ample space for lounging. Use throw blankets and decorative pillows for colour and texture.

## EXTEND THE SEASON

Patio season can be enjoyed much of the year if you play your cards right. For the ultimate makeover, add a firepit or outdoor heater, so you can keep spending time outdoors when the nights begin to cool. It's even better if you can stay cozy while you stargaze.

## CONSIDER SHADE AND PRIVACY

A custom-made gazebo or pergola helps keep an outdoor space shady and cool and makes for a stunning feature. Whether you want to tackle a DIY project or are looking for help with installation, Home Hardware's backyard project packages can provide you with blueprints, quality materials, expert advice and everything you need to get the job done.



## ENHANCE YOUR OUTDOOR DINING

Elevate your dining experience with a trendy new pellet grill that allows you to sear, bake, roast and smoke. This will give the chef in your house the perfect excuse to whip up some classic burgers or a wood-fired pizza. Wood pellets are available in a variety of flavours, like apple, hickory, maple, oak and more, so you can experience gourmet food from the comfort of your backyard.

## AMP UP THE AMBIANCE

Don't forget to add some atmosphere with lighting and the right finishing touches. String lights are a must-have for making a space feel bright and warm as the sun goes down. Adding greenery and florals to your patio or deck space will also infuse charm and

privacy. Consider going with tropical plants to bring a touch of the Caribbean to your home.

## LET THE GAMES BEGIN

Enhance that getaway feeling by adding entertainment to your backyard. Take games night outdoors with Bolaball — a family-friendly game that's perfect for people of all ages. If you're in the DIY mood, you can also make a bean bag or washer-toss game. These simple additions will keep the whole family having fun all season long.

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# 5 best *outdoor living* space ideas



(NC) After being forced to spend more time inside this year, it's important to make any outdoor space in our home an oasis for enjoyment.

Whether you have a tiny condo balcony, a spacious backyard or something in between, draw inspiration from these ideas to create a relaxing space.

**1 DEFINE YOUR AREA** Add some charm and outline visual boundaries for your outdoor space by setting up a trellis, laying down an outdoor rug or

installing a pergola. This will set the tone and let you introduce some style and personality with bold colours, distressed wood and graphic patterns.

**2 CREATE DIY DINING SPACES** One of the top outdoor living trends is dining al fresco, which lets you bring the patio experience home. Instead of buying a dinette set, why not DIY your own with repurposed materials? For a larger space, create a table using wine barrels and wooden boards. If you have a small balcony, upcycle a vintage lamp base and thrift store tabletop for a cute bistro table. Finally, consider adding mismatched chairs to finish off this eclectic look.

**3 PLAN YOUR ENTERTAINMENT** Whether you're hosting a small gathering or decompressing on a weeknight, you can elevate the ambiance with sound.

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**4 TRY A GARDENING TREND** Bringing plants, flowers and other greenery into your outdoor space can instantly boost your mood and help you feel more connected to nature. A vertical garden is a great option if you have limited real estate — simply hang pots or planter boxes on a wooden pallet that leans against a wall. You can also try xeriscaping, an alternative to traditional gardening that uses drought-resistant plants and careful plot design to conserve water.

**5 ADD SOME WARMTH** Make sure your outdoor living space incorporates ways to keep warm during those chilly summer nights or shoulder season weeks. Outdoor firepits are a popular choice, you can find DIY tutorials online to build your own with some stones. If you can't have a fire in your balcony or yard, some cozy blankets and pillows can do the trick. Learn more about music, podcasts and entertainment programming at [siriusxm.ca](http://siriusxm.ca).

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## 3 outdoor living trends for the ultimate deck

(NC) We all want to enjoy the warm weather in a comfortable and stylish space. Whether you have a cottage, a small balcony or a spacious backyard, consider these low-maintenance trends when transforming your deck and outdoor living space.

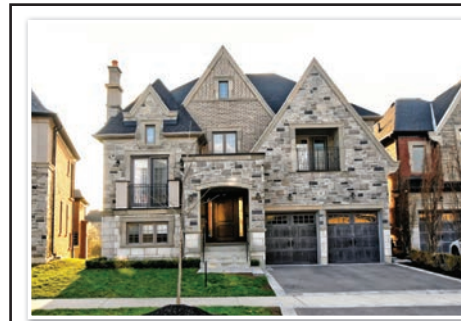
**1 COMBINE INDOOR AND OUTDOOR STYLE** Many of us are bringing the indoors outside by making the outdoor space an extension of our home. Before starting your backyard design, consider the colours presently in your home as a foundation for your outdoor choices. By pulling inspiration from your interiors, you'll create a consistent look and feel and have an additional, cozy space for lounging.

**2 GO MAINTENANCE FREE** When renovating your deck this year, consider a maintenance-free approach by investing in materials that are not only long lasting, but also beautiful. Composite decking has become increasingly popular because of the longevity and sophistication it offers. Voyage composite decking from Home Hardware is both functional and fashionable.

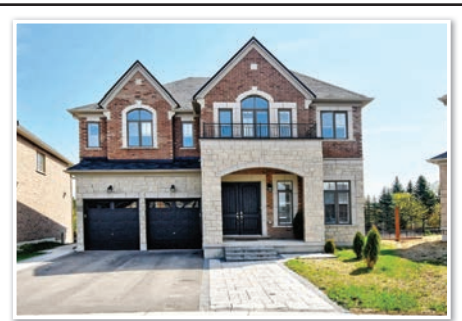
The mineral-based composite is designed for use on ground and near water, making it the perfect option for a deck, dock or around the pool. The deck boards are available in different colours and widths, allowing you to add design flair to your deck, just like you would to the floors inside your home. It's also virtually maintenance free, requiring no protective stains or sealants and resistant to moisture, insects and sunlight.

**3 PLAY WITH CURVES** One of the biggest design trends for decks this year is curves. Gone are the days when decks are thought of as traditional planks with vertical and horizontal lines. Deck architecture is now a combination of many elements, pairing stunning curves with vibrant borders to create a beautiful outdoor feature. When developing the design for a curved deck, composite decking is the perfect way to achieve a unique look.

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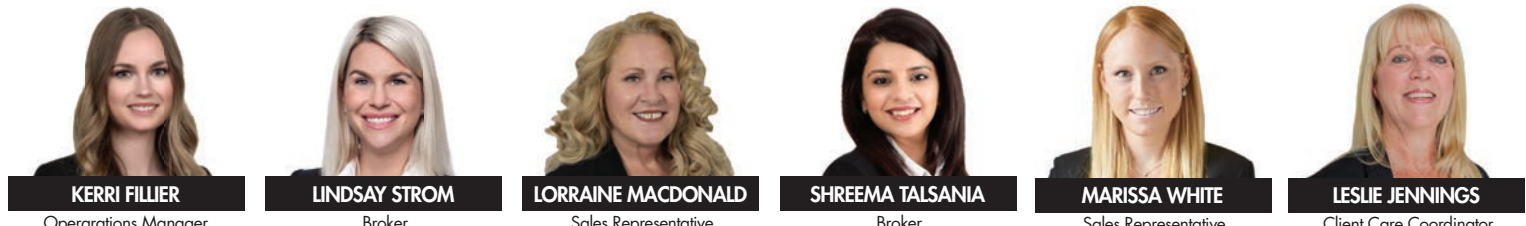


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- 1 Check and clean gutters and eavestroughs, ensure they are free from debris, and that water is draining away from the home from the downspouts.
- 2 Check and replace furnace and air conditioning filters and date them as a reminder of when they were last changed; these can be checked on a monthly basis to ensure they are in acceptable condition.
- 3 Spring ahead and fall behind. When the hours change it is a recommended time to replace batteries in smoke detectors and test them to be sure they are in working order. A smoke alarm must be located on every floor of the home. Ensure carbon monoxide detectors are also present and in working condition. It would be prudent to buy new dual units upon move in for added peace of mind.
- 4 Planning the gardens may be an exciting part of spending time at home, but ensure the drainage and sloping of your lot grading leads water away

from the house. Additional topsoil, fertilizer and water may be required to achieve ideal conditions. End-of-season sales may be the best opportunity to save money on all types of plants.

- 5 Beware of dryer fire hazards. It's not enough that you clean your dryer filter after every load of laundry. Dryer manufacturers recommend you vacuum out the area that contains the lint filter once per month. Additionally, manufacturers suggest periodic cleaning of the vent that leads from the machine to the outdoors. Recent studies show a spike in home fires caused by a lack of maintenance on drying machines, and the lint debris can become highly flammable.
- 6 Seasonally check the roof for wear and tear and maintenance requirements, and check again after storms. It's ideal to be proactive versus reactive due to damage caused by old shingles, weathered and damaged material, leaks, etc. Check the underside of the roof in the attic for signs of mold from improper ventilation or water seepage.
- 7 Critter alert; aim to keep critters away from damaging the home. Many will persist to enter tight attic spaces for shelter and cause havoc when simple screening, chimes screen covers, vent covers and general maintenance of the home may keep critters at bay.
- 8 Clear out debris from window wells to avoid leakage or flooding. Plastic domes can be installed to keep the area free from moisture.

- 9 Powerwash and reseal wood decks, doors, fences, gates, railings and latticework as necessary.
- 10 Sand, prime and paint home exterior surfaces to suit preferred style needs and wants and don't be afraid to add pops of colour to the front door at the very least for an unexpected way to welcome guests.
- 11 Seal the driveway if necessary. Asphalt can be low maintenance but still requires some attention, pay attention to the winter freeze and spring thaw wear and tear signs on patio stones and other hardscaping materials to avoid tripping hazards.
- 12 Irrigation systems on automatic timers save time and effort keeping the yard green however each year the units require maintenance to test all sprinkler heads and zones to ensure they are all working at full capacity and with efficiency. Be mindful that water bill usage may increase in the warmer months, and a screened rain barrel may be a solution for water conservation.
- 13 Replace screens on doors and windows to keep the bugs, and animals out in order to enjoy the fresh breeze weather permitting.
- 14 BUGS AWAY - be sure to rid the yard of any standing water which can attract a large number of mosquitos. Clear excess water from swimming pool covers early and when water collects. Inspect

wood for signs of termites and call in pest control professionals if needed. If trees show signs of being attacked by other pests collect or photograph the tree or a leaf or the pest itself and show a local garden centre specialist so that a treatment plan can commence to avoid further destruction.

15 The simplest way to add curb appeal is by raking away all debris, power washing and blowing away debris, keeping the property clean by trimming back trees and shrubs. Planting well-chosen annuals, perennials and shrubs to complement the home while adding a welcoming boost to the landscape. Maintain the lawn with cutting, seeding, fertilizing, and using a grass trimmer. In winter shovelling, sanding, salting and managing ice and snow collection will further add to the enhancement of the home.

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# 3 EASY WAYS TO CREATE A *calming* space AT HOME



(NC) Most of us are spending more time at home than ever before. With our spaces being used for both work and living, they should be as comfortable and calming as possible. Create a peaceful sanctuary in your home with these three easy tips:

**SPEND TIME DECLUTTERING**

The adage “messy room, messy mind” rings even truer when you’re home all the time. It’s hard to feel relaxed when there is chaos in your space. Before you tackle the clutter, determine how much time you have. The last thing you want to do is run out of time and end up with an even bigger mess than you started with.

Consider dividing your space into manageable sections so you can declutter during the dedicated time. Clear and organize the clutter by donating, selling or keeping. Donate what you don’t need to a local charity, sell online using a social media platform and re-organize the items you want to keep. Don’t forget to clean and dust the new space you’ve uncovered.

**PLANT POWER**

Not only can plants help cleanse stale air and eliminate harmful toxins in a room, they can improve the aesthetic

of your space. Consider a little greenery to turn around your everyday mood. Don’t have a green thumb? Choose potted plants or florals that are easy to care for, such as succulents or snake plants.

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The least expensive condominium apartment sold for \$560,000 while the most affordable freehold townhome was sold for \$768,000. A total of nine homes sold above \$2 million, and the highest home sale was \$3,300,000. When we remove the highest and lowest sale in May and across all of 2021 the special note is that the resulting number is the same \$1,165,000 the current median home value for the year in Aurora for all home types.

Reviewing the action of Buyers there was a 238 percent increase over last May. Month over month there were 29 percent fewer homes sold which is understandable as prices remain high, and affordability has been called

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Year to date, the market in Aurora is 127 percent stronger in 2021, with 709 homes that have sold thus far and vaccinations now being given from age 12 and older to a strong majority across Aurora, York Region and beyond in hopes of safer times.

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**Quick tips to refresh your medicine cabinet**

(NC) Warmer weather means it's the perfect time to deep clean your home or refresh your wardrobe for the warmer weather. But when it comes to your medicine cabinet, what should stay and what should go? Here are some easy tips to spruce up your medicine cabinet and get the most out of your products.

**CHECK YOUR EXPIRY DATES**

When was the last time you checked the expiry dates on the items in your medicine cabinet? The expiry date listed on a cosmetic product means it's good until that date if the product is unopened or never used — but once you've opened the packaging, its shelf life starts winding down. As a rule, your products are only good for about a year from when you open them, so check their best-by dates, especially for products at the very back of your cabinet.

**SAVE SPACE WITH MULTI-PURPOSE PRODUCTS**

Bathroom storage space is often limited, so purchasing multi-purpose products — like a toothpaste that prioritizes gum health, gently whitens teeth and fight cavities all at once — is ideal and lessens the need to buy multiple products. The new Colgate Renewal Gum Revitalize toothpaste features a specialized formula that helps reverse early gum damage and reduces bleeding and inflammation for healthy and revitalized gums.

**RE-STOCK YOUR CABINET BY SEASON**

The moisturizers and beauty products you use in winter are often too heavy for your skin in spring and summer. The air is dryer in winter, requiring a heavier-duty moisturizer to compensate. If your skin is feeling oily as the weather warms up, switch to a lightweight facial moisturizer and foundation made for your skin type. And don't skip this step if your skin is naturally oily — you still need a good daily moisturizer to keep your skin hydrated, supple and balanced.

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Japanese minimalism meets Scandinavian chic for 2021's top home trend



(NC) Make your home a sanctuary by inviting a fusion of global styles into your space with the increasingly popular “Japandi” aesthetic. Rooted in a longing for a sustainable, serene but lived-in look, this is set to become your new design philosophy.

Create your dreamy yet stylish oasis by embracing this design approach using tips from Sharon Grech, Benjamin Moore colour and design expert.

**FIND SERENITY THROUGH COLOUR**

Create harmony at home by choosing a soothing palette of earth-inspired neutrals. These rich neutrals will help bring balance to the sleek lines of Scandinavian-style furniture.

“To successfully find balance in this stylish fusion and bring calm to your space, avoid cool tones and bright shades of white. Instead, opt for colours like Muslin OC-12 or Jute AF-80 that will transform your space into a comfortable oasis,” recommends Grech.

**BE INTENTIONAL, NOT MINIMAL**

Japandi design is about achieving a livable balance between aesthetics and everyday life. Decreasing clutter and being mindful of your furniture and décor choices are key. Although this style focuses on open, clean spaces, you don't have to say goodbye to everything.

Instead of trying to be minimal, be thoughtful about editing your space — keep your treasured pieces and give them room to shine, and use storage pieces (like storage ottomans and baskets) to keep out-of-season items out of sight. Do some good and donate anything that no longer works.

**CREATE SOOTHING INTERIORS WITH SIMPLICITY**

Japanese and Scandinavian design styles complement each other, as they both embody simplicity and comfort. Their shared aesthetics come together to create a style that is both easygoing and sophisticated.

“Try using a paint like Regal Select in a matte finish to give your space an effortless appeal and achieve a stylish balance of elegance and tranquility,” advises Grech. “Choosing to paint in a matte finish embodies a restful sense of ease.”

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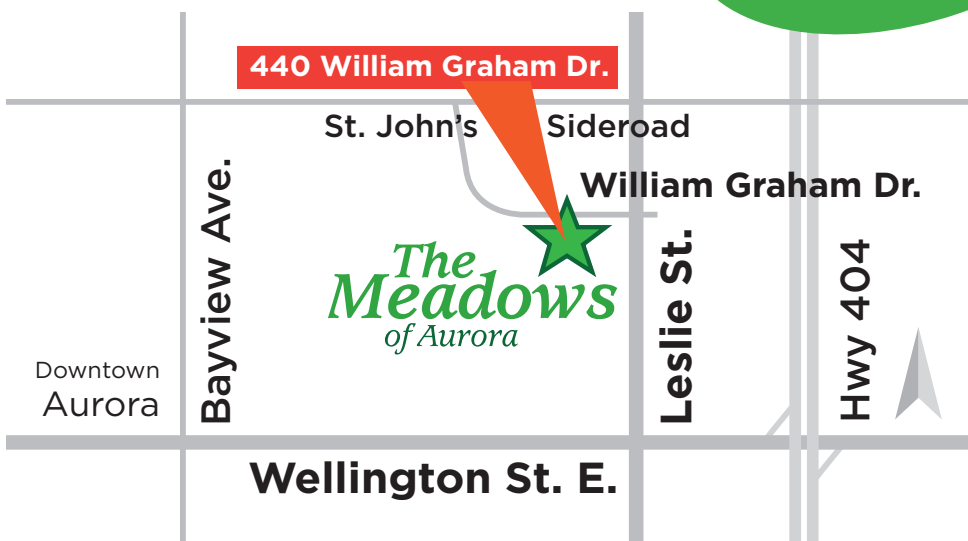
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# The flavour for all your summer meals, yuzu



(NC) Look again, that's not a lemon, it's a yuzu! This citrus fruit is bright yellow, round and slightly smaller than an orange. The taste is between that of a grapefruit and a mandarin orange — tart but very sweet scented.

While the fruit itself is almost never eaten on its own, the zest and juice are used countless ways in foods and drinks. Yuzu has a very strong flavour, and depending on your usage, very little may be needed to pack a punch. In drinks, a little goes a very long way, and just a drop in a cocktail is often enough. It also has infinite applications in sweet recipes, where it's best used like an essence. Try adding a couple of drops to your custards, jellies, ices and meringues and you won't regret it. This summer, President's Choice Insiders Report has a great range of yuzu products for anyone looking to try something new, including this indulgent, dairy-free riff on ice cream cake. It's made with tangy-sweet yuzu citrus and blueberry sorbet, layered on a coconut-graham crust and topped with zesty blueberry-lime sauce.

## Yuzu Blueberry Sorbet Cake

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 15 minutes Serves: 12 Ingredients

- 1 ½ cups (375 mL) graham cracker crumbs
- ½ cup (125 mL) unsweetened medium shredded coconut
- 5 tbsp (75 mL) coconut oil (solid or liquid)
- 1 tub (946 mL) PC yuzu citrus and blueberry sorbet
- 3 cups (750 mL) frozen wild blueberries
- 1/3 cup (83 mL) granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) cornstarch
- 1 tsp (5 mL) grated lime zest
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) fresh lime juice
- ½ cup (125 mL) coconut chips

**DIRECTIONS:**

- 1** Toast graham crumbs and shredded coconut in nonstick skillet over medium heat, stirring often, until light golden; about 5 minutes. Transfer to bowl. Return skillet to medium heat; add coconut oil and cook until melted (skip this step if using liquid coconut oil). Stir into graham crumb mixture.
- 2** Mist 9-inch (2.5 L) springform pan with cooking spray or grease with coconut oil. Lightly press graham crumb mixture into bottom of pan (do not press up side of pan and do not pack mixture firmly). Freeze 30 minutes.
- 3** Let sorbet stand at room temperature until beginning to soften, about 20 minutes. Scoop sorbet into springform pan over crust, smoothing top; return to freezer.
- 4** Meanwhile, bring frozen blueberries and sugar to a boil in small saucepan over medium-high heat. Reduce heat to maintain a gentle boil; cook, stirring occasionally, until blueberries are softened and liquid becomes a bit syrupy, about 5 minutes. Stir cornstarch with lime juice in small bowl; stir

into blueberry mixture. Return to a boil, stirring constantly; remove from heat. Stir in lime zest.

- 5** Transfer blueberry mixture to a large heat-proof bowl. Refrigerate until slightly cooled, about 20 minutes. Pour blueberry mixture over sorbet, gently smoothing top. Return to freezer until well chilled, at least 1 hour.
- 6** Run small paring knife around inside edge of springform pan; release and remove side of pan. Tip: If cake doesn't easily release from pan, dampen a kitchen towel with warm water and wrap it around base and side of pan to slightly melt the edge just enough to release.
- 7** Transfer to serving platter, removing from base. Sprinkle with coconut chips. Tip: Run your knife under warm water before slicing, wiping blade with a damp cloth between cuts. Try this: Serving this cake outdoors? Freeze your serving platter and plates before using to keep the cake from melting too fast.

Nutritional information per 1/12 of cake: calories 390, fat 15 g, saturated fat 11 g, sodium 190 mg, carbohydrates 63 g, dietary fibre 3 g, sugars 33 g, protein 3 g.

## Tips to kick your kitchen fatigue

(NC) You've likely never spent more time in your kitchen than you have over the past year — and let's be honest, it's exhausting. Paired with trying to manage the changes in our day-to-day lives while attempting to maintain some form of routine, it can be especially daunting to answer the age-old question of "what's for dinner?" Fortunately, it doesn't always have to be so difficult. As we continue to juggle working from home along with the end of the school year and everything else we've got going on, here are some simple tips to help you get out of your rut and kick your kitchen fatigue. Meal planning doesn't have to be hard. Taking 30 minutes out of your day to plan meals for the week can take away a lot of the stress that comes with cooking. Start by looking at your local grocery flyer for cost-saving inspiration. If you need a few meal ideas, try using Pinterest to find creative recipes. Meal plans also don't have to be written in stone — show yourself compassion and shift meals around depending on how you're feeling. If you end up ordering in every now and again, don't sweat it. Bring the getaway to the dinner table. Dreaming of the perfect vacation? While you may not be able to board that flight, why not discover new flavours and get the whole family involved? Pick a destination and a traditional dish, add the ingredients to your shopping cart and enjoy food from different cultures as you learn something new. Take your meal outside. Barbecue season is in full swing, so turn off the stove and get outside. Try a meatless Monday on the grill with grilled halloumi and veggie skewers. Or, marinate chicken in a mixture of lemon juice, olive oil and fresh rosemary and garlic and serve on a bed of grilled zucchini, eggplant and peppers. Convenience isn't a crime. Taking the easy way out can sometimes be seen as a failure, but with all the convenient, ready-to-go options available, it's okay to lean into what works best for us. Pick up a ready-made rotisserie chicken to serve with a fresh sum-

mer salad or a meal kit to make weeknight dinners a breeze. It's okay to ask for help. If you're not sure where to start, connect with a registered dietitian at your local Loblaws for some helpful tips and recipe ideas. Offering many ways to connect, you can try a free 15-minute initial nutrition consultation with a dietitian or check out a webinar with a variety of helpful topics. Learn more at [loblaws.ca/dietitians](http://loblaws.ca/dietitians).

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