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## Growth through 2051 will present challenges

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Land to accommodate growth in Ontario through 2051 will put pressure on municipalities like King Township.

As York Region prepares its Official Plan, it has created a draft forecast and land needs assessment through 2051.

York is suggesting a portion of King's future growth and urban expansion be designed on Whitebelt lands. King is forecasted to grow to 49,600 by 2051, and be home to 16,400 jobs.

Part of York's OP review is the Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR), which includes long-term planning for growth, employment, agriculture, transit, housing and more. The growth targets mandated by the Province require regions allocate population growth to their lower-tier municipalities.

York itself will grow to over 2 million people by 2051, a rise of roughly 800,000 between now and 2051.

York's forecast and land needs assessment identifies that 80% of the Whitebelt land is earmarked for development. Whitebelt refers to lands outside of the greenbelt area that are not currently designated for urban development, but are available for expansion under the Growth Plan.

There are many factors that make these lands suitable for development in the future, including water and waste water infrastructure. Population estimates and intensification also play a part.

York assigns each municipality, including King, with intensification targets and greenfield density.

For King, York proposes it will need 80 hectares of Whitebelt land for future community and employment uses. The intensification target is 35%, with 2,800 additional housing units.

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### UPCOMING MEETINGS

#### COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

**Monday, September 13**  
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

**Wednesday, July 21**  
6 pm – Committee of Adjustment  
Virtual meeting live streamed at <http://king.ca/meetings>

### BID NOTICES

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

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Parks Project Architect (18 Months contract) – Extended to July 19 at 4:30PM**
- **Permit Administrator II – closes July 12 at 4:30PM**  
Please visit the Township website at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca) for employment opportunities.

### PUBLIC NOTICES

#### RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX NOTICES

**2021 Final Tax Notice**  
Due Date: **July 21, 2021**

PROPERTY TAX NOTICES are due. Please contact Service King at 905-833-5321 or [serviceking@king.ca](mailto:serviceking@king.ca) immediately if you have not received your bill.

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Pre-Authorized Debit bank withdrawal (PAD) for installment due dates or over a 10 month period
- On-line with your financial institutions
- By Credit Card – Visit the Township Online Services Portal at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca)
- By Mail (Must be stamped and mailed prior to due date and received on time)
- Drop off box located at Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City

Due to COVID the Municipal office is closed and we are not accepting cash payments at this time.

Please see [www.king.ca/propertytax](http://www.king.ca/propertytax) for information on the Township's Tax Relief programs available for COVID related financial hardship and Extraordinary Circumstances.

If paying in person at a financial institution, please present the entire tax notice. When making payments electronically, search for "King" and select Tax, enter your 15 digit roll number with no dashes (i.e. 000123456780000)

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

To ensure enrollment please apply prior to due date.

The deadline to enroll for the monthly PAD program is December 31, 2021

In accordance with the Township By-law 2021-074 unpaid balances following the due date, a penalty of one and one quarter per cent (1.25%) per month, shall be levied on the first day of the next calendar month following the due date and each month until paid in full.

Please visit our website for details.



#### 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

All mainline sanitary sewer has been installed within the limits of Contract 3.

Sanitary services to houses continue to be installed along Russell Snider Drive and MacTaggart Drive.

Curb installation on Holden Drive and on McCutcheon Drive Sheardown, Cain Court, Hazelbury, and Dobson have been paved.

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).

Please see more King Township notices on page 5

### PUBLIC NOTICES



**Due to the constantly changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects, this information may not be current. Please visit [www.king.ca/covid.19](http://www.king.ca/covid.19) for the most up-to-date information.**

- 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

Based on the province-wide vaccination rate and continuing improvements in key public health and health system indicators, the Ontario government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, moved the province into Step Two of its Roadmap to Reopen.

For more information on what Step Two entails, please visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/reopening-ontario>.

#### King Township COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

##### First dose

- Individuals 12 years of age and older who live, work or go to school in York Region

##### Second Dose

The following individuals are eligible to receive an accelerated second dose:

- Individuals 18 years of age and older who live, work or attend school in York Region and have received a first dose mRNA vaccine - NEW, as of June 28, 2021
- Anyone who received an AstraZeneca vaccine as their first dose and wishes to receive a second dose mRNA or AstraZeneca at an 8 week interval

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>. King's clinic is scheduled to permanently close on Thurs., July 29.

#### King Township Rural Zoning By-law Review Public Open Houses

King Township is undertaking a review of its zoning for the rural areas of the Township, which are currently regulated by the Township's Comprehensive Zoning By-law 74-53, as amended and the Oak Ridges Moraine Zoning By-law 2005-23 (applying to lands within the Oak Ridges Moraine Area). A **Draft Zoning By-law for the Countryside** has now been prepared and released for the rural areas of King Township. The rural area encompasses the Countryside and Hamlet designations, as well as the Nobleton Village Reserve Lands (shown in yellow, on the map, right). The rural area excludes the urban areas of Nobleton, King City and Schomberg.



All interested persons are invited to join a **Virtual Public Open House** to learn about the proposed Draft Zoning By-law for the Countryside and provide your feedback on the proposed changes.

#### What is a Zoning By-law?

A Zoning By-law is prepared under the requirements of Section 34 of the **Planning Act**. The Zoning By-law regulates the types of land uses and the character, height, location, size and massing of buildings for all lands in the community.

#### Why prepare a new Rural Zoning By-law for King Township?

The review of zoning for the rural area follows updates to zoning in the Township's urban areas (the Villages), through the Nobleton Urban Area Zoning By-law 2016-71 and the King City and Schomberg Urban Area Zoning By-law 2017-66, respectively.

There is a need to review and update the Zoning By-law 74-53 and 2005-23 primarily to ensure that the zoning conforms to local, Regional, and Provincial policy, and addresses the Township's new Official Plan. We are seeking the community's input and feedback on the proposed Draft Zoning By-law for the Countryside.

#### When and where are the Virtual Public Open Houses?

Two Virtual Public Open Houses are being held, each presenting the same material:

**Tuesday, July 20, 2021 | 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**  
**Wednesday, August 11, 2021 | 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm**

To register for one or both of the Virtual Public Open Houses, please visit <https://speaking.king.ca/rural-area-zoning-by-law-review> to learn more and access the registration page, where you must **sign-up to participate**. You will be able to join the Public Open Houses via a computer or via telephone. The link and phone-in number will be automatically emailed to you following registration.

We will do our best to provide any requested accommodations. Please email or call Kristen Harrison at [kharrison@king.ca](mailto:kharrison@king.ca) or (905) 833-4065 for more information.

#### If I can't make it to one of the Virtual Public Open Houses, where can I find more information?

If you are unable to join a Virtual Public Open House, please visit <https://speaking.king.ca/rural-area-zoning-by-law-review> after July 23 to view a copy of the presentation and recording of a Virtual Public Open House.

We welcome all ideas and input into this project. For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, please contact: Kristen Harrison, Policy Planner, Township of King by email at [kharrison@king.ca](mailto:kharrison@king.ca) or (905) 833-4065.

#### TOWNSHIP OF KING CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

#### COMPREHENSIVE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT MASTER PLAN NOTICE OF COMPLETION

The Township of King has completed a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Master Plan (CSWMP) to support growth scenarios outlined in the Township's 2019 Official Plan (OP), and to ensure the required level-of-service can be provided throughout the Township. The study area includes the Villages of King City, Nobleton, and Schomberg, as well as the Hamlets of Ansnorveldt, Snowball, Lloydtown, Laskay, Kettleby, Pottageville, and Graham Sideroad.

This CSWMP characterized existing and future hydrologic conditions using the proposed future development identified in the OP. The preferred Storm Water Management (SWM) strategy is to combine traditional SWM and Low Impact Development (LID) measures to effectively and efficiently address concerns created from stormwater runoff.

The Study followed Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process dated October 2000 (as amended 2007, 2011, and 2015), which is to be used as foundational support for future investigations of specific schedule B and C projects. The Master Plan process included consultation with the general public, stakeholders, and government review agencies, as well as two Public Information Centres held in November 2020 and April 2021.

The CSWMP is available for review at the King Township Municipal Office by appointment and is available online at: <https://speaking.king.ca/stormwater-master-plan>.

Please contact Daniel Wilkinson at [dwilkinson@king.ca](mailto:dwilkinson@king.ca) or (905) 833-5321 x 6572 to schedule an appointment.

Interested persons may provide written comment by completing the comment sheet also found on the project webpage noted above and submit by August 14, 2021 to [kingstormwatermasterplan@civi.ca](mailto:kingstormwatermasterplan@civi.ca).

Notice issued on July 08, 2021.

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Environmental Project Manager

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# Pressure on Whitebelt

From Front Page

It's noted the built-up areas in York will take the lion's share of growth.

In King, the designated settlement areas include King City, Nobleton and Schomberg. Nobleton also contains lands in the settlement boundary classified as "DGA-Agriculture."

King's Whitebelt lands are primarily located along the southern border, south of Laskay flanking Highway 400.

As noted, to accommodate future growth, the infrastructure has to be made available by York Region. While it's quite possible that King will grow to 49,600, where these new homes will go remains to be seen.

King staff pointed out the "distribution of this population within the Township will require further examination and consultation."

The growth forecast breakdown for King shows King City growing to 21,000 by 2051. Nobleton will reach 10,800 and Schomberg will grow to 3,600. The Whitebelt is expected to take roughly 3,500.

Township staff noted the interest shown in King City and Nobleton could see the population exceeding those estimates.

These are planning forecasts and the numbers will be dependent on the growth limits in each village.

Staff pointed out that York is proposing that a new settlement area be created through the expansion of the Whitebelt adjacent to King to the south. The King Whitebelt would likely be a continuation of the building coming north from Vaughan.

This, staff observed, presents a "fundamental divergence in how growth is currently being planned in the Township."

Urban growth is currently directed to the three villages and King's Official Plan, adopted in 2019, sets out such a framework.

Planning staff indicate it's preferable to stay within the village boundaries, instead of expanding to the Whitebelt lands. The focus has been on the villages and their cores and that's where the growth should occur.

King City is well positioned to accommodate additional growth and there are already several applications on the books.

Nobleton is unique in that its size is limited by the existing infrastructure, limited to 10,800. Expanding the capacity to serve more than would be cost-prohibitive, according to the Region.

Nobleton has two boundaries, the inner urban boundary and the outer village boundary. There are lands outside the boundary, designed as "reserve" and while not currently contemplated for development through 2031, there may be land to accommodate growth, subject to review.

Planning for Nobleton should have a longer-term vision, other than the capacity of existing infrastructure, staff said.

"Good planning should not be limited as a result of existing servicing availability nor be prevented from occurring based upon existing infrastruc-

ture technologies," staff wrote.

This has led a few landowners in the Nobleton area to ask for consideration in the long-term planning horizon. Consultants representing landowners of parcels on both sides of Highway 27 wanted the lands included in future studies, saying it's a logical extension of the village boundaries.

King councillors are reluctant to include these lands.

Mayor Steve Pellegrini said King doesn't want to increase any settlement boundaries. Nobleton's reserve lands are not serviced and a lot needs to be done to meet future growth.

It was suggested that staff reach out to the community to get an idea on what the community would like to see done with these lands.

Councillor David Boyd said while consultation is always good, he won't be the councillor who "opens the floodgates" to Nobleton. York will determine where growth occurs depending on servicing, he said.

He also said he's not comfortable exceeding the regional forecast of 49,600 for King as a whole.

Councillors want to see population allocated across the municipality and they don't support adding 3,500 to the Whitebelt lands.

Concerned Citizens of King Township welcomed staff recommendations.

In his correspondence to the Township, CCKT Chair Bruce Craig said accommodating population growth within the villages will continue to support building complete, sustainable, healthy and liveable communities, where community members can live, work, shop and access services, many of which are already established within the villages.

Regarding employment growth in King, CCKT recognizes that there is considerable vacant land designated within the three villages to accommodate employment growth and contribute to the creation of "complete, sustainable" communities.

In addition the core areas of all three villages allows for mixed uses and contributes to additional employment growth. CCKT believes it is preferable for employment growth to occur in the three villages and to a limited extent in the hamlets and rural areas. CCKT also supports retaining all designated agricultural and rural lands in King Township including lands within the Whitebelt, and therefore does not support designating 10 hectares of King's Whitebelt lands for a new employment area. In addition the Whitebelt lands are not connected to any of the three villages.

CCKT does not support the creation of additional employment lands along Highway 400, which would require a conversion of lands within the Greenbelt Plan.

"We strongly believe that all Greenbelt lands need to be sustained for the long term greater good of Ontario and for the benefit of maintaining natural heritage systems and agricultural systems throughout the Greenbelt. In fact, we are hopeful the Greenbelt Plan will be expanded into Simcoe and other regions of central Ontario."

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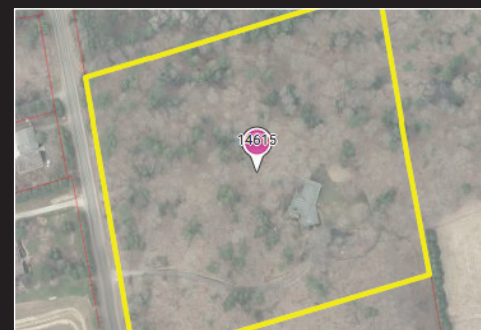
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# Editorial, Letters & Opinion

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

- Michael Connelly

## Consumers lose ground to big industry

We like to think of ourselves as a compassionate lot.

Sure, we're giving, caring and even tolerant.

We welcome visitors and newcomers with open arms. We recognize almost every culture, every cause, every plight.

While we can be extremely generous, the gap between rich and poor – the haves and never-will-haves – continues to widen. In trying to please everyone some of the time, we've created a catch-22 of sorts.

In many ways, we're putting salve on irreparable, gaping wounds and our Band-aid solutions are only buying a little more time.

The financial inequity that exists today is a product of decades of greed, speculation, power and sponging. It's also a self-fulfilling prophecy of sorts, making up for previous generations when most just scraped by.

We want it all, and we want to give it all to our kids.

But we're almost like Gumby who's being stretched too far.

You don't have to look very far at all to find examples of average working citizens being completely shut out of the game.

Our politicians in recent years have upped the minimum wage in this country, and others are still calling for more paid days of sick leave.

Municipalities offer property tax deferrals for those who are struggling during the pandemic.

The feds are still providing "pandemic relief" in terms of subsidies and payments to the unemployed.

These measure cannot matter unless there's a reciprocal easing of shoulder crushing cost of living.

Early on during the pandemic, residents were promised a bit of relief on their utility (gas, oil) bills. It evaporated quickly, to the point where our rates are still at an all-time high and utility board members are making record salaries, benefits and bonuses.

While many Ontario homeowners continue to struggle with costs, execu-



Mark Pavilons

tives at Ontario Power Corporation and Ontario Hydro were given gold-plated seats in the century club lounge, making record salaries, some in the millions.

Troubled Air Canada gave its top executive bonuses again this year, despite the fact they are near the brink of collapse. They rely on huge government subsidies to continue flying, and yet dish out money to its top brass. The recipients did offer to give it back, after the backlash. Not sure if it happened, though.

Home ownership for the current younger generation is fleeting fast. In another 5 years, it will be an impossible dream in this country.

Has any relief been given in this regard? Have banks eased up on lending practices? Absolutely not.

A new stress test came into play recently that puts an increased burden on new homeowners and even those renewing their mortgages.

This can't bode well. It's common knowledge that during the pandemic many average citizens lost jobs, had their hours curtailed, lost entire businesses and leveraged their home equity.

And yet our esteemed chartered

banks once again chalked up record profits.

Scotiabank, for instance,

Scotiabank reported second quarter net income of \$2.456 billion compared to \$1.324 billion in the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share (EPS) was \$1.88, up 88% from \$1 in the previous year. Return on equity was 14.8%, up from 7.9% in the previous year.

I wonder how many loans the big banks gave out to save struggling business owners during the pandemic. Let's see how forgiving they are when it comes time to pay them back.

Experts are noting that it will take another year or two before many businesses are back to pre-pandemic levels. Well, folks, in 2023, small businesses and hourly wage earners will be back where they were in 2019. Left behind again, in a system with no regard for working stiffs.

It would seem large corporations that cater to average consumers – banks, utility, big oil, big everything – are slowing suffocating their only source of bread and butter – us. Talking about cutting off your nose to spite your face.

In recent weeks, I was notified I was behind a few bucks in both my Hydro One and Enbridge bills. It didn't take long for the calls, emails and letters to arrive, demanding immediate payment. Wow, they can't be that hard up

that they need my paltry c-note to stay in business. The absolute nerve, I tell you.

I will stretch out my payments until the very last minute, just because of this bad behaviour.

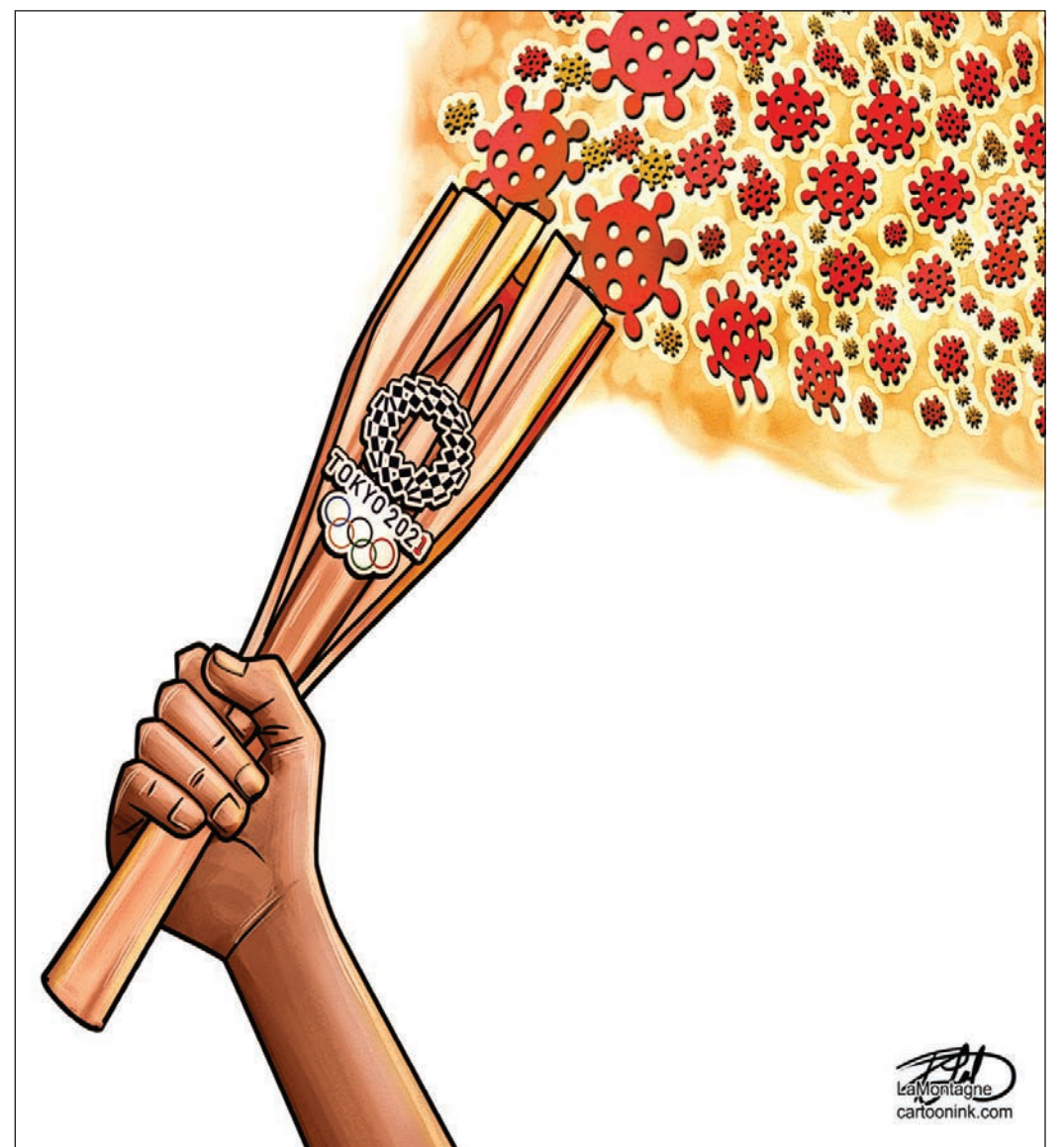
We're bombarded by advertisements of 5G networks, and amazing, lightning fast service from all telecom providers. And yet, many areas were without home internet and TV recently. A few phone calls later, listening to musak that hasn't changed in over a year, and little is resolved. It's not us, it's you, seems to be the common response. Tickets are created and sometimes technicians are sent (at their convenience). In the end, same service for skyrocketing rates.

I fear my tiny voice, my meager resistance will be for naught. To borrow from a famous phrase, I doth protest too much, methinks.

If there were any other time in our history, our neighbours would rally, pick up pitchforks and march on "city hall."

What do we do? Roll over and cower. We are capped and controlled by a very few very large entities.

Is going "off-grid" a real option? Well, perhaps not at the moment, but if things continue the way they are, we may all be living in tents, sending smoke signals!



## CCKT article a great read

The July 8 issue of the King Weekly Sentinel included an article summarizing the 50-year history of Concerned Citizens of King Township.

It is truly a testimonial to how citizens can influence the evolution of their community.

Mrs. Watt's history is an honest one as both victories and losses are cited. And she gives insight into what the work of being an activist is: research, fund raising, speaking out. And as she says there is always the challenge of informing the public so that the public can be engaged.

Having lived in King for only 20 years I am extremely appreciative of the efforts of CCKT for a half century.

**Debbie Schaefer**  
King Township Councillor  
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**Quote of the Week**

*"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."*

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION CONCERNING A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

The Township of King has received an application for a proposed amendment to Township's Zoning By-law (2017-66) to facilitate the development on the property outlined below, submitted to the Township of King in accordance with section 34 of the *Planning Act*.

The Township has determined that the application is considered complete and the Planning Department has commenced processing. We welcome your comments regarding this application.

**SUBJECT PROPERTY**

Location: Plan 360, Lot 3  
13131 Keele Street, King City, ON  
Owner: Participant Investors Inc.  
Applicant: Marco Bozzo, Townwood Homes  
Agent: Rosemarie Humphries, Humphries Planning Group Inc.  
Township File Numbers: Z-2021-08 & SPD-2021-49

**PROPOSAL**

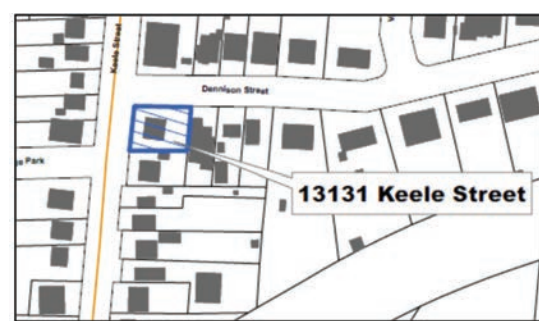
The subject application proposes:

- To re-zone the subject property to "Residential – Townhouse, with exceptions (R3-XX)" to permit the development of one block consisting of five (5) townhouse dwelling units with individual private driveway accesses onto Dennison Street. The application also proposes to amend the requirements for lot area, setbacks, lot coverage, minimum pervious surface areas, and to permit bicycle parking spaces to encroach into a private garage parking space.

At such time as a public meeting is scheduled in accordance with the Planning Act, the Township of King will provide further notice specifying the date and time of the meeting. Any person may attend the public meeting (or participate virtually if the meeting is remote due to public health restrictions), and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment or zoning by-law amendment.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

A copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment application, as well as related background and supporting information, are available for inspection by contacting the Planning Division, Monday to Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or by telephone at 905-833-5321, ext. 1004, quoting **File Numbers Z-2021-08 & SPD-2021-49** (13131 Keele Street). Written comments may be mailed or emailed to the Planning Department ([adreher@king.ca](mailto:adreher@king.ca)) and will become part of the public record.



Dated at the Township of King this 8th day of July, 2021.

Kathryn Moyle  
Director of Corporate Services  
Township Clerk  
Township of King 2585 King Road  
King City, ON L7B 1A1

Comments and personal information (PI) are being collected in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.P.13 as amended, and become part of the decision making process of the application as noted on this form, also become part of the public record. Should you have any questions or concerns with regard to the collection of personal information (PI), please contact the Planning Department, Township of King at (905) 833-5321.

**ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE – Main Street, Schomberg**

Main Street in Schomberg will be closed between Dr. Kay Drive and Church Street from Monday July 19<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday July 21<sup>st</sup>, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. due to an issued film permit (FLM-2021-006).

We thank the residents and businesses of Schomberg for their patience during the closure. Access for emergency vehicles and emergency responders will be maintained at all times. Please visit our website ([www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca)) to see the scheduled detour route.

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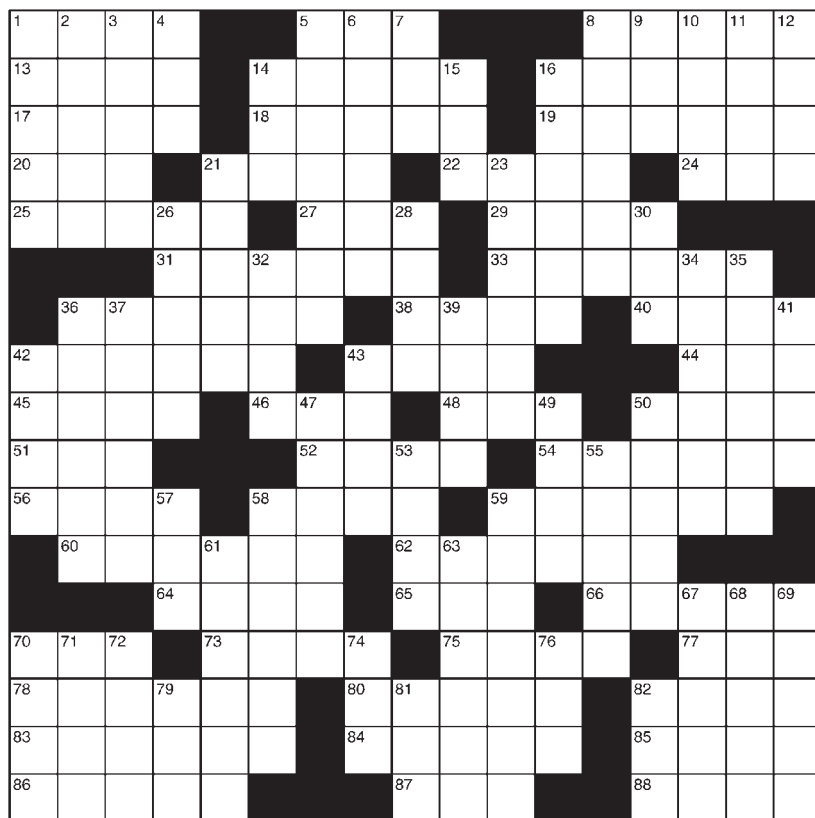
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| 5. Strange                | 51. Hire                    | 3. Excuse                           | 43. Actress Verdon        |
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| 13. Played part           | 54. Kindle                  | 5. Perform surgery                  | 49. Cheerful tune         |
| 14. Hurry                 | 56. Portend                 | 6. First-class                      | 50. Baiting leader        |
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| 17. Of the ear            | 59. Shear                   | 8. Predicament                      | 55. Birds in a gaggle     |
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| 20. Head                  | 64. Cut wood                | 11. Culture medium                  | 59. Weakness              |
| 21. Light brown           | 65. Green parrot            | 12. Payment to a landlord           | 61. Knight's tunic        |
| 22. Union soldier         | 66. Bread piece             | 14. Not sweet, as wine              | 63. Antenna               |
| 24. Painting, e.g.        | 70. Furnish weapons to      | 15. Moistureless                    | 67. Lacking reason        |
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| 29. Slipper               | 77. Indian bread            | 23. Electrical unit                 | 70. Alack's partner       |
| 31. Inn                   | 78. Extra time              | 26. Cabin                           | 71. Sleep                 |
| 33. Tiny frog             | 80. Old womanish            | 28. Or ____! (threat)               | 72. Allot                 |
| 36. Seer                  | 82. Palm's location         | 30. Clean-air advocate group: abbr. | 74. Paving goo            |
| 38. Don't strike!         | 83. Michaelmas daisies      | 32. Dog-pulled vehicle              | 76. Baltic, e.g.          |
| 40. Figure-skating jump   | 84. Gaucho's tool           | 34. Foreign                         | 79. Willie Winkie's size  |
| 42. Nativity scene        | 85. Against                 | 35. Manufacturer's payback          | 81. Imbibe                |
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| 44. "Shogun" wear         | 87. Layer                   | 37. Go backward                     |                           |
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# Moving to step 3 Friday

With key public health and health care indicators continuing to improve and the province-wide vaccination rate surpassing the targets outlined in the province's Roadmap to Reopen, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health the Ontario government is moving the province into Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 16.

"Thanks to the tireless efforts of our frontline heroes, and the ongoing commitment of Ontarians to get vaccinated, we have surpassed the targets we set in order to enter Step Three of our Roadmap," said Premier Doug Ford. "While this is welcome news for everyone who wants a return to normal, we will not slow down our efforts to fully vaccinate everyone who wants to be and put this pandemic behind us once and for all."

In order to enter Step 3 of the Roadmap, Ontario needed to have vaccinated 70 to 80 per cent of individuals 18 years of age or older with one dose and 25 per cent with two doses for at least two weeks, ensuring a stronger level of protection against COVID-19. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of Ontario's health care partners, as of July 8, 2021, over 77 per cent of the population in Ontario ages 12 and over have received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and over 50 per cent have received their second dose. More than 16.6 million doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been administered province-wide.

The province also needed to see continued improvement in other key public health and health care indicators, including hospitalizations, ICU occupancy and the weekly cases incidence rates.

After entering Step Two, during the period of June 29 to July 5, the provincial case rate decreased by 23.3 per cent. As of July 8, the number of patients with COVID-19 in ICUs is 202, including three patients from Manitoba, as compared to 286 two weeks ago. The province expects these positive trends to continue over the coming days before entering Step 3.

"After surpassing vaccination rate targets and continued positive trending public health indicators, the Province is now ready to enter Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen on Friday, July 16," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "These successes would not be possible without Team Ontario's effort - especially here in King and Vaughan - who rolled up their sleeves and got their shots. I encourage all King and Vaughan families to continue to stay safe and remain vigilant, so that we can get our recovery on-track and deliver a safe and more normal return to school in September."

"Ontario has continued to see improvements in key health indicators, allowing the province to move to Step Three of the Roadmap and safely resume more of the activities we've missed," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "While this is exciting news, we most still remain vigilant and continue to follow the public health measure we know work and keep us safe. Vaccines remain our ticket out of the pandemic so if you haven't booked your appointment yet, please do so today."

Step 3 of the Roadmap focuses on the resumption of additional indoor services with larger numbers of people and restrictions in place. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 100 people with limited exceptions.
- Indoor social gatherings and organized public events with up to 25 people.

- Indoor religious services, rites or ceremonies, including wedding services and funeral services permitted with physical distancing.

- Indoor dining permitted with no limits on the number of patrons per table with physical distancing and other restrictions still in effect.

- Indoor sports and recreational fitness facilities to open subject to a maximum 50 per cent capacity of the indoor space. Capacity for indoor spectators is 50 per cent of the usual seating capacity or 1,000 people, whichever is less. Capacity for outdoor spectators is 75 per cent of the usual seating capacity or 15,000 people, whichever is less.

- Indoor meeting and event spaces permitted to operate with physical distancing and other restrictions still in effect and capacity limited to not exceed 50 per cent capacity or 1,000 people, (whichever is less).

- Essential and non-essential retail with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres.

- Personal care services, including services requiring the removal of a face covering, with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres.

- Museums, galleries, historic sites, aquariums, zoos, landmarks, botanical gardens, science centres, casinos/bingo halls, amusement parks, fairs and rural exhibitions, festivals, with capacity limited to not exceed 50 per cent capacity indoors and 75 per cent capacity outdoors.

- Concert venues, cinemas, and theatres permitted to operate at up to 50 per cent capacity indoors or a maximum limit of 1,000 people for seated events (whichever is less); up to 75 per cent capacity outdoors or a maximum limit of 5,000 people for unseated events (whichever is less); and up to 75 per cent capacity outdoors or a maximum of 15,000 people for events with fixed seating (whichever is less).


- Real estate open houses with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of two metres.

- Indoor food or drink establishments where dance facilities are provided, including nightclubs and restobars, permitted up to 25 per cent capacity or up to a maximum limit of 250 people (whichever is less).

Face coverings in indoor public settings and physical distancing requirements remain in place throughout Step Three. This is in alignment with the advice on personal public health measures issued by the Public Health Agency of Canada, while also accounting for Ontario specific information and requirements. Face coverings will also be required in some outdoor public settings as well.

"Thanks to the continued efforts of Ontarians adhering to public health measures and advice, as well as going out to get vaccinated, we have seen most key health indicators continue to improve," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "However, the pandemic is not over and we must all remain vigilant and continue following the measures and advice in place, as the Delta variant continues to pose a threat to public health."

The province will remain in Step 3 of the Roadmap for at least 21 days and until 80 per cent of the eligible population aged 12 and over has received one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 75 per cent have received their second, with no public health unit having less than 70 per cent of their population fully vaccinated.




# King

## 7-Day Weather Outlook

From Thursday, July 15 to Wednesday, July 21

THURS 15TH	FRI 16TH	SAT 17TH	SUN 18TH	MON 19TH	TUES 20TH	WED 21ST
Sun/Clouds High 29°C Low 18°C	Light Rain High 22°C Low 17°C ~5mm	Sun/Clouds High 24°C Low 16°C	Mainly Sunny High 26°C Low 18°C	Mainly Sunny High 28°C Low 18°C	Sunny High 28°C Low 17°C	Sunny High 25°C Low 16°C
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## David Miller speaks on the current 'climate crisis'

By Julia Galt

David Miller, former Toronto Mayor and President and CEO of the World Wildlife Fund Canada and current Director of International Diplomacy at the C40 Climate Leadership Group, spoke to students and employees of Seneca College in the latest virtual chapter of Seneca Business' Sustainability Speaker Series July 7.

Drawing on his seven years of experience as Mayor of Toronto (2003-2010) as well as his book "Solved: How the World's Great Cities Are Fixing the Climate Crisis," Miller discussed the solutions to climate change that lie in our urban areas and the methods of avoiding a climate catastrophe.

In order for the world to hold over-all average global temperature hikes to 1.5°C, CO2 emissions must be halved by 2030. To reach that goal, and an eventual net zero by 2050, we need to act now, said Miller, where we can. If changes are not made, the earth has the potential to face 5°C of heating by the same time- causing, amongst other issues, a lack of arable land and mass human displacement.

"Climate change is not some distant threat in the future," said Miller, citing the disproportionate damage of the 2021 Jakarta floods and British Columbia wildfires. "It's now and it's here."

Up until 2010, the world's population was predominantly and historically rural. Now that a rapidly growing 55% of the global population lives in cities, urban areas account for 80% of the economy and 70% of greenhouse gases.

"If you're going to attack climate change, you do it where the problem

is, and that's in cities. It's where the emissions are, it's where the economy is, it's where the people are, it's where the energy is consumed, and, interestingly, it's also where the equity issues are, because most of the urban expansion in developing countries is near hazard-prone areas like oceans."

After 2015's Paris Agreement, a legally binding international treaty on climate change, 97 of the world's largest cities (the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group) set a plan to peak emissions in 2020, halve them by 2030, and reach net zero by 2050. The plans address energy consumption in cities (cleaning the energy grid by switching to solar, wind, and more), transportation (implementing a predominantly rail-based public transportation system), equity (equal access and outcomes for all), waste management (implementing a thorough recycling system, composting wet waste), and how buildings are cooled and heated: for many cities, the single largest source of greenhouse gas emissions.

It's important for businesses and their employees to take part in this urban revolution, as the problems faced are not technological or financial, said Miller, but structural and political.

"It's not about inventing new things. It's about doing what we can do today, really well, everywhere. And the place we're able to do this the most is in our urban areas and cities, because solutions exist globally to address climate change - they just need to be scaled up rapidly."

In 2007, Toronto unanimously passed "Change is in the Air," a climate plan that aimed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Toronto urban area



## King's improved Community Calendar open to submissions from the public

King Township has launched a one-stop-shop to find out information on what's going on in the community with an enhanced Community Calendar at [www.king.ca](http://www.king.ca).

The Community Calendar was included in the launch of King's new website earlier this year. However, events listed in the Community Calendar were limited to King Township-run events. With the new feature, anyone from the public can submit their events easily using an online form, as long as the event meets a set of guidelines.

"The timing of the launch of the improved Community Calendar couldn't be better," said King Mayor Steve Pellegrini. "As we start to emerge from our long series of lockdowns due to COVID-19, people and organizations will start holding public events again, as long as they follow public health guidelines. We want to help them get the word out and also make it easy for people to find events on the calendar."

Submitting an event is simple. Visit <https://www.king.ca/eventsubmission>. There you will see several fields to be filled out, including the event date and time, location and description. Events that meet submission guidelines will be approved within one business day.

In order to qualify for posting, the event must be organized by an individual, organization, service club, association or business operating within King Township or surrounding area, performing work that benefits King Township residents.

Events that are non-Township or Library programs that require paid enrolment - such as camps, lessons or courses - are not eligible. Neither are events that are commercial in nature and are attempting to advertise, promote or sell products or services of an individual business.

30% by 2020. The plan worked: five years later, an independent study showed that Toronto was 15% below 1990 levels of greenhouse gases, and another five years later, 33% below.

Unfortunately, on a national scale, there is still much work to be done.

"Very few countries, two, are on track for 1.5°C. The rest of the world isn't, from a national perspective," said Miller. "It's extremely worrying."

However, by implementing the suc-

cessful plans of cities on a national scale, Miller concluded, it is possible that an international reduction of 50% by 2030 can be met.

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

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## King City's Taco Kar offers authentic Mexican dishes

By Robert Belardi

Muskoka used to be the home of Taco Kar for owners Karina Garibay and her husband Mark. It was a full-fledged, indoor restaurant that provided an authentic Mexican cuisine to the local community.

When COVID-19 first struck, plenty of businesses went under and Taco Kar suffered. Sitting 18 months idle there had to be a turn of events for the couple. They wanted to revive Taco Kar again and all they needed was a space to do it.

"During the pandemic we started another business and the gentleman who rents this house here is one of our clients," Garibay said.

"He knew what we wanted to do with the restaurant space and he offered this space. Our goal is to create a casual, rustic, back-home Mexico. We had the opportunity to do it. The pallets, the tents, the outdoors."

The outdoor space that is located at 13236 Dufferin Street in King City is as back-home Mexico as it will get. There is a tire swing and several haystacks. An old-fashioned frame of a vehicle on the premises. The couple plans to bring in mariachi bands, a fire pit and have lights encamped all over the restaurant space.

Best of all, the cooks are preparing food on the spot. Customers can see everything in their orders hand-

crafted with fresh, organic products that are made in house and even grown on site.

"There's cilantro in there. Corn in there. Everything we use in here we will use out of there. It's also an attraction for everyone too right."

The recipes, which of course are not public and only for your mouths, all come from traditional family recipes, stemming as far back as Garibay's grandmother. But being from Mexico City, her mother and father had different origins originally.

"My mother's side is Michoacan and my dad is Oaxaca."

With a fusion of the two cuisines, they want to continue to not only provide an atmosphere that reminds many people of home but also be a place where everyone can go.

"It's awesome. This to me it's rustic, it's simple, it's an environment, it's an experience. The food fits the experience. It's easy and it's communal. There are so many cool things about this," said admin and moderator of the Aurora Restaurant and Food News Group, Ray McDonald.

"There's no commercialization behind it. It's just good people cooking good, clean food. The best food is not complicated. It's just full of flavour."

Taco Kar is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every Tuesday and from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday to Saturday.



## York moving on affordable housing

The Regional Municipality of York continues to make progress toward Housing Solutions: A place for everyone, York Region's 10-year housing and homelessness plan.

Affordable housing is a key component for building strong, caring and safe communities.

"The lack of affordable housing options continues to be a challenge in York Region," said York Region Chairman and CEO Wayne Emmerson. "York Regional Council has set the foundation to address housing challenges by encouraging a full mix and range of housing options and supporting investments in new affordable purpose-built rental housing projects. All levels of government have roles in supporting solutions to deliver affordable housing options to residents."

Every year, the Affordable Housing in York Region 2020 Measuring and Monitoring report identifies the supply of new affordable housing units in York Region to report on housing need. With ongoing affordability challenges reported in recent years, Regional Council has remained dedicated to responding to community needs.

Approved by Regional Council in October 2019, Housing Solutions Phase 2 set out the following three goals:

- Increase the supply of affordable and rental housing.
- Help people find and keep housing.
- Strengthen the housing and homelessness system.

A number of corresponding actions have been identified to help our three goals, with actions achieved in 2020 include:

- Providing housing subsidies to 584 households on the subsidized housing wait list.

- Helping 73 households experiencing chronic homelessness secure long-term housing.

- Working in collaboration with community partners to adapt existing services and implement new programs and supports to respond to emerging housing needs during COVID-19.

"Innovative programs and policies are required to continue to address housing gaps, particularly as affordable housing options are necessary in the development of healthy and thriving communities," said Vaughan Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, Chair of Community and Health Services. "Together with our partners, York Region is focused on helping residents find and keep appropriate housing. No one level of government or industry partner can solve housing affordability challenges alone."

Looking ahead, the Region will continue to advance the goals of Housing Solutions Phase 2 by:

- Continuing the work of the Housing Affordability Task Force to support Council in identifying strategies to address housing supply and affordability challenges.

- Continuing development of at least 360 new community housing units, set for completion by 2023.

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# St. Anne's School open for Grade 9 in 2022

St. Anne's School will officially open its doors to students in Grades 5 through 9 in September 2023, with a unique Grade 9 year launching in September 2022 at an alternate location.

St. Anne's will encourage young women to explore without inhibition, strengthen confidence, encourage risk-taking, diminish media-driven expectations, embolden an "I can do anything" attitude, build leadership capacity for a complex and uncertain world, foster sisterhood and promote lifting each other up, construct self-belief, push back against injustice, inspire truth, celebrate equity, diversity, and inclusion, and develop our students' voices. All this in a safe, nurturing, and caring setting where teaching and learning strategies support the development of girls.

"Following months of hard work and perseverance, I am thrilled to share the opening details for St. Anne's School," said Sabrina D'Angelo, Head of St. Anne's School. "There is no better time than right now for young women to be given the opportunity to participate in an educational experience that will be life-changing. At St. Anne's, students will be exposed to unique learning strategies, encouraged to embrace the arts, explore athletics, and called upon to be leaders while developing life-long friendships."

Girls entering Grade 9 in September 2022 interested in shaping the culture of St. Anne's will find the First Cygnets opportunity one not to be missed. When we talk about the founding of St. Anne's 100 years from now, we will speak of these incredible young women, their defining moments, and their connection to the development of the school's founding mission, principles,

and values.

The Grade 9 2022 year will be held in an alternate location on the nearby St. Andrew's College campus. The Cygnet Centre will house separate teaching and learning spaces but allow the sharing of facilities as we work toward opening our permanent campus at 306 St. John's Sideroad in Aurora. Students will have access to facilities at SAC to ensure they meet their academic, athletic, cocurricular, and leadership passions. Students will move to the permanent campus once complete, as early as fall 2022.

"What an extraordinarily unique opportunity the First Cygnets will experience as members of the very first class at SAS," added D'Angelo. "What excites me the most is the active voices these young women will have in shaping the strategic framework of the school. Creating a comprehensive plan for the future, including mission, vision, values, programmatic ideals, and cultural expectations, the First Cygnets will lead the way."

More details regarding St. Anne's School can be found at [www.stannes.ca](http://www.stannes.ca). A new one-and-a-half-minute video will also be launched on June 30.

About St. Anne's School St. Anne's School (SAS) is an all-girls independent school in Aurora. It offers a warm and inspirational learning environment for girls to build character, own their voice, and strive for distinction. The rigorous curriculum is complemented by a wide range of co-curriculars and a robust athletic program, along with a strong focus on arts, drama, and music. A St. Anne's education sets the foundation for a lifetime of self-discovery, sparks a passion for knowledge, and prepares young women to build a better world.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## Artistic Adventurers take to the streets to paint



By Dorita Peer

King Township artists gathered on Saturday, July 3, to paint King City scenes en plein air (outdoors). The day marked a return to in-person art for the Artistic Adventurers group as COVID restrictions lifted for the region. Along with fostering growth in art skills and artistic friendships, their local events strive to bring the arts lifestyle into the community. Several paintings featured All Saints Anglican Church in King City. Interested artists may join the Facebook group: Artistic Adventurers.



By Janet McLeod Wortel



Catharine Somerville

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COVID has kept all the artists busy creating over the past year, so there are many new and beautiful products to see and buy!

The Gallery is a co-op for local artists and artisans.

Nine artists have their work on display and for sale, each artist specializing in different art forms, ranging from wood turning and wood furniture; watercolour, oil and acrylic paintings; linocut and printmaking; jewellery; quilting; basketry & weaving as well as greeting cards.

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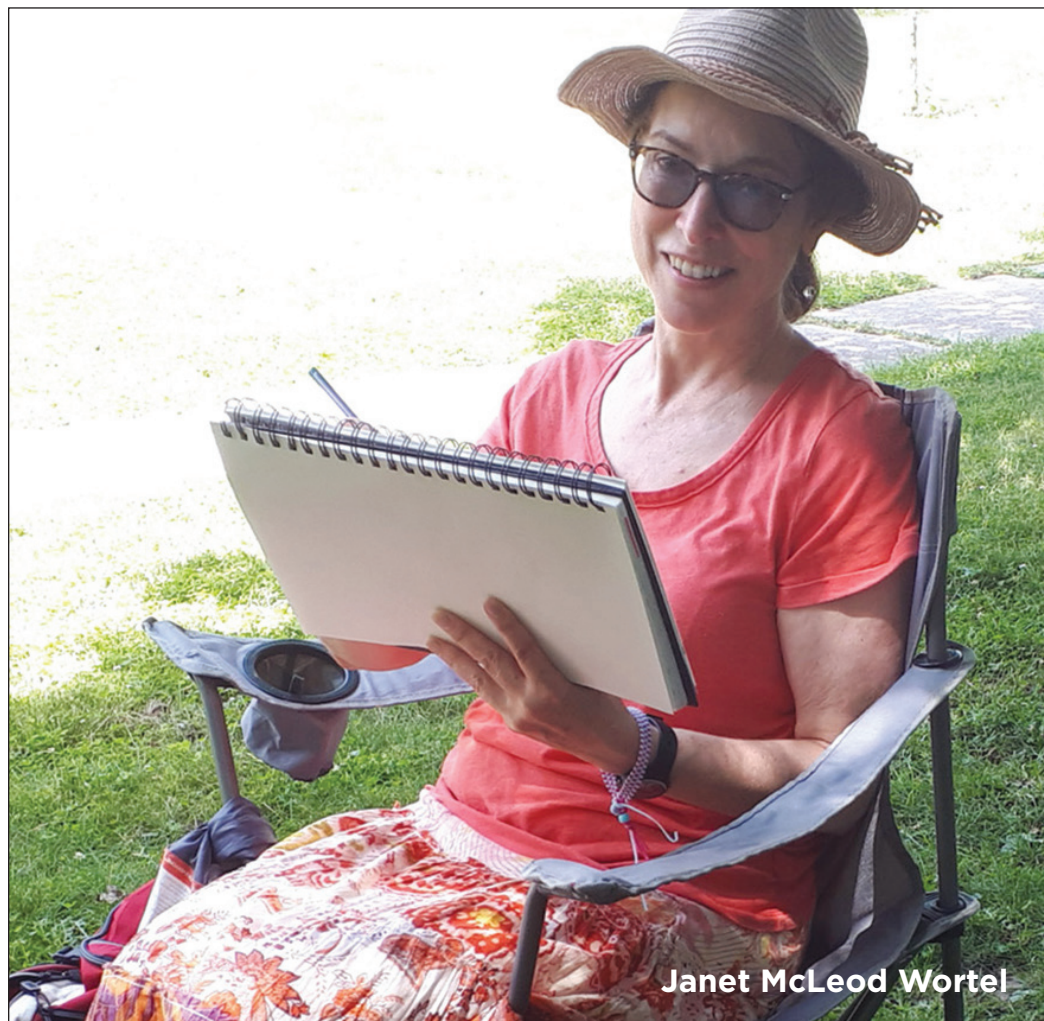
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# Over half of Ontario adults vaccinated with second dose

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

Ontario's "two-dose summer" is quickly being realized.

More than half of all adults in Ontario have now received a second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

The vaccine rollout continues to reach all individuals aged 12 and over with first and second doses, while the province prepares for Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen.

Health care workers across the province have administered more than 16 million doses since the start of the rollout, with Ontario ranking as one of the world's leading jurisdictions for population percentage to have received their first dose.

To date, more than 78 per cent of adults aged 18 and over have received at least a first dose and more than 51 per cent have received both doses, ensuring the strongest possible protection against COVID-19.

"Ontario's vaccine rollout program has reached a important milestone achievement with now half of the Adult population in the province double vaccinated, said King-Vaughan MPP Stephen Lecce. "We are encouraging more residents – especially youth aged 12 and up – to roll up their sleeves so that we all benefit from a safe two-dose summer and full-time return to class in September."

Deputy Premier and Health Minister Christine Elliott is pleased that we reached this plateau.

"We have reached another significant milestone in our vaccine rollout with over six million Ontarians benefiting from the strong protection of their second dose ahead of schedule," said Elliott. "Our work doesn't stop here, and we will continue to work with our health system partners to ensure every single Ontarian who wishes to receive the vaccine can access one. I encourage everyone to book an appointment as soon as you can to put this pandemic behind us."

As part of the province's continued effort to protect hot spot communities with high Delta variant transmission, targeted supports including community and workplace clinics as well as pop-up teams and additional vaccination staff have been administering

COVID-19 vaccines in Delta hot spots. Delta hot spot communities received more than 772,000 vaccine doses from June 14 to July 5, in addition to their regular per capita allocations. Delta hot spot public health units have been successful in managing Delta variant outbreaks through a combination of testing, tracing, and isolating, as well as an extra push to get their populations fully vaccinated. Vaccination is Ontario's best protection against further Delta outbreaks across the province.

To ensure people have the strongest possible protection against COVID-19, the government began accelerating appointments for individuals to receive their second dose at a shortened interval in May 2021.

Ontario expanded second dose eligibility for all individuals aged 12 and over, surpassing its target to accelerate doses for all groups by the end of August. The province's acceleration of second doses outpaced its predicted rollout due to an increase in supply and readiness across all delivery channels, including hospitals, mass immunization clinics, mobile, pop-up and workplace clinics, pharmacies and primary care providers.

All vaccines provided as part of Ontario's vaccine rollout provide high levels of effectiveness against hospitalization and death from COVID-19 and its variants, including the Delta variant. Between May 15 and June 12, more than 83 per cent of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ontario were individuals who had not received either dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, more than 15 per cent had received one dose, and approximately one per cent had received both doses.

"The overall reduction of COVID-19 cases across the province is proof that vaccines are our best defence against this virus," said Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "And with more Ontarians becoming fully immunized every day, the outlook is encouraging. To maintain this positive momentum and benefits in our communities, I ask all Ontarians to remain vigilant, follow public health guidance and encourage their friends and family members to get vaccinated if they have not already done so."

To date, more than 10 million vaccine first and second dose appointments have been made through the provincial booking system since its launch in

March 2021.

All vaccines provided as part of Ontario's vaccine rollout provide strong protection against COVID-19 and its variants, including the Delta variant. Mixing vaccines is safe, effective and

enables Ontarians to receive their second dose sooner. This is consistent with the practices of many jurisdictions and recommendations provided by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI).

## Home Essentials

# Reed diffusers bring back memories

By Mark Pavilons  
Editor

It is often a challenge to keep our homes smelling fresh and inviting.

Now that the pandemic is waning, we're opening our homes again.

Air freshers are one thing, but Clarri Hill has launched a lineup of reed diffusers that add a scent of luxury to your home.

They're hand-filled in Toronto by the Clarri Hill team and they definitely stand out. The high-quality essential oils are held in a beautiful glass diffuser that emits a powerful, yet delicate aroma. Perfect for coffee table décor, gifts, the bathroom or your home entrance as you welcome friends and family into your home.

The company offers six new scents and each uses a set of eight high-performance fibre reeds, that do not require the reed to be flipped for a great scent.

According to Avree Scarcello, marketing and partnership for Clarri Hill, they always start the scent process by thinking of "our favourite memories and what smells we associate with them. Our whole product line has a memory from our family or past that is incorporated into the scent."

Scarcello said that it has been proven scientifically that scents can bring back memories that might otherwise never be recalled. Scents can revive memories that have been long forgotten, "like a time portal, instantly sweeping you from a busy street in New York to a tiny cafe in Milan that you visited years ago."

Scents, she noted, are the only sensations that travel a direct path to the



emotional and memory centers of the brain.

"We hope that people will smell our scents and instantly be transported to their favourite memories. We hope our Beach Sol reed diffuser will take you to that sunny summer day playing in the sand, and our Evergreen candle will take you back to that beautiful walk you took in the forest with your loved ones."

It's a family-owned Toronto business and the new "flavours" include pear, floral, juicy guava, hibiscus and coconut milk. Inspire the mood of your home or relive beautiful walks in springtime, or your first leather jacket with its newest collection.

"We know Canadians have missed many milestones and have been feeling nostalgic over the last 14-months so, as the world slowly opens back up, we wanted to offer a fragrant experience and remind everyone of past happy moments that we can soon collect on, or that offer scents that simply refresh and transform the home as we begin to welcome our friends and family back into close quarters to make up for lost time," said founder and president Mario Scarcello.

They last for roughly 60 days. With the new lineup, you can enjoy a trip to the beach, the smell of leather, rose petals or vanilla.

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## Nobleton Public School 'claps out' favourite principal

Once Nobleton Public School parents received the news that their beloved principal, Mark Breadner, was being moved to another school, the school council parents did everything they could to stop the transfer. Unfortunately they were unsuccessful. So, the parents devised a plan to send Mr. Breadner off with as much pomp and circumstance as COVID restrictions allowed.

It is a tradition at NPS on the last day of school for the Grade 8 graduates to walk through the corridors which are lined with all of the students who "clap them out" of the school. The Breadner send off was a twist on this tradition.

On June 25, more than 50 vehicles lined up outside the school waiting for the school secretary, Sandra Bauco, to bring the surprised principal out the front doors to witness the spectacle. Not even steady rain could reign in Mr. Breadner's enthusiasm at being able to see, in person yet at a safe distance, the parents and students who were there to wish him well. A steady stream of slow moving vehicles lasted over half an hour as people honked and cheered their favourite principal.

Mr. Breadner will not soon be forgotten by Nobleton Public School.

## YRDSB renames Sir John A. Macdonald PS

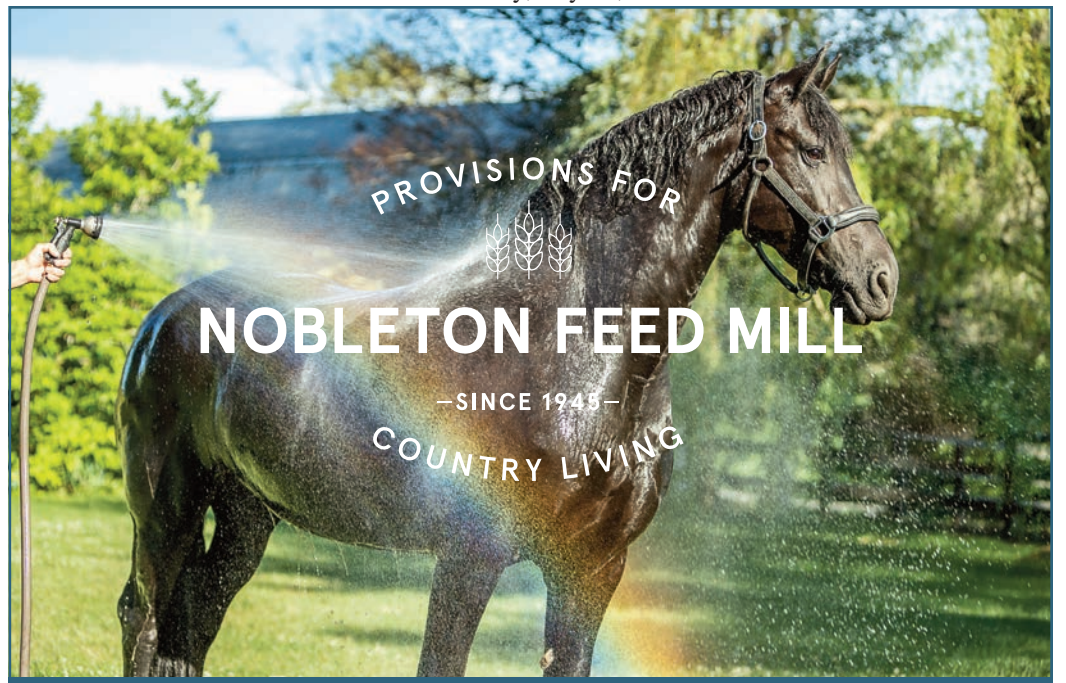
At the July 6, Special Board Meeting, York Region District School Board trustees voted to rename Sir John A. Macdonald Public School following the presentation of a report on renaming the school.

"Reviewing the names of our schools is an important part of our commitment to creating safe, welcoming and inclusive learning spaces for all of our students," said Cynthia Cordova, board chair. "Students, staff and families at this school can feel proud of being a part of this ongoing learning and part of a school community committed to equity, inclusivity and Truth and Reconciliation."

The school was named after Sir John A. Macdonald, the first Prime Minister of Canada who supported the creation of residential schools, and created policies to starve Indigenous peoples, to remove them from their homes on the plains to allow for railroads and settlement of non-Indigenous people. In addition to targeting Indigenous populations, Macdonald also denied Chinese immigrants citizenship and supported legislation that would exclude them from voting until 1946.

"As a school board committed to Truth and Reconciliation, it is essential that we engage in learning, listen to Indigenous voices, and take the right steps in response to that learning," said Director of Education Louise Sirisko. "We also have a responsibility as an educational organization to model what it means to listen, learn and take action to create a better future."

More details about the renaming process will be shared as information becomes available. The renaming process will begin in the fall and include consultation with the Chippewas of Georgina Island and local school community. The board has removed the name "Sir John A. Macdonald" from the front signage of the school and the school building.



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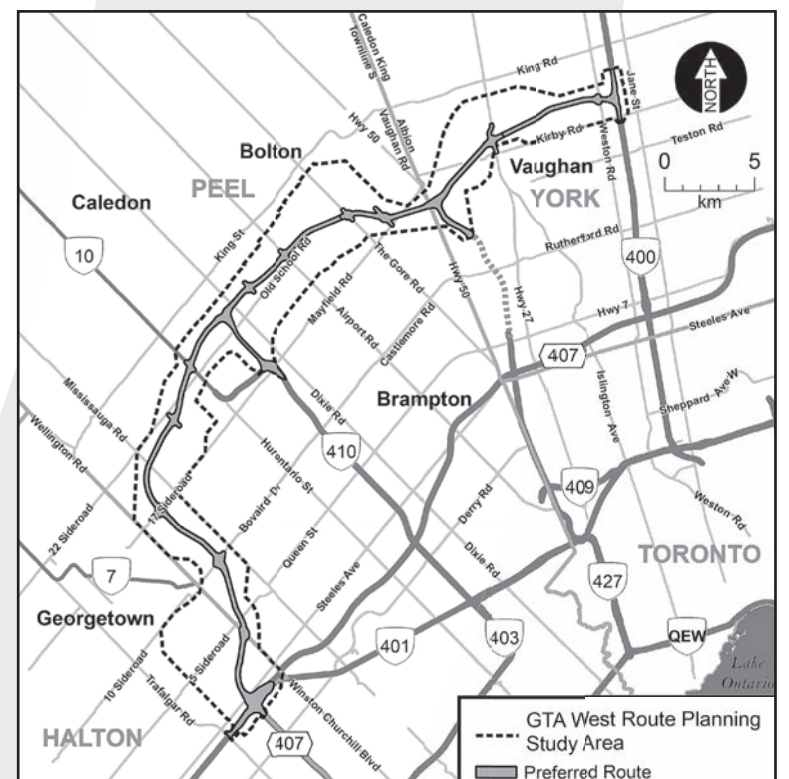
The Ontario **Ministry of Transportation (MTO)** is in Stage 2 of the GTA West Transportation Corridor Route Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study. After confirming the Preferred Route and 2020 Focused Analysis Area on August 7, 2020 (please refer to the enclosed key plan or view mapping at [www.gta-west.com](http://www.gta-west.com)), the GTA West Project Team commenced developing the Preferred Route to a preliminary design level of detail.

The GTA West Study is being undertaken as an Individual EA in accordance with the *Ontario EA Act* and the GTA West Corridor EA Terms of Reference, which was approved by the Ontario Minister of the Environment on March 4, 2008. On May 3, 2021, the Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change determined that the GTA West Study also warrants designation under the *Federal Impact Assessment Act*. More information is available on the project website at [www.gta-west.com/processandtimeline](http://www.gta-west.com/processandtimeline).

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Project Team in advance of the Webinar, please e-mail them to [project\\_team@gta-west.com](mailto:project_team@gta-west.com), submit them through the contact form on the project website at [www.gta-west.com/contactus/](http://www.gta-west.com/contactus/) or call the toll-free telephone line at 1-877-522-6916.

#### COMMENTS

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## MacLennan off to Tokyo

By Robert Belardi

King City's very own Rosie MacLennan will be part of Canada's trampoline gymnastics team as announced on July 5.

Gymnastics Canada and the Canadian Olympic Committee stated MacLennan, along with Vancouver, British Columbia's Samantha Smith, will be spearheading Team Canada in their next attempt at international glory.

Back in 2012, MacLennan won gold in London and became the first trampolinist to win back-to-back gold medals in Rio in 2016. Now, she has the chance to become the first trampolinist to win a three-peat.

"I am incredibly excited to be named to the Olympic Team and to have the opportunity to compete in my fourth Olympic Games," MacLennan said in the release.

"So much has changed in the last five years but what hasn't changed is my love for the sport and the support from those around me. I'm so grateful to the people around me who have supported me through the entire process."

In order to officially qualify for the upcoming Olympics, MacLennan earned her place through the 2019 World Championships. King City's star trampolinist, came in fourth in the semifinals and advanced all the way to the final, falling short but, earning a

bronze medal in the process.

According to the regulations and rules, the top eight athletes in the World Championships would secure what is called a quota spot for the Olympics. Only one athlete per country was permitted to go through.

The Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, that is set to begin on July 23, will be held without any fans as per the latest reports coming out of Japan.

Tokyo's new state of emergency due to rising cases of COVID-19 is planned to run from July 12 to August 22. The Olympics is set to run only until August 8.

Some reports have speculated whether the lack of fans will hinder the performance of athletes.

According to a report from The Wall Street Journal, Tokyo 2020 President Seiko Hashimoto, who was previously a speed skater and cyclist, hopes that all athletes will compete at their highest level despite any noise coming from the stands.

It was also said that around \$800 million in ticket revenue will be lost.

But despite the outside white noise for a little bit of an oxymoron, that won't stop Team Canada in trying to out muster other nations and most definitely won't put a road block in front of MacLennan.

Team Canada will be hungry. You can be sure of that.



Robert's Rant

## Finally, European glory!

By Robert Belardi

If you want to ever understand what heart palpitations truly are, just watch your nation enter a penalty shootout for a chance at European glory.

This past Sunday, it all came down to one more kick of the ball. Italian and Chelsea FC midfielder Jorginho had stepped up to the spot. He is a penalty specialist with his club. But England keeper Jordan Pickford had other ideas and gave the Three Lions hope, saving Jorginho's effort.

With the match on the line, England sent 19-year-old Bukayo Saka to the spot. With a save from Italian keeper Gianluigi Donnarumma, the Italians would lift the European Cup for the first time since 1968.

Saka sent the ball to the right side of the goal only for the ball to be parried away by the Italian giant. Italy had silenced Wembley Stadium. Italians rejoiced.

I couldn't believe we had won. I couldn't stop screaming in joy. The Italians had done it. In their four international finals appearances in the past 21 years, the nation had brought home their second trophy. Of course, the country last lifted an international trophy back in 2006 and they won on, you guessed it, penalty kicks.

The match had begun on the back foot and when England fullback Luke Shaw volleyed in a cross from Kieran Trippier in the first half my heart sunk into my stomach. I was scared for Italy. I couldn't believe what I had just seen.

But then later on in the first half the Italians began to dominate. The team began to take care of possession and create chances. In the second half, the lads were rewarded and normally known for being a reliable central defender, Leonardo Bonucci tucked in the all important tying goal in the 67 minute.

From then on, Italy looked like the team that would get it done. They pressed, they sought after every ball. Then England came after them and generated chances in extra time when fan favourite Jack Grealish came on to the pitch.

Right before the 120-minute mark England manager Gareth Southgate decided to bring on Marcus Rashford and Jadon Sancho. Two forwards, cold right off the bench and I said to myself this was a poor decision to do this.

It turns out I was right. Both of these players missed their penalty kicks en route to Italy lifting the trophy.

Throughout the tournament Italy were pegged to be the most entertaining side. Normally known for defending and counter attacking play in their formidable history, manager Roberto Mancini came to manage this team with other ideas. The nation had missed the 2018 World Cup and things needed to change domestically.

He galvanized a group with inclusivity and unity as one. A former player himself, Mancini never played one minute at the World Cup in Italy in 1990. He made sure almost everyone played in this tournament and had a role in the group.

The Italians, tied for scoring the most goals with Spain with 13 forward. The nation also only conceded four.

With this victory, Italy extended their unbeaten streak to 34 games. If they win one more, they will have tied Spain (2007-2009) and Brazil (1993-1996) who currently hold the historical record of 35 matches unbeaten.

Just two more wins now to sit atop of the world in this feat. If this were to happen, this must place Mancini as one of the greatest Italian managers in history if he hasn't made a case for himself already.

If Italy can win next year's World Cup in Qatar, that would not only be something special, it would potentially make this Italian side arguably the greatest in history. It sounds crazy I know. But I can't wait for Qatar more than ever now knowing this is the team we have playing for my heritage.

Bring it on. Because Italy is back.



## York United 1-1 this past week

By Robert Belardi

York United defeated first-place club Valour FC 2-1 and fell to Pacific FC 3-0 this past week.

On July 7 it was the first time in 630 days fans had been permitted to attend a Canadian Premier League match. The host team Valour FC were set to take on a York United club still in search for their first win of the campaign.

In the fifth minute of the game, Valour FC gave their fans something to be boisterous about. Andrew Jean-Baptiste headed home a well hit corner and just like that it was 1-0.

As a testament to York United's resilience, this club who have not shown any sign of backing down responded exceptionally well down in the match and the fury of the crowd against them.

Just nine minutes after conceding Diyaeddine Abzi whips in a delicious cross and 17-year-old Lowell Wright got the boys on the board.

Just after half-time in the 48-minute, York United found their second goal of the match. A free kick neatly crossed in from Terique Mohammed found the head of Dominick Zator and just like that York United would gain a 2-1 lead. They would hold on for the victory giving Valour FC their first loss of the year.

"I was happy with how we responded

but I was disappointed with our start. It was not good enough at all conceding the way that we did," head coach Jimmy Brennan said after the game.

"There was a belief within the squad. You can see they wanted to get that goal back. I was happy with the performance overall. I thought they were very good today. The dynamic going forward, there was a lot of energy. Lot of pace. We were first to a lot of second balls. We had a lot of shots on goal. We created our opportunities. We took two goals."

Just three days after securing their first victory, York United crumbled 3-0 to Pacific FC.

The Nine Stripes went 2-0 down inside the first ten minutes of the match thanks to Matteo Polisi and Marco Bustos. Bustos added another in the 53-minute to officially seal the win.

In this match The Nine Stripes couldn't grab a hold on to any momentum. The club held on to a measly 38 per cent possession in comparison to Pacific, who controlled the match with 62 per cent possession.

York United, who took on Cavalry FC this past Wednesday, will have to take on Valour FC again on Sunday. Kick off is at 2:30 p.m EST on One Soccer.

This past Monday, it was announced York United will be returning home to York Region on July 30 to take on Forge FC.

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# Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop  
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## Horticultural Society

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.

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Congratulations to Dave Douglas on his retirement-enjoy the next chapter of your life Dave!

## Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

On Wednesday, July 7, Nobleton United Church sponsored a lunch at the Trisan Clinic for the volunteers and staff helping to get us all vaccinated. Cousin's Market in Nobleton made the enticing sandwiches, paninis, and wraps. We are very grateful to the many volunteers for making this clinic available and convenient for many of us.

Pulpit supply, (retired) Rev. Evelyn McLachlan, has been supplying videos and a printed sermon for each Sunday in June and July, except for a Zoom service at 11 a.m. once a

month. Evelyn would like different people to do a scripture reading each week, so if you are willing, contact her at 905-859-9077. Evelyn and her husband Earle Laycock are willing to record you wherever you feel most comfortable. Both Evelyn and Earle have had two vaccination shots, but they would still come wearing masks.

Jack Campbell was recorded on Wednesday, July 7, as he sat outside near a stream. In the middle of his recording, a bullfrog decided to speak as well! These little interruptions make the recordings more interesting.

The next Zoom service will be on Sunday, July 25, 11 a.m. We will be celebrating communion, so have bread & wine (or juice) available! Our churches will be closed for August, so no videos or services will be sent or held then. The Zoom service for the fall will be Sunday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m., if we are still not meeting in person. Let us know if you would like to be included in the email blast that sends all the info out.

We continue to have a Zoom Coffee hour on Thursday mornings 10 to 11 a.m. Let me know if you want to be included in the email blast or want to join via phone. Contact me, Nancy, at 905-859-0761 or [nancy@hopkinson.ca](mailto:nancy@hopkinson.ca).

We considered having these coffee hours in the backyard of Nobleton United Church, but we decided against it. Some of us are unable to drive that far, some prefer to stay in pajamas and be comfortable as they are not feeling 100%.

Also this way, we can meet in comfort no matter the weather, rain or shine, in very hot and humid conditions or in cold conditions.

BTW, there is no sermon or preaching going on. We are just chatting about our interests, gardening, cottaging, dealing with those gypsy moth caterpillars, what programs we liked on Netflix, the best books at the library, celebrating the birth of the latest great-grandchild of Velma Atkinson or admiring the latest craft (lovely knitted dolls) by Carol Sharer!

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## Nobleton Notes

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

We welcome you to join us in-person for worship this Sunday. The government has moved up the second step of the reopening of Ontario, and that allows for us to have 25% capacity in our worship space. Masks still must be worn and households are to be kept two metres apart from each other.

Our Pastor, Jeff Loach, will begin a new series on Heaven this Sunday. There's plenty of folklore out there about the afterlife, but what does the Bible actually tell us? Tune in, or join us, to find out! Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10 a.m. You can watch previous services or messages anytime, also on our YouTube channel (youtube.com/stpaulschurchnobleton).

Is there something we could pray about for you? We will be continuing our "Drive-Thru" prayer event the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Just drive on in 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 Wednesday, July 21.

All our LifeConnect Groups have taken a break for the summer, but will resume once again in September. Stay tuned for more upcoming information on "A Message for All Time." This is a story of redemption and hope as seen through the life and death of Jesus, and what this abundant life of Jesus offers us in our current times.

### St. Mary's Church

We are so happy to welcome you back to St. Patrick's and St. Mary's Church for our regular Holy Mass Schedule.

We hope to see more parishioners safely returning back to the celebration of the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass as we soon enter into Step 3 of the "Roadmap to Reopen." More information will be available during the next few weeks.

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Life Teen Parish Youth Group: Summer Fun - In person and Online - Calling all Teens Grades 7-12 to join our Life Teen - Life Night on Zoom. For Zoom link please contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or [zgagl@archtoronto.org](mailto:zgagl@archtoronto.org).

toronto.org.

Holy Rosary Group: Don't forget to join us every Monday at 7:30 p.m. to pray the Holy Rosary on Zoom Join Zoom Meeting New Meeting Code:

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Dial in by calling: 647 374 4685 and use meeting ID:438 331 6713#.

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By Nancy Hopkinson

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### 708 OBITUARIES

#### Freda Sheila McFadden (née Tallon)

Born in Nakina and raised in Cochrane, Ontario. Died peacefully in her home, surrounded by her loving family, on Thursday, July 8, 2021, Freda Sheila McFadden, in her 88th year. She courageously fought Parkinson's Disease for over 20 years and recently cancer. Predeceased by her husband Gordon (1994), daughter Anne, and grandson Brian. Survived by her children Carol (Jim), Michael (Leslie), Teresa, Pat (Heather), Tom, Jill (Jeff). Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Shannon (Cyrus), Jennine (Matt), Lauren, Hayleigh, Erin, John Henry and three great-grandchildren Caille, Connor, and Layne. Survived by her sister Eloise (Bernie) and predeceased by her mother and father Florence and Hector Tallon; sisters Theresa and Rita; brothers Gerald, Edgar, Jack and Stan. She will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends. She was a registered nurse for many years until retirement and always as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and parishioner at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church. The family is forever thankful to her support team and Spectrum for her in-home care, especially Binu.

The family received their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S. (Hwy 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Monday from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Due to COVID restrictions, private Mass of Christian Burial was held in Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, 60 Allan Drive, Bolton on Tuesday, July 13 at one o'clock. Interment Nobleton Community Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made in Freda's memory to Parkinson Canada. Condolences for the family may be offered at [www.EganFuneralHome.com](http://www.EganFuneralHome.com)

### 708 OBITUARIES

#### Rumney: Raymond Bertram

Peacefully at Bradford Valley Care Community on Thursday, July 8, 2021. Ray Rumney, in his 84th year, beloved husband of the late Margo. Loving father of Deb Reilly (Michael), Cathy Richards (Carl), Craig (Carol), Tim (Jen). Sadly missed by his grandchildren: Sarah, Ben, and Alec Reilly, Mathew, and Tanya Richards, Hoj MacDonald, Chad, T.J., Jessica, Travis, and Dakota Rumney, and Luke and Ryan Cassar, and his great grandchildren Cadence, and Callie, Holden, Ollie, Nathan, and Marny. Lovingly remembered by his extended family and friends. A private celebration of life was held in the Chapel of Rod Abrams Funeral Home, 1666 Tottenham Road, Tottenham 905-936-3477 on Wednesday July 14th, 2021. [www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com](http://www.RodAbramsFuneralHome.com)

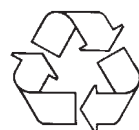
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King Weekly Sentinel

# King's Corners

**King City United**  
By Sheryl Sinka

KCUC has suspended our worship for 5 weeks through the month of July and we will resume on August 8.

Rev. Lee is available through this time for pastoral care needs and for pastoral visitation and needs can be communicated through the office. An online worship option will be available through our website during that month. Previous weeks worships, are available on our YouTube Channel at YorkUnitedMinistries or our website at kcuc.net. We hope everyone stays safe and has a wonderful summer.

If you would like emails with the link to the worship please contact the church at kcuc@bellnet.ca to be put on the list for the Sunday morning worship link.

The Women's Prayer Circle is still "open for business," and we can still pray together, even if not in person. Although our weekly Tuesday morning meetings at the condo building on Burns Blvd. are still suspended, they will resume as soon as the government rules are relaxed.

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

## King Bible Church

Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. as we're back in-person for our services!

We will also be streaming the service online at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

Please visit our website to register for our services (we require everyone to pre-register for the service). We will be meeting in-person every week while in Phase 3.

Pastor Mark will be continuing our sermon series Cross-Fit: Training in Godliness. "Just like our physical side of us needs to be kept in shape, so does the spiritual side of us. But have you ever wondered what a spiritual fitness plan looks like? Join us this summer as we build off of 2 Peter 1:5-7 and work to develop a strategy to aid us in growing our faith, so we can be healthy and effective, followers of Jesus."

Please visit our website for links and further information. [www.kingbiblechurch.com](http://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 at [lisa@kingbiblechurch.com](mailto:lisa@kingbiblechurch.com).

## St. Andrew's

By Kathy Patterson

July's summer schedule: The Rev. Grant Vissers (Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterdown) will provide his sermon series on 5 Big Questions many have about Christianity. Join us Sundays at 10:15 a.m. at [st-andrews-king-city.ca](http://st-andrews-king-city.ca).

Last Sunday, Grant's sermon was "What about other religions?" This Sunday, July 18, his sermon is "What about pain and suffering?" The videos of our previous services are found on YouTube. (St. Andrew's, King City). "Coffee Time" following the service

will take place this week and we hope to see you there via Zoom.

Tuesday morning Prayer Time will not be meeting over the summer, but know that we are praying for you. 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."

Virtual Art for the Soul on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. will be taking a hiatus over July and reconvene in August. We are also planning for an Art-in-the-Park program for school-aged children! We're looking at the 4th week of August. More information to follow!

The King Township Food Bank continues with its safe food distribution each month. If you need more information contact [ktfb.ca](mailto:ktfb.ca)

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

For pastoral care while Lynn is on vacation, please call the Rev. Paul Johnston, our Interim Moderator at 705-341-7738 or one of the Elders.

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

We are planning our re-opening for September 12 all going well. We'll keep you posted!

## Kingcrafts Studio

summer sale

Local artisans have been busy during Covid lockdowns creating beautiful one of a kind items. Our sale this year will include a plant sale from the lovely gar-

dens of many of our members!

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Visit Saturday and Sunday, July 24 and 25, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The sale will run again Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21 and 22, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

No tax, free parking and admission. We're located at 12936 Keele Street, King City,

## All Saints Anglican Church

By Patrick Gossage

Last Sunday we enjoyed outdoor worship with small choir and music. We made a special appeal for funds to help the people of the wildfire devastated town of Lytton, BC.

Fr. Michael's sermon used a text from 22 Samuel: "David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim."

"Returning to gathered worship is a source of joy and elation to all of us. Perhaps not the dancing in the streets elation of the Israelites in our first reading but still an uplifting experience. Do we feel closer to God now that we are back at church? Today's first reading invites us to think about how and where God is present with us, and what that presence might mean."

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## Nobleton Notes

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Evelyn and her husband Earle Laycock are willing to record you wherever you feel most comfortable. Both Evelyn and Earle have had two vaccination shots, but they would still come wearing masks.

Jack Campbell was recorded on Wed. July 7, as he sat outside near a stream. In the middle of his recording, a bullfrog decided to speak as well! These little interruptions make the recordings more interesting.

The next Zoom service will be on Sunday, July 25, 11 a.m. We will be celebrating communion, so have bread & wine (or juice) available! Our churches will be closed for August, so no videos or services will be sent or held then. The Zoom service for the fall will be Sunday, Sept. 12, 11 a.m., if we are still not meeting in person. Let us know if you would like to be included in the email blast that sends all the info out.

We continue to have a Zoom Coffee hour on Thursday mornings 10 to 11 a.m. Let me know if you want to be included in the email blast or want to join via phone. Contact me, Nancy, at 905-859-0761 or nancy@hopkinson.ca. We considered having these coffee hours in the backyard of Nobleton United Church, but we decided against it. Some of us are unable to drive that far, some prefer to stay in pajamas and be comfortable as they are not feeling 100%. Also this way, we can meet in comfort no matter the weather, rain or shine, in very hot and humid conditions or in cold conditions.

BTW, there is no sermon or preaching going on. We are just chatting about our

interests, gardening, cottaging, dealing with those gypsy moth caterpillars, what programs we liked on Netflix, the best books at the library, celebrating the birth of the latest great-grandchild of Velma Atkinson or admiring the latest craft (lovely knitted dolls) by Carol Sharer!

### Nobleton Lions

Your Nobleton Lions Club has been practicing physical distancing, as mandated by health authorities. Like many other groups, we met 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. Updates are shown on the Club's website at [www.nobletonlions.com](http://www.nobletonlions.com)

An online auction was held, and proved to be very successful. Access to viewing items was via the Lions website, available at [www.nobletonlions.com](http://www.nobletonlions.com). Watch for a repeat of this venture late next fall.

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. Support for this project has been very strong, and the Club, and RMH are profoundly grateful.

The Club continues to offer a free service to people in self-isolation and others unable to leave their homes. The Lions continue to provide a free delivery service for Pharmasave prescrip-

## King's Corners

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Sadly, David's reign goes wrong, Jerusalem is captured and the ark is lost to history (thus paving the way for the film, Raiders of the Lost Ark plot).

God does not abandon Israel, and sends his Son, the true heir of David, to be king and saviour. This time there is no physical reminder of God's presence. The presence of God is now spiritual, as found in the many spiritual gifts that Paul joyfully lists in our second reading from Ephesians.

These gifts – blessings, redemption, adoption, forgiveness, redemption – don't have a physical dimension, but they live within us just the same.

"All that being said, we seem to need physical connections with the divine. Certain things focus our attention on truths that we can barely articulate. We focus on the transcendent in many ways – we are moved by the beauties of nature, the innocence of children, and by music and art. Throughout Covid I've been moved by coming into our two sacred spaces here at All Saints. An empty church whispers to us, saying something about the witness of generations whose prayers and hymns still echo from the walls.

"But we know that our faith is about far more than just buildings. Jesus called us to serve the poor and seek justice, which is why we leave church "to love and serve the Lord." Church is a safe harbour where God's people find their bearings and get supplies to continue their voyage.

The church building, and its sacred objects is like a hyperlink on a webpage that takes us somewhere else. But let's think of holiness itself. Towards the end of the Raiders of the Lost Ark film the Nazis dare to open the ark and die horribly because they profaned God's holiness? The idea behind the film is the Old Testament theme of no one being able to fully see the holiness of God and live (Ex 33.20).

"It's worth taking a moment to think about the sheer holiness and awesomeness of the God in our midst. This God could never be confined to a church building. This God is the creator of all things, the righteous one who hates evil and injustice, dwells among us. As Christians we know God as Jesus, the Word who took flesh and lived among us as child and man, and who as Paul says in Ephesians rescues us and adopts us into God's family.

"We should celebrate this God with fear and joy, mindful of this immense power which, "working within us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine."

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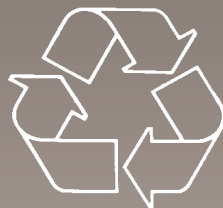
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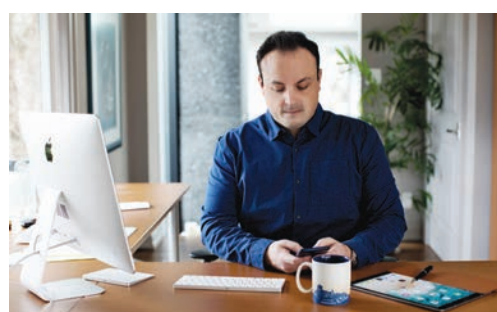
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By Julien Laurion  
The Big Tuna of Real Estate

Hi Julien. I recently inherited a home from a family member, and I have some money saved to renovate the Master bathroom. A friend sent me a photo of a bathroom with a 'shower beer' fridge built into the wall beside the custom shower with the same tile to match, and it looked slick. I am a beer enthusiast, and I think this would be great! What do you think? Sincerely, IPA4LIFE

**GREETINGS IPA4LIFE!** What a unique idea! Thank you for sending me a photo to see the idea in action.

As a craft beer lover, I personally think it would be a cool way to spice up the bathroom; however, this would not be for everyone. If you are determined to do this, there are some ways to build it – so as not to hurt your resale options.

To ensure you get the look you want with the “built-in” effect, you will need to install an electrical outlet behind the unit. I would have the electrician install two outlets, one near the top of the built-in and the other at the bottom. Once the tile is installed, I would then drill the shelf pin holes in the middle of the built-in.

Why do all this? Well, I am thinking of resale. With this approach to installation, the unique shower beer fridge could either stay or go. If the new owner doesn't like the idea as much as you do they now have a built-in option to turn into a shelf for storage and use of electrical items such as toothbrushes or a hairdryer.

Unique ideas in homes are both a blessing and a curse. They can help your home stand out, but, in most cases, they do not add much in value and can hinder the sale of your home.

IPA4LIFE, I always advise my clients to consider the next buyer.

Cheers!

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## Managing moisture levels in your home

(NC) Is the inside of your home starting to feel like a rainforest? Too much moisture doesn't only make things uncomfortable – it can also lead to serious damage to your home and your health.

Signs that there may be too much moisture include condensation on windows, wet stains on walls and ceilings, and musty odours. If you've noticed any of these red flags, read on to find out more about what can happen and what you can do about it.

### NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF TOO MUCH MOISTURE

Too much moisture over time can lead to unfortunate, and sometimes serious, conditions that can be costly to correct, such as:

- Warping wood in floors and furniture
- Peeling paint and stains on walls and ceilings
- Dust mites and mould.

If you own a newly built home, the new home warranty from your builder and backed by Tarion will not cover these types of conditions if they are the result of improper maintenance. This is why you need to take control of the situation.

### GET A SENSE OF THE SEVERITY

The first thing you should do is invest in a hygrometer. A hygrometer is an instrument that is used to measure humidity levels in the air. They are inexpensive and available at many hardware or building supply stores.

Follow the instructions to get the most accurate reading of the humidity level in your home. Generally, you want the indoor humidity level to be between 30 and 50 per cent.

### WAYS TO REDUCE HUMIDITY LEVEL

There are several ways you can reduce your indoor humidity level if it's too high. The best option is to get a dehumidifier. They do exactly what the name implies — remove humidity from the air.

Other actions you can take include:

- Removing items, like heavy curtains or furniture, that are blocking windows
- Using the range hood fan while cooking
- Using the bathroom fan when showering and leaving it on for some time afterwards.

Maintaining proper humidity levels in your home is easy to do, and the benefits are definitely worth it.

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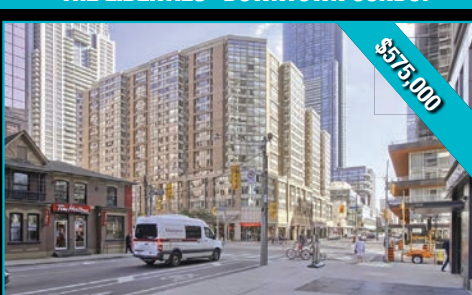
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# Easy ways to transform your *Kitchen*

(NC) Whether you're into flipping houses or embarking on small DIY projects, there are many ways to transform your kitchen on budget and on time. Getting started can seem overwhelming, but lifestyle and DIY expert Erin Trafford shares her best advice on how to tackle a kitchen reno.

**SET GOALS AND PRIORITIES**

Renovating can be a daunting task and preparing for demolition day can be equally as overwhelming. Before you start, create a list of projects big and small, and set goals and timelines for each task. Creating a to-do list will help you focus on priorities, such as choosing finishes and organizing trade assistance, while managing your personal tasks at the same time.



**CHOOSE YOUR LAYOUT WISELY**

A small kitchen is a reality in many homes. If you're struggling to decide on the best layout, consider drawing multiple options. Once you have your favourite, tape it out on the kitchen floor to test the functionality of the new design.

**CONSIDER ONE-STOP SHOPPING**

To simplify the renovation process, consider a one-stop shop for products and expertise. Home Hardware Building Centres offer design advice, tools and quality materials to complete your renovation project — big or small — from start to finish.

**SAVE WHERE YOU CAN**

The cost of a kitchen reno can add up quickly, so consider splurging on a few investment pieces and finding ways to save on the rest. Establishing your must-have upgrades, such as appliances, countertops and backsplashes, will help you identify where you want to spend money and where you can cut back. If you're looking for ways to work with what you've got, try painting cabinets or changing out hardware. Refinishing rather than replacing original hardwood flooring can also save you thousands.

**SELECT A TIMELESS PAINT**

Bold looks are great, but they don't stand the test of time. When selecting the theme for your kitchen, choose classic colours that will last more than one season. Match the paint to the overall décor and the



mood you want to set. For a cozy, coastal retreat, try hues of green with greyish undertones. If you want a look that will last for years to come, choose neutrals for a brighter and more modern space.

with warm lighting such as LED recessed lights or an accent pendant over the sink to mimic the feel of natural sunlight.

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# Low-maintenance lawn alternatives

A traditional lawn may not be right for every property nor desired by every homeowner. There is no denying that lawns take time and effort to establish and daily or weekly maintenance to thrive. Homeowners who find that a traditional lawn is not practical can explore some low-maintenance alternatives.

**WILDFLOWER MEADOW**

Homeowners with wide swaths of property may discover meadows are cost- and time-efficient. Stores sell special wildflower meadow mixes of seeds, or homeowners can use wildflower plug plants throughout areas where grasses are left to grow longer. This natural area can be a home to wildlife and an idyllic backdrop to a home. Most meadows only require a spring or summer and autumn cut to thrive and look good.

**MOSS**

Moss can thrive in shady areas and ones where the soil tends to stay a bit damp. Moss is velvety soft and green, so it can mimic the look of a traditional lawn but won't require mowing and other upkeep. Because it spreads quickly, moss can take over quite rapidly. You will need to protect areas where you do not want moss by creating barriers to stop the spread.

**ORNAMENTAL GRASSES**

Partition areas of the property for ornamental grasses to grow. The gardening resource Elemental Green says ornamental grasses tend to be drought-resistant and low-maintenance. They won't need much fertilizer and are often resistant to pests as well. Ornamental grasses grow in tufts or sprays and will not require mowing. However, they are not ideal for areas that get foot traffic.

**GRAVEL**

Stone and gravel areas can reduce maintenance in the landscape and require very little upkeep. When gravel is installed correctly, weeds may not grow readily. Gravel installation may include laying heavy-duty, semi-permeable landscape fabric, which is available in home improvement centers. Gravel is cheaper than pavers and can be just as beautiful.



**ARTIFICIAL TURF**

If the desired look is a lawn without all the upkeep, there are various artificial grass options on the market. Homeowners who opt for artificial turf can save money and space devoted to lawnmowers and other lawn tools.

The grass may be ideal for some, but there are alternatives for people who have troublesome landscapes or desire a low-maintenance product for their homes.

## Signs of drought stress and what to do about it

A pristine lawn is a source of pride for homeowners. Even the most well-maintained lawns must confront a host of challenges in a given year, and perhaps no challenge is more daunting than drought.

Homeowners may feel helpless when drought strikes and begins to transform their lawns from green sources of pride to off-colour eyesores. However, learning to identify signs of drought stress and what to do about it can help homeowners get their lawns through dry periods.

**SIGNS OF DROUGHT STRESS**

The lawn care experts at TruGreen note that there are four common characteristics of drought stress. Perhaps the most noticeable are colour changes, but homeowners must recognize there's a difference between a change in hue and a colour change. When a lawn changes its hue, typically turning from bright green to a dull gray or blue-green colour, it is in what TruGreen identifies as the first stage of drought stress. Regular watering, if it's allowed (local drought restrictions may dictate how much water can be applied to the lawn), can help the grass regain its moisture and the lawn may recover within a couple of days. When lawns change from green to brown, this is indicative that the lawn is in a dormancy stage. At this point, the lawn is entering survival mode. Watering to save the lawn will need to be more extensive. Deep and repeated watering for two to three weeks may help restore the lawn, but some parts ultimately may not recover. And deep watering may not be allowed until drought restrictions are lifted, increasing the likelihood that a significant portion of the lawn turns brown.

Footprints in the lawn are another sign of drought stress TruGreen indicates that this is a result of lawns that are too tired to spring back up after they have been walked on.

Wilting also indicates drought stress is affecting the lawn. Wilting occurs when grass blades roll or fold because they don't have sufficient water content.

**WHAT TO DO ABOUT DROUGHT STRESS**

In addition to the watering techniques noted above, homeowners can try other strategies to help their lawns make it through a drought. TruGreen advises against mowing drought-stressed grass and keeping off the lawn as much as possible.

Removing tall weeds is another strategy homeowners can try. Doing so ensures the grass, and not the weeds, gets what little water is available during a drought.

Homeowners also should resist the temptation to mow too close, especially when signs of drought stress are just beginning to appear. TruGreen notes that mowing too close creates a shallow root system that makes lawns more vulnerable to drought. It can be hard to watch a pristine lawn suffer from drought stress. But several strategies can increase the likelihood that lawns survive such conditions.

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Craftsman homes trace their roots to the late 19th century. An architectural style inspired by the Arts and Crafts movement that flourished in Europe and North America for roughly 40 years between 1880 and 1920, the American Craftsman home has endured into the 21st century thanks to its beauty and the unique feel its homes inspire.

Many craftsman homes were built nearly a century ago, if not even earlier. That means these homes may require some renovations that make them more functional in modern times without sacrificing their historic beauty.

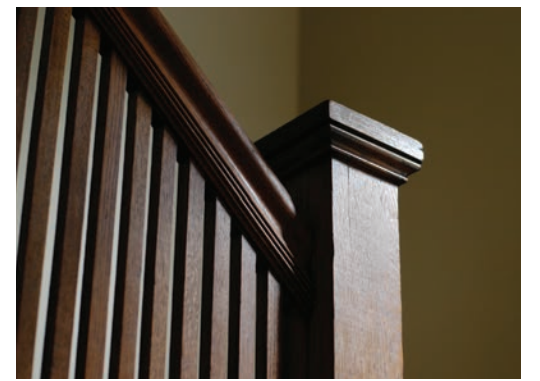
**SIDING:** Craftsman homes are instantly recognizable from the street. Homeowners who want to maintain that authentic craftsman feel must carefully consider their choice of material when replacing the siding on their homes. The siding manufacturer Allura notes that fibre cement siding can be a great option for homeowners who want to replicate the original design of craftsman homes built with sported board-and-batten siding. Fibre cement siding gives the appearance of wood when installed and does not fade quickly or require significant maintenance.

**EXTERIOR COLOUR:** Homeowners need not feel beholden to certain colours when replacing siding or repainting the exteriors of their homes. Nautical colour schemes featuring navy blue exteriors with white accents can highlight features that are unique to craftsman homes, but more understated colours and tones can work just as well.

**PORCHES:** An expansive, welcoming front porch that makes for the perfect place to relax and read when the outdoors beckons is a telltale feature of craftsman homes. Furniture options abound when homeowners are looking to upgrade the living spaces just outside the front door of their craftsman homes. Adirondack chairs can make a porch a relaxing place to enjoy a morning coffee or post-dinner digestif, while wicker furniture can help homeowners establish a relaxing vibe for summer. A porch swing or hammock can make that relaxing vibe resonate even more.

**REAL WOOD CABINETS:** Cabinets are a popular avenue homeowners look to when they want to give their kitchens a new look without breaking the bank. When upgrading cabinets in a craftsman home, the home renovation experts at HGTV note that craftsman-style kitchen cabinets often feature straight lines and minimal ornamentation. Cabinets are typically made from heavy woods like quarter-sawn oak, hickory, cherry, or maple. HGTV notes that updating the cabinets in a craftsman home often requires custom cabinetmakers, so the project may be more expensive than it would be if replacing the cabinets in a different style of home.

Craftsman homes are instantly recognizable, thanks to many of their unique features. There are various ways to renovate craftsman homes yet still maintain their authentic feel.



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Farmhouse-style homes are having a moment. A 2020 survey from Homes.com asked more than 5,000 adults across the United States about their favourite house style from a list that included bohemian craftsman, mid-century modern ranch, French chateau, and Tudor, among others. The modern farmhouse was the runaway winner, as participants in 42 of the 50 states indicated this simple, cozy style was their favourite.

Home renovation projects can help homeowners put their unique stamp on their homes, and such projects can be both aesthetic and functional in nature. The following are some farmhouse design elements homeowners can consider as they look to transform their home interiors with this popular style in mind.

**EXPOSED BEAMS:** Exposed beams instantly evoke images of a farmhouse. The home improvement experts at BobVila.com note that this rustic renovation project can utilize real wood or faux beams that look like the real thing. Decorative beams that have nothing to do with a home's structural integrity can be installed by skilled do-it-yourselfers. However, even faux beams are heavy, and BobVila.com recommends homeowners have an engineer assess their existing structure before installation.

**DISTRESSED WOOD FINISHES:** Distressing is designed to make something look less than perfect. Distressed wood finishes can be found throughout many

farmhouse-style homes. Furniture and picture frames can provide the distressed look farmhouse fans are looking for. This is a relatively inexpensive project that many homeowners can tackle on their own after watching some online tutorials that recommend the right tools and techniques to get the job done right.

**KITCHEN SINK:** Many components combine to create a truly classic farmhouse kitchen. But perhaps no component is more essential than the classic farmhouse sink. The renovation experts at HGTV note that a classic farmhouse sink features a deep, wide basin. Farmhouse sinks are large enough to handle all the dishes that come after a big family meal. Old-fashioned porcelain sinks are worth consideration by homeowners who want their kitchen sinks to evoke a traditional farmhouse feel.

**COUNTERTOPS:** HGTV recommends butcher block countertops for homeowners who favour European farmhouse style. Homeowners overhauling their

kitchens to create a farmhouse feel should consider installing a large island with a walnut butcher block countertop for an authentic farmhouse feel.

Farmhouse-style homes are wildly popular. Some simple renovations can help homeowners with a fondness for farmhouse style bring this classic look into their homes.



**SHOULD I DIY?** 3 questions to determine if it's best to renovate on your own

A do-it-yourself mentality has taken hold in millions of households across the globe. Popular television channels like HGTV and DIY Network as well as accessible home improvement content on apps like YouTube has inspired many homeowners to tackle renovation projects around their homes. Taking such initiative is admirable, though it also can prove costly if homeowners end up biting off more than they can chew.

Home improvement videos and television shows tend to oversimplify renovation projects, potentially giving homeowners a false sense of confidence in their DIY abilities. A concerted effort on the part of homeowners to determine if it's best to renovate on their own or hire a professional should always be the first step of any renovation project. No two homeowners are the same, but the following three questions can help homeowners determine if DIY is their best option.



**CAN I AFFORD TO DIY?**

Professional home improvement projects are costly for a variety of reasons. Materials can be costly, but so are the tools and labour necessary to do the job right. Homeowners may not have the tools necessary to complete complicated projects. Specialty tools can be expensive to purchase or even rent, and the cost of acquiring such tools should be included in any DIY project cost estimates. Labor also factors heavily into professional projects, and for good reason. Talented contractors have unique skills that have been developed and perfected over many years. Those skills can ensure projects are completed quickly and correctly. Labour may seem costly, but such costs may ultimately prove to be a bargain compared to the cost of fixing DIY mistakes. Projects that are minor in scope and don't require the use of potentially costly specialty tools may be better suited for weekend warriors than more complicated renovations.

**DO I HAVE THE TIME?**

Homeowners must determine how much time they have to complete a project before deciding to do it themselves. No one wants to spend months staring at an unfinished renovation project. Homeowners who are already pressed for time may not be able to complete projects in a timely fashion, which can make homes less comfortable and even less safe.

**CAN I PULL THIS OFF?**

DIY projects can instill homeowners with a sense of pride in their homes, but homeowners considering the DIY option must conduct an honest assessment of their skills. A lack of renovation experience does not necessarily mean a homeowner cannot successfully complete a DIY project. But in such instances, it may be best to start with small, straightforward projects and then gradually move up to bigger, more complicated projects, as skills are fine-tuned. And homeowners who have never been at their best with a hammer in hand should not be ashamed to leave the work to the professionals.

Television shows and online tutorials can make renovations appear easier than they actually are. Homeowners considering DIY renovations can ask themselves a handful of questions to determine if they're ready for the challenge of renovating their homes on their own.

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Have a solid contract. One of the biggest mistakes you can make is to rely on verbal agreements that can easily fall apart and make it difficult to prove what was agreed on. Make sure everything is in writing. Your contract should clearly state what you're getting, how much it's going to cost and what each person is responsible for. Have a real estate lawyer prepare, or at least review, your written contract before you sign it.

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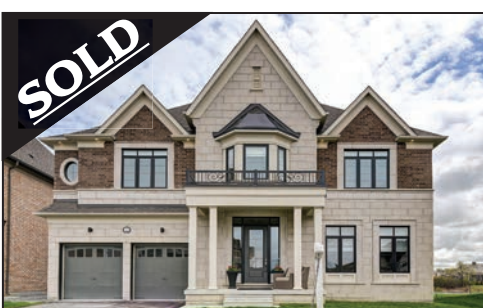
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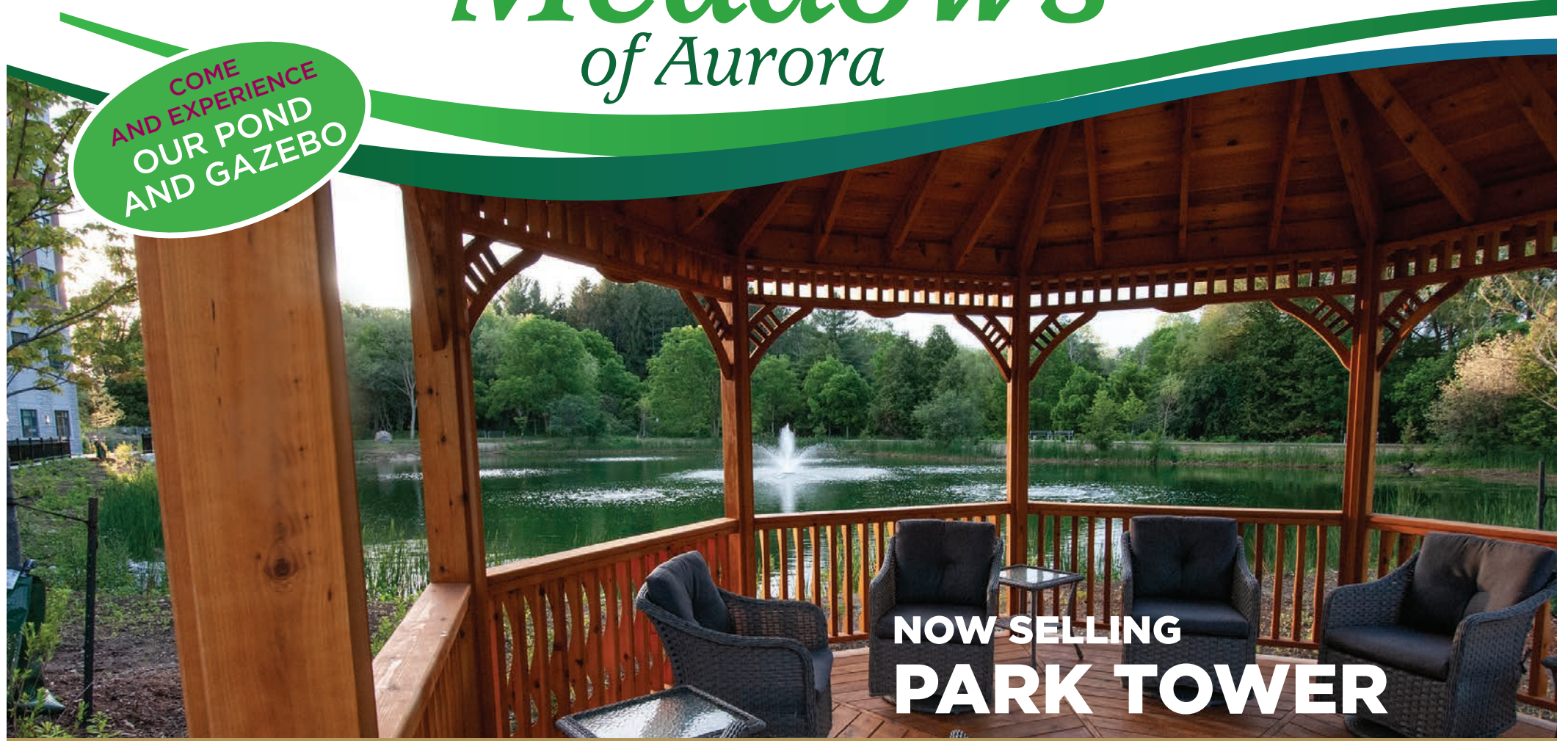
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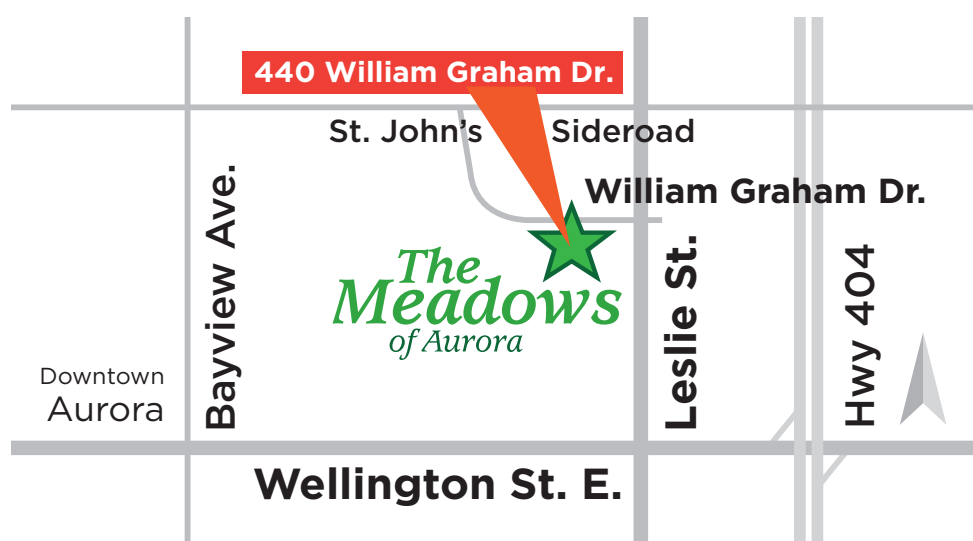
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If you find yourself purchasing more strawberries than you know what to do with this summer, here are a few ways to enjoy them:

**TAKE IT OUTDOORS.** Strawberry skewers on the barbecue will be your new party trick. Lightly oil and grill strawberries to top a salad. Or soak them in rum or bourbon or a touch of vanilla extract or balsamic for a non-alcoholic option before skewering and barbecuing for a few minutes, flipping once for a deliciously warm topping for your favourite ice cream or cheesecake.

**S'MORES THE WAY.** For a sweet and tart twist on the summer classic simply add sliced strawberries to your usual s'mores combo or take it to the next level with chocolate hazelnut spread and a few slices of banana, instead of the traditional chocolate combo. Marshmallow-dipped strawberries also make a great fireside companion. Melt marshmallows on the stovetop or use marshmallow fluff and dip a skewered strawberry in the melted marshmallow, roasting to perfection over the fire.

**JAZZ UP YOUR JAM.** Making jam with local berries is a tradition, and while your standard strawberry jam is delicious on its own, why not make a few new variations? Try adding a cup of prosecco to your standard jam recipe for a sparkling surprise or some fresh-chopped basil for a savoury spin on the classic favourite. Spread on a scone or add to a charcuterie board for an extra taste of summer.

**SAVOURY IS THE NEW SWEET.** A summer salad with strawberries — like a spinach salad with pecans and a poppy seed or balsamic vinaigrette — may already be in your repertoire, but there are many more ways to use strawberries in a salad. Mix strawberries and fresh basil, drizzle with a mixture of olive oil, honey and lime juice and serve with grilled President's Choice Halloumi. Strawberries, feta and mint is also a delicious combination and can be used like a salsa with fresh naan.

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- 12 Gardein Meatless Meatballs
- 1 baguette, halved lengthwise and cut into 4 sections crosswise, toasted
- 1/3 cup packed cilantro leaves

**DIRECTIONS:**

- 1** Stir together carrots, daikon, cucumber, jalapeño, rice wine vinegar, white vinegar and 2 tbsp General Tao Sauce. Let stand for 15 minutes.
- 2** Heat oil in large skillet set over medium-high heat. Cook Meatless Meatballs for 5 to 8 minutes or until browned all over. Stir in remaining General Tao Sauce; bring to boil. Cook for 3 to 5 minutes or until meatballs are heated through and well coated in sauce.
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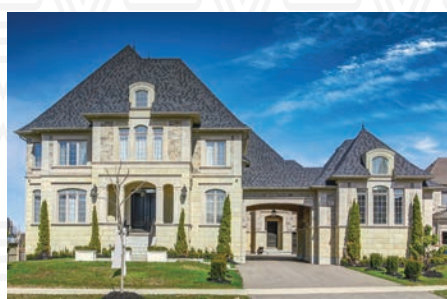
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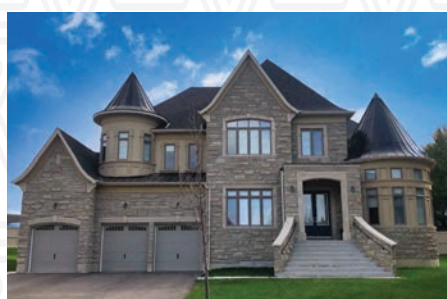
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