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King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte shared the news that Ottawa is providing millions in funding for nature conservation efforts.

Canada invests \$9 million for conservation

As the world faces the twin threats of climate change and rapid biodiversity loss, protecting more natural spaces across Canada supports iconic biodiversity, while helping to fight climate change by storing carbon and making our communities more resilient to its impacts.

King-Vaughan MP Deb Schulte, Minister of Seniors, on behalf of the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, announced \$9 million in funding for Conservation Ontario to better conserve lands across southern Ontario.

Through approximately 63 projects, Conservation Ontario and regional conservation authorities will implement a variety of conservation activities on grasslands and wetlands, including protecting more land, restoring wetlands, and enhancing agricultural management.

This initiative, Bringing Strong Collaboration, Networks and Expertise for Integrated Nature-Smart Cli-

mate Solutions, will help fight climate change by capturing and storing carbon and making our communities more resilient. It will also support biodiversity, including species at risk and migratory birds.

This initiative is among 14 projects to receive funding from the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund in 2021-2022. Collectively, they are projected to conserve up to 30,000 hectares; restore up to 6,000 hectares; and contribute to the enhanced management of up to 18,000 hectares of wetlands, grasslands, and riparian areas across Canada.

This move supports Canada's goals to protect 25 percent of lands and 25 percent of oceans by 2025 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 to 45 percent of 2005 levels by 2030.

"Ontarians are experiencing the impacts of climate change," said Wilkinson.

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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

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Tuesday, August 10
6 pm – King Township Public Library Board meeting (virtual)

Thursday, August 12
7 pm – Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board (electronic meeting)

Wednesday, August 18
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, click **Popular Topics** and click **BID OPPORTUNITIES**.

Or visit on the following link
<https://king.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- **Camp Counsellor (Seasonal)** – closes August 6, 2021 at 4:30pm
- **Inclusion Program Coordinator (Seasonal)** - closes August 6, 2021 at 4:30pm
- **Cold Creek Site Operator (Maternity Leave Contract)** - closes August 6, 2021 at 4:30pm
- **Facility Customer Service (Contract)** - closes August 11, 2021 at 4:30pm
- **Outdoor Program Facilitator (Contract)** - closes August 20, 2021 at 4:30pm
- **Fitness Floor Monitor (Seasonal)** - closes August 20, 2021 at 4:30pm
- **Fitness Instructor (Seasonal)** - closes August 20, 2021 at 4:30pm
- **Personal Trainer (Seasonal)** - closes August 20, 2021 at 4:30pm

Please visit the Township website at www.king.ca for employment opportunities.

PUBLIC NOTICES

WATER BILLS

Due Date: August 16, 2021

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

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- By Credit Card- Visit the Township Online Services Portal at www.king.ca
- By Mail (must be stamped and mailed prior to due date and received on time)
- Drop off box located at Municipal Centre, 2585 King Road, King City

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

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

Please visit our website for details.



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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 for the most up-to-date information.

King Expanding Services in Step Three

Trisan Vaccination Clinic continues to end of July, some in-person services will gradually resume in August and plans for phased facility re-openings to begin in September

Step 3 begins July 16th



Step Three Update - King Expanding Services in Step Three

- Limited in-person services will be available by appointment only at the King Township Municipal Centre (2585 King Road) beginning on Wednesday, August 4th, and every Wednesday thereafter for marriage licences and commissioning services only. To schedule an appointment, email clerks@king.ca or contact ServiceKing at 905-833-5321.
- Trisan Centre fitness centre, indoor track and in-person fitness classes will resume beginning on Monday, August 16th. Pre-registration and COVID-19 screening will be required. All bookings and registrations can be completed online by visiting www.king.ca.
- King Township Public Library are exploring reopening at least one library branch for in-person services, including browsing and borrowing by mid-August. Please visit www.king.ca or www.kinglibrary.ca for further details and locations in the coming weeks.
- The King Heritage and Cultural Centre will resume in-person by appointment visits beginning Monday, August 16th. Additional outdoor programming activities are being planned and will be communicated to the public once finalized.
- Please note that priority for all appointments and services will be given to King residents while non-residents will be accommodated subject to demand and availability.
- All other Township facilities, including their services such as room rentals and ice facilities will remain closed at this time, however staff are working toward a resumption of services in the fall based on availability and demand of these services.
- Visit King's COVID-19 Information Hub for all the latest updates at www.king.ca/covid19

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 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 or (905) 833-4065.

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 Russel Snider Drive and MacTaggart Drive. Curb installation on Holden 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.



Nature-based solutions can help with our climate

From Front Page

“In order to fight it and adapt to its impacts, we must embrace the power of nature. Protecting more nature in southern Ontario and across the country will make our communities more resilient, fight climate change, and support our iconic biodiversity,” said Wilkinson.

“Embracing the power of nature has many benefits; for climate change, our economy and for the health and well-being of people. To take care of ourselves, we must take care of nature. With the funding, our government is taking action to conserve Ontario wetlands and grasslands so that we not only preserve nature today, but that our children, grandchildren and future generations will be able to enjoy the outdoors too,” Schulte added.

“I am proud of the steps the Government of Canada is taking to protect Ontario’s ecosystems. With this investment, Conservation Authorities will be able to implement nature-based projects that will ensure positive outcomes for our environment and Canada’s future. This is a great example of how we are working to engage with local communities as part of our plan to get Canada to a nature-positive, carbon-neutral future,” noted Newmarket-Aurora MP Tony Van Bynen.

“Climate change is a rapidly growing challenge for all of us and it’s very

gratifying to see the federal government listen to practitioners and support nature-based solutions as one way to address and adapt to these impacts. Conservation Ontario and its member conservation authorities are very pleased to dig in and work with the federal government and other partners on so many valuable projects,” said Andy Mitchell, chair of Conservation Ontario.

Nature-based solutions are defined by the World Conservation Union as “actions to protect, sustainably manage, and restore natural or modified ecosystems that address societal challenges.”

Nature-based solutions have the potential to deliver up to one-third of the world’s climate solutions.

Over the next ten years (2021-2031), the Nature Smart Climate Solutions Fund will support projects to restore, enhance, and conserve inland and coastal wetlands, peatlands, grasslands, and forests to capture and store carbon across Canada.

These ecosystems are also critically important habitat for Canada’s wildlife, including migratory birds and species at risk.

The Government of Canada is investing \$4 billion over the next ten years (2021-2031) in the Natural Climate Solutions Fund, which supports activities to build a more resilient economy and a healthier, greener future.



Mosquitoes in York Region test positive for West Nile virus

The Regional Municipality of York monitors West Nile virus activity by setting mosquito traps and testing for West Nile virus. To date, one mosquito trap in the City of Markham near Steeles Avenue East and Bayview Avenue has tested positive for West Nile virus.

“West Nile virus can cause serious illness and is passed to humans if they are bitten by an infected mosquito,” said Dr. Karim Kurji, York Region’s Medical Officer of Health. “Although the chance of being bitten by an infected mosquito is rare, residents are advised to take precautions when outside in the early morning and evening to prevent mosquito bites and reduce the chance of getting West Nile virus.”

To protect yourself and family from West Nile virus, follow these simple steps:

- Get rid of mosquito-friendly areas at home.
- Clean or remove standing water sources, including bird baths, flower pots, empty containers, clogged eaves-troughs, swimming pool covers and outdoor toys like sand and water play-sets or kiddie pools.
- Ensure the window screens on your home are tight-fitting and in good repair.
- Cover up while outside.

- Use insect repellent containing DEET or icaridin – check label directions for use.

- Wear protective clothing, including socks, long-sleeved shirts and jackets.

- Dress with lighter colours if possible as mosquitoes are attracted to darker colours.

- Minimize outdoor activities at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

As part of York Region’s West Nile virus control plan, York Region Public Health educates residents on self-protection, investigates human cases and conducts surveillance.

York Region Public Health uses larvicide in catch basins to control mosquito breeding along Regional and municipal roads and in other stagnant public water sources, including roadside ditches. Private backyard catch basins are treated upon request.

To review the current status of West Nile virus in Ontario, visit publichealthontario.ca/en/DataAndAnalytics/Pages/WNV.aspx

For more information on West Nile virus or to report standing water in your neighbourhood, please contact York Region Health Connection at 1-800-361-5653 or TTY 1-866-512-6228 or visit york.ca/westnile

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"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

Is 'easy' really what our species needs?

"I have never in my life envied a human being who led an easy life. I have envied a great many people who led difficult lives and led them well."

- Theodore Roosevelt

We are living in fast-paced times. We're desperately trying to catch up to our always-expanding technology, but we have to wonder to what end.

Our world, and our species, have seen more wonders, more advancements in the last 100 years than in all of our hundreds of thousands of years on this planet. In what can be seen as the blink of an eye, we've gone from horse and buggy to rides in space. We've gone from dying young to living long. We've switched from back-breaking work to modern luxury.

I doubt there are many people in this country who don't have a ton of gadgets - from garage door openers and smart phones, to electric vehicles and smart appliances.

Just a generation ago from yours truly, my parents had emerged from a horrible world war. Dusting themselves off as youngsters, they came to Canada in search of a life, any life.

They worked hard, learned the language, worked for low wages and lived frugally. They didn't have cell phones, and often didn't even have a dime for a pay phone. They had no idea about fax machines, credit cards or online shopping. They wasted nothing and were realistic in their expectations.



Mark Pavilons

Like many immigrants, they managed to carve out a decent life - not an extravagant one, but a good one.

They had no one to rely on and never expected hand-outs or donations. They worked for every penny, every step forward. They saved and were cautious with their money. They lived in an era of essentials, with a dash of social interaction from time to time.

Even as I grew as a youngster (the last of the Boomers), I was blessed, even spoiled. I really never longed for anything that my parents couldn't provide. I had a strong foundation, learned val-

ues and ethics.

I'm not really sure where my humour, wit and curiosity came from. My charm, well that took years of practice to perfect!

Most subsequent generations - the Xs, Ys and Zs - have had it similarly easy. Sure, we all fall on hard times and have to work to meet unexpected challenges and turmoil. The past 18 months is a huge case in point.

But our young people today aren't plagued by well, the plague, rotting teeth, polio, malnutrition or (largely) homelessness. Most parents are more than happy to offer extended stays in the basement (once considered a joke or criticism). Most parents help with cars, car payments and car insurance.

Most parents offer their services as taxi drivers, Uber Eats delivery people and cleaning crews.

Heck, at the touch of a screen, food can be delivered within an hour. Online shopping is fast and easy, with packages arriving on our doorstep the next day.

Sadly, we don't have to leave our homes for most necessities today.

Sure, it's easy and simple, but is that what God intended for us? Is this way of life part of the grand "land of milk and honey?"

I'm not sure.

Granted, technology has provided some wonderful benefits, not the least of which is improvements to health, medicine and non-invasive surgeries.

Our kitchen gadgets are insanely "smart," to the point where cooking is no longer a chore. I came across a "smart cooker" recently (all-in-one pressure cooker) that can be accessed and monitored from your phone. We have robot vacuums and robot lawn mowers.

Our home entertainment offers a multitude of streaming services, movies, shows and experiences of all shapes and sizes. We could "camp out" on our sofas for days, as long as Skip the Dishes keeps coming!

I'm forever thankful for map features on my phone, helping me to find locations across the province. I don't know how we did without them! Well, I do, and

can not-so-fondly remember the unfoldable folding maps.

I enjoy having smart air purifiers in my home, for the health of my family members.

I rely on the Internet for a great many things, not the least of which are how-to videos and family recipes.

I enjoy the speed and miracles of receiving news and information from around the world, on an hourly basis.

And yet in all of this technological splendour, we're moody, grumpy, depressed, even sick.

I wonder if "easy" is what we need.

Many of us Boomers often call for a return to simpler things, a less complicated way of life.

That's not to suggest we abandon all modern conveniences. We can live in harmony with technology, as long as we don't become too reliant, too soft, too mentally blob-like.

Leonardo da Vinci, the creator of many advanced gizmos, once said that "simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."

Steve Jobs said: "Simple can be harder than complex: You have to work hard to get your thinking clean to make it simple. But it's worth it in the end because once you get there, you can move mountains."

If you haven't tried it lately, cooking over a camp fire is just marvellous.

Or, like Forrest Gump, if you feel like running, well, just run.

We humans, in an effort to escape from our hectic, fast-paced urban lives, retreat to the woods, lakes, rivers and farms. It's there we find the ultimate in simplicity.

I'm reminded of another sentiment that Nature doesn't hurry along, and yet everything gets done.

Our fellow citizens are now calling for device-free days and going "off the grid." It's all in an attempt to get back to basics and just enjoy what's all around us.

"Voluntary simplicity means going fewer places in one day rather than more, seeing less so I can see more, doing less so I can do more, acquiring less so I can have more," said Jon Katat-Zinn.

Letter to the Editor

RNAO wants students protected

The following are excerpts from an open letter to Premier Ford, was submitted by the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario.

Nurses are gravely concerned about the lack of information on Ontario's plan to reopen schools. The beginning of a new school year is six weeks away and parents and children are anxious to hear details about a safe and timely reopening.

Students in Ontario have been out of the classroom longer than students in any other province. We agree that they must return to class for the obvious educational benefits, as well as for their physical health and social interactions that affect their emotional wellbeing.

While we acknowledge at-home learning provided a safer environment during the first, second and third waves, it is equally true that this created inequities within and across communities around the province.

Vaccination rates across the province are promising, however, the reality is schools will house the largest group of unvaccinated people in congregate settings come the fall. Currently, children under 12 cannot be vaccinated against COVID-19 and only 35 per cent of those between 12 and 17 are fully vaccinated at this time. Protecting children, and by extension their families and our communities, must be at the top of our priority list. This is why a solid plan is urgently needed.

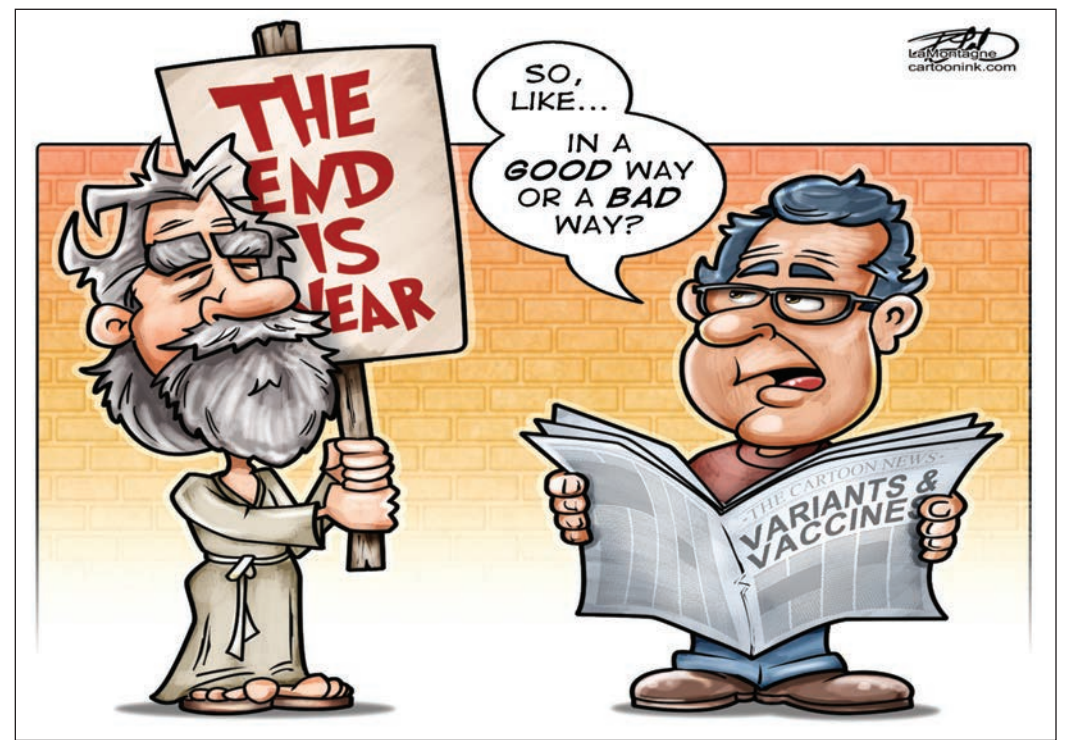
RNAO is calling on the government to adopt the following measures: Improved ventilation in schools; mandatory indoor masking; smaller class sizes and mandatory vaccination of teachers (unless they have a medical exemption).

Our concern is the lack of political will and sense of urgency to implement investments in school infrastructure that are necessary and costly, take time, and have traditionally not been seen as a priority ... Our schools remain in decrepit buildings. So many of our children study in physical environments that are crowded, poorly ventilated and not up to standards.

Dr. Kieran Moore, Ontario's top doctor, has recognized there may not be high enough levels of immunity across the province for children and youth returning to school unmasked.

Let's prioritize the health and wellbeing of students and teachers this fall. Governments exist to lead during good times and especially during difficult times.

More than two million children and youth attend elementary and secondary schools across Ontario, and they deserve a fulsome and transparent plan that enables them to return to the classroom safely.



Quote of the Week



"Life is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated."

- Confucius

Trivia Tidbits

Scissors have been in use since at least 1500BC in ancient Egypt.

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Results from last week's poll:

Are you cheering for Canada's athletes at the Olympics?



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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you hope to attend outdoor events this summer?

- a) Yes
- b) No

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Are leaders waking up to the climate crisis?

By David Suzuki

Comment

Considering the language G7 leaders used going into their mid-June summit in Cornwall, U.K., it's difficult not to be disappointed with the outcome. In what appeared to be a sign they were finally realizing the seriousness of the climate and biodiversity crises, including economic consequences, leaders of the world's seven leading economies were echoing the words of the environmental movement.

Politicians from Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the U.K. and the U.S. talked about the need to "build back better" from the pandemic and create a "greener, more prosperous future" by protecting the planet, safeguarding people's health and building global resilience against future pandemics, and championing shared values including democracy and human rights, among others.

U.K. Prime Minister Boris Johnson even called for a climate "Marshall Plan" – referring to America's massive rebuilding efforts in Europe after the Second World War – under which the richest economies would provide funds

to help developing nations drastically cut carbon emissions.

But what the leaders settled on is underwhelming, and some just reaffirms previous commitments. They agreed to cut collective emissions in half by 2030, stem the extinction crisis, end funding for coal projects that don't have a way to capture and store carbon, decarbonize the electricity sector and create a fund to help countries transition from coal. They also agreed to conserve or protect 30 per cent of their countries' land and marine areas by 2030.

But despite calls from the U.K., they failed to specify a deadline for halting coal-fired electricity, instead issuing a vague statement that they would "rapidly scale up technologies and policies that further accelerate the transition away" from coal that doesn't use carbon capture technology.

Some say the G7's weak position on coal will hurt efforts to encourage China to scale back on coal power expansion at the November climate summit in Glasgow. Critics have also argued funding is inadequate for countries that

had the least to do with causing the climate crisis but are suffering the most.

Will increased attention to climate and biodiversity at least spur the G7 countries to up their climate targets and ambitions? It's hard to say – the G7 has been pledging to end fossil fuel subsidies since 2009, and those continue.

Let's hope members and all world leaders start to adopt rather than co-opt the environmental movement's language and take the commitment to "build back better" seriously.

Global efforts to resolve the climate and biodiversity crises fall far short of what's needed from all countries, especially wealthy nations that have contributed most to the problems. But growing recognition of the absolute urgency appears to be finally hitting home as decades of stalling have turned what could have been an opportunity into an emergency.

COVID-19 has opened a window onto the systemic failures that lead to ecological and health crises, and inequalities, but it's also shown that countries that rely on science and co-operation can accomplish a lot by mobilizing resources. With rapid advances in energy

efficiency and renewable energy and storage, there's no reason we can't marshal what's needed to address the climate crisis.

We've resisted change for so long, though, that significant progress must now come from the top. As good as individual actions are – from driving less and conserving more to eating less meat and turning down the heat – the best action we can take is to put pressure on governments and industry to confront the ecological crises with resolve and determination.

That can mean calling or writing your elected representatives, joining climate marches or simply making informed voting choices. It often takes growing public pressure to wake politicians from their conventional short-term, election-cycle thinking and priorities.

The COVID crisis has roused many to the urgency of the related ecological crises – including politicians, financial leaders, shareholders and CEOs.

David Suzuki is a scientist, broadcaster, author and co-founder of the David Suzuki Foundation. Written with contributions from Ian Hanington.



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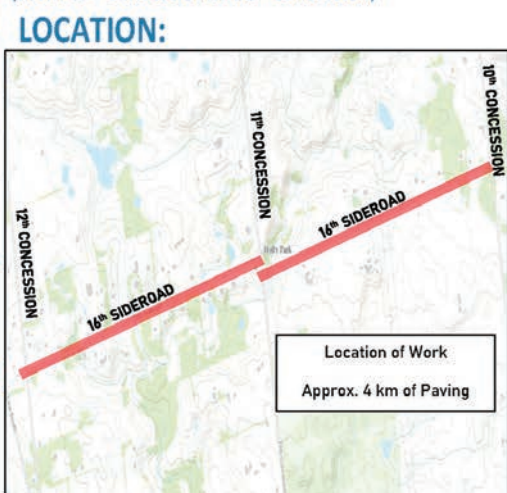
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WHEN?

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Expected Completion: Mid August 2021

IMPACTS?

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The responses have allowed for a greater understanding of the important components to community stakeholders, and how future developments can enhance the Downtown Schomberg experience.

Visit
<https://speaking.king.ca/schomberg-main-street-streetscaping>
To review the summary on the project webpage under "Documents"

SCAN HERE TO REVIEW THE SURVEY SUMMARY



Yard waste

Yard waste is collected with recycling every second week from April to November.

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There is **no limit** on the amount of yard waste that can be put out for collection, as long as acceptable containers are used.

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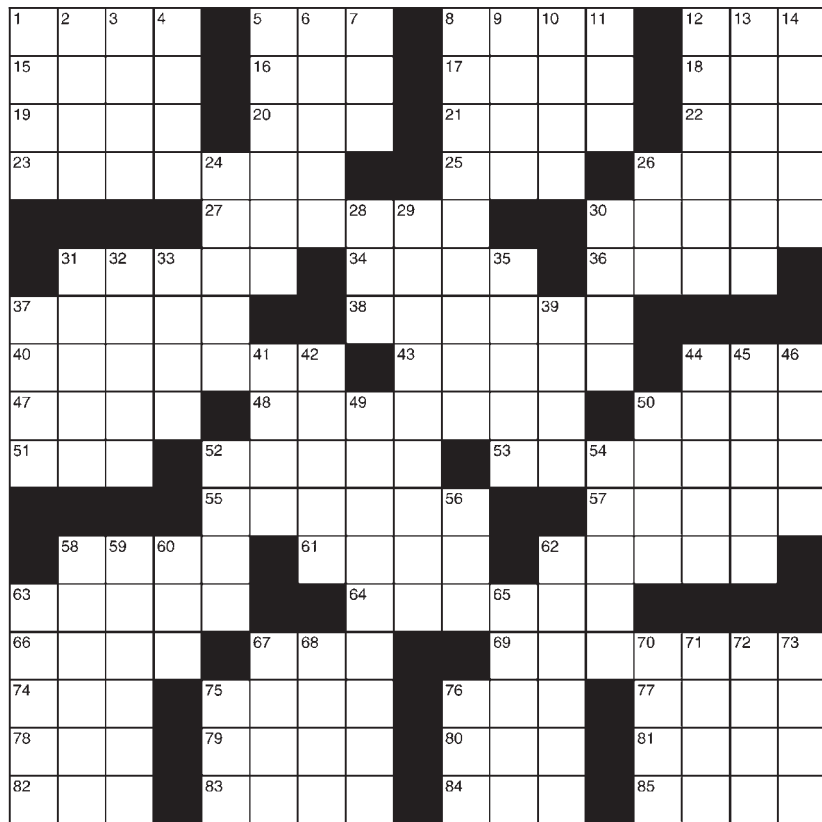
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17. Ball of yarn
18. Squeeze
19. Slender
20. River inlet
21. Exchange allowance
22. Desert garment
23. Ousting
25. Beat it
26. State firmly
27. Drill
30. Monkey business?
31. Commencement
34. Curved support
36. Firecracker sound
37. Rapidly
38. Down in the dumps
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43. Long for
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47. Attitude
48. Authorize
50. Switch

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1. Retain
2. Certain molding
3. Applaud
4. Casino game
5. Connecting channel
6. Sheer linen
7. Vote in favor
8. Bird frightener
9. Pond organism
10. Horse check
11. "Sands of ___ Jima"
12. Angelic abode
13. Actress Anita ___
14. Fatigued
24. Period of indulgence
26. Timber tree
28. Run into
29. Alligator's kin
30. Assist Billy the Kid, e.g.
31. Utensil
32. Golden brown
33. Soreness
35. Shack
37. Rectangular pilaster
39. Moistureless
41. Depend
42. Muslim ruler

ACROSS

15. Some
16. Request urgently
19. Spotted feline
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27. Abnormal breathing
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29. Underground chamber
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32. Mislaid
33. Undies item
34. Be magnetic
35. Choose
36. Cattle stall
37. Deal a blow
38. Nothing but
39. Bishop's office
40. Recover
41. Night before Christmas
42. Snatched
43. Be mistaken
44. Lazy
45. Feminine pronoun
46. Pot bet

44. Pluck
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46. Coiffure
49. Delicious
50. Turn
52. Impudent
54. Lyrical poet
56. Burrow
58. Appropriate
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62. Acrid
63. Nearby
65. Innocent
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70. Roster
71. In a minute
72. Thicken
73. Toddler
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76. Chuckling sound

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Canada invests in new, clean technologies for electric vehicles

The Government of Canada is making it easier for Canadians to drive electric and transforming the way Canadians get to where they need to go.

As part of #EVWeekinCanada, Nathaniel Erskine-Smith, MP for Beaches-East York, on behalf of the Honourable Seamus O'Regan Jr., Minister of Natural Resources, announced a \$12.7-million investment in six clean energy technologies projects to help put Canadians in the driver's seat on the road to a net-zero future. The investments include:

- \$4.95 million to Hydro One Limited to develop a pilot for heavy-duty electric truck charging stations in Ontario. Hydro One's pilot for electric trucks will be a model for other utilities and businesses interested in pursuing solutions to electrify heavy-duty transportation across Canada.
- \$2.5 million to the Toronto Transit Commission to implement a smart charging platform for its electric bus fleet. This project is expected to deliver a system to manage peak energy demand and reduce GHG emissions and overall infrastructure costs while optimizing the use of electric buses.
- \$2 million to Opus One Solutions to demonstrate a shared economy model for EV chargers. The project will seek to understand and address the impact of residential EV charging on local networks, as well as assess the potential of repurposing private home chargers through a sharing platform for public use to support growing EV adoption.
- \$1.32 million to Alectra Inc. to develop and implement an EV model for single-family and multi-unit residential buildings. The project will provide convenient and affordable access to EV chargers, manage energy cost increases and provide incentives for encouraging off-peak EV charging in the residential sector.
- \$1.3 million to Geotab Inc. to demonstrate an enhanced SmartCharge Incentive system that includes price signals to allow EV owners to have different charge windows to avoid or limit popular charging times. A price signal allows for an additional incentive for EV owners to charge at a specific time to shift electrical loads at the grid level.
- \$635,000 to Blackstone Energy Services Inc. to test drive a cost-effective vehicle-to-grid system that uses energy stored in EV batteries to provide cost savings to EV owners by encouraging them to discharge energy during peak electricity demand periods. The project

will also provide cost savings to facility operators by offsetting power consumption during these periods.

Funded through Natural Resources Canada's Green Infrastructure - Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Demonstration Program, these projects aim to accelerate the market entry of next-generation clean energy technologies by supporting demonstration projects for innovative technologies.

Since 2015, Canada has made a historic investment of over \$1 billion so far to make EVs more affordable and charging infrastructure more locally accessible. These investments are building a coast-to-coast network of fast chargers and installing chargers in local areas where Canadians live, work and play. The government also provides incentives of up to \$5,000 to help Canadians buy EVs and full tax write-offs for businesses purchasing them.

These investments support Canada's new mandatory target of 100-per cent zero-emission light-duty vehicle sales by 2035. Driving down transportation emissions is critical to achieving Canada's ambitious climate change targets and requires a combination of investments and regulations to support Canadians and industry in this transition.

The government supports green infrastructure projects that create good, middle-class jobs and get us to net-zero emissions by 2050.

"We're giving Canadians the greener options they want to get to where they need to go. We're building a coast-to-coast network of electric vehicle charging stations from St. John's to Victoria. This is how we get to net zero by 2050," said Minister O'Regan Jr.

"Our government is committed to strong climate action. These projects will help to green our transportation sector, lower GHG emissions and build a clean energy future," added Erskine-Smith.

"As the largest transmission and distribution electricity company in Ontario delivering some of the cleanest energy in North America, Hydro One is in a unique position to enable electrification and support the transition to a low-carbon economy. We're integrating sustainability practices into all aspects of our business as part of our vision for a better and brighter future by developing innovative solutions such as our electric heavy-duty vehicle pilot to help achieve net-zero emissions by 2050," said Jason Rakochy, senior vice-president, Strategy and Growth, Hydro One.

YRP arrest two dozen in 'Project Heater'

In a continued effort targeting suspects involved in trafficking cocaine and fentanyl in the Town of Georgina, investigators with the York Regional Police #3 District Criminal Investigations Bureau, Property Crime Unit, have arrested and charged 23 people and seized close to \$100,000 worth of drugs.

The investigation took place between Feb. 1 and June 15, into suspected drug dealers who were operating in the Town of Georgina. Through the investigation, officers were able to identify multiple suspects. Search warrants were executed at four residential homes in Georgina as well as four residential homes and two businesses in the City of Toronto.


Seized items include 117 grams of fentanyl (green, camo, grey, pink, red), 291 grams of cocaine, 14 grams of MDMA, 13 MDMA capsules, 7.5 pounds of cannabis marihuanna, 519 grams of psilocybin, 30 oxycocet pills, with a combined street value of \$95,500. In addition, \$94,790 of Canadian currency was seized.

In total, police have laid 81 charges as a result of this investigation. Through funding provided by the Ontario Government, the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario supported this York Regional Police investigation.

York Regional Police is committed to combating the distribution of opioids in our community. For more information on how partners from across York Region are working together to reduce opioid harm, read the Opioid Action Plan. A video on the dangers of fentanyl is available for viewing here: <https://youtu.be/uGXqlaj3mKE>.

If you suspect illegal activity may be occurring in your community, don't hesitate to report it.







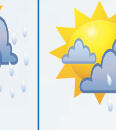
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Sunny High 27C° Low 16C°	Mainly Sunny High 27C° Low 19C°	Risk of T'storm High 26C° Low 18C° 1-3mm	Mainly Sunny High 28C° Low 20C°	Risk of T'storm High 29C° Low 22C° ~5mm	Risk of T'storm High 29C° Low 22C° 5-10mm	Showers High 28C° Low 21C° 10-15
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Report says 'social capital' inequitably distributed

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

A study on "social capital" indicates services are strong in York Region, but they're inequitably distributed.

Social capital supports one's well-being and success in good times, but it is particularly essential in hard times. What has helped many people through the pandemic has been knowing how to access local services, trusting the institutions disseminating information and vaccines, having friends to call on for connection, and having neighbours to assist when needed – all examples of social capital in action.

United Way Greater Toronto released the York Region Social Capital Study – the first report to measure social capital in York Region, assessing pre-pandemic baseline levels. While the results are largely encouraging, there is a clear divide along financial lines. The report can inform how sectors work together to overcome those disparities – mitigating crises in the worst of times, and helping people thrive in the best of them.

The study was undertaken with support from The Regional Municipality of York, York Regional Police, and Wellesley Institute.

"If we want resilient communities, we need to understand what social capital looks like – who has how much and how we can close the gap," said Daniele Zanotti, President & CEO, United Way Greater Toronto. "The community sector, including United Way's network of agencies and partners, is an important bridge to social capital: where people build trust in neighbours; where they find community when it's most needed; where they organize to improve their neighbourhoods."

Specifically, the report assesses how much residents trust their neighbours and institutions; how extensive and satisfying their social connections are; how civically engaged they are; and how they feel about their neighbourhoods' safety and services.

Key findings in York Region (data collected December 2018 - March 2019):

Pre-pandemic, social capital in York Region was strong: people had relatively high levels of trust, strong social networks, extensive civic connection, and neighbourhood support.

Trust: About two-thirds (67%) of re-

spondents agreed that most people can be trusted.

Social networks: 90% of respondents said they had at least one family member they felt close to and 90% also said they had at least one friend they felt close to.

Civic connection: 63% of respondents participated in at least one group or organization and 78% donated money or goods in the previous year.

Community: Over three-quarters (76%) of respondents reported a very or somewhat strong sense of belonging to their local community, and 68% agreed that neighbours were willing to help one another.

90% believed they could make a difference in addressing problems in their community.

68% felt they had access to most (at least 75%) of the services they needed.

Even before the pandemic, people with lower incomes and less financial security faced greater barriers to accessing social capital.

Trust: Respondents with household incomes under \$30,000 were less likely to agree or strongly agree that their neighbours could be trusted (41%) vs. those whose incomes were over \$150,000 (80%). They were also less likely to trust institutions and people with different ethnic backgrounds.

Community: Respondents with incomes under \$30,000 were less likely to say that their neighbours were willing to help (52%) vs. those making over \$150,000 (84%). Only 17% of respondents with incomes under \$30,000 strongly agreed that their neighbourhood was safe for children to play in vs. 47% of those making over \$150,000.

In order to plan for and invest in an inclusive recovery that supports individuals' well-being, bolsters trust, and increases neighbourhood cohesion, all sectors will need to continue to address systemic issues like poverty, financial insecurity, and discrimination that impact the uneven distribution of social capital.

"Together with our partners, York Region is focused on supporting the health and well-being of our community. Collective actions will help us emerge stronger as we will continue to build strong, caring and safe communities we all call home," said Wayne Emmerson, York Region Chairman and CEO.

"Police rely on public support, so I'm pleased that York Regional Police continues to enjoy a high level of trust among our citizens. We work with community partners to promote equity and inclusion so everyone feels that they belong. Emerging social justice issues

have reinforced the importance of nurturing social capital in community. We are committed to enhancing the ways in which we engage with, listen to, and learn from all our residents," added Jim MacSween, Chief of Police, York Regional Police.



Crews tackle barn fire

Local firefighters fought a barn fire last week that took crews well into the wee hours. KFES reported two separate pieces of heavy equipment were brought in to assist in extinguishing the fire. All three fire houses in King were on scene including help from New Tecumseth Fire Rescue with two tankers and a Ladder Company covering Firehouse 36. The barn was in excess of 8,000 square feet in size. It was fully involved upon arrival. The cause of the fire has been determined as unattended open air burning. Township officials were notified and the investigation is still open. There were no injuries.



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FLATO is all about complete communities and giving back

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

It's not often you come across a "community builder" who gives more than they take.

FLATO Developments is one such company.

They consider themselves community builders, which goes beyond simply

erecting subdivisions or residential complexes.

President Shakir Rehmatullah is passionate about what he does and he learned a long time ago to respect people and give a neighbourhood what it needs.

That has been the mandate of the company in all of its builds.

Rehmatullah said they help create masterplan communities, where families can live safely, happily and enjoy many amenities. He ensures his neighbourhoods are safe and pedestrian friendly.

He tells his designers to create projects they'd be happy to live in and somewhere they can see themselves raising their own children.

He points to a recent development in Dundalk, where they helped create greenspaces, parks, trails and water management ponds. As well, FLATO stepped up and agreed to help build a new rental seniors' building in the community. Rehmatullah is proud to say that it's nearing completion. There are also plans for a medical clinic in the village of Dundalk. FLATO also supports the Markdale Hospital and its lobby now bears the name FLATO Developments.

The company has also worked with the municipality to create a bus line that runs from Dundalk to Orangeville, something that will provide a lot of benefit for residents.

FLATO has received praise from far and wide for going above and beyond.

But it's not praise that Rehmatullah is looking for. He does this because it's in his nature, and something passed down from his father.

He has become an advocate for his communities and that's why he loves this business. Doing good always comes back full circle.

And this can only help the company's reputation of not only providing a good product, but backing it up. He puts ample amounts of "sugar" in his proposals, so everyone will love them, he said.

Rehmatullah's love of all things community related extends to the arts. While he can't put his finger on it, the arts hit a cord with him. Whether it's the visual arts or theatre, he believes it brings people together and helps our youth grow and achieve.

To that end, FLATO has supported the arts in King Township, with donations to Arts Society King (ASK). The King Township Food Bank has also benefited from FLATO's generosity.

FLATO recently donated \$20,000 to the Run for Vaughan, which supports



CANVAS project in Markham

the Cortellucci Vaughan Hospital. They were also instrumental in the Skahir Rehmatullah Cancer Clinic at the Markham Stouffville Hospital.

FLATO also actively supports Markdale Hospital in Grey County, South East Grey Community Health Centre, Headwaters Hospital in Dufferin County, and Stevenson Memorial Hospital in New Tecumseth.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, FLATO contributed a total of \$500,000 toward important community support initiatives, including donating personal protective equipment (PPE) to frontline healthcare workers, and supporting a number of local Ontario food banks.

Rehmatullah admits he's an optimistic person and he's lucky have built a successful business here in Canada. He firmly believes he's here to give, not to take.

Locally, FLATO is hoping to get King Township support for a proposed seniors' facility in Nobleton. Discussions have been held and members of the community desperately need this facil-

ity in order to age in place.

Projects like this are often talked about but seldom pursued vigorously.

"We need to step up and do it, and do it quickly," he said.

King Township has great leadership, and he is waiting for the green light from Township officials for this needed asset for the community.

Launched in 2005, FLATO Developments has introduced a "new and refreshing spirit to community building across southern Ontario." The homebuilder has quickly established a reputation for paying meticulous attention to the finest details, whether it be how to seamlessly integrate a new neighbourhood into the existing community fabric, to offering distinctive architecture and design flourishes, and going above and beyond to ensure 100 per cent customer satisfaction.

Examples of their work can be seen in projects in Markham, Vaughan, Caledon, Dundalk, Brampton and Beeton, to name a few.

And each one of them has Rehmatullah's stamp of approval.

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Confederation, Humber and Seneca partner to promote Indigenous leadership

Confederation College, Humber College and Seneca are collaborating to develop an Indigenous Leadership degree program.

The inspiration for the new program is the institutions' collective response to the continued, critical need to advance Indigenous learning and contribute to a process of decolonization and reconciliation. Designed to restore and revitalize customary Indigenous leadership, the proposed degree program will prepare graduates to build capacity in community, economic, social and cultural development.

Content for this degree will be informed by an Indigenous Leadership degree program established by Confed-

eration College in the early 2000s. Curriculum will be based on Indigenous Knowledges, customs and practices reflective of the diverse Nations in northwestern Ontario, central and southern Ontario. It will be jointly designed, developed and offered by the three institutions in a partnership founded on Indigenous principles of relationship building, sharing and respectful, reciprocal engagement.

The collaboration outlined through a signed Letter of Intent will address shared priorities of creating learning opportunities that are accessible, flexible and responsive to the needs of Indigenous students and their communities. Partners will engage Indigenous

Peoples and communities throughout the program's development with the goal of understanding their priorities, interests and aspirations.

Confederation, Humber and Seneca will begin work immediately to develop the degree program, with the goal of having it ready for approval by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities in winter 2023. Once developed, curriculum and related materials will be made available to any publicly-funded college interested in adapting and delivering all components. It is also anticipated that the degree will facilitate new pathways for Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners.

"Confederation College is pleased to partner with institutions who share our vision of breaking down systemic barriers to create a better future for us all. This proposed program affirms our collective priority to cultivate and support new leaders who will be prepared with the knowledge and skills needed to advance Indigenous leadership and advocate for anti-racist and anti-oppressive solutions and systems," said Kathleen Lynch, president, Confederation College.

"We're excited to be partnering with Confederation and Seneca to explore the development of this critical new program. Our strategic and academic plans outline our strong commitment to Indigenous education, and this initiative shows how we can work together to support Indigenous communities across Canada," added Humber president Chris Whitaker.

"Seneca is delighted by our partnership with Confederation and Humber to build this unique degree that will highlight the many ways leadership

is demonstrated within Indigenous Knowledge and culture. I am especially proud that, once completed, curriculum and resources will be shared across the Ontario college system," said David Agnew, President, Seneca.

"Confederation was the only college to offer an Indigenous-specific degree program in Ontario when it first introduced the 'Indigenous Leadership and Community Development' program in 2003. The revitalization of this program symbolizes hope for our communities and indeed, all of Canada. Together with Humber and Seneca, we are taking concrete action to preserve Indigenous Knowledges and ways of knowing, while supporting Indigenous Peoples and communities to practice self-determination," said S. Brenda Small, Vice President, Negahneewin Research Centre, Confederation College.

"At Humber, we're always providing new programs and services in which Indigenous teachings and knowledge are learned. This empowers and prepares students for their lives and future careers. I look forward to our ongoing discussions with Confederation, Seneca and Indigenous communities across the country as this new program develops," added Jason Seright, Dean, Indigenous Education and Engagement, Humber College.

"The nature of this partnership reflects multiple aspects of the Indigenous lived experience. Giving students access to education about northern and urban Indigenous realities in Ontario will provide future leaders the right training for all situations upon graduation," added Mark Solomon, Dean of Students and Indigenous Education, Seneca.

Home Essentials

ChefiQ is the smartest AI in your kitchen

By Mark Pavilons
Editor

As technology improves, it's being harnessed to improve the lives of consumers.

What better use than to make home cooking more efficient, "smart" and perfect?

Pressure cookers, in various forms, have been around for many years. They once consisted of metal behemoths perched on a stove element, with a precarious stopper teetering back and forth.

Technology has improved this device, to the point where it has become one of the smartest appliances in our kitchens.

In fact, the ChefiQ Smart Cooker is heralded as "the world's smartest pressure cooker." The company also vows to redefine cooking, setting the stage for the future. It really is the "future of cooking."

They delivered with this solid, well crafted unit. The ChefiQ is big, strong and yes, very smart. At first glance, you're taken by the large LCD screen with some 300-plus preset favourites.

What really sets this unit apart from all the rest is its wi-fi connectivity, and the fact you can connect to it with your smart phone. You can set, start and even monitor the progress of your meal. That's just cool.

It has a built-in scale, and can sense and even weigh all the ingredients added to the pot, thanks to four integrated smart sensors.

It allows you the freedom to pressure cook, sear, steam, slow cook, and even ferment (ideal for making home-made yogurt).

Some of these smart cookers take time after your meal is done to slowly let out the steam before you can open them. With some products, you have to do this manually, but the iQ does it automatically. This is especially helpful for those who may still be a little reticent about getting near the valve.

Even though it looks intimidating, setup is really easy and the app on your phone lets you get a handle on the cooker's capabilities. This really is a set it and leave it device. It just doesn't get any better.

Also, customers who sign up will get recipes, updates, lists and calculations for your favourite dishes. This, according to the company, "unlocks a world of culinary possibilities."

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Arts & Entertainment

King native Cynthia Tauro releases new single

Continuing to infuse a swirling breath of fresh air into today's pop-jazz scene, multi-talented Schomberg-based artist Cynthia Tauro is "Right Here" with the release of her new single and video.

As a song, "Right Here" illustrates how love slowly releases when it's left unreciprocated. It adds to her well-regarded repertoire of soulful, sensitive, and intimate songwriting combined with evocative and immersive vocals over an intrinsic love of Latin and complex jazz harmonies.

Following her 2020 single, "You Know Me," the new track stays in the musical lane of Tauro's music genre potpourri of choice, all while wittily pushing the envelope by adding inventive elements to the mix. Think: a groovy core instrumentation played out by banging keys, guitar, percussion and bass, plus a dash of vocal attitude and stirring, unapologetic lyrics for good measure.

"The making of this song was way different than anything else I've done thus far," Tauro shares of its origins behind-the-scenes. "I went into the studio with the bare bones of the song, and a clear vision of the groove and feel - and then Marito Marques and I brought it to life!"

"We had such a good time creating it," she continues, "and having TJ Whitelaw and Louis Simao in to play... I feel like I explored, and took risks with my voice, and I'm really happy about it."

The video is set in a dimly lit coffee house that illustrates a modern take on the old smoky jazz/bossa nova clubs.

The bohemian flare easily captures that New York East Village appeal, swiftly harnessing the premise of the track.

"Making the video was a wonderful experience," Tauro recalls. "I worked with an amazing team who really respected my vision and wanted to stay as real as possible when it came to the performance of the song, which I loved."

"I also got to have some friends and family on-set, which was so much fun! I was able to play for the first time in a while, and with outstanding musicians - it was such a good feeling."

First known as a musician, composer, multi-instrumentalist and performing artist with a signature, soulful spin within the jazz-pop and world fusion realm, Cynthia Tauro released her debut album Moments (2019) to critical acclaim.

Its debut single "Dancing On My Own" hit #1 on the Canadian iTunes Jazz Chart and highlighted the Ontario-based musicians' long-standing talents as seen on stage alongside artists like Little Scream, Harea Band, and as host of Jazz Jam.

With "Right Here" comes the next preview to Tauro's current exploration of new genre-bending ground when it comes to her forthcoming EP, set to feature her intimate, soulful lyrics and engaging energy.

"The aesthetic around it feels the most like me," she reveals of the release. "I'm very excited for it to be out in the world!"

"Right Here" is available at Spotify, YouTube and Apple Music.



A grand meteor shower

By Gary Boyle

Over the past few weeks, you have probably noticed a few meteors or "shoot stars" at night. You are witnessing one of the best meteor showers of the year.

The Perseid Meteor Shower is now under way through Aug. 14. The best time to see the most meteors will be on the night of Aug. 12 and into the morning hours of the 13. This year the crescent moon sets around 10:30 p.m. local time leaving us with a dark sky. By contrast, next year's Perseids takes place under a full moon, drastically reducing the hourly rate.

If you have the chance to observe from dark skies absent of any stray lights, enjoy the band of our Milky Way Galaxy as this collective glow of billions of distant stars stretches from Sagittarius in the south to Cassiopeia in the northeast. Also, brilliant planets Jupiter and Saturn to Jupiter's right will be out all night long to keep you company. There are unmistakable and located to the left of Sagittarius.

The peak of the Perseids produces about 90 meteors per hour but occurs late afternoon in daylight on the 12th. Towards the end of the night when the constellation Perseus is high in the sky around 3 a.m. we should still see from 50 to 60 meteors striking the atmosphere at 59 km/sec or 36 mi/sec. A higher number of bright fireballs may be seen on nights before the peak rather than nights after. The friction of comet debris causes the "flash" or "streak" which safely vaporize about 80 km high in the atmosphere with no chance of meteorites hitting the ground.

So gather a few friends and/or family members, set up chairs, bring snacks and take advantage of warm moonless conditions to view this epic display.

ASK looking for volunteers

Do you love the arts? Arts Society King (ASK) is looking for volunteers and/or interns who would like to be part of a dynamic arts organization that supports and promotes the Arts in King Township.

ASK organized a variety of events this year (2021) including, En Plein Air painting, Photo Contests, Writing Contests, art exhibits and Studio Tour King. ASK also partners with other groups in King Township to plan additional events.

Planning will shortly begin for autumn events for arts aficionados and members of ASK and the community.

Do you have skills like graphic arts, marketing, etc. to share? Are you looking for an internship or need community hours? Would you like to join one of our Planning Committees or even the Board of Directors? If you are interested in meeting artists, writers, actors, musicians and all who appreciate the arts, and enjoy attending studio tours, art galleries, musical concerts and other similar events, we want to hear from you!

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A heartfelt and emotional goodbye to the Trisan clinic

By Robert Belardi

The Trisan Centre officially closed its vaccination clinic following months of hard work and tireless days administering needles to the public. Volunteers, who ended their day around 5 p.m., were met with a guard of honour behind the Trisan Centre, accompanied by King City's Fire and Emergency Services.

As the bagpipes and the claps of people's hands left an ambience that gave you goosebumps, all who stood in the guard of honour cheered and roared as the volunteers were presented.

Hip-hip hooray's and fists were raised to the air in endearment.

When the volunteers gathered in front of the mass, Fire Chief and volunteer himself James Wall said this is the best township.

"We have the best township to live in and thanks for being a part of it," Wall said.

Another volunteer said the most vaccines administered in a day was 1,787.



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Government supports farmers facing extreme weather

Canadian farmers, struggling with near-drought-like conditions, are getting some help from the federal government.

Last week, the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, the Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, announced concrete measures the government is taking to deliver the necessary support and resources for producers in areas affected by extreme weather. Minister Bibeau made the announcement after spending the day meeting with drought-impacted farmers in Manitoba's Interlake Region to see first-hand how drought conditions are creating crop losses, affecting crop quality, and reducing forage and water supplies available to livestock.

Minister Bibeau announced the early designation of the Livestock Tax De-

ferred provision for prescribed drought regions of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. This will allow beef producers who are forced to sell a significant amount of their breeding herd due to drought conditions to offset the resulting revenues with the costs to replace the herd. The government will work closely with provincial governments and stakeholders to continue adding other regions throughout the year as additional information is collected.

In addition, Minister Bibeau announced federal support to all Prairie provinces for immediate bilateral adjustments to the cost-shared AgriInsurance program to make drought-damaged crops available for feed. These measures will increase the amount of

crops available for livestock producers in this time of need.

AgriRecovery assessments are under way with Manitoba and the other provinces impacted by the drought, including Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The Government of Canada will collaborate with provincial governments to gather all the necessary information as fast as possible to evaluate the extraordinary costs faced by producers and provide joint support as required. This could include direct assistance to producers for the added cost of livestock feed, transportation and water infrastructure.

Provinces affected by drought can invoke the late participation provision of AgriStability to allow producers who have not yet enrolled to access program supports. Producers can also apply for interim payments under AgriStability, which can help them cope with immediate financial challenges.

Minister Bibeau repeated the government's offer to raise the AgriStability compensation rate from 70% to 80% and urged Prairie governments to match it. This would provide farmers across the country an additional \$75 million per year, benefitting distressed farmers who need help now more than ever.

Minister Bibeau also echoed a recent Farm Credit Canada (FCC) announcement of a customer support program for farmers and ranchers across western Canada facing financial challenges due to adverse growing conditions. FCC will work with customers to come up with individual solutions for their operations and will consider additional short term credit options, deferral of principal payments and/or other loan payment schedule amendments to reduce financial pressures on those impacted by unfavourable weather conditions.

Extreme weather conditions, exacerbated by climate change, are challenging farmers across Canada. Now is the time for governments and all Canadians to rally around those who work tirelessly to put food on our tables each and every day. The Government of Canada stands with farmers during this difficult time, and is listening to their needs and taking action to respond.

During a crisis such as this, farmers facing the stress and uncertainty of providing for their families may suffer

serious mental health impacts. Those needing help are encouraged to reach out for support, and can contact The Do More Ag Foundation, a not-for-profit organization focusing on mental health in agriculture across Canada.

"Our government is working closely with our provincial partners to respond on a rapid basis to the evolving drought situation in Western Canada. I am here to listen and help those farm families hard hit by this extreme weather. Our government is taking action to help them through the challenges we face today and ensure they are supported for a sustainable future," Bibeau said.

The Livestock Tax Deferral provision allows livestock producers in these regions who reduced their breeding herds by at least 15% due to drought or flooding, to defer a portion of their 2021 income from sales until the 2022 tax year, when the income may be at least partially offset by the cost of reacquiring breeding animals, which may reduce their potential tax burden. Eligible regions are identified based on weather, climate and production data, in consultation with industry and provinces. The criteria for identifying regions for Livestock Tax Deferral is forage shortfalls of 50% or more caused by drought or excess moisture. AAFC officials will continue to monitor weather, climate and production data from across Canada and will add regions to the list when they meet the eligibility criteria. When prescribed regions are identified, the list is announced publicly and posted to this web page.

AgriRecovery is a federal-provincial-territorial disaster relief framework intended to work together with the core BRM programs to help agricultural producers recover from natural disasters. AgriRecovery helps with the extraordinary costs associated with recovering from disaster events.

AgriStability is one of the BRM programs under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership. It protects Canadian producers against large declines in farming income for reasons such as production loss, increased costs and market conditions. While the deadline to enroll for the 2021 program year has passed, provinces may request late participation to make the program available to other producers during a crisis situation.

Poll finds more than half admit to driving dangerously

A recent survey conducted on behalf of CAA South Central Ontario (CAA SCO) indicates that 55 per cent of Ontario drivers admit to engaging in unsafe driving, while 95 per cent say they have witnessed dangerous driving from other motorists. Some of the most common dangerous driving behaviours over the last year include speeding, distracted driving, unsafely changing lanes and aggressive driving.

The survey also identified that many motorists in the province are unaware that some of these dangerous driving behaviours are considered stunt driving. According to the survey, only 24 per cent of Ontario drivers are aware of all the offences that account for stunt driving.

"Many motorists think stunt driving is just a combination of excessive speeding and doing reckless tricks, but it also includes aggressive behaviours such as road rage and weaving through traffic," said Raymond Chan, manager of government relations at CAA SCO. "These reckless actions behind the wheel can have serious consequences and should never occur on our roads, especially in residential areas and community safety zones."

As of July 1, increased stunt driving penalties have been implemented in Ontario under the Moving Ontarians More Safely (MOMS) Act. Drivers will now face longer vehicle impoundments and may be charged with stunt driving when traveling in excess of 40km/h on roads where the posted speed limit is under 80km/h. As well those who drive 50km/h or more over the posted speed on roads where the speed limit is 80km/h or more, can result in stunt driving charges.

Further penalties are expected to come into effect in Fall 2021, including longer licence suspensions and new escalating sanctions for repeat offenders.

Of those surveyed, three quarters (74 per cent) agree that stricter penalties and increased fines for stunt driving would help discourage drivers from driving dangerously.

"When you engage in stunt driving, it could cost you your driver's licence, your car, and most importantly, your life or the lives of others," said Chan. "As we continue to see increased pedestrian and cycling traffic during the summer months, our hope is that tougher penalties will curb drivers' impulse to drive dangerously and help contribute to safer roads for everyone."

The poll, commissioned by CAA SCO and conducted by Campaign Research between March 15 to 22, surveyed 1,504 Ontarians that hold a valid driver's licence through online surveys. A probabilistic sample of a similar size would have a margin of error of plus or minus 2.5%, 19 times out of 20.

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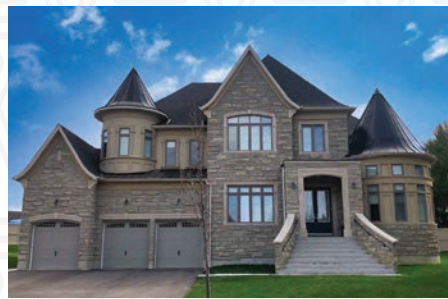
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Hometown Olympian falls short of a three-peat

By Robert Belardi

King City native Rosie MacLennan fell short of winning her third consecutive medal at the Olympics last week.

MacLennan finished 0.275 points shy of third place in the Women's Trampoline Final.



Zhu Xueying, a 23-year-old woman from Beijing, China came in first place and her compatriot Liu Lingling finished in second. Great Britain's Bryony Page finished in third place.

MacLennan made history in the Olympics, becoming the first trampolinist to win back-to-back gold medals in London 2012 and in Rio 2016. She also became the first Canadian to win back-to-back golds in an individual event. She walked into this competition with an easy, step-by-step formula.

"One routine at a time. Just focus on one routine at a time. Try to think about what I can do to make the routines as strong as possible and see what happens," MacLennan said, a day before the start of the competition.

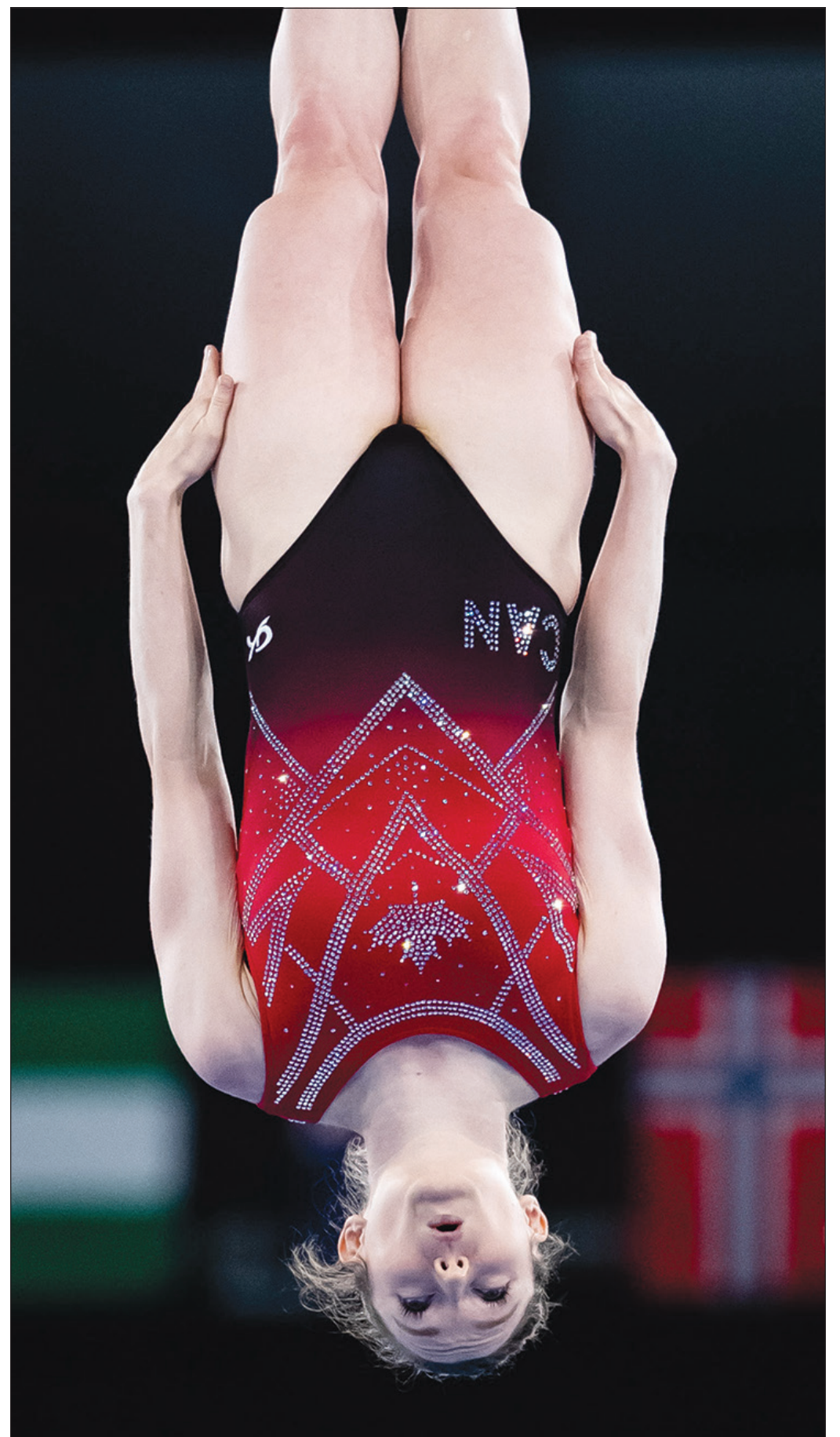
She admitted she had some extra energy in training ahead of the event being in this environment again. She adjusted to the feel of the trampolines and felt great in training.

As she gained more focus in training she said she always has in mind how much she loves this sport.

"Always keeping in mind this is the sport that I love and I have an opportunity to represent Canada at the Olympic games again and I am really grateful for that opportunity."

Xueying finished with a total score of 56.635 and Lingling right behind her with 56.350. Page, recorded 55.735 and MacLennan with 55.460 in fourth.

Although falling short of a historic three-peat opportunity, MacLennan told the media after the event this ob-



Going to a game 'surreal'

By Robert Belardi

The moment I arrived at York Lions Stadium Friday night I saw what I have not seen in two years.

There were fans, draped in York United kits and scarves. From the parking lot, I heard the P.A announcer in the stadium going over new sales and promotions to the supporters.

As I approached gate 2B, I picked up my press pass for the rest of the Canadian Premier League season. I was stoked as I called for the elevator to take me to the fourth floor.

As the doors opened I saw the field from the glass window. I saw the players, standing for the national anthem. I saw 1,710 fans standing all together as one.

As I sat down inside the press box, it felt surreal. As if it was my first time coming to a game as a reporter. Goosebumps trickled down all over my body in excitement.

I heard the songs being sung from the Forge FC away supporters. I heard the chants from the York United supporters. What better way to kick off the first game with fans than with an effusive bunch in the stands.

But of course, I am reporting on York United and the club didn't get off to a hot start. As a matter of fact, it was Forge FC, just four minutes in who got on the board. A neat ball into the box was chested down Molham Babouli and the forward tucked the ball into the net to make it 1-0.

York hadn't found their footing in the first half. There were nerves for sure in more ways than one. In the 41-minute things didn't get any better, as York defender Dominick Zator, had been awarded a red card for his

challenge against 22-year-old winger Tristan Borges.

Everyone in the press box including myself questioned the call. Borges had embellished it and because Zator was the last-man back it almost left the official with no other choice.

In the second half, York turned on the jets with 10-men. Max Ferrari had shifted to right-back and Michael Pet-rasso had come on returning from his hamstring problem. He almost put one in the net in the 88-minute.

The game finished 1-0.

"I think for the first fifteen-twenty minutes of the game the occasion got the better of us. We made the simple things very difficult. We were making passes that we shouldn't have passed. Played everything straight," head coach Jimmy Brennan said in the post-match press conference.

"In the second half I can't fault the team's effort. We ended up putting two up top. We played a 4-3-2. We didn't want to bunker in. I thought we had a chance here getting forward. The guys adapted to the situation it was unfortunate we couldn't nick one in at the end."

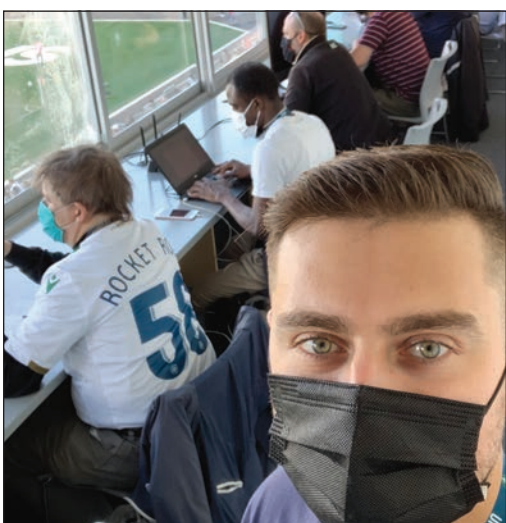
Brennan, alluded to the fact that the fans in the stands were nice and he said you could feel how excited the players were to be back and in front of supporters once again. Hearing voices in the stands was a lot better than the silence of the bubble and in Winnipeg.

"I guess the crowd got to us. Nothing crazy but we were just slow off the bat. I think maybe that has to do with playing all those games in 25 days in Winnipeg. But we built into the game and we competed the whole 90," said York midfielder, Max Ferrari after the game.

"We're very close on and off the field. We all work for each other. We want the same thing we have the same goals. We push each other and for 90 minutes we pushed each other."

For York United, Terique Mohammed and Lowell Wright came off injured throughout the match. Wright's was a simple cramp but Mohammed seemed to of tweaked his knee.

York took on Forge at Tim Hortons Field this past Wednesday. The boys will be on the road for three straight games before returning home to take on Masters Futbol in the Canadian Championship August 21.



viously wasn't the result she had hoped for, but she was very thankful for representing Canada for a third consecutive Olympic games.

When MacLennan won her first gold medal in London she recorded a 57.305 score to win it all and a score of 56.465

in Rio in 2016.

There's no telling just yet what MacLennan's plans are four years from now. Maybe the 32-year-old gives it one more go, to represent Canada for a fourth time and brings home a medal then.

Locals help Canada reach Olympic final

By Robert Belardi

The Canadian Women's national team upset the United States of America in the semi-finals of the Olympic Games in Tokyo, 1-0 over the long weekend.

Canada was awarded a penalty kick in the 75 minute and Jessie Fleming stepped up to the spot to tuck home the game-winner.

Caledon East native Ashley Lawrence made her 100 appearance for the Canadian national team.

The 26-year-old, who has been a starter throughout this competition, has played an integral role in helping lead the Canadian women.

Lawrence, along with other Canadian stalwarts such as Christine Sinclair, Janine Beckie and Kadeisha Buchanan knew coming this match would arguably be their toughest test yet.

Four minutes into the match, Lawrence pummeled USA midfielder Lindsay Horan. She ended up being okay.

In the 20th minute USA goalkeeper Alyssa Naeher landed awkwardly after catching a cross into the box. She was substituted by Adrianna Franch.

For the first 60 minutes believe it or not, not a single shot came on target for either side. It was one of the most tactical games of the competition thus far.

After the USA made a flurry of substitutions in the 61st, bringing on experienced players like Meghan Rapinoe and Carly Lloyd, Lloyd's curling effort was pushed over the bar by Canadian keeper Stephanie Labbe.

The USA poured it on with a few more chances. But in the 72nd-minute, USA defender Tierna Davidson tried clearing the zone and kicked Canadian Deanne Rose in the process. The foul would go to VAR and Canada would be awarded a penalty.

Canada did not have a shot on goal until that spot kick. The USA continued to pour on the pressure and in the 86th minute a header from Lloyd rattled the crossbar.

Maple/King City native Adrianna Leon appeared with only a few minutes left in the game to kill time. The 20-year reign had come to an end. Canada had finally defeated the USA.

At 10 p.m. tonight, there will be a glorious opportunity for Canada to seize Olympic gold.

According to Canada Soccer on Twitter, the women become the third team to win medals at three consecutive Olympic tournaments (2012-2021), following in the footsteps of the United States and Germany.

Schomberg Should Know

By Wendy-Sue Bishop
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Trisan Vaccination Centre

Congratulations to Mayor Steve, our fire department and all the many volunteers who together created a very successful Vaccination Centre, over the last four months and delivered nearly 77,000 vaccinations. This was an amazing accomplishment and most definitely answered a need in our community. Well done to all!

Kettleby Co-operative Preschool

The Kettleby Co-Op Preschool will be re-opening this September. They will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Please register by August 20 to obtain a secure spot.

Please email the school at kettleby-preschool@gmail.com for your registration packages and for other information you may require.

This school is an organization of parents and teachers who are committed to the healthy development of pre-school kids and to provide a safe environmental opportunity for children and parents to play, learn and grow together.

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

Schomberg United Church By Nancy Hopkinson

Rev. Evelyn McLachlan would like different people to do a scripture reading each week, so if you are willing, contact her at 905-859-9077 for a September video. 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.

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 at 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.

Each month during the pandemic, we have been distributing a photo-newsletter. The July one which we have just distributed this week features a guest column by King City's Sandra Kirby. Did you know that Sandra, besides being a talented and professional singer, is also a Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) within Shining Waters Region of The United Church of Canada?

Her message was about how people

may be feeling during this pandemic. Some of us are feeling happy because we are double vaccinated and think that life may be returning to some semblance of normalcy. On the other hand, some people will have lost a loved one because of COVID-19 and are struggling to cope. She encourages us to go about our lives with care and compassion to those in our community and in turn bring hope and optimism to our own lives, through faith in Jesus Christ. Very timely message.

Also in the newsletter, we have lots of photos of people who donated to the King Township Food Bank on Canada Day, and a picture of Grazie Eaglesham with the special muffins with orange icings that she made as soon as she saw us setting up for the Food Bank. She told us that this was in remembrance of the indigenous children who died in the residential schools. Thank you, Grazie!

There are lots of other items. If you would like to have a copy, let me know and I can email it to you.

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.

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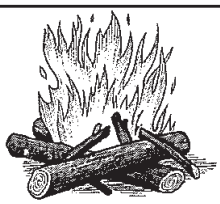
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Nobleton Notes

St. Paul's Church
By Linda Blydorp

We welcome you to join us in-person for worship this Sunday. The government has moved up to the third step of the reopening of Ontario. There will be lots of room for everyone 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 continue his series on heaven in two weeks time, on August 15. The next two Sundays we welcome our guest preacher, former intern Christine Samuel.

Christine has entitled her message, "Be The Light," based on Ephesians 4:25-5:5. Our live-streamed broadcasts are available directly on stpaulsnobleton.ca or on our YouTube channel each Sunday at 10:00 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.

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 continue 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 are now in Step 3 of the "Roadmap to Reopen."

For those unable to attend Holy Mass in person, please join us online every Sunday for the livestreamed celebration of the Sunday Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m. from St. Patrick's Church, Schomberg.

Visit us on our Facebook page or

YouTube Channel to join us virtually for the celebration of the Sunday liturgy.

Browse our website: St. Mary's Mission: <https://stmarysno.archtoronto.org/>

Life Teen Parish Youth Group: Summer Fun, In person and Online. Calling all Teens Grades 7-12 to join our Life Teen - Life Nights. For more information, please contact our Youth Minister Zephania: 905-830-2644 or zgangl@archtoronto.org or zgangl@archtoronto.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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4383316713>

Dial in by calling: 647-374-4685 and use meeting ID:438 331 6713#. We also hope you can join us on the beautiful Rosary Path at Marylake Shrine to pray the Holy Rosary with the Heralds of the Gospel.

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

We will be checking emails and phone messages periodically as the

Parish Office will remain closed to the public until further notice.

You may continue to request Mass Intentions, Roses for Our Lady of Guadalupe devotion, as well as weekly Sanctuary Light Offering and intentions. Please contact the parish office with your request.

Nobleton United Church

By Nancy Hopkinson

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.

Each month during the pandemic, we have been distributing a photo-newsletter.

If you would like to have a copy, let me know and I can email it to you.

We continue to have a Zoom Coffee hour on Thursday mornings from 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.

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King Weekly Sentinel

King's Corners

King City United By Sheryl Sinka

KCUC will resume online worship on August 8. The online worship will be available on Sunday at 10 a.m.

Previous weeks workshops are available on our YouTube Channel at YorkUnitedMinistries or our website at kcuc.net. Rev. Lee continues to be available for pastoral care needs and for pastoral visitation and needs can be communicated through the office. 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.

Meanwhile, if you need prayer, for yourself or a loved one, please call Deana at 905-833-5375 and your request will be shared by phone with other prayer sisters. Surely we all agree that prayer is needed now, more than ever. Be still and be well.

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

King Bible Church

Join us on 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

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.

St. Andrew's By Kathy Patterson

Join us this Sunday, August 8 at 10:15 a.m. for our online worship service at standrews-kingcity.ca.

We welcome Konnie Vissers to the pulpit and Lynn Vissers back from holiday. Lynn, Alison Agnew and Konnie Vissers will be doing a series on Selective Psalms throughout August.

Last Sunday, August 1, the Rev. Grant Vissers (Knox Presbyterian Church, Waterdown) provided his last sermon from his series on 5 Big Questions many have about Christianity. He spoke about Christ's resurrection. If you missed it

or any of the series, the videos can be found either on YouTube (St. Andrew's, King City or by going to our website).

"Coffee Time" following the service is via Zoom. We'd love to see you. Call Kathy Patterson for the link. Call 905-833-0391.

Tuesday morning Prayer Time will not be meeting regularly over the summer, but know that we are praying for you. If you have a prayer request or want to share something joyful, get in touch with us.

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 reconvening in August. Please get in touch with Lynn Vissers. 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

Pastor Niyazi or Irada Bilgen of the Greater Grace Fellowship may be reached at 416-878-8499 regarding their Sunday evening Bible Study at 5 p.m.

For pastoral care please call Lynn Vissers at 416-998-4652 or one of the Elders.

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

Mark your calendars! We are planning our re-opening for September 12.

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All Saints Anglican Church By Patrick Gossage

You are invited to find peace and inspiration in our Prayer Garden just off Keele St. beside the church. There are several stations on the path and in our Hosta garden with bible passages and suggested prayers. It's a place to reflect, contemplate and seek solace.

Our 10:30 service continues outside, weather permitting. Parishioners are leading Morning Prayer with a focus on Gospel Contemplation which encourages us to imagine we are part of the Gospel story and probe our reactions as if we were there.

One of our lay readers, Aileen Van Ginkel, led us in the first contemplation which was on the story in John about the feeding of the five thousand in which Jesus tells the disciples he is the "bread of life." The disciples wanted to know what they had to do to perform the works of God and he told them they had to believe in him whom God sent and that God gave Moses the bread from heaven.

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Province to supply more masks

The Ontario government is continuing to take steps to create a reliable, high-quality supply of locally made surgical masks to help protect workers in the public sector from the risk of COVID-19 and other illnesses.

The province recently signed contracts with Viva Healthcare Packaging and Canada Masq to supply 500 million made-in-Ontario level 1 and level 2 surgical/protective masks over the next five years.

Following a competitive process, the two companies are each producing approximately 50 million masks per year over the next five years:

Viva Healthcare Packaging Canada, operating in Scarborough, used a grant from the Ontario Together Fund to re-tool their operations to increase their mask-making capacity. Becoming one of Canada's largest manufacturers of medical-grade masks has led to the creation of 115 new jobs in the local com-

munity. Canada Masq, based in Richmond Hill, answered the government's call in the early days of the pandemic for entrepreneurs to create locally-made masks. Early planning of their business started in April 2020, and mass production of masks began in December, adding 58 full-time jobs for the community.

"Ensuring healthcare and front-line workers have a steady supply of quality medical-grade PPE that is made in Canada will be critical to our recovery and the safety of families," said Stephen Lecce, MPP for King-Vaughan. "Over the next five years, the province of Ontario is contracting 500 million surgical and protective masks – made in Ontario – to better protect Ontarians from the pandemic, and to ensure that Ontario is never beholden to foreign nations."

"Ontario manufacturers have a central role to play in our self-sufficiency as a province, not only as we continue to fight COVID-19, but over the years that follow," said Ross Romano, Minister of Government and Consumer Services. "By bringing more Ontario suppliers on board and centralizing procurement, we will ensure healthcare workers always have a steady supply of PPE and that we will never need to rely on another jurisdiction again to keep Ontarians safe."

The government's contracts with Viva Healthcare and Canada Masq are in addition to those previously announced with 3M Canada and PRIMED. These contracts and more will be overseen centrally by Supply Ontario in the future as the agency continues to be stood up.

King's Corners

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He told them God would give them the true bread of life which he said was who he was. We were asked who in the story we identified with and there was lively participation.

Aileen closed inviting consideration of the story of the feeding of the five thousand as the ultimate demonstration of the importance Jesus attached to being hospitable. Biblical Contemplation will continue next week as John's Gospel expands on Jesus as the bread of life that promises eternal life.



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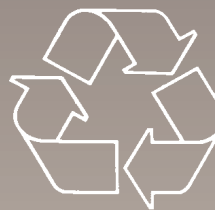


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